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M.S.P. 1.

Military Service Pensions Act, 1924.

APPLICATION TO THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE FOR A CERTIFICATE OF MILITARY SERVICE.

18.12.55.

This form must be filled in by every person who seeks a certificate of military service, and must be signed by him, and signature witnessed, on or before the 1st March, 1925. In the event of an applicant being unable to write he should affix his mark, such act being witnessed.

NAME (to be written in..... SHIELS..... JAMES.....
block capitals). SURNAME. CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS..... G. H. Q...... PARKGATE.....
(to be written in
block capitals).

NOTE.—Before answering the questions below, the applicant is requested to note that

(a) 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.

(b) “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. 7 (1) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924).

(c) “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. 7 (2) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924).

If the applicant is unable to read, the above note should be read to him by the witness.

SERVICE IN OGLAIGH NA h-EIREANN OR IN THE IRISH
VOLUNTEERS OR IN THE IRISH CITIZEN ARMY OR IN
FIANNA EIREANN OR IN THE HIBERNIAN RIFLES.

For each of the under-mentioned periods 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 officers at present serving in the Army who can verify your service.

If you are unable to name officers at present serving you may state the names of Members of the Oireachtas, Officers and Men of the Garda Siochana, or of the Dublin Metropolitan Police, or of Peace Commissioners, or Permanent Civil Servants (Active or Retired) whose salary is or was not less than £200 on a scale rising to not less than £300, or Justices of District Courts.

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 Dáil Eireann or on behalf of the Provisional Government from 21st January, 1919, to 1st July, 1922.

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.

(1). FROM THE 1ST APRIL, 1916, to 31st MARCH, 1917.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) O/C.

(c) References:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Comdt. J. O'Neill

Ballinacorney Rd. Dublin

Major B. W. Mahon

5 St. George's Park Gate

Major Gen. J. Morris

Whitefield, Phoenix Park

(d) Did you render active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916?

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(e) Unit or Units.....

(f) O/C.

(g) References:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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(h) Particulars of any Military operations or engagements or services rendered during this period:—

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(i) Absence from duty.....

(2). CONTINUOUS SERVICE FROM 1ST APRIL, 1917, TO 31ST MARCH, 1918.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) O/C.....

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(d) Absence from duty.....

(3). CONTINUOUS SERVICE FROM 1ST APRIL, 1918, TO 31ST MARCH, 1919.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) O/C.....

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(d) Absence from duty.....

(4). CONTINUOUS SERVICE FROM 1ST APRIL, 1919, TO 31ST MARCH, 1920.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) O/C.....

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(d) Absence from duty.....
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(5). CONTINUOUS SERVICE FROM 1ST APRIL, 1920, TO 31ST MARCH, 1921.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) O/C.....

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(d) Absence from duty.....
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(6). CONTINUOUS SERVICE FROM 1ST APRIL, 1921, TO 11TH JULY, 1921.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) O/C.....

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(d) Absence from duty.....
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(7). CONTINUOUS SERVICE FROM 12TH JULY, 1921, TO 30TH JUNE, 1922.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) O/C.....

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(d) Absence from duty.....
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SERVICE IN THE NATIONAL FORCES OR DEFENCE FORCES
OF SAORSTAT EIREANN.

- (8). Army No..... (9) Age.....
- (10). Date of enlistment.....
- (11). Station at which you enlisted.....
- (12). Home address at date of joining.....
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- (13). Unit (Company, Battalion, Brigade, Division).....
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- (14). Date of resignation or discharge or demobilisation.....
- (15). Rank held at resignation, or discharge or demobilisation.....
- (16). If serving on the 1st day of February, 1924, what was your rank on that date ?
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- (17). Were you a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive or of the Headquarter's Staff of Oglagh na h-Eireann at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921 ?
If so, state the position you occupied, the department or branch and the dates of your service.....
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- (18). If you are in receipt of any remuneration, pension, or allowance payable out of public monies, 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.....
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- (19). Give full particulars of any pension, allowance, grant or gratuity which you hold or at any time have held in respect of service in the National Forces or Defence Forces of Saorstát Éireann or in Oglagh na h-Eireann, or in the Irish Volunteers, or in the Irish Citizen Army, or in Fianna Éireann, or in the Hibernian Rifles.....

Particulars to follow

NOTE.—You will subsequently have to furnish any further particulars and to submit any evidence which the Minister for Defence, or the Board of Assessors constituted under the Military Service Pensions Act, or any person or persons duly authorised by them may require in connection with this application for a certificate of military service. In this connection attention is directed to the fact that Section 3 (5) 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.

Signature (or Mark) of Applicant. *for Shields, Col*
per John Ennis
 *Witness to signature or (where applicant is unable to write) to mark of applicant. *Byrne, Capt.*

Address of Witness. *H. D. Parkgate.*

Qualification. *Army Officer*
 Date. *20th Feb 25*

* Witness must be a Commissioned Officer at present serving in the Army; or a Member of the Oireachtas; or an Officer of the Garda Síochána, or Dublin Metropolitan Police; or a Peace Commissioner; or a Permanent Civil Servant (Active or Retired) whose salary is or was not less than £200 on a scale rising to not less than £300; or a Justice of a District Court.

Military Service Pensions Act, 1924.

Form of certificate to be attached by the G.S.O. i/c Staff Duties in the cases of Officers, and by the Officer i/c Personnel in the cases of N.C.Os. and Men, when the forms M.S.P. 1 are being transmitted to the Secretary, Board of Assessors (Military Service Pensions), Dublin. (Paragraph 4 of Defence Order No. 59).

To :

The Secretary, Board of Assessors
(Military Service Pensions), Dublin.

SDR/2985.

I hereby certify that..... Colonel James Sheils
has rendered service in the National Forces or Defence Forces of Saorstát Éireann in the rank and during the periods set out hereunder :

Periods of Service prescribed in the Act.	Duration of Service during each Period.	
	Date of commencement and date of ending.	Total number of days.
(1) Continuous service from 1st July, 1922, to 31st March, 1923 ...	1st July, 1922 - 31st March, 1923.	274. ✓
(2) Continuous service from 1st April, 1923, to 30th September, 1923	1st April, 1923 - 30th Sept. 1923.	183. ✓

*Rank..... Colonel.

Dated..... 23rd May, 1925.

M. O'Keefe MAJOR.

G.S.O. i/c STAFF DUTIES.

*“ Every military service pension shall be based upon the rank of the applicant at the time of his discharge from the National Forces or from the Defence Forces of Saorstát Éireann or the rank held by him on the 1st day of February, 1924, whichever of those ranks shall be higher” (Sec. 4 (3) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924).

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MINUTE SHEET.

M.S.B.
(Argumist).

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Pensions Collection**

M.S.P. 7.

MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1924.

Form to be filled in by a person testifying to the Service, if any, of an Applicant for a Certificate of Military Service.



Regd. No. S.P. 12 155

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

(MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS),

DUBLIN. 21-12-25

To Comdt. T. O'Neill

Lt. H. H. (military police corps)

In the application of Col. James Shields, Island Bridge
Bks. Dublin Home Address?

for a certificate of military service in accordance with the above-mentioned Act, your name appears as a reference who can verify this applicant's service in the periods 9/11/20 set out hereunder.

You are therefore requested to reply in Column 2 to the queries in Column 1 for each of the periods above referred to. It will **not** be sufficient to make one general reply. Each period must be dealt with separately, and it is essential that your reply for each period should clearly set out the actual position you formerly held which entitles or enables you to testify as to the service, if any, of the applicant during such period.

The utmost accuracy should be observed in the replies made to the queries on this form. Persons making false statements render themselves liable to severe penalties. See notes (a) and (b) at foot of this page.

GEARÓID O SUILLEAVÁIN,

Runaí.

NOTE.—(a) "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." (See 7 (1) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924).

(b) "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. 7 (2) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924).

(a) (1) Active Service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) Did the applicant render active service?	Yes
(ii.) At what posts?	Jacobs & Fumblby Lane
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	Lieut promoted to captain after Capt J Mafer was killed
(iv.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	Being attached to the same Co

(a) (2) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	I was a member of the same Co
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	B II
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	Captain
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	I cannot say
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	As stated in Q 1

(b) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1917, to 31st March, 1918.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	

(c) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	

(d) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	

(e) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military services did applicant render? Insert particulars of attacks on enemy forces or positions; destruction of enemy property; manufacture, purchase or disposal of munitions; collection of information to enable these acts to be done; or organising or training to the same ends.	
(ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period and to what Unit or Units was he attached?	
(iii.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	

(f) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1921, to 11th July, 1921.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military services did applicant render? Insert particulars of attacks on enemy forces or positions; destruction of enemy property; manufacture, purchase or disposal of munitions; collection of information to enable these acts to be done; or organising or training to the same ends.	
(ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period and to what Unit or Units was he attached?	
(iii.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	

(g) Continuous Service from 12th July, 1921, to 30th June, 1922.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military duties were discharged by applicant under authority during this period?	
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	
(iii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer?	
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	
(v.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(vi.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify to his service?	

You may at your discretion write hereunder a statement of any additional information which you consider may be of assistance to the Board in determining the application.

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Signature of reference

Timothy O'Neill Commdt

*Witness to Signature

Michael Lomen Capt

Address of Witness

McKee Barracks Dublin

Qualification

Army Officer

Date

31st Dec 1925

* Witness must be a Commissioned Officer at present serving in the Army ; or a Member of the Oireachtas or an Officer of the Garda Siochana or Dublin Metropolitan Police ; or a permanent Civil Servant (active or retired) whose salary is or was not less than £200, on a scale rising to not less than £300 ; or a Justice of a District Court ; or a Clergyman ; or a Registered Physician or Surgeon ; or a Barrister-at-law ; or a Solicitor.

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Military Service Pensions Act, 1924

REPORT BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

M.S.P. 2.

TO THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

We, the undersigned members of the Board of Assessors constituted under Section 3 of the above-mentioned Act, report as hereunder on the application of James Shields, by H. G. Parkgate for a Certificate of Military Service in accordance with the terms of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, and the Regulations made thereunder.

(1) Periods of Military Service prescribed in the Act.	(2) Forces in which active service was rendered	(3) Duration of active service during each of the prescribed periods as established to the satisfaction of the Board	(4) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined by Section 4 (2) of the Act
(a) (1) Active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916 ...	Oglaigh na hEireann	$\frac{9}{10}$ of Entire Period	$1\frac{1}{2}$ Years
(2) Continuous service from 1st April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917 ...	Oglaigh na hEireann	$\frac{1}{4}$ of Entire Period	$\frac{1}{8}$ Year
(b) Continuous service from 1st April, 1917, to 31st March, 1918 ...	" " "	_____	_____
(c) " " " 1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919 ...	" " "	_____	_____
(d) " " " 1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920 ...	" " "	_____	_____
(e) " " " 1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921 ...	" " "	$\frac{1}{2}$ of Entire Period	1 Year
(f) " " " 1st April, 1921, to 11th July, 1921 ...	" " "	Entire Period	1 "
(g) " " " 12th July, 1921, to 30th June, 1922 ...	" " "	" "	1 "
(h) " " " 1st July, 1922, to 31st March, 1923 ...	Oglaigh na hEireann (Defence Forces (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923)	" "	2 "
(i) " " " 1st April, 1923, to 30th September, 1923 ...	" " "	" "	1 "

Rank of the applicant as defined by Sec. 4 (3) of the Act.....Colonel.....

Total service for pension purposes, as defined by Sec. 4 (2) of the Act.....10.625 years.....

Dated this.....15th.....day of.....November, 1926.....

(Signed)

Member of
the Board
of
Assessors.

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29/12/52

To the Minister for Defence.
We, the undersigned members of the Board of Assessors constituted under Section 3 of the above-mentioned Act, report as hereunder

on the application of James & John for a Certificate of Military Service in accordance with the terms of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, and the Regulations made thereunder.

(1)	Periods of Military Service prescribed in the Act.	(2)	Forces in which active service was rendered	(3)	Duration of active service during each of the prescribed periods as established to the satisfaction of the Board	(4)	Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined by Section 4 (2) of the Act
(a)	(1) Active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1918 ...						
(b)	(2) Continuous service from 1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1917 ...						
(c)	Continuous service from 1st April, 1917, to 31st March, 1918 ...						
(d)	1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919 ...						
(e)	1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920 ...						
(f)	1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921 ...						
(g)	1st April, 1921, to 11th July, 1921 ...						
(h)	12th July, 1921, to 30th June, 1922 ...						
(i)	1st July, 1922, to 31st March, 1923 ...						
(j)	1st April, 1923, to 30th September, 1923 ...						



Total service for pension purposes, as defined by Sec. 4 (2) of the Act. 10.5.5 years
Rank of the applicant as defined by Sec. 4 (3) of the Act. Colour

Dated this 15th day of November, 1952.

Member of the Board of Assessors.

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W.K.

Col James Sheils.

1916. Member - Operating at
Jacobs area.
aug. Released.

Clerk.

Rejoined on formation of Coy.
Was made of c Company.

Transferred to Battr as
health was not good.

But stayed with Coy.

Had to give up Civil occupation
on a/c of health.

Nov 20. Arrested

Dec 21. Released.

Continuous

Col 1 Feb 24.

S.P. 12155

Military Service Pensions Act, 1924
REPORT BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

M.S.P. 2.

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TO THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

We, the undersigned members of the Board of Assessors constituted under Section 3 of the above-mentioned Act, report as hereunder on the application of James Sheils.....
for a Certificate of Military Service in accordance with the terms of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, and the Regulations made thereunder.

(1) Periods of Military Service prescribed in the Act.	(2) Forces in which active service was rendered	(3) Duration of active service during each of the prescribed periods as established to the satisfaction of the Board	(4) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined by Section 4 (2) of the Act
(a) (1) Active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916	Quaker	9 10 EP	4 1/2 yrs
(2) Continuous service from 1st April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917	"	1 1/4 EP	
(b) Continuous service from 1st April, 1917, to 31st March, 1918	"	1 EP	
(c) " " " 1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919	"	1 EP	
(d) " " " 1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920	"	1 EP	
(e) " " " 1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921	"	1 EP	
(f) " " " 1st April, 1921, to 11th July, 1921	"	1 EP	
(g) " " " 12th July, 1921, to 30th June, 1922	"	1 EP	
(h) " " " 1st July, 1922, to 31st March, 1923	"	1 EP	
(i) " " " 1st April, 1923, to 30th September, 1923	"	1 EP	

Rank of the applicant as defined by Sec. 4 (3) of the Act.....

Total service for pension purposes, as defined by Sec. 4 (2) of the Act.....

Dated this.....day of.....

(Signed)

Member of
the Board
of
Assessors.