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An Uimhir

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An Uimhir as Roinn Eile.

Desmond. Horah. (Mrs)

Shinagh

Bandon

Co Cork

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Mr Robinson

18/6/41

Mr & Mrs Kelly

7/7/41

Notes for case

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REFEREE R.3.

REF. No. 29367

APPLICANT'S NAME Desmond Norah (Mrs) ADDRESS

UNIT Cumam ra uban (book)

| (a) PERIOD | (b) Service claimed | (c) Active service allowed | (d) Equivalent for Pension purposes | REMARKS |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---------|
| (1) 23/4/16 - 30/4/16 | | | | (7) |
| (2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17 | Camp 9.2.40 | | | (8) |
| (3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18 | | | | (9) |
| (4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19 | | | | (10) |
| (5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20 | | | | (11) |
| (6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21 | | | | (12) |
| (7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21 | | | | (13) |
| (8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22 | | | | (14) |
| (9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23 | | | | (15) |
| (10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23 | | | | (16) |

ACT DOES NOT
APPEAR TO APPLY

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

Rank claimed on

Rank allowed

Total of Column (d)

SIGNED—James Robinson

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MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT (1934).

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Wt. 3914—Gp. 50—8,000—1/41—S 7978.

REFEREE R.3.

REF. No. 29367 APPLICANT'S NAME Desmond. Noah. (W.O.) ADDRESS

UNIT Casualty Co. mBan.
7th Bath. Coll. I. Bde.

| (a) PERIOD | (b) Service claimed | (c) Active service allowed | (d) Equivalent for Pension purposes | REMARKS |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---------|
| (1) 23/4/16 — 30/4/16 | — | | | (7) |
| (2) (a) 1/4/16 — 22/4/16 } (b) 30/4/16 — 31/3/17 } | — | | | (8) |
| (3) 1/4/17 — 31/3/18 | Full Period. | | | (9) |
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| (5) 1/4/19 — 31/3/20 | 1 1 | | | (11) |
| (6) 1/4/20 — 31/3/21 | 1 1 | | | (12) |
| (7) 1/4/21 — 11/7/21 | 1 1 | | | (13) |
| (8) 12/7/21 — 30/6/22 | 1 1 | | | (14) |
| (9) 1/7/22 — 31/3/23 | 1 1 | | | (15) |
| (10) 1/4/23 — 30/9/23 | 1 1 | | | (16) |

NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED

19. 10. 41.

CONFIRMED
11 Nov. 1941

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

Rank claimed on.....

Rank allowed Sergeant Robinson Total of Column (d).....

SIGNED Desmond Noah

MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934.

Form R. 18.

Ref. No. 29367

APPLICANT'S NAME

Diamond Nosak

For Discussion with

Miss Loring, Colonel R. Brown

Date 15 OCT 1941

| PERIOD | OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE | PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT |
|--------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| (1) | <u>Hard</u> | |
| (2) | <u>Brotd</u> | |
| (3) | <u>Very good service</u> | |
| (4) | | |
| (5) | <u>Very generally</u> | |
| (6) | | |
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OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

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

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

Date.....

SUMMARY OF SWORN EVIDENCE GIVEN BEFORE INTERVIEWING OFFICERS
BY THE APPLICANT, MRS NORA DESMOND, ON 24th September, 1941,
AND AGREED TO BY himself.

You joined the Cumann na mBan in 1917 and you helped to organise the Branch.

- 3.4.5. During 1917, 1918 and 1919 you took part in all the usual Cumann na mBan activities, attending meetings, collecting funds, attending First Aid classes etc.,
You also carried some despatches from the Volunteers from time to time
- 6-7. During the Tan time you took part in all the usual Cumann na mBan activities, attending meetings, First Aid classes, collecting funds, sending parcels to prisoners, making First Aid outfits, knitting socks etc., for the Volunteers.
You supplied cigarettes and food to some Volunteers including your brother when they were arrested.
You watched and reported the movements of the police and military regularly.
You carried despatches about once or twice a week on an average distances ranging from 3 to 9 miles.
When the Volunteers were lying in ambush at Lissardagh and at Dooniskey you provided them with food and cigarettes.
You also provided food and cigarettes to Volunteers who were blocking roads in your district and to the Volunteers who were guarding them.
You provided meals for some members of the 3rd Brigade Column when they were passing through the area.
Members of the 7th Battalion Column called fairly frequently to your house for meals.
Men from the 1st Brigade Column called there several times for meals.
There was a small dump for arms on your land about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from the house. Up to 6 shotguns, a few revolvers and ammunition were kept there generally. *You helped to keep them safe.*
You claim that you were generally active helping the Volunteers all during the Tan time until the Truce.

Is that a fair summary of your activities up to the Truce? A. Yes.

8. During the Truce you took part in all the usual Cumann na mBan activities, attending meetings, First Aid classes, collecting funds, sending parcels to prisoners.
You catered for the Volunteers when they were in training at Macroom Castle.
9. When the Civil War broke out you were in your own district and you took part in all the usual Cumann na mBan activities, attending meetings, collecting funds, sending parcels to prisoners etc.,
There was a ^{large} number of Volunteers in your district and you supplied them with meals when they called at the house.
You also watched and reported the movements of the Free State troops and provided food etc., to men who were on the run and evading arrest in the district.
You claim that you ~~was~~ continued active like this until the Cease Fire.

Is that a fair summary of your activities? A. Yes.
Are you satisfied with it? A. Yes.

Advisory Cttee :

Appeal on R. 19.
No change.

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Detailed Statement of Mrs Nova Desmond
(nee Long) of Shinagh Bandon Co. Cork.

4th Coy Volunteers Coy. 7 Batt.

1st Cork BR. 90de

Period 3 (1917-18)

I assisted in forming a ~~luncheon~~ ~~na~~ ~~ubany~~ branch in area under the command of Mrs A. Morrison and in organising dances to raise funds for Coy. attended meetings of the luncheon regularly being attending Macroom Technical School I travelled by train and carried Dispatches from Local Vol. Coy. to and from Headquarters at Macroom.

4. (1918-19)

Assisted in raising funds attended meetings regularly carried Dispatches as in previous period, assisted in Organizing Luncheon

5 (1919-20)

Police and Military active in this period, my home being frequently raided as well as several other houses in area I used take information concerning these raids to centres where Vols. lay in danger of arrest, I (was) attended First Aid Lectures, was engaged in making socks, scarves bandages and supplying other necessaries to Volunteers, Organising flag days Concerts dances Some Volunteers arrested at end of this period, I assisted in sending

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on supplies of cigarettes and other necessities. I was always in touch with local Coy. Officers and was always available and willing to help when called on often times at great inconvenience to myself as all my elder brothers were engaged in Volunteered Activity and were evading arrest, one of them having been arrested at end of period.

6 (1920 - 21)

During this period there was great military activity in area making it very difficult for Volunteers to carry out their duties. We rendered valuable assistance taking messages to the different sections, making socks bandages scarves and other comforts, providing them with sandwiches and cigarettes when in Ambush position at Lissarda and other lying-in-wait positions, supplying them with first-aid outfit and instructing them how to use same. Also helping to provide necessities (food & housing) for 3rd Brigade who were passing through Area. At this time Volunteers were actively engaged in digging trenches, knocking bridges, felling trees

it was our duty to provide them with refreshments as well as to provide those who were on outpost duty for Ambush positions.

7 (1st April 1921 - 11th July '21)

Attended all meetings of my Cumann during period Being whole time active in war work knitting scarves and socks for members of Coy active in 7th Battalion column, catering for men on the run, First Brigade men and Third Brigade column. Done several all night caterings for units of Coy engaged in trenching roads and breaking bridges throughout Period. As my brother was local officer and member of Battalion column, having previously served term in Gas and hunger strikes our house was always objective for enemy raiding columns in those cases it always fell to my lot to see to safety of arms etc. which may be stored in our house at the time.

8 (12th July 1921 - 30th June 22)

Assisted in re-organising of Cumann attended Irish Aid lectures, raised funds by helping to run dances, concerts etc. assisted in catering for volunteers drilling in camp, attached to Cumann staff at Maesoon

9. (1st July 1922 - 31st March 23). During this period the Commission was kept very active owing to large numbers of Volunteers being billeted in area, assisted in giving warning of approach of Free State troops to men evading arrest and providing them with food and other requirements.

Nora Desmond (nee Loney)
Shinagh,
Bandon
Co. Cork.

Signed Annie O'Riordan Hon Sec
Signed William Powell

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20 September, 1941.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to your letter of 15th instant, and to state that the Great Southern Railways Company has suspended the reduced rate rail voucher scheme.

Mise, le meas,

mbremer
RÚNAIDH E. *ER*

Mrs. Norah Desmond,
Shinagh,
Bandon,
CO. CORK.

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Reference No.
29367.



Shinagh
Bandon,
Co. Cork
15. 9 '41.

To
The Secretary,
Military Service Pensions Act.
Office of Referee.
Dublin.

A. CARA

I am in receipt of your notification
to attend for Examination before Referee
at Colisre Cromhyn, Morbhs Rd. on 24th inst.

I wish to point out that you did
not forward the travelling Voucher
which I returned to you with Doctor's
Certificate in July being then
unable to travel.

I shall be much obliged
if you let me have same in
due time.

Thanking you in Anticipation
Yrse so CARA

— No. 104 Desmond

MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934.

Form R. 18.

Ref. No. 29367

APPLICANT'S NAME Demmond Noval

For Discussion with Mrs Buckley

Date 22/7/41

| PERIOD | OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE | PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT |
|--------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| (1) | | |
| (2) | <u>See</u> | |
| (3) | | |
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OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

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

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

Date.....

Shriagh

Bandon
Co Cork.
24th June 1941

A Chara.

I am in receipt of
your communication
requesting me to attend at
Coblaiste Baoinhin, Glasnevin
on the 26th June. I very much
regret that owing to the
state of my health, I am
unable to do so. I enclose
my Doctors Certificate
for same, trusting this
will not interfere with
me being called at a

later date,

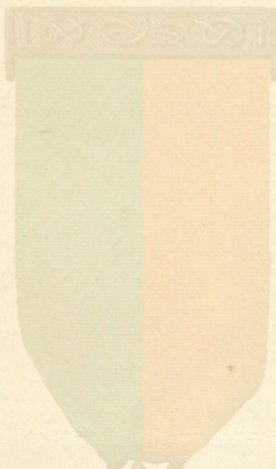
I also enclose the
communication received,

Yours respectfully

Mrs Norah Desmond.

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THE BANDON NURSING HOME,

MILBROOK,

BANDON,

CO. CORK.

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To certify that Mrs ^(Norah) Andrew Desmond
is not, in my opinion, in a fit state
of health to travel to Dublin at present
owing to Pregnancy. She will not
be able to go before September.

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J. V. Mac Donald M.B.

P.S.M.

1934

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PAISETT

25 MTH 1941

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ACHT NA BPINSEAN SEIRBHÍSE MÍLEATA, 1934,
(Military Service Pensions Act, 1934)

UIMHIR THAGARTA
(Reference No.)

OIFIG AN RÉITEÓRA,
(Office of the Referee)

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ROINN COSANTA,
(Department of Defence)

BAILE ATHA CLIATH,
(Dublin)

Horah Desmond

Shunagh Bandon, Co. Cork.

IMPORTANT.

A CHARA,

With reference to your application for a service certificate in accordance with the terms of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934, I am directed by the Referee to request you to attend at Colaiste Caoimhin, Moibhi Rd., Glasnevin, Dublin

not later than 10 o'clock, on the 26th day of June 1941.
for examination on oath before the Referee, in connection with your claim under the above Act.

You are also requested to arrange for the submission of detailed statements setting out particulars of your service, from any person whose evidence you desire to have considered by the Referee and Advisory Committee.

I am to point out that no claim in respect of travelling or any other expenses that may be incurred by you can be entertained, and that Section 8 (4) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934, prescribes that the onus of proof shall rest on the applicant.

If you fail to answer when called for examination on the date and at the place above mentioned, no responsibility can be accepted by the Referee for any subsequent delay in dealing with your case, or for any expense or inconvenience that may later be caused you in connection with your application.

Mise, le meas,

Dated this 19th day of June 1941.

M. Brennan
Rúnaidhe

MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934.

Ref. PG/3/32682.

To be detached by Booking Clerk.

BEARER, *Horah Desmond* is travelling in connection with Military Pension Scheme, and may be issued one third return ticket at standard single fare, plus one sixth plus 5%, available six days.

Bearer is solely responsible for payment of the fare which must be paid at time of booking.

Signed:

M. Brennan

Rúnaidhe.

R. FEREE R. b
26 JUN 1941
ISSUED

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Absent
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REFEREE R. b
24 Sept. 1941.
ISSUED
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Advisory Committee.

29367 Mrs. NORAH DESMOND.

Hold for officers.

Applicant submits a good statement which, on the face of it, deserves further consideration.

M. J. G. K. M. F.

5th June, 1941.

MJG/KMF.

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This Reference Slip must be returned
if you desire to submit any additional
evidence.

MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934.

Form R. 18.

Ref. No. 29367

APPLICANT'S NAME Desmond, Nora (Mrs)

For Discussion with Date

| PERIOD | OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE | PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT |
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| (1) | | |
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| (6) | <i>Good statement</i> | |
| (7) | | |
| (8) | | |
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OBSERVATIONS ON RANK

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

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

Date

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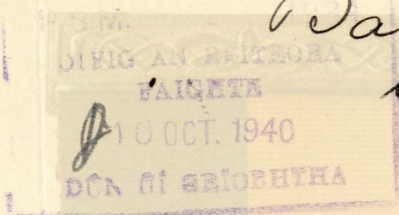
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Shinagh

Bandon

Co. Cork

8th 10. 1940



A. Carr,

I hereby appeal against the decision of the referee in reference to my claim to a military service pension

I am submitting further evidence in support of my claim through our local Battalion Commandant, Senator Daniel Corkery, in the course of the next few days.

Mise lemas.

Walter Desmond

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31 DEC 1935
PENSIONS BRANCH

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). DESMOND NORAH (MRS)
SURNAME. CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS (to be written in block capitals). SHINAGH, 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 ?.....

(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.....

(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..... *Brookstown Branch Cumann*.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *1st April 1917 to 31st March 1918*.....

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

Brookstown Area.....

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... ~~Self~~ *Miss Annie Murphy*.....

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

Being working under local Coy orders.....

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

the period..... *Collecting money for Coy for Arms fund & taking Despatches*.....

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

Not absent.....

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Miss Annie O'Keefe..... *Brookstown*.....

Mr K Cronin..... *93 Roches Buildings Cork*.....

Mr J Twomey..... *Bandon*.....

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Brookstown Branch*.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *1st April 1918 to 31st March 1919*.....

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

Brookstown Area.....

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... ~~Self~~ *Miss Annie Murphy*.....

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

Being working with local Volunteer Coy.....

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *Made first aid etc. attended*

first aid lectures & sold flags

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

Not absent

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

| NAME. | ADDRESS. |
|------------------------|--|
| <i>Patrick O'Leary</i> | <i>11, 5 Holmerdale Rd Lurgan, England</i> |
| <i>Dave Healy</i> | <i>Brookstown</i> |
| <i>M. O. Riordan</i> | <i>Brookstown</i> |

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

(a) Unit or Units... *Brookstown Branch*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *1st April 1919 to 31st*

March 1920

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

Brookstown Area

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *self & Annie Murphy*

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

under executive orders & working with local boy

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

the period... *made first aid outfit & selling flags*

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

Not absent

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

| NAME. | ADDRESS. |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| <i>William Powell Kilbey</i> | <i>Bandon</i> |
| <i>M. O. Riordan</i> | <i>Brookstown</i> |
| <i>M. J. Twomey</i> | <i>Bandon</i> |

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

(a) Unit or Units... *Brookstown & District Branch*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *1st April 1920 to*

31st March 1921

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

Crookstown & district

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... ~~Self~~ *Annie Murphy*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *Working with Local Vol Coy making socks & other comforts for men on the Run*

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

& leaving despatches

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

Not absent

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

| NAME. | ADDRESS. |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>William Powell</i> | <i>Kilbeg Brandon</i> |
| <i>Leon Murphy</i> | <i>Pullinick Crookstown</i> |
| <i>Dave Leahy</i> | <i>Crookstown</i> |

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Crookstown Branch*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *1st April 1921 to 11th July*

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

Crookstown & district

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... ~~Self~~ *Annie Murphy*

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

working with Local Vol Coy

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

provided accommodation for Column men rendered first aid to Column men provided socks & clothing for men on the Run, sending comforts to prisoners

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

Not absent

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

| NAME. | ADDRESS. |
|-------------|------------|
| W. Powell | Bandon |
| Tim Murphy | Crookstown |
| James Healy | Crookstown |

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

(a) Unit or Units..... Crookstown Branch

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... 12 July 1921 to 30th June 1922

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... ~~set~~ Annie Murphy

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... being working under executive orders & Local Coy

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... assisted in organising dances to make funds for local Coy & attend first aid lectures

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

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

| NAME. | ADDRESS. |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| (Mrs) Annie Murphy | Crookstown |
| Mrs J. Twomey | Bandon |
| Mrs Mary Bradford | Currabeigh Crookstown |

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

(a) Unit or Units..... Crookstown Branch

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... 1st July 1922 to 31st March

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... ~~set~~ Annie Murphy

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... working with Local I.R.A. Officer

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

Providing food & Accommodation for men on the Run sending comforts to prisoners collect money for same purposes

(g) Absence from duty and cause.

Not

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

| NAME. | ADDRESS. |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| W. Powell | Kilbeg Bandon |
| Jim Murphy | Pullerick Crookstown |
| Daniel J. Riordan | Crookstown |

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

(a) Unit or Units. Crookstown Branch

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service. 1st April 1923 to 30th September 1923

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance. Annie Murphy

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

Keeping up supplies to men in jails & camps

(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. |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| W. Powell | Kilbeg Bandon |
| Jim Murphy | Pullerick Crookstown |
| Daniel J. Riordan | Crookstown |

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.....

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

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

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

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

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

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* 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.

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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.....

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(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.....

(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.

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(b) On second critical date.

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References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

William Powell Kilbey Bandon
Tim Murphy Pulletrick Crookstown
Mrs Annie O'Riordan Crookstown
Mrs J. Twomey Bandon

(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
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(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
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(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.

(g) As an Officer of any Local Authority.

(h) In any other employment.

If so, give details..... *no*

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.

I was a member of Crookstown Branch of Cumann na mBan & carried out all the work entrusted to me by my superior Officers often under great personal Risk

Signature (or Mark) of Applicant *(Mrs) M. Desmond**Shinagh, Bandon Co Cork*

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

Daniel JordanAddress of Witness..... *Crookstown Co Cork*Qualification..... *Sub-Postmaster*Date..... *24-12-1935*

* 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.

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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