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An Uimhir

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An Uimhir as Roinn  
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Mc Nestry Margaret Miss.  
5, Enniskerry Road,  
Phibsboro,  
Dublin

In respect of her  
brother  
Patrick Mc Nestry

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If no trace of a <sup>m.ers</sup>~~D.P.~~ file, kindly open  
one, cross-reference and attach and return to this  
Section.

*[Signature]*  
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m.s.c.

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memo

Unable to trace E. Daly or Finnian Lynch (dead?)  
in medal's Records.

J 12/4.



Ref.: 110/400.

To/  
The Military Service Registration Board.

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to transmit the accompanying application of Mrs Margaret M<sup>c</sup> Nestor  
5. Emmetman Rd., Phibsboro Dublin

who claims an allowance under Part II of the Army Pensions Act, 1953, in respect of the death of Her brother,

Petruck M<sup>c</sup> Nestor  
and I am to request the Board to ascertain and certify, in accordance with Section 9 of the Army Pensions Act, 1953, the following particulars, i.e.:—

- (1) Whether the deceased was a member of an organisation to which Part II of the Act of 1932 applies and, if so, which of the said organisations.
- (2) Whether the deceased was engaged in pre-truce military service and/or post truce military service during the period 1st April, 1916, to 30th September, 1923, and, if so, particulars of such service. For the purposes of Part II of the Act of 1953 "military service" has the meaning assigned to that expression by Section 5(1) of the Act of 1932.
- (3) Whether the deceased received a wound during the period beginning on 1st April, 1916, and ending on 30th September, 1923, while engaged in military service and, if so, particulars of such wound.
- (4) Whether there is any evidence that the deceased contracted any disease during his military service in the period beginning on 1st April, 1916, and ending on 30th September, 1923, and, if so, particulars of such evidence.
- (5) The date of death of the deceased.
- (6) Whether the deceased was killed before 1st October, 1923, while engaged in military service and, if so, particulars of the circumstances of his death.

(7)

Date 14/4/1954.

M. M. M.  
a. RÚNAÍ.



Guthán 45641  
(Tel.No.)

Uimhir Thagartha  
(Ref. No.)

III RB / 109.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE,  
MILITARY SERVICE REGISTRATION BOARD,  
COLAISTE CAOLHIN,  
GLASNEVIN,  
DUBLIN.

15/4/54

ARMY PENSIONS ACTS, 1923/1953.

A Chara,

With reference to your application for an allowance under the above Acts, I am directed by the Board to ask that you will be so good as to give the particulars indicated in the attached form.

When an officer regarding whom particulars are requested is now deceased, the circumstances should be so stated, and particulars should be given, in such case, of the officer's successor.

This form and the attached form, duly completed, should be returned to the Military Service Registration Board in the enclosed addressed envelope, which need not be stamped.

Mise, le meas,

*37. S. S. S.*

RÚNAÍ.

To Miss Margaret M'Nestry

My brother Patrick M'Nestry,  
was sentenced to Death 1916,  
Commutated to 10 years.  
Spent 14 months in Portland  
and Lewes Prisons.  
after release was elected  
Staff Captain in Cork.  
He died in 1920 October



1. The addresses of the following persons whose names are given by you in your application:-

Name	Address
<u>Cor E Daly</u>	<u>Four Courts 1916</u>
<u>Finnian Lynch</u>	<u>6 Church Street,</u>

- II. Name of Officer Commanding deceased's Brigade

Finnian Lynch

Present Address ...

- III. Name of Officer or Officers Commanding deceased's Battn. (Respective periods should be given).

1916,

Present Addresses ...

- IV. Names of deceased's Company Captains or other Officers:-

- (1) Name, Rank and Appointment

Liam Tobin

Present Address ...

- (2) Name, Rank and Appointment

Present Address ...

- (3) Name, Rank and Appointment

Present Address ...

- (4) Name, Rank and Appointment

Present Address ...

Date 16<sup>th</sup> April 1954

Signature

Margaret Mc Nestor

Address

5 Enniskerry Road,  
Phibsboro, Dublin,



## ROINN COSANTA.

(Department of Defence.)

## MILITARY SERVICE REGISTRATION BOARD,

COLLINS BARRACKS,

DUBLIN,

Ref. No. 1/D/40022<sup>nd</sup> October 1954ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1932/53

A CHARA,

An application has been made under the above Act by Miss Margaret  
McNestry of 5, Ennisberry Rd, Philabroo, Dublin  
 for an Allowance or Gratuity in respect of Patrick McNestry - her brother  
 who is stated to have been a member of Oglaigh na h-Eireann (I.R.A.) and, while  
 engaged on Military Service, to have contracted disease which resulted in his death.

Your name has been given as one who has a personal knowledge of the  
 facts, and the Board will, therefore, be obliged if you will facilitate them in dealing  
 with the application by furnishing replies to the queries set out overleaf. attached form.

I am to point out that, for the purposes herein, a person shall be deemed  
 to have been engaged in Military Service when, but only when, he was on duty as  
 a member of the organisation referred to, or was under arrest as a result of his  
 activities as such member, or being such member was evading capture or pursuit by  
 the armed forces of the British Government or of the Government of Saorstát Éireann  
 or of the Provisional Government or of the Government of Northern Ireland, or being  
 such member was detained in a prison or ship, or an internment camp by or by order  
 of any of the said Governments.

Mise, le meas,

E. RUNAL.

To Maj. Gen. Liam Tobin,  
59, Mt. Merrion Ave.,  
Blackrock, Co. Dublin.



QUERIES:

(1) Did deceased contract any disease during his Military Service as defined? If so, please give the following particulars:—

(a) Nature of the disease ... ..

(b) Where and when was the disease contracted?

(c) Actual conditions under which deceased performed his Military Service. A detailed statement of the actual conditions (with dates) under which deceased served, should be given.

(d) Particulars of any illness from which the deceased suffered during his Military Service. (A detailed statement, with dates should be given.)

(e) Full particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the deceased which, in your opinion, should be taken into consideration in determining whether the disease was attributable to Military Service ... ..

(2) Particulars of any other matter in support of the applicant's claim or otherwise, on which you desire to comment. ... ..

(3) Date of death of deceased ... ..

(4) Have you personal knowledge of the facts of the case as set out by you above, or are your replies based on official reports, or on information otherwise received?

I declare above statements to be true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature.....

Organisation  
and Rank.....

Address .....

Date.....



Ref. No. 4/2/400 Name Patrick McNeisty

A.P. 51—4 (b).  
A.P. 52—7 (b).  
Disease.

QUERIES:

1. Between what dates did deceased serve with your Command ? .....

2. In what capacity did deceased serve? .....

3. In what area was deceased engaged in Military Service ? Pre 1916, Dublin 7. Coy. 1st Batta.  
Sentenced Penal servitude after Easter week

4. Did deceased contract any disease during his Military Service as defined ? If so, please give the following particulars :—

English Prison. Keating & responsible for his ill health.

(a) Nature of the disease ..... Cannot say.

(b) Particulars of any illness from which the deceased suffered during his Military Service .....

(A detailed statement with dates should be given.)

5. Was deceased engaged in Military Service as defined ? If so, give the following particulars :—

Active volunteer pre 1916 - 7. Coy.  
1st Batta. Dublin.  
"out" Easter week.

(a) Nature of the military activities in which deceased was engaged.

(b) Was deceased attached to an A.S.U. and, if so, during what periods ?

After jail release 1917. He went to Cork City, worked as a silver smith.  
Transferred from Dublin Bore to Cork City.  
Think he died some time 1918-19.

(c) Was deceased on the run, and if so, during what periods ?

(d) Nature of the hardships undergone by deceased during his military service, e.g., irregular meals, wettings, sleeping in dug-outs or in the open.

(A detailed statement with dates should be given.)

(e) Was deceased imprisoned or interned at any time, and if so, during what periods and in what Prison or Camp ?

(f) Was deceased on hunger strike, and if so, for how long ?



6. Full particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the deceased which, in your opinion, should be taken into consideration in determining whether the disease was attributable to Military Service.

7. Particulars of any other matter in support of the applicant's claim or otherwise, on which you desire to comment.

8. Date of death of deceased

9. Have you personal knowledge of the facts of the case as set out by you above or are your replies based on official reports, or on information otherwise received?

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Signature

Organisation and Rank

Address

Date

Highly regarded as both keen & member of 1st Batt. Dullin.

1918-19?

Personal Knowledge as above  
Suggest Pensions Board for more detailed information.

Jam T O'Brien

John Tier Coy, 1st Batt. Dullin.

Clontarf, 59th St. Maroon Avenue.  
Blackrock, Co. Dullin.



1/D/400

17 Bealtaine, 1954.

A Chara,

I received your letter of the 13th instant enclosing a statement from Mr. M. O Conaill, Clerk of Dail Eireann, regarding the late Patrick McNestry, F Company, 1st Battalion, Dublin Brigade, which statement I have passed to the Military Service Registration Board, whose function it will be to certify to the Minister, inter alia, whether there is any evidence that the deceased contracted any disease during his military service.

Mise, le meas,

(Ss) Wm Cashman

Major-General Liam Tobin,  
59 Mount Merrion Avenue,  
Blackrock,  
Co. Dublin.

Secretary,  
Military Service Registration Board,  
Transmitted. Statement from Mr.  
O Conaill attached.

Ba. F.3. 17/54



Statement by Mort O Conaill, F. Coy.,  
1st Battalion, Dublin Brigade.

in re Late Patrick McNestry,  
F. Coy., 1st Battalion,  
Dublin Brigade (1916)

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I, Mort O Conaill, knew the late Patrick McNestry as a member of F. Company, 1st Battalion, Dublin Brigade (1916) prior to 1916. He was a silversmith. In common with the rest of us he answered the call in 1916 and during Easter Week 1916 fought in the North King Street area. During the week he was an active participant in the heavy fighting in that area. Accompanied by Frank Shouldice, also of F. Company, he was positioned in a tower of some building opposite Fr. Matthew Hall which commanded a view of North King Street. During the week the South Staffordshire Regiment (?) were endeavouring to force their way along North King Street and had a large number of casualties, some of the heaviest of the week. This was largely due to the resistance of McNestry and Shouldice who were more or less isolated for two days and were under fire all the time and got little supplies of food or drink.

On the Saturday morning they had to leave the tower and retreat on the Four Courts. McNestry was brought to my barricade in May Lane (beside John Jameson's Offices) in a state of collapse. We did what we could for him but he refused to take a nip of whisky or brandy. We then made him tea, of which he drank several cups, being badly in need of liquid. He then lapsed into semi-consciousness.

We had been ordered on the Saturday forenoon to hold out at our barricade to cover the retreat on the Four Courts which became inevitable once the South Staffordshire Regiment (?) had forced North King Street. Sometime in the evening, probably about 5 p.m., we were ordered to retreat on the Four Courts and led by Sean O'Connor (Solicitor and later T.D.) went by way of Bow Street and Hammond Lane. Paddy McNestry had to be roused and linked by some other Volunteer and myself on our retreat to the Four Courts where he was taken in hand by some of the Cumann na mBan. Paddy was later courtmartialled and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment.

I next met him in Cork City in 1919 where he was working as a silversmith in Barry Egan's, Jewellers. He was there engaged making bomb-casings, etc., often working in Fords at night under Tadh O'Sullivan and Desmond Dowling. Some time in the Summer of 1919 he contracted typhoid fever and was sent to the Cork Fever Hospital. Desmond Dowling and myself visited him but could only see him from a distance. His doctor told me that there was little chance of recovery and that he must have gone through some ordeal some time previously. I related what I have narrated above and the doctor said it explained much, as he had no reserves and could not be got to fight against the disease. I testify that in my opinion during the period in 1919 when I was associated with him in Cork he was in a very poor state of health and incapable of sustained effort and that this was brought about by his experiences in Easter Week 1916 and in England when in Jail.

*Mort O'Conaill,  
Clerk of Jail  
13th May, 1954.*



m.s.c.



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Dean Hegarty? & Thomas Donohue

June 10/6/54.

~~Using Bank of the East we found in book~~

Dean Hegarty, Rocklawn, Douglas, Cork

Flanny O'Donoghue, Roughlone, Splantine Park, Douglas Rd, Cork



Ref. No. IRA/109 Name Patrick Mc Neely

A.P. 51—4 (b).  
A.P. 52—7 (b).  
Disease.

QUERIES:

1. Between what dates did deceased serve with your Command ? .....
2. In what capacity did deceased serve? .....
3. In what area was deceased engaged in Military Service ? .....

4. Did deceased contract any disease during his Military Service as defined ? If so, please give the following particulars :— .....

(a) Nature of the disease ....

(b) Particulars of any illness from which the deceased suffered during his Military Service .....

(A detailed statement with dates should be given.)

5. Was deceased engaged in Military Service as defined ? If so, give the following particulars :— .....

(a) Nature of the military activities in which deceased was engaged. ....

(b) Was deceased attached to an A.S.U. and, if so, during what periods ? .....

(c) Was deceased on the run, and if so, during what periods ? .....

(d) Nature of the hardships undergone by deceased during his military service, e.g., irregular meals, wettings, sleeping in dug-outs or in the open. ....

(A detailed statement with dates should be given.)

(e) Was deceased imprisoned or interned at any time, and if so, during what periods and in what Prison or Camp ? .....

(f) Was deceased on hunger strike, and if so, for how long ? .....



6. Full particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the deceased which, in your opinion, should be taken into consideration in determining whether the disease was attributable to Military Service.

7. Particulars of any other matter in support of the applicant's claim or otherwise, on which you desire to comment.

8. Date of death of deceased

9. Have you personal knowledge of the facts of the case as set out by you above or are your replies based on official reports, or on information otherwise received?

I declare above statements to be true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature

Organisation  
and Rank

Address

Date



82 Lower Drumcondra Road  
Dublin

5 June 1954

Ref. No. III RB/109

A chara

With reference to the application of Miss Margaret Mc Nestry, 5 Enniskerry Rd, Phibsboro', for an allowance in respect of her brother Patrick, I have to state that Patrick Mc Nestry was a member of "F" Co. 1st Batt. from the earliest days of the Volunteers up to 1916. I was first O.C. of the Co. and when I became Batt. Vice-Commndt. I was succeeded by Fionan Lynch (now Judge Lynch).

In Easter Week 1916 McNestry served with his Co. in Church Street, being out at a street barricade the whole week, day and night, with precarious food and sleep. After the surrender he was court-martialled and sentenced to penal servitude. He served his time with me in Portland and Lewes.

His health was poor during this time. He was perhaps suffering from the effects of his Easter Week experiences. When we were on strike and "smashing up" our cells in Lewes I believe he received an injury while struggling with warders.

After the general release in June 1917 he rejoined his Company and served in it until 1919, when he went to Cork. Of his service there I can only speak from hearsay. But I believe he was transferred to Cork No. 1 Brigade. and attained the rank of Captain. Sean O'Hegarty, Florrie O'Donoghue, or other officers of Cork No. 1 could certify this. He died in Cork in 1920. I understood at the time that his death was accelerated by all he had gone through on active service and in prison.

Wise

*Piarras Beaslai*

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## ROINN COSANTA.

(Department of Defence.)

## MILITARY SERVICE REGISTRATION BOARD,

COLLINS BARRACKS,

DUBLIN,

Ref. No. *III/AB/109**1/7/1954*ARMY PENSIONS ACTS 1932/53

A CHARA,

An application has been made under the above Acts by *Miss Margaret*  
*W. Westray* of *5, Rinniskerry Road, Philshoro, Dublin*  
for an Allowance or ~~Gratuity~~ in respect of *her brother, Patrick W. Westray*  
who is stated to have been a member of *Oglagh na h-Eirinn (M.S.)* and, while  
engaged on Military Service, to have contracted disease which resulted in his death.

Your name has been given as one who has a personal knowledge of the  
facts, and the Board will, therefore, be obliged if you will facilitate them in dealing  
with the application by furnishing replies to the queries set out overleaf.

I am to point out that, for the purposes herein, a person shall be deemed  
to have been engaged in Military Service when, but only when, he was on duty as  
a member of the organisation referred to, or was under arrest as a result of his  
activities as such member, or being such member was evading capture or pursuit by  
the armed forces of the British Government or of the Government of Saorstát Éireann  
or of the Provisional Government or of the Government of Northern Ireland, or being  
such member was detained in a prison or ship, or an internment camp by or by order  
of any of the said Governments.

Mise, le meas,

To *Mr. Florry O'Donoghue*  
*"Loughlone" Eglantine Park*  
*Conglas Road, Cork*

*Reception*

RÚNAL.

*Note*  
*Deceased served in Coy 1st Bn*  
*Dublin Brigade until he went*  
*to Cork in 1919 where it is stated*  
*he reached the rank of Captain*  
*in Cork 101 Brigade. He died*  
*in Cork in 1920.*



QUERIES:

(1) Did deceased contract any disease during his Military Service as defined? If so, please give the following particulars:—

(a) Nature of the disease ... ..

(b) Where and when was the disease contracted? .....

(c) Actual conditions under which deceased performed his Military Service. A detailed statement of the actual conditions (with dates) under which deceased served, should be given. ....

(d) Particulars of any illness from which the deceased suffered during his Military Service. (A detailed statement, with dates should be given.) .....

(e) Full particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the deceased which, in your opinion, should be taken into consideration in determining whether the disease was attributable to Military Service ... ..

(2) Particulars of any other matter in support of the applicant's claim or otherwise, on which you desire to comment. ... ..

(3) Date of death of deceased ... ..

(4) Have you personal knowledge of the facts of the case as set out by you above, or are your replies based on official reports, or on information otherwise received? .....

I declare above statements to be true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature.....

Organisation  
and Rank.....

Address .....

Date.....



Ref. No. TU/113/109 Name Patrick W. Westing (deceased)

A.P. 51—4 (b).  
A.P. 52—7 (b).  
Disease.

QUERIES:

1. Between what dates did deceased serve with your Command? 1919 to 1920
2. In what capacity did deceased serve? Volunteer
3. In what area was deceased engaged in Military Service? Cornwall
4. Did deceased contract any disease during his Military Service as defined? If so, please give the following particulars:—
  - (a) Nature of the disease .... Typhoid fever
  - (b) Particulars of any illness from which the deceased suffered during his Military Service ....

(A detailed statement with dates should be given.)
5. Was deceased engaged in Military Service as defined? If so, give the following particulars:—
  - (a) Nature of the military activities in which deceased was engaged. The available information is that he was out with a
  - (b) Was deceased attached to an A.S.U. and, if so, during what periods? Column in one of the Battalions
  - (c) Was deceased on the run, and if so, during what periods? of the 1st Brigade, that he
  - (d) Nature of the hardships undergone by deceased during his military service, e.g., irregular meals, wettings, sleeping in dug-outs or in the open. Got typhoid, was brought to the District Hospital in Cornwall and died there.

(A detailed statement with dates should be given.)
- (e) Was deceased imprisoned or interned at any time, and if so, during what periods and in what Prison or Camp? No as far as I know
- (f) Was deceased on hunger strike, and if so, for how long? Not to my knowledge



6. Full particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the deceased which, in your opinion, should be taken into consideration in determining whether the disease was attributable to Military Service.

None

7. Particulars of any other matter in support of the applicant's claim or otherwise, on which you desire to comment.

8. Date of death of deceased

16/10/1920

He was buried in Republican Rest in Cork on 18/10/20.

9. Have you personal knowledge of the facts of the case as set out by you above or are your replies based on official reports, or on information otherwise received?

Replies are based on Official reports.

I declare above statements to be true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature

*W. J. Dineen*

Organisation and Rank

Adjutant, 1st Southern Division

Address

100, Leinster, Eglantine Park

Date

10/11/20



III/113/109

Loé Léin,

Eglantine Park,

Douglas Road,

Cork.

7 July 1954

scha,

I regret that I am unable  
to get any particulars in  
regard to McKeating.

Can you say where  
he served in Cork, city  
or County, or any  
address, even the one  
at which he died in  
1920? This would  
help to get some  
details.

Yours sincerely

H. W. Hume

Secretary

Military Service Pensions Board.



GUTHAN 45641.  
(Telephone)

UIMHIR THAGARTHA.  
(Reference No.)

III/RB/109.

An Roinn Cosanta,  
Brainse Airgeadais,  
Colaiste Caoimhin,  
Glasnaoidhean,  
Baile Átha Cliath.

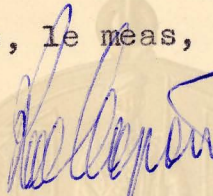
15 Iúil, 1954.

A Chara,

With reference to your attached letter of the 7th instant in this case, I am directed by the Military Service Registration Board to state that the Board has been informed that the deceased, Patrick McNestry, was working in Cork City in 1919 as a silversmith in Barry Egan's, Jewellers, and that he was there engaged in making bomb casings, etc., often working in Fords at night under Tadhg O'Sullivan and Desmond Dowling. Sometime in 1919, he is stated to have contracted typhoid fever and was sent to the Cork Fever Hospital.

I am returning the relevant papers herewith.

Mise, le meas,



RÚNAÍ.

Mr. F. O'Donoghue,  
"Loch Léin",  
Eglantine Park,  
Douglas Road,  
Cork.

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See replies now  
completed or forward  
from here.

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23/7/54.



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RÚNAÍ.

Mr. F. O'Donoghue,  
"Loch Léin",  
Eglantine Park,  
Douglas Road,  
Cork.

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*AS*



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m.s.b.

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For I.R.A. unit in Cork.  
Write to J. Donohue. ~~from his interest~~  
~~each paragraph from Irish O'Connell~~  
~~letter of 13th May 1954.~~

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type (18/7)

one.  $\frac{27}{7}$   
Since  $\frac{54}{1}$

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GUTHAN 45641.  
(Telephone)

UIMHIR THAGARTHA.  
(Reference No.)

III/RB/109

An Roinn Cosanta,  
Brainse Airgeadais,  
Colaiste Caoimhin,  
Glasnaoidhean,  
Baile Átha Cliath.

4 Lúnasa, 1954.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Military Service Registration Board to refer to the evidence furnished by you in connection with the application of Miss Margaret McNestry, 5 Enniskerry Road, Phibsboro, <sup>Gullinstown</sup> in respect of the death of her brother, Patrick McNestry, and to enquire whether it would be possible for you to indicate the unit of Oglagh na hÉireann (I.R.A.) in which the deceased served in Cork.

I am to add that the evidence already furnished by you is much appreciated by the Board.

Mise, le meas,

  
RÚNAÍ.

Mr. F. O'Donoghue,  
"Loch Léin",  
Eglantine Park,  
Douglas Road,  
Cork.



Loic Léin,

Eglantine Park,

Douglas Road,

Cork.

Ref. 111/RB/109

9th. August, 1954.

A Chara,

In reply to your letter of 4th. inst. I have made further enquiries and am now informed by Joe O'Connor, Brigade Quartermaster, Cork No. 1 Brigade, that McNestry served on his engineering staff practically from the time he came to Cork until the date of his final illness. Joe O'Connor knew him personally and says that McNestry was engaged on work in connection with the manufacture of grenade parts.

Nominally he was attached to C. Coy. 1st, Battalion Cork No. 1 Brigade, but because he worked all the time with the Q.M.'s small group on grenades he was not well known to the general body and this accounts for the difficulty we have had in getting particulars of his service.

I hope that the information now available will be sufficient.

Mise, le meas,

Runai,  
Military Service Registration Board.

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III/RB/109

4 Lúnasa, 1954.

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RÚNAÍ.

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"Loch Léin",  
Eglantine Park,  
Douglas Road,  
Cork.



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Wrote to Cork & New York.

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Roinn Cosanta,  
Brainnse Airgeadais,  
Colaiste Caoimhin,  
Glasnaoidhean,  
Baile Atha Cliath.

19/8/ 1954.

The Registrar General,  
Custom House,  
Dublin.

Verification of Death.

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to state that verification of the following death is required in connection with a claim under the Army Pensions Acts.

The Minister would, accordingly, be glad if you would complete the Certificate hereunder and return it to this Office at your earliest convenience.

Stamp: 21 JUN 1954

*MacLennan*  
a.s. Rúnaí.

Name ..... *Patrick McNESTRY* .....  
Address ..... *Home address: 5, Linnisherry Rd, Dublin. (Cork address not known)* .....  
Approximate date of Death ..... *16th October, 1920* .....  
Place of Death ..... *North Cork Infirmary or Cork Fever Hospital* .....

Name	Address	Place of Death	Date of Death	Cause of Death
<i>Patrick McNESTRY</i>	<i>54 GRAND PARADE CORK.</i>	<i>CORK DISTRICT HOSPITAL</i>	<i>16/10/20</i>	<i>Typhoid Fever 21 days in hospital Cent.</i>

Certified that the above particulars are correct according to the Official Records.

Date *23/8/54* *[Signature]* Registrar General.

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30 Lúnasa, 1954.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Military Service Registration Board to refer to the application under the Army Pensions Act, 1953, by Miss Margaret McNestry, 5, Enniskerry Road, Phibsboro, Dublin, in respect of the death of her brother, Patrick McNestry, late of same address (Cork address not known), who is stated to have been a member of Óglaigh na hÉireann (I.R.A.) and, while engaged in military service, to have contracted disease which resulted in his death.

It has been stated that the deceased underwent treatment in the Cork District Hospital in October, 1920, and that he died there on 16th October, 1920, and I am to enquire whether you would be good enough to give the following particulars to enable the Board to deal with the application:-

1. Was the deceased under treatment at the time stated above, or at any other time?
2. From what disease or disability was he suffering?
3. On what date, and in what condition, was he finally discharged?

Mise, le meas,

RÚNAÍ.

Secretary,  
District Hospital,  
CORK.

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# ST. FINBARR'S HOSPITALS.

Telephone—CORK 23151.  
Ref. 111/RB/109.

OFFICE OF MATRON,  
2 DOUGLAS ROAD,  
CORK.

3rd September, 1954.

An Runai,  
An Roinn Cosanta,  
Colaiste Caoimhin,  
Baile Atha Cliath.

A Chara,

In reply to your letter of the 30th ultimo, I wish to inform you that Patrick McNestry was admitted to this Hospital on the 16th October, 1920, suffering from Typhoid Fever. He died on the same day.

Mise, le meas,

M. M. Carmel

Matron.

*pmb.*

*See Copy of Death Cert. which shows he was  
21 days in hospital*

*S. M.*



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Writ to Joe O'Connor Brigade Q.M.  
30, 111 P. Street Ave, Inverness West, Cork ✓  
Send reminder to Sean Hegarty.

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Ref. No. III/AO/109

Name Patrick W. Westing (Deceased)

A.P. 51—4 (b).

A.P. 52—7 (b).

Disease.

QUERIES:

1. Between what dates did deceased serve with your Command?

June 1920 - October 1920 being transferred from C. Co. 12<sup>th</sup> Bn. Cork I

2. In what capacity did deceased serve?

Advising & erecting Grenade foundries

3. In what area was deceased engaged in Military Service?

Cork City (Cork I Brigade)

4. Did deceased contract any disease during his Military Service as defined? If so, please give the following particulars:—

Contracted some ~~Fevers~~ Fever  
(not sure now what kind)

(a) Nature of the disease ....

Fever

(b) Particulars of any illness from which the deceased suffered during his Military Service ....

Fever in October 1920 from which  
he died in Cork Fever Hospital, Douglas  
Rd. Cork, about mid. October  
1920

(A detailed statement with dates should be given.)

5. Was deceased engaged in Military Service as defined? If so, give the following particulars:—

(a) Nature of the military activities in which deceased was engaged.

Attached to Q. M. Dept Cork I Brigade  
on making of munitions.

(b) Was deceased attached to an A.S.U. and, if so, during what periods?

Not to my knowledge

(c) Was deceased on the run, and if so, during what periods?

not known

(d) Nature of the hardships undergone by deceased during his military service, e.g., irregular meals, wettings, sleeping in dug-outs or in the open.

Working late nights

(A detailed statement with dates should be given.)

(e) Was deceased imprisoned or interned at any time, and if so, during what periods and in what Prison or Camp?

not known

(f) Was deceased on hunger strike, and if so, for how long?

not known



6. Full particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the deceased which, in your opinion, should be taken into consideration in determining whether the disease was attributable to Military Service.

None

7. Particulars of any other matter in support of the applicant's claim or otherwise, on which you desire to comment.

I have some small recollection that deceased was attached to Dublin during 1916.

8. Date of death of deceased

mid October 1920

9. Have you personal knowledge of the facts of the case as set out by you above or are your replies based on official reports, or on information otherwise received?

Personal knowledge

I declare above statements to be true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature Joseph O'bannion

Organisation and Rank G. M. Cork. 1st S. Div. G. M. 1922  
1920. 1921

Address 30 Mount Pleasant Avenue

Date

Fiars Walk. Cork



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ARMY PENSIONS ACTS, 1923-1953.

SERVICE CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE MILITARY SERVICE REGISTRATION BOARD IN RESPECT OF A DECEASED PERSON IN RESPECT OF WHOM AN APPLICATION UNDER PART II OF THE ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1953, HAS BEEN MADE.

Reg. No. of Applicant III/MSRB/109  
Name of Applicant Miss Margaret McNestry,  
Address of Applicant 5, Enniskerry Road, Phibsboro',  
Dublin.  
Name of Deceased Person to whom Certificate relates Patrick McNestry  
Late Address of Deceased Person 5, Enniskerry Road, Phibsboro',  
Dublin.  
Relationship of Applicant to Deceased Person Sister

WHEREAS an application for the grant of an allowance in respect of the said deceased has been referred to us by the Minister for Defence under Section 9 of the Army Pensions Act, 1953 ;

NOW, We, the Military Service Registration Board, in pursuance of the said Section 9 hereby certify as follows :

1. ~~The deceased was not at any time a member of any organisation to which Part II of the Army Pensions Act, 1932, applies.~~

The deceased was a member of Óglaigh na h-Éireann (I.R.A.)  
(State organisation or organisations of which deceased was a member.)

2. ~~The deceased was not engaged in military service in the period beginning on the 1st day of April, 1916, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923, within the meaning of subsection (1) of section 5 of the Army Pensions Act, 1932.~~

The deceased was engaged in military service in the period beginning on the 1st day of April, 1916, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923, within the meaning of subsection (1) of section 5 of the Army Pensions Act, 1932, and the following are particulars of such military service :—

Organisation or organisations of which deceased was a member	PARTICULARS OF MILITARY SERVICE				Nature and extent of Military Service
	*Period of service Pre-truce		*Period of service Post-truce		
	From	To	From	To	
Oglaigh na hÉireann (Irish Republican Army)	1st April, 1916	16th October 1920			Volunteer, 1st Battn., Dublin Brigade & 1st Battn. No.1 Brigade, Cork.
Irish Volunteers ...					
Irish Citizen Army ...					
Fianna Éireann ...					
Hibernian Rifles ...					
Cumann na mBan ...					

\* If the service was not continuous throughout, particulars of the period or periods of actual military service should be stated.



3. The deceased did not receive a wound or injury while engaged in military service in the period beginning on the 1st day of April, 1916, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923.

~~The deceased received a wound or injury while engaged in military service in the period beginning on the 1st day of April, 1916, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923, and the following are particulars of such wound or injury:—~~

- (a) Nature of wound or injury.....  
(b) Date on which wound or injury was received.....  
(c) Circumstances in which wound or injury was received.....  
(d) Particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the deceased which, in the opinion of the Board, should be taken into consideration in determining whether the wound or injury was attributable to military service.....

4. There is no evidence that the deceased contracted any disease during his military service in the period beginning on the 1st day of April, 1916, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923.

There is evidence that the deceased contracted a disease during his military service in the period beginning on the 1st day of April, 1916, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923, and the following are the particulars of such evidence :

- (a) Nature of disease ..... Typhoid, certified  
(b) Actual conditions under which deceased performed his military service ..... Erecting grenade foundries and making munitions, mostly at night.  
(c) Particulars of any illness from which the deceased suffered during his military service ..... Superior officers certify general ill-health due to hardships.  
(d) Detailed report on the applicant's statements to questions 7 (d) (i) and (ii) of the application form ..... Served in Easter Week. Imprisoned until June, 1917. Transferred to Cork, where he was continually engaged in making munitions. It is testified that he was in poor state of health in 1919, due to experiences in Easter Week and imprisonment.  
(e) Full particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the deceased which, in the opinion of the Board, should be taken into consideration in determining whether the disease was attributable to military service. .... NIL

5. Deceased died on the 16th day of October, 1920.

6. The deceased was not killed before the 1st day of October, 1923, while engaged in military service.

~~The deceased was killed before the 1st day of October, 1923, while engaged in military service and the following are the particulars of the date, place and manner of his death:—~~

\*7.

\* This paragraph will be used for certifying such other particulars in respect of the deceased as the Minister may request the Military Service Registration Board to ascertain and certify.

Signed : John Mc Coy. Chairman

Seamus Riordan Member

Seamus Robinson Member

of  
Military  
Service  
Registration  
Board

Dated this 8th day of October, 1954.



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