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REFEREE R.3.

REF. No. 29413 APPLICANT'S NAME Casey, Margaret (Mrs) ADDRESS.....
 UNIT Bork I B'de,

(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 }	<i>Conf 220 D.S. - 40</i>			(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 Seamus Robinson

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John Jordan

REF. No. 29413

APPLICANT'S NAME Casey Margaret (wid.)

ADDRESS 35 Stephen's St., Cork. REFEREE P.3.

appeal on
R. No.

UNIT Cnamhan 1th Bn. Cork 1866

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(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)
(4) 1/4/18 — 31/3/19	do.	/	/	(10)
(5) 1/4/19 — 31/3/20	do.	/	/	(11)
(6) 1/4/20 — 31/3/21	do.	1/2 period	1/2 year	(12) ✓
(7) 1/4/21 — 11/7/21	do.	Full	1 year	(13) ✓ Pension 19.7.41
(8) 12/7/21 — 30/6/22	do.	1/2 period	1/2 year	(14) ✓
(9) 1/7/22 — 31/3/23	do.	7/9 period	7/9 year	(15) ✓
(10) 1/4/23 — 30/9/23	do.	1/2 period	1/2 year	(16) ✓

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

Rank claimed on E

Rank allowed E

Total of Column (d) 19 years - 7

SIGNED M. Moran

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 19 years - 7

Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 34 SP/3118/1

Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Refer - 29413

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

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

Casey, Mrs Margaret,
35 Stephens Street, Cork
for a Service Certificate.

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

(SIGNED) T. U. DÓMHNAILL

M Kelly

Date 2 SEP 1936

Date 8 DEC 1941 Referee.

1. Is the Applicant a person to whom the Act applies? *Yes*

2. If so, total actual service in the different service periods, as established *nil*

nil *nil* *nil*

nil *1/2 of ENTIRE PERIOD* *ENTIRE PERIOD*

1/2 of ENTIRE PERIOD *2/7 of ENTIRE PERIOD* *1/2 of ENTIRE PERIOD*

3. Total service for pension purposes as defined by Second Schedule of the Act.

1 7/8 years

4. Grade or rank, quoting relevant paragraph of First Schedule under which allowed: —

(a) On first critical date. *Grade E. Para. 1(7)(b)*

(b) On second critical date. *Grade E. Para. 1(7)(b)*

(c) Was applicant a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921. *no*

(d) Does applicant's case fall under either of the following sub-paragraphs, and, if so, which, viz., sub-paragraph (j) of paragraph 3 of Rule I. of First Schedule *no*

or under sub-paragraph (m) of paragraph 4 of Rule I. of First Schedule, as a Medical Officer. *no*

To Read

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 ?.....

no

6. Does the applicant state in his application whether he applied for or is in receipt of unemployment assistance under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1933 ? If so, quote the number of his qualification certificate if given by him.....

no

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

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

nil

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

(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

nil

(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.....

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

nil

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

Schedule of the Act. *nil*

(3) State—

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

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

Kilmarney Branch (Berk I.)

CUMANN NA mBAN

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

nil

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

Schedule of the Act. *nil*

(3) State—

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

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

Kilmarney Branch

CUMANN NA mBAN



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

nil
.....
.....

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

(3) State—

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

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

Kilmurray Branch

CUMANN NA mBAN

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

.....
1/12 of ENTIRE PERIOD
.....

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

.....
1/6 of 1 year
.....

(3) State—

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

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

Kilmurray Branch

CUMANN NA mBAN

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

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

.....
ENTIRE PERIOD
.....

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

.....
1 year
.....

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(3) State—

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

CUMANN NA mBAN

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

Kilmurry Branch

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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

$\frac{1}{12}$ of ENTIRE PERIOD

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

$\frac{1}{12}$ of 1 year

(3) State—

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

CUMANN NA mBAN

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

Kilmurry Branch

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

$\frac{2}{9}$ of ENTIRE PERIOD

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

$\frac{4}{9}$ of 1 year

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(3) State—

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

CUMANN NA mBAN

(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

..... $\frac{1}{12}$ of ENTIRE PERIOD

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

..... $\frac{1}{12}$ of 1 year ✓

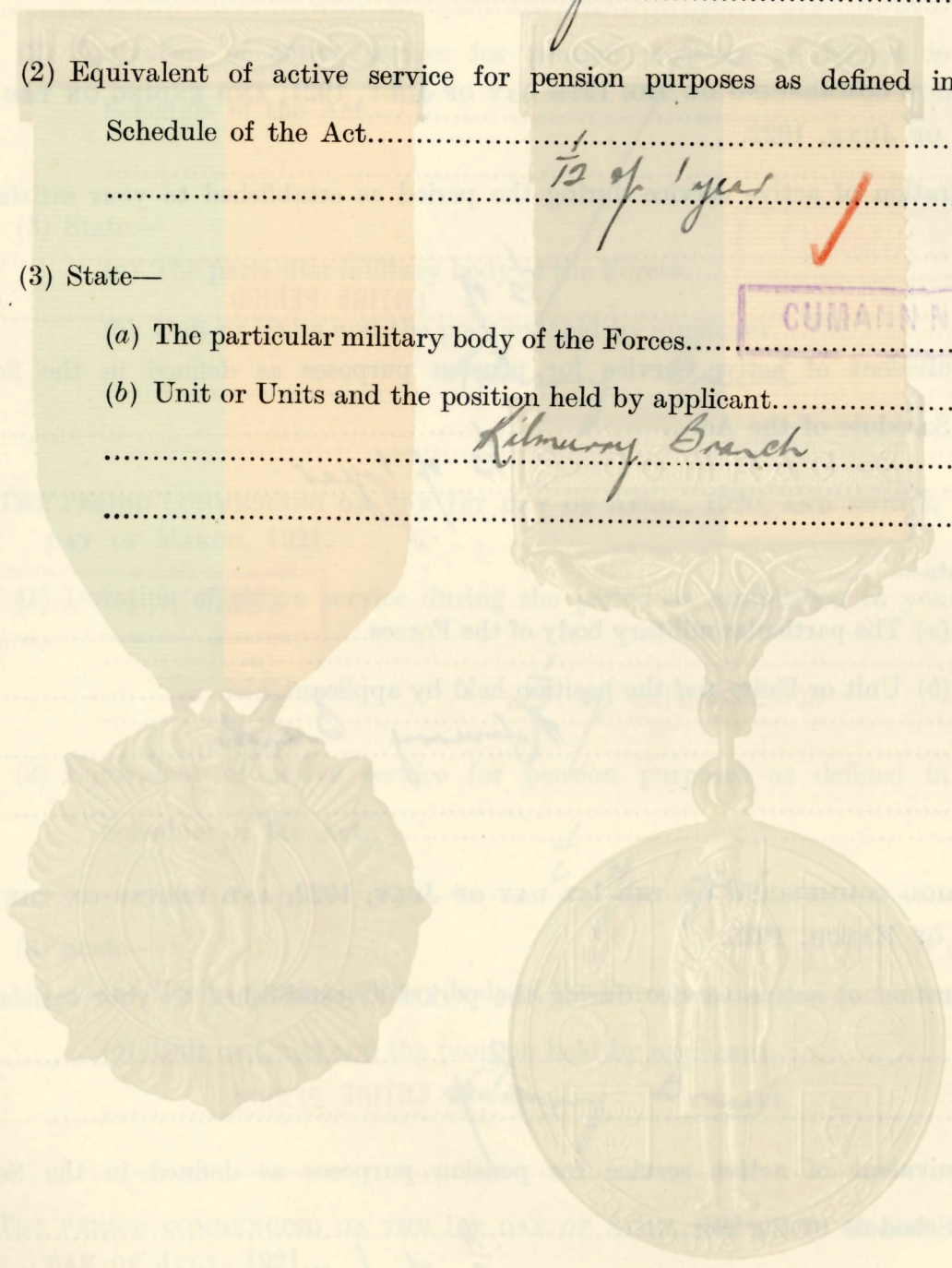
(3) State—

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

CUMANN NA mDAN

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

..... Kilmurry Branch



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R. 17.

OIFIG AN RÉITEÓRA,

Any reply should bear

COLAISTE CAOIMHIN,

Ref. No. 29403

GLASNAOIDHEAN,

and your Former Unit.

BAILE ATHA CLIATH.

5 NOV 1941

A CHARA,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to your application under the terms of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934, and in accordance with the provisions of Statutory Rules and Orders 1936, No. 61, I am to notify you that on the evidence submitted, the findings of the Referee in respect of your application are as follows:—

Service Period	Duration of Active Service during each period, as established to the satisfaction of the Referee.	Appropriate pensionable service.....Years
(1) Week commencing 23/4/16	—	—
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 } (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17 }	—	—
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	nil	nil
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	nil	nil
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	nil	nil
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	1/2 y ENTIRE PERIOD	1/2
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	ENTIRE PERIOD	1
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	1/2 y ENTIRE PERIOD	1/2
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	2/3 y ENTIRE PERIOD	2/3
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	1/2 y ENTIRE PERIOD	1/2

TOTAL—1 3/4 years.

Grade of rank on 1st critical date..... E

“ “ “ 2nd “ “ E

I am also to inform you that if you desire to submit any additional evidence or to make any representations with a view to the revision of these findings, such evidence or representations must be submitted in writing to the Referee and must reach this office not later than 27 NOV 1941

The Referee will give full consideration to any evidence or representations so submitted, and after such consideration will make his report to the Minister for Defence. If no additional evidence or representation is furnished before the date indicated, the Referee will thereupon make his report to the Minister.

I am to add that the report of the Referee, when made, will, subject as mentioned in Section 9 of the Act, become final and conclusive and binding on all persons and tribunals whatsoever.

Mise, le meas,

Mrs. Margaret Barry
35 Stephens St.
Cork

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Rúnaidhe. *[Signature]*

MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934.

Form R. 18.

Ref. No. 29413

APPLICANT'S NAME

Casey Margaret

For Discussion with

Miss Corkey, Mr. Brown & Mr. Brown

Date 5 OCT 1941

PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)	<p>Despatches - Charge d.</p> <p>Arms. Broken in charge keep account.</p> <p>Cooking - meals. washing. bath house. Cuts of tea.</p>	
(7)		
(8)	<p>lesons</p>	
(9)	<p>Belle Han Tai War.</p>	
(10)		

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

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

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

Date.....

MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934

Form R. 18.

Ref. No. 29413

APPLICANT'S NAME Casey, Margaret

For Discussion with Miss Buckley

Date 27/7/41

PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)	<p><i>Infantry in description of medals etc. for mention cleaned arms. — Dump — buttons' — 1st 100 fms 1 or 2</i></p>	
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

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

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

Date.....

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MARGARET CASEY (MRS.)
Appeal on R.19.

Advisory Committee,

Hold for Officers.

On appeal applicant gave evidence.

She has good service.

PM/AMcD

P. M. M. M. M.
17th June, 1941.

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SUMMARY of SWORN EVIDENCE GIVEN BEFORE THE INTERVIEWING OFFICERS on 21: 3: 1941 by Mrs. MARGARET CASEY (Nee Sheehan) and AGREED TO BY HER.

Joined the Cumann na mBan in 1917. She then lived with her four brothers, who were Volunteers, at South Kilmurry, 5 miles east of Macroom.

3rd, 4th & 5th Periods: Routine Company duties. She learned First Aid, and participated in the usual work of the Cumann na mBan. Her home was used from the earliest times as a meeting place for the company and the Battn. Meetings used be held there about once a week. The Battn., in question was the 7th, under Dan Corkery. She used cater for the men attending such meetings.

6th & 7th Periods: Volunteer meetings continued to be held as before. During these periods her work may be described under the following headings:-

First Aid: She had no occasion to use her First Aid on any wounded man. On two occasions she went to Macroom for medicines for a sick Volunteer named Lynch who was staying in the neighbourhood.

Dispatches: These were left at her house always. She used hold them, and give them out to other dispatch carriers or to the parties for whom they were intended. She would have some dispatches nearly every day. She used feed the dispatch riders.

Arms: There was always a dump behind the house. Often there would be up to 100 guns in it. Her brothers were in charge but she used to put in occasionally, guns which would be left lying about the place through carelessness by men frequenting the house. Once, on her brother's instructions she procured guns in the dump and gave them out to men who called. She did not have to carry guns from the dump to any other part of the country. She did not have to go to any attack with arms or First Aid equipment.

Catering: Her home was raided regularly by the police and, as a consequence, men could never stay there overnight. But she estimates that for two years before the Truce from 20 to 30 men used to call once a week for meals. She used generally serve them with tea, bread, and meat. She had no one to help her except very occasionally a member of Cumann na mBan would call in. She used do washing for those men and repair their clothes. Meetings of the 7th Battn., and other groups continued to be held at the house every week. She used cater for these meetings. Fighting men used assemble at her home in preparation for ambushes and attacks. They used be cleaning their arms, distributing ammunition, etc. She used to supply them with food on these occasions. She remembers they went there prior to the Lissarda attack, the Kilmurry Bks. attack, Ballyvourney, and Ballineen attacks. After Lissarda, a Volunteer who had been killed (Galvin) was buried in her land. She helped at the obsequies. The Q.M. ~~M~~ Murphy, used send new clothing and boots for the columns to her home. She took charge of them until the men called for them and changed there.

8th Period: She had no camp nor barrack service. The dump continued on the land and numbers of men used frequently go there to look after it. She catered for such men. Her brother was sick during this period and she had to attend him.

9th Period: On the outbreak of the Civil War, her house was again used as a H.Qrs., and she had to render similar services as before the Truce. She believes the place was even more extensively used. Greater numbers of men went there for food. For a month after Crossbarry there was an armed guard on the house. The 1st Battn., wounded, were in the district and had to be attended to. She attended two Volunteers suffering from
itch/

The dump was still there, and she claims that she exercised general supervision over it, placing arms in it carefully when they would be left around and occasionally taking them out when they would be required.

Dispatches came and were retained by her for those for whom they were intended. Her two brothers were arrested but she, nevertheless, carried on.

On one occasion, a number of Republicans being in her house she observed Free State Forces approaching. She warned the men, and then went out to meet the Free State troops, some of whom she knew. She engaged them in conversation, and this delayed them. This, she claims, was responsible for enabling a number of men of the 7th Battalion to escape.

She claims that her work continued until close up to 1924.

In addition, throughout her service, she attended Cumann na mBan meetings, helped to organise dances and ceillidhes, sent parcels to gaols and internment camps, and assisted the dependants of prisoners.

Q. Do you think that covers your service now?

A. Yes.

Q. You have nothing else you wish to add to it?

A. No.

Note:- This lady appears to have a very good case.

MJG/GH.

M. S. Z. M. C. B. A. R.

2/13/41

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(1)

claim of Margaret Casey 35 Stephens Street Cork

Formerly Margaret Sheehan Kilmurry Cumman-na-mban

H Coy. 7 Batta. Cork I Brgd

I was identified with the Volunteers in 1916 my brother was a Volunteer our house was raided from the local R.I.C Barrack Kilmurry I always helped when required
Periods 3, 4 and 5

In 1917 I helped to organise local unit of Cumman-na-mban I lived with my four brothers who were Volunteers our home by this time being H Q of Volunteer Coy and local Sinn Fein club, and then onwards through periods 3 4 and 5 a considerable amount of work fell to my lot. I was always able to get information from personal friend who was housekeeping in the local R.I.C Barrack. As a housekeeper myself I was always at home before friend and foe and I was always at hand for anything I could do. As at our house men of the coy used to work at munitions cleaning arms and storing same in safety. Every week there was meetings, and after local activities our house was always raided by R.I.C who lived convenient. Amongst the incidents which I remember happening was 1st Jan 1920 when I helped to get a Rifle and some ammunition away to safety out through the back window of our house while 4 R.I.C men were approaching from the front. The Rifle after being brought from Brgd. q. M. Cork City to our house previous day. After the attack on the R.I.C Barrack's Kilmurry military and police raided our house, I was severely questioned, the house got a big upset, I suffered a considerable amount of annoyance as a result, Throughout the periods I attended all meetings and parades of my unit

Period 6

In this period R.I.C evacuated local barracks, this gave us complete freedom locally from enemy observation, From this forward our house was rallying ground for activities, and meetings held there included Officers of the Batta and 3rd Brgd Batta Council and all local Coy and Sinn Fein meetings. As well as the local men on the Run a considerable number of Officers and men of the 3rd Brgd were regular callers. When required I mobilised local Volunteers as guides or sentry. I saw to the safety of guns handed in

(2)

Period 6 continued

In times of alarms or raids, being the least 'suspected' I carried messages and gathered information, at times saw to the delivery of despatches prepared food and washed for men on the run.

Preparations for Lissarda ambush August 1920 was carried out in our house main body of attack mobilised there, and retreated to there. Body of M Galvin 'killed in action' concealed in field near our house for some time, from (August to October). All arrangements carried out in our house often through the whole night with armed protection. For some months precautions had to be taken. our house was not used as sleeping quarters, and we had to leave during nights to possibly safer ground. Enemy night Raiders, at the time operating in adjoining Coy 'Newcestown' 3rd (Cork Brgd area) attended all meetings of my unit during period

Period 7

Work was carried out in our house as in previous period. Enemy Raids in our area were more frequent and fiercer. Officers and men of both 1st and 3rd Cork Brgd's called to our house in bigger numbers, and the whole Column of the 3rd Brgd retreated into our Coy area in a few occasions during period. My work and activities increased in a larger scale. Early in period, at Mass Time in Kilmurry, 'Tams' Raided the district & assisted a brother and another volunteer to clear the house of documents and despatches, and escape under fire into Warrens Court wood (nearby) Simultaneously another brother was fired on and captured.

On several occasions enemy columns made sudden swoops and killed in area, and there was several mobilisations of active service men at our house waiting for a possible chance. In a night march of Enemy Column from Bandon to Kilmurry Village a brother was captured and at the same time another brother fell sick. This was 20th June 1921. I was in charge of our house from this to end of period carrying on as usual. Careful precautions had to be carried out night and day at our house as we could be shot up and burned out at any moment.

(3)

Period 8

I attended the meetings of my unit during period
I attended to a brother who as a result of the war of
previous periods was very ill all this period (Nervous Breakdown)
I catered for men of Coy who worked cleaning arms
and repairing arms and equipment

Periods 9 and 10

I continued my activities with cumman-na-mban and our
house was meeting place and rallying ground for local Coy same as
previous periods. In the month of August the Staff of the 1st Southern
Division billeted in our townland. An armed protection guard
was set up at our house, and sent out from there to other vantage
points. Later in the month the 4th Batta Column arrived from
Ballyvourney and from that onwards to end of period 10 our
house was 4 Batta. H. Q. Having communication's through out
with Cork & Brigd in Crookstown and 1st Southern Division
in Kilmuchel, an armed guard was on constant duty
there. My principal work during those periods was catering
and washing for the men. James I was assisted by other
members of Cumman-na-mban as men got sick and had to
be attended to. I handled guns explosives and equipment often
and put them in safety, particularly in times of Raids or alarms
I contributed to general information and kept important
documents and despatches in safety
Dec 8th 22 Enemy made surprise attack, running engagement took
place at our house and vicinity a Lewis gun & Thomsons and
some revolvers fell into their hands. Two of my brothers were
made prisoners. In Feb 1923 Enemy made surprise attack
in big numbers and blazed on a number of men escaping
from our house who were not able to return the fire owing to a
Funeral in the village nearby. From this forward raids on our
house were more frequent continuing almost all through period
10. I claim that I was greatly responsible then for the big
number of men of the 4th Batta who escaped capture

(4)

Period 9 and 10 continued

The greater part of the arms and ammunition of the Battalion were cleaned in our house and put away in dumps. I attended at this time to a number of Column men who were accidentally injured in an explosion that occurred. Callers through those periods included members of Cumman-na-mbarr from Dublin seeking the Riv Staff and from Cork City as well as Battalion units. Among other work carried out during period 10 by Officers of the Column and Cumman-na-mbarr was organising of dances and Ceilidhes helping prisoners dependents and sending parcels to different gaols and internment camps. In 1923 Election campaign meetings were held in our house and men and women of the Battalion worked there in support of our Commandant D Corkery.

Signed

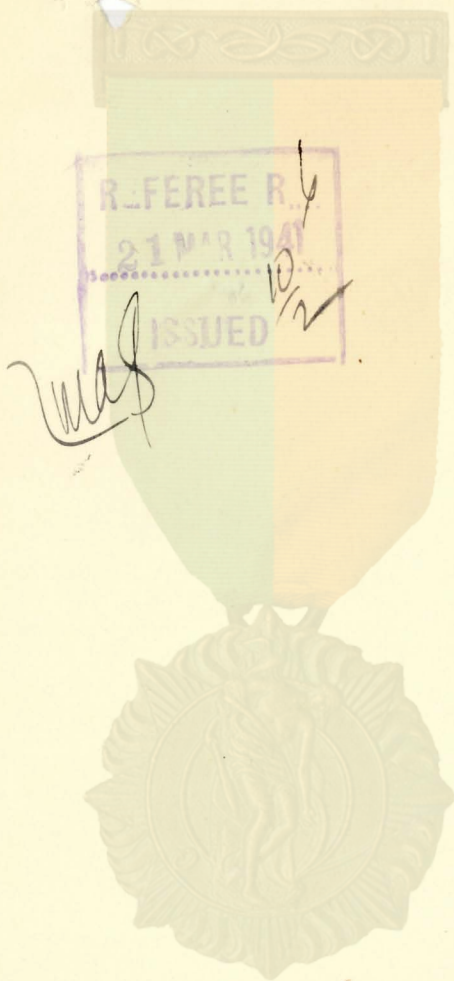
Margaret Casey

We the undersigned can vouch for the strict accuracy of the above.

Dan Corkery of c 7th Bn. H. Cork I Brigade

Charles Brown adjutant 7th Bn. Cork I

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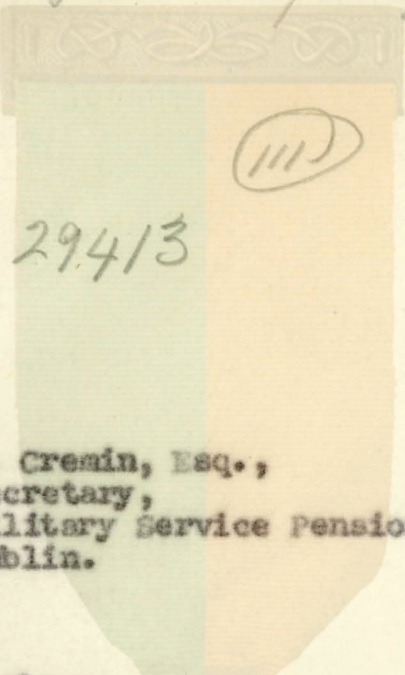
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SEANAD ÉIREANN,

Tigh Laighean
(Leinster House),
Bath a'tha Cliaith.



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Caseant St.,
Macroom.
20/11/'40.

M. Cremin, Esq.,
Secretary,
Military Service Pensions Board,
Dublin.

A Chara,

Herewith list of members of Cumann na nSean
7th Batt. Cork I Brigade, who in the opinion of the
Batt. officers have qualifying service and should be
called before the Board.

Mise le meas,
(sd.) DAN CORKERY.



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Tigh Laighean
(Leinster House)

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~~Miss Julia McSweeney, Clarke St., Macroom.
Mrs. Kate McSweeney (nee Callaghan), Pigeon Fields, Macroom.
Mrs. Mary Mullins (nee Murphy) Main St., Macroom.
Mrs. Mary O'Riordan, Clondrohid, Macroom.
Mrs. Anne Riordan, Crookstown, Co. Cork.
Mrs. Margaret Casey, Cork.
Miss Nora Cunningham (late of England)
Miss Eileen Cunningham, Casement St., Macroom.~~



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In Dublin
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Mrs Margaret Casey

35 Stephens Street
Cork

October 15th 1940

To Military Service Pension Board

A Chara.

In reference to communication received from you as regards my pension claim I beg to appeal my case. I am sending on a detailed statement later, verified by my Battalion Officer and I will ask you to reconsider my claim.

Mise Le Meas

Margaret Casey.

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Expires **17 OCT 1940**

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Old I. R. A. Men's Association

(CORK COUNTY)

Chairman—LIAM DEASY.

Vice-Chairman—TOM CROFTS.

Hon Secretary—F. O'DONOGHUE.

Hon. Treasurer—M. DONEGAN.

Cork No. 1. Brigade,

7th Battalion Council,

Chapel Cross,

Macroom 30th Decembe 1935-

The attached form has been examined by
the above Council, and they are satisfied that
the statements contained therein are correct.

Liam Crofts Ball of
Richard Browne Chairman

D. J. MacLennan Secretary

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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). CASEY MRS MARGARET
SURNAME. CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS (to be written in block capitals). 35 STEPHENS STREET
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. *Cumann-na-mban 7 Batta Cork 1 Bregd*

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

1st April to 31st March

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

Kilmurry Macroom

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

Margaret Murphy Capt Kilmurry Coy

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

Obeying orders as issued by my officers

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

Parades Signalling

first aid lessons

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

Not absent

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Miss Margaret Murphy Old Forge Crossmahon Zussarda Co / Coy

Math Murphy Old Forge Crossmahon Zussarda

Patrick Theban Coddum Zussarda Co. Corp

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

(a) Unit or Units. *Cumann-na-mban - 7 Batt Cork 1 Bregd*

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

1st April to 31st March

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

Kilmurry Macroom

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

Margaret Murphy Capt Kilmurry Coy

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

Obeying orders as issued by my officers

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

First aid lessons

(g) Absence from duty and cause.

Not absent

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Miss Margaret Murphy</i>	<i>Old Forge Crossmahon Co Cork</i>
<i>Matt Murphy</i>	<i>Old Forge Crossmahon Tussarda Co Cork</i>
<i>Patrick Sheehan</i>	<i>Coolduve Tussarda Co Cork</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units *Cumann-na-mban y Batin Cork I Brigd*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service.

1st April to 31st March

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

Kilmurry Macroom Cork

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance.

Miss Margaret Murphy Capt Kilmurry

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

obeying orders as issued by my Officers.

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

First aid lessons

(g) Absence from duty and cause.

Not absent

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Miss Margaret Murphy</i>	<i>Old Forge Crossmahon Tussarda Co Cork</i>
<i>Matt Murphy</i>	<i>Old Forge Crossmahon Tussarda Co Cork</i>
<i>Patrick Sheehan</i>	<i>Coolduve Tussarda Co Cork</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units *Cumann-na-mban y Batin Cork I Brigd*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service.

1st April to 31st March

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

Kilmurry Macroom

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

Miss Margaret Murphy Capt Kilmurry ^{Cork}

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

Work
attached to Coy Head quarters

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

the period My home was Coy H Q and general intelligence H Q
I assisted the men who mobilised for attacking enemy and
other operations in area assisted at intelligence the storing
of Despatches and arms

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

Not absent

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Miss Margaret Murphy Old Forge Crossmahon Jessarda Co Cork
Matt Murphy Old Forge Crossmahon Jessarda Co Cork
Patrick Sheehan Cooldare Jessarda Co Cork

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

(a) Unit or Units Cumann na mBan 7 Batta Corki Brig d.

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

1st April to 11th July

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

Kilmurry Macroom

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

Miss Margaret Murphy Capt Kilmurry ^{Cork}

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

Work
attached to Coy Head quarters

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

the period As in previous period my home was Coy H Q and general
intelligence H Q. I assisted the men who mobilised for attacking
enemy and other operations in area assisted at intelligence
the storing of Despatches and arms

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

Not absent

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Miss Margaret Murphy	Old Forge Crossmahon Fossarda Co Cork
Mr Daniel Corkery	T. D. Macroom Co Cork
Patrick Sheehan	Coolduve Fossarda Co Cork

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

(a) Unit or Units. *Cumann na mban 7 Batta Cork I Brigd*

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

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance. *Miss Margaret Murphy Crossmahon Fossarda Co Cork*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *Work attached to Coy H. Q. quarter*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period. *General routine work of the period in preparation for renewal of Hostilities catered and nursed sick Volunteer*

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Miss Margaret Murphy	Old Forge Crossmahon Fossarda
Daniel Donovan	Conaugh Avenue Cork
Patrick Sheehan	Coolduve Fossarda Co Cork

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

(a) Unit or Units. *Cumann-na-mban 7 Batta Cork I Brigd*

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

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance. *Miss Margaret Murphy Capt K Co Miss Murray 1st Brigd Miss Mollie Cunningham 7 Batta*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *Work attached to Coy H. Q. and 7 Batta H. Q.*

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

the period.

My home during this period was 7 Ballyn H. 9/ and general intelligence H. 9/ for officers of 1st Div and Brigades the general mobilisation centre for Ballyn Column and also Coy H. 9/ was Call House for Cumann na mban attached to 9th H. 9/ & Southern Div 1st Coy B. 9/ 7 Ballyn and Coy unit assisted in all general work.

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

Not absent

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Miss Margaret Murphy Old Forge Crossmahon Tussard
 Matt Murphy Crossmahon Tussard
 Charles Brown Dunnoora Glasheen Rd (off

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

Cumann na mban 7 Ballyn Cork 1 B. 9/

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

1st April to 30th Sept

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

Kilmurry Macroom

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

Miss Margaret Murphy (Capt Coy)
 Miss Mollie Cunningham (Ballyn Work)

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

attached to 7 Ballyn and 11 Coy H. 9/

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

the period.

My Home as in previous period was Ballyn H. 9/ centre of Intelligence for Officers and men of Div B. 9/ and Ballyn and all Cumann na mban units I assisted in all general work

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

Not absent

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Miss Margaret Murphy Old Forge Crossmahon Tussard
 Charles Browne Ballyn 104y Coburg St C
 Dunnoora Glasheen Rd Cork
 W^m Powell (Coy Capt) Killbeg Bandon Co Cork

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.

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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 ?.....

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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(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 ?.....

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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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 E Cumann-na-mban

(b) On second critical date.

Rank E Cumann-na-mban

References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Daniel Corkery	T. D. Macroom
James Murphy	7 Coburg St Cork
Charles Browne	Dunora Glasheen Road Cork
Matt Murphy	Crossmahon Tussarda

(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.

Military Archives

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 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

Military Service Pensions Collection

(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.....

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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.

During both wars my home was a H.Q. my four Brothers were Volunteers. I was devoted to the movement and all my time was spent helping the men of the Column's and other active units. I catered for them and attended to their wants such as nursing the sick and also attended to wounded men. During the Truce period I attended to a brother who was seriously ill as a result of hardship's during the war. frequent enemy raids during both wars

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

Margaret Casey
 35 Stephen St Cork

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

John O. Mahoney

Address of Witness.....

Post Office

Lisarda Co Cork

Qualification.....

Sub-Postmaster

Date.....

28-12-35

* 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.

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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