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**WEST MAYO  
BRIGADE**

**MILITARY ARCHIVES  
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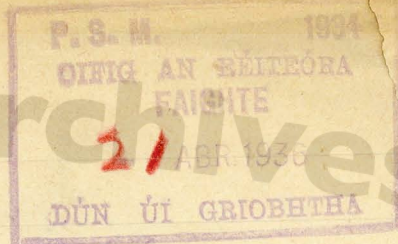
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West Mayo Brigade

Ref No <sup>FE/1</sup> Cnd/m/1

Clona Lodge  
Westport  
Co Mayo

18.4.36

A Chara

In reply to yours of 3/3/36 re the  
Cumman na mBan units attached to the  
above Brigade.

Miss Anne Conway, James Street, Westport  
is Hon Sec of the Brigade area, and she will  
supply you with the organization records  
you require. You will please communicate  
with her

Yours  
John R Gibbons

W. R. Burke Sec.  
Office of the Referee  
Griffith Barrack  
Dublin

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Tagairt.....

*Memo*

Mr. Sweeney undertook to notify  
Secy. when Officer from the West-  
Mays Brigade will be expected to  
visit the office

*W. 7/5/36*



UIMHIR THAGARTHA  
(Reference No.)

CMB/38

OIFIG AN RÉITEÓRA,  
(OFFICE OF THE REFEREE),

BEAIRICÍ UÍ GRÍOBHTHA,  
(GRIFFITH BARRACKS),

CUAR-BHÓTHAR THEAS,  
(SOUTH CIRCULAR ROAD),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.  
(DUBLIN).

7th May 1936

PINSIÚINÍ SEIRBHÍSE MILEATA, 1934.

(Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.)

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to your letter of the 18th ultimo and to state that it is proposed to discuss with members of your Committee the question of the compilation of the organisation records of Cumann na mBan Branches of the Brigade, when they attend again before the Advisory Committee.

I am, accordingly, to request that this matter be raised on the next occasion that any member or members of your Committee visit this office.

Mise, le meas,

RÚNAÍ

Mr. John R. Gibbons,  
Cloona Lodge,  
Westport.

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NR 3600/11567.  
RB 18/9

James O'Neil,  
Westport.  
1st June 1936

Department of Defence,  
Park gate.  
Dublin.



Dear Sir,  
With further reference to yours of  
the 30th ult re Service Certificate.  
I herewith enclose List of Members  
of Lunnann na Mban during the  
years 1915/1922 submitted me which  
I trust will enable you to deal with  
the matter re Claims, Pensions etc.,  
at your convenience.

The enclosed to the Best of my  
recollection & ability is quite true and



in the event of their being any Names  
omitted some would be due to  
the fact of my having lost track  
of Names as a result of the number  
of years having elapsed.

I thank you in anticipation  
of your giving the matter your kind  
and immediate attention.

Yours faithfully,  
Anne Conway.

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Deenish

Victoria Ave.,  
Cork.

16-2-'37.

A 17 FEB 1937

A card  
as to C. of Cumann Na mbair  
during all Critical dates in the  
4th Western Division, Could I ask  
you to supply me with the  
information as to whether  
all records have been sent in  
to your Department by our  
Hon. Sec. Miss Conway of Westport.  
I myself have supplied Miss Kennedy  
of South Circular Rd. Dublin  
with a complete list of members  
in all branches during the  
periods required, and also with a list.



of District Council officers & members.  
I hope I am not encroaching on  
your time.

Yours

Tessie O'Brien

(Tessie Moore)

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23 February 1937

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to your letter of 16th instant and to inform you that particulars of organisation records of Cumann na mBan units of the Forces in the 4th Western Division were submitted some time ago by Miss A. Conway, Westport.

Mise, le meas,

RÚNAÍ

Mrs. T. O Briain,  
Deenish,  
Victoria Avenue,  
CORK.

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Victoria Ave.,

Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> 1937.

P.S.M. 1984  
OIFIG AN RÊTEÓRA  
FAIGHTE  
A 25 FEB. 1937  
DÚN CIÓG (MILITARY)

A case.

I thank you for reply  
of the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst.

May I say here that we of the  
4<sup>th</sup> Western Area expect to hope for  
an early call to appear before  
the Pensions Board.

M. S.

Tessie Brien

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Military Archives  
see covering letter on G.D.O. file.

Agd Westport  
Comayo  
8 May 38

Westport. // Council area.

AChora

At a meeting of Pension claimants  
in the District Council Acha the following  
Officers were elected

Mrs O'Brien Cork Pres  
R. Knight — Sec

Jan Morahan Castella Treas

Mrs O'Brien, Dennis, Victoria Ave Cork was  
appointed Verification Officer.

Is Inis, do Chora

Lilly Knight

Hon Sec  
Westport District Council

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See covering letter on G. H. Q. file

Oyle

Westport  
Conway  
24 May '38

At Chora

Herewith Names of Committee  
elected at a meeting of Westport District  
Council.

Miss D. Donnell. Mrs. Kelly Mrs. J. Noone  
Miss A. M. Gill. Miss L. Dyer. Mrs. M. Kilroy.  
Mrs. Mc Elroy. L. Knight. Mrs. Morahan.  
Mrs. Maria Lunny. Miss B. Brady.  
Miss A. Gallagher. Mrs. O'malley. Mrs. Braun

Sorry to delay this list but owing to error  
Committee was not elected at first meeting.  
In connection with a question I asked you  
re the appointment of a Second Certification  
Officer. I am glad to inform you that the  
matter has been satisfactorily arranged &  
now all members of District Council pronounce  
themselves satisfied with Mrs O'Brien's  
appointment

I Miss As Chora  
Lily Knight  
Hon Sec Westport  
District Council

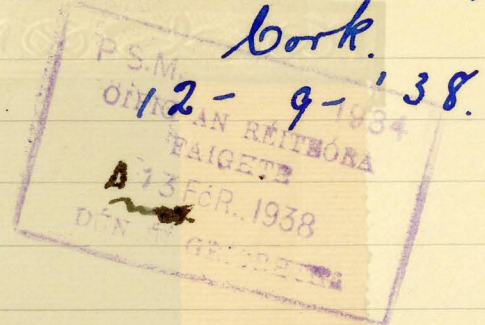


Ch. Reed  
17/9/38

K. Robinson  
13/9/38

"Deenish"

Victoria Ave.,  
Cork.



To Sec. Pensions Board,  
Griffith Barracks,  
Dublin.

A cars,

With reference to the claims for Service Pensions made by the members of Cumann na mBan from the Western area, namely Westport, Newport, Castlebar, Agbegower, Killawalla, and numerous smaller branches for which I have been selected as Verification Officer may I ask if any decision has yet been reached as regards those members who were called before the Board in July 1937 and who were testified for by the I. R. A. Officers in February of this year. So far as I am aware none of those concerned have received any communication on the matter at all, and naturally look to me for information which I am not in a position to give.

I will be in Westport on Sat. Saturday to attend a meeting of the District Council and if you could let me



have some information before then I would be glad.

There are a few of our members who are in Dublin from time to time and are anxious to be 'called' if this could be arranged please let me know.

miss

Theresa M. Bhreain  
(Jessie Moone)

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22 September 1938

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to your letter of 12th instant, regarding the applications - Cumann na mBan - which have been received from West Mayo Brigade area, and to state that arrangements should be made without delay for the establishment of a Cumann na mBan "Brigade" Committee to which communications from this office on matters concerning all the Cumann na mBan units in the West Mayo Brigade area might be addressed. As the Cumann na mBan units of the Forces were organised, on 11th July 1921, and 1st July 1922, on the lines of branches and District Councils, the Committee should be so representative of the District Councils in the Brigade area that it would be in a position to deal with any matter raised by the Referee concerning any unit in the Brigade area. It is suggested, therefore, that a meeting be held at the earliest possible date to which all available officers of each District Council in the Brigade area would be invited to appoint the Committee.

As soon as the Committee is established the Secretary should submit, without delay, a detailed report of the meeting held for this purpose and indicating the names, present addresses and former ranks of :

- (a) those from each District Council area invited to the meeting;
- (b) those who attended, and
- (c) the members of the Committee.

I am to add that pending the establishment of the Committee no action can be taken on the Cumann na mBan applications received from the West Mayo Brigade area.

The delay in replying to your letter is regretted.

Mise, le meas,

Theresa Bean Mí Bhriain,  
"Deenish"  
Victoria Avenue,  
CORK.

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Deenish.

Victoria Ave.,  
Cork.

Sept. 23 rd. 1938

P.S.M.

OIFIG AN RÍOIN

FAIGETT

A 26 1938

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To

E. Uas De bairce,

Sec. Pension Board,

Griffith Barracks, Dublin.

Dear Sir,

Your communication of the 22nd inst.  
received this morning.

I have written to the Secretary of  
the District Council, in West-Maps Brigade  
area. namely Miss L. Knight to forward  
to you all details mentioned in your letter.

The "Committee" mentioned by you  
was formed last May at a meeting held  
in Westport and duly summoned for  
that purpose following a communication  
received by the Sec. of the D. C. from  
Liamann na mbarr Head-Quarters, Pearse St.  
all the necessary information has been  
forwarded to that Body on their own



suggestions promising to place same  
before the Board. I now see that  
such has not been done & I have  
asked Miss Knight to send the  
required ~~and~~ details direct to you  
now.

Had I known that the proceedings  
of that meeting of last May had not  
reached your office I should not  
have made the inquiry of last week.

Thanking you for your reply and  
trusting that the Claims concerned  
will receive attention when the  
required information is furnished.

Yours,

Theasa M. Bhreain  
(Jessie Moane)



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18/9/38

Aylr,  
Westport,  
Co. Mayo.

P.S.M. 30th Sept., 1938.

To Sec. Pensions Board,  
Office of Reference,  
Griffith Barrack's,  
South Circular Road,  
Dublin.

A Cara,

With reference to your communication to the O.C.  
(Mrs. Threasa Ui Bhriain of Cork) of the 22nd Sept. and  
forwarded to me as Sec. of the D. Council in the Brigade area)  
re the establishment of a Brigade Committee for West Mayo  
Brigade Area. I wish to inform you that the Association  
of the Old Cumann Na Mban, in Pearse St., Dublin, directed us to  
form such a Committee in May of this year and forthwith to  
elect from our number a Verification Officer to attend on  
awards before the Pensions Board.

All information re-Verification Officer, Committee  
etc., to be forwarded to Cumann Na Mban Head Quarters to be  
verified there and transmitted to the Pensions Board. In  
accordance with these instructions a meeting of the District  
Council was duly called, all Branch Members were notified, the  
meeting was held in Westport, in May, Delegates and claimants  
from the following Branches, or squads attended:

(3)	WESTPORT BATTALLION AREA	)	Westport
		)	Aughagower
		)	Killawalla
		)	Murrisk
		)	Carrowkenedy
		)	Tournakeedy
(2)	NEWPORT BATTALLION AREA	)	Newport
		)	Kilmeena
		)	Brockagh
(1)	CASTLEBAR BATTALLION AREA	)	Castlebar
		)	Islandneedy.

(4) Louisburgh ?



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The following Officers were elected:

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRESENT ADDRESS</u>	<u>FORMER RANK</u>
President.	Threasa Ui Bhriain (Tessie Moane)	"Deenish", Victoria Rd., Cork.	Rank on 11th July '21 President of the District Council in Brigade Area.      Rank on 1st July '21 <u>same</u>
Secretary.	Miss Lilly Knight.	Ayle, Westport, Co. Mayo.	Sec. to the District Council in Brigade Area. <u>same.</u>
Treasurer.	Mrs. Morahan.	Castlebar, Co. Mayo.	Sec. to Castlebar.
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Verification Officer.	Threasa Ui Bhriain (Tessie Moane)	Deenish, Victoria Ave., Cork.	Brigade O.C.

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COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE OF EACH BRANCH IN THE THREE BATTALLIONS FORMING THE WESTPORT DISTRICT COUNCIL  
11th JULY, 1921 & 1st. JULY 1922.

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Names supplied from each Branch as being the most suitable:

Westport Battallion Area

	<u>Present Address</u>	<u>Former Rank.</u>
1. Miss Agnes Gallagher (Rep. Westport Branch)	Bridge St., Westport Co. Mayo.	None.
2. Mrs. Myles McGlynn (Rep. Killawalla Branch)	Fair Green, Westport, Co. Mayo.	Sec. to Killawalla Branch & Delegate to D.C.
3. Miss Lilly Knight, (Rep. Aughagower)	Ayle, Westport, Co. Mayo.	Sec. to D.C. & Branch Sec.
4. Miss B. Mortimer (Rep. Murrisk)	Lecanvey, Westport, Co. Mayo.	Sec. to Murrisk 'Squad'.
5. Mrs. Maria Tunney (Rep. Carrowkennedy)	Carrowkennedy, Dumin, Westport, Co. Mayo.	Sec. to Carrowkennedy & Delegate to D.C.
6. Mrs. Costello. (Rep. Tournakeedy Branch)	Claremorris, Co. Mayo.	Sec. to Tournakeedy Branch.

NEWPORT BATTALLION AREA.

1. Mrs. Michail Kilroy. (Rep. Newport)	Medlicott St., Newport, Co. Mayo.	Vice President of D.C.
2. Mrs. Gallagher Kelly. (Rep. Brocagh.)	Gortnaclasser, Clogher, Westport.	Vice President of Brocagh Branch & Delegate to D.C.
3. Mrs. Thomas Noone, (Rep. Shramore)	Furnace, Newport, Co. Mayo.	President Shramore Branch, & Delegate to D.C.
4. Miss Maggie Agnes Kelly.	Gloggernagh, Glenhest, Newport, Co. Mayo.	Treasurer Glenhest Branch, Delegate to D.C. in 1922.



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5. Mrs. Tilly O'Donnell,  
(Rep. Trevnaur Branch)

Tiernaaur, Newport, Co. Mayo.

Sec. & Treasurer to the  
Branch.

6. Miss Ann M. Gill,  
(Rep. Kilmeena Branch)

The Islands, Kilmena, Westport.  
Co. Mayo.

## CASTLEBAR BATTALLION AREA.

1. Mrs. Morahan,  
(Rep. Castlebar)

Mount Gordon, Castlebar.

Sec. to Branch till the 'truce'

2. Miss Mary E. Stanton.  
(Rep. Islandneedy Branch)

Cloggenagh, Islandneedy,  
Castlebar.

Sec. to Islandneedy Branch.

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I am to state that there was only one district Council in West Mayo  
Brigade Area, on 11th July, 1921, and 1st July, 1922, namely Westport District Council.

Mise le meas,

Signed.....

*Lilly Knight*

.....Secretary to Westport District Council,  
West Mayo Brigade Area.

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20 October, 1938.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to your letter dated 30th ultimo and received in this office on the 10th instant giving particulars of a Cumann na mBan "Brigade" Committee for West Mayo Brigade area and I am to request your Committee to complete and return the enclosed form to show as on the 11th July, 1921, and 1st July, 1922 :

- (a) particulars of the staff of the District Council in the Brigade area and
- (b) particulars of the staff and strength of each branch or squad in the District Council area.

In this connection I am to state that it is noted from your letter under reference that only one District Council area - Cumann na mBan - was organised in the Brigade area on the 11th July, 1921, and 1st July, 1922.

As regards the strength of the branches I am to state that while it is sufficient for the present to show the numerical strength of each branch the Referee may require at a later date lists showing the names and addresses of the members. I am also to state that the certificate of accuracy should be signed by at least two members of the "Brigade" Committee in addition to the Secretary.

Mise, le meas,

RUNAIDHE.

Miss Lilly Knight,  
Ayle,  
Westport,  
Co. Mayo.



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Mr Griffith  
12/11/38

Wyle  
Westport Mayo  
11 Nov 38

P.S.M.  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
FAIRFAX  
1938

A Clara

Enclosed Particulars asked for in your letter dated 20 October. I regret owing to illness I was unable up till now to supply the necessary information. In the list I already sent you there was one mistake namely the Secretaryship of Islandeady Branch this is correctly stated on enclosed forms. I wish to state that I can supply you with lists giving names & addresses of members anytime you require such.

L. Wise  
L. Knight  
Sec Westport District  
Council

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BAIGETE  
MAR 1940  
DEN OF COMPTON

A Chara

I am directed by the Westport District Council Cennam Na mban to ask you if the West Mayo Brigade I.R. & have yet submitted to you the further information required from them re West Mayo Cennam Na mban Pension Claimants

Is Inise  
L. Knight  
Secretary

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RV-GHB/34.

*Mr. Griffin*

*Copy for your file*

*6/5/40*

6 May 1940.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to your letter dated 17th ultimo, relative to applications made under the above Act, by former members of Cumann na mBan, West Mayo I.R.A. Brigade area, and I am to state that the necessary records were lodged with the Referee by the former West Mayo I.R.A. Brigade Committee on 18th ultimo.

They will be scrutinised by the Referee and Advisory Committee at the earliest possible opportunity, and if found to the satisfaction of the Referee, arrangements for sessions for completion of investigation, with a view to final disposal, of West Mayo I.R.A. and Cumann na mBan applications will be proceeded with in accordance with the promise given by the Referee to the Brigade (I.R.A.) representatives at the conference held in June last, viz., that the order in which sessions will be arranged will be in accordance with the order in which the records are furnished.

Mise, le meas,

*(signature) Ed. B...*

RÚNAÍDHE.

Mrs. T. Moano O'Brien,  
Deenish,  
Victoria Avenue,  
CORK.

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CMB/28.

30 May 1940.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to your letter of the 29th March last, and to state that the necessary records were lodged with the Referee by the former West Mayo I.R.A. Brigade Committee on the 18th ultimo.

They will be examined by the Referee and Advisory Committee at the earliest possible opportunity and if found to the satisfaction of the Referee, arrangements for sessions for completion of investigation, with a view to a final disposal, of West Mayo I.R.A. and Cumann na mBan applications will be proceeded with in accordance with the promises given by the Referee to the Brigade (I.R.A.) representatives at the conference held in June last, viz., that the order in which sessions will be arranged will be in accordance with the order in which complete records are furnished.

Mise, le meas,

RÚNAÍDHE.

Miss L. Knight,  
Ayle,  
Westport,  
CO. MAYO.