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MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS IN

Thornton. Francis Joseph
88 Phibsboro Rd.
Dublin

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of M. S. P. 2:—

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Total Service for Pension:- 14 Years.

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Military Service Pensions Act, 1924.

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

SP 1302

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.....*THORNTON*.....*FRANCIS JOSEPH*.....
block capitals). SURNAME. CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS.....*88 PHIBSBORO' RD.*.....
(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..... *Overseas Unit Stationed North Frederick St.*

(b) O/C. *Self*

(c) References:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>+ General Pierce Beasley</i>	<i>Portobello BKS</i>
<i>+ Major Gen. Liam Tobin</i>	<i>24 Munster St.</i>
<i>+ Lieut. Tom Brophy</i>	<i>67 Summerhill</i>

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

Yes

(e) Unit or Units..... *Garrison Liberty Hall, Imperial Hotel*

(f) O/C. *Self*

(g) References:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>+ General Pierce Beasley</i>	<i>Portobello BKS</i>
<i>+ Major Gen. Liam Tobin</i>	<i>24 Munster St.</i>
<i>+ Lieut. Tom Brophy</i>	<i>67 Summerhill Dublin</i>

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

Defence Liberty Hall. Attempt to reinforce Capt Sean Connolly at Castle (ambushed on the way at Telephone Exchange). Sniping Trinity College from Usher's Island St. Defence Imperial Hotel

- (i) Absence from duty... *Turner Alfred O'Connell & Co*
Sentenced to 10 years Penal Servitude
under name of Frank Brennan

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

- (a) Unit or Units... *Organising Staff G.H.Q.*
 (b) O/C... *General Michael Collins*
 (c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

- X* *General Pierce Beasley*
X *" Liam Tobin*
X *" Gearoid O'Sullivan*

- (d) Absence from duty... *Arrested at Drogheda for carrying*
out public drilling order October 1917. released
in hunger strike. re-arrested Dundalk Feb. 1918
to complete six months sentence

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

- (a) Unit or Units... *Organising Staff G.H.Q.*
 (b) O/C... *General Michael Collins*
 (c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

- General Pierce Beasley*
" Liam Tobin
" Gearoid O'Sullivan

- (d) Absence from duty... *Following arrest in Feb.*
Completed sentence of six months released
26th Aug. 1918 re-arrested Tail Gate and deported
for German Plot to Reading Jail. Released
early 1919

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

- (a) Unit or Units... *Organising Staff G.H.Q. Subsequently Headquarters*
 (b) O/C... *General Michael Collins* *(Intelligence Staff)*
 (c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

- General Pierce Beasley*
" Liam Tobin
" Gearoid O'Sullivan

(d) Absence from duty.....

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Headquarters Intelligence Staff*

(b) O/C..... *General Liam Tobin*

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

..... *General Pierce Beasley*

..... *Liam Tobin*

..... *General O'Sullivan*

(d) Absence from duty.....

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *See answer to no 5*

(b) O/C.....

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

..... *See answer to no 5*

(d) Absence from duty.....

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Headquarters Intelligence Staff*

(b) O/C..... *General Liam Tobin*

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

..... *Same as no 5*

(d) Absence from duty.....

SERVICE IN THE NATIONAL FORCES OR DEFENCE FORCES
 OF SAORSTÁT EIREANN.

(8). Army No..... (9) Age.....

(10). ~~Date of enlistment~~..... *Continuous Service*.....

(11). Station at which you enlisted.....

(12). Home address at date of joining.....

(13). Unit (Company, Battalion, Brigade, Division)..... *Headquarters*.....

Intelligence Staff subsequently 2nd Southern Command

(14). Date of resignation or ~~discharge or demobilisation~~..... *26th March 1924*.....

(15). Rank held at resignation, or discharge or demobilisation..... *Colonel*.....

(16). If serving on the 1st day of February, 1924, what was your rank on that date ?

Colonel.....

(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..... *Headquarters Staff*.....

Intelligence from April 1919 to July 1921.....

(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.....

- (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 Eireann or in Oglagh na h-Eireann, or in the Irish Volunteers, or in the Irish Citizen Army, or in Fianna Eireann, or in the Hibernian Rifles.....

Revised Supplementary Grant

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.....

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

Address of Witness.....

Qualification.....

Date.....

* 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.

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MSP 11 issued today, summoned to attend to P.B.B.K.s @ 12 noon on 8/12.
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5/12.
Applicant did not attend on the 8/12/24
m.p.k.
9/12/24

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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. 1302

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE,
MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS BOARD,
DUBLIN.

1. 12. 1924

To Command. Brennan - Whitmore

General Headquarters

In the application of Francis Jos. Thornton Colonel,
88 Philiboro Rd. Dublin

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 period a (1) 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.

Gerard Sullivan

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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.” (Sec 7 (1) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924).

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MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934

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

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) Did the applicant render active service ?	Yes, Was in Command of the Imperial Hotel which was a Post in the North Earl St., Area of which I was in Command. Towards end of week when I attempted to cut my way thro' the British Lines Capt. Thornton commanded the main body & was slightly wounded in the chin.
(ii.) At what posts ?	Imperial Hotel, O'Connell St.,
(iii.) What rank did he hold ?	Captain.
(iv.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service ?	Just previous to Easter Week I was appointed to the General Headquarters Staff, & Volunteers. I was one of the first four officers in the G.H.Q. Easter Week 1916. I left G.H.Q. on Easter Monday night and occupied & commanded the North Earl St., Area. During the week Capt Thornton was sent to me as a reinforcement.

(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 ?	
(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 ?	

(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?	

<p>QUERY.</p>	<p>(i.) What military services were discharged by applicant under authority during this period ?</p>	<p>(ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period, and to what Unit or Units was he attached ?</p>	<p>(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 ?</p>	<p>(iv.) What rank did he hold ?</p>	<p>(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 ?</p>	<p>(vi.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify to his service ?</p>
<p>REPLY.</p>						

<p>QUERY.</p>	<p>(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 ?</p>	<p>(ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period, and to what Unit or Units was he attached ?</p>	<p>(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 ?</p>	<p>(iv.) What rank did he hold ?</p>	<p>(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify to his service ?</p>
<p>REPLY.</p>					

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

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.

Just previous to Easter Week I was appointed to the General Headquarters Staff, chiefly in the capacity of Military adviser to the late Joseph Mary Plunket. I got notification of that fact on the Monday morning preceding Easter Monday, and after I had handed over my local commands I reported for duty at G.H.Q. Dawson St., on the following Thursday. In this way I came to be fighting in Dublin. When the British occupied Amien St. Station in force I was detached late on Easter Monday night to take over, barricade & hold the North Earl St. Area. As I had only ten men for this task I kept on requisitioning re-inforcements. It was in this way that Capt. Frank Thornton (or Brennan as he was then known) came to be sent across to me with a few men. He immediately went into occupation of the Imperial Hotel, which was in the main block I was holding. When I was burned out by shell fire I decided to try & cut my way thro the British lines to Fairview, & divided my force into a van under myself, the main body under Capt. Brennan & the rear guard under Lt. Gerald Croft, both Brennan & myself were wounded & captured.

Signature of reference.....

Capt. Brennan (Whitehead) Capt.

*Witness to Signature.....

L. M. D. C. 6/10/24

Address of Witness.....

570 O'Flaherty Ave. Dublin

Qualification

Captain

Date.....

1st Lieut. 400 L.S. 205 1924

* 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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M.S.P. 5.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE,
MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS BOARD,
DUBLIN.

26/11/24.

To
The General Staff Officer,
i/c Staff Duties,
Chief of Staff's Department.



MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1924.

An application for a Certificate of Military Service has been received from

Mr. Francis Jos. Thornton - 88 Phibsboro' Rd. Dublin

The particulars of service furnished are as follows:—

Army No. _____ Age _____

Date of enlistment *Continuous Service* Station at which he enlisted _____

Home address at date of joining _____

Unit (Company, Battalion, Brigade, Division) *Headquarters Intelligence*

Date of resignation, or discharge or demobilisation *26/3/24*

~~Rank held at resignation, or discharge or demobilisation~~ *Colonel*

Rank on the 1st February, 1924, if serving on that date *Colonel*

Will you please certify at foot of this form as to the service, if any, rendered by this applicant in the National Forces or Defence Forces of Saorstát Éireann at any time subsequent to the 1st day of July, 1922, and prior to the 1st day of October, 1923.

GOS

Secretary.

To
The Secretary,
Military Service Pensions Board.

SDR/3104.
MSP/5/168

I hereby certify that *Francis Joseph Thornton.*

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...at...1st...February, 1924

Dated3rd December, 1924.

M. O'Riain

Major

General Staff Officer 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).

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. 1302.....

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE,
MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS BOARD,
DUBLIN.

1. 12. 1924

To Majr Jos. O'Reilly
Government Buildings

In the application of Francis Jos. Thornton, Colonel,
88 Phibsboro Road, Dublin

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 b, c, d, e, f and g.....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.

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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 ?	
(ii.) At what posts ?	
(iii.) What rank did he hold ?	
(iv.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service ?	

(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 ?	
(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 ?	

(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?	He was organising the Volunteers down the Country.
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	I don't know if he was attached to any Unit at this particular time.
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	I do not know what rank organisers carried.
(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 ^{do} not know what ^{position} he was of occupied at before I met him in Easter week. 1916.
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	Chief courier to the late C in C General Michael Collins.

(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?	It was in this year if I remember rightly that the late Gen M. Collins started Intelligence and Col F. Thornton was one of the officers.
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	Intelligence. H. G's
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	I do not know.
(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?	He was a whole time organiser to Volunteer H. G's.
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	Chief Courier to the late C in C General M. O'Coillain.

(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?	Intelligence Officer in Volunteer H. G.
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	H. G.
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	I do not know.
(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?	Whole time Intelligence Officer.
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	Chief Courier to the late General Mr. Collins. C. in C.

(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.	He was in H. G. Intelligence Dept. and any work ^{which was} to the "Jobs" carried out with regards to construction etc was directed mostly from his office. "Intelligence"
(ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period and to what Unit or Units was he attached?	Intelligence. J. H. G. Whole time.
(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?	Intelligence. H. G. He had to be keep himself from being seen by the spies & detectives for the very active part he was taken in Vol's
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	I do not know.
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	Chief Courier to the late C in C General Mr. Collins

(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?	Irish Volunteer H. Gs. Intelligence Dept.
(ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period, and to what Unit or Units was he attached?	Whole time Intelligence Officer attached to H. Gs.
(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?	Whole time Intelligence Officer.
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	I do not know.
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify to his service?	Chief Courier to the late Gen. M. Collins C. in C.

(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?	Intelligence Officer attached to H. Gs.
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	H. Gs Intelligence.
(iii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer?	He was full-time Intelligence Officer.
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	I do not know.
(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?	Attached to H. Gs, as full-time Intelligence Officer.
(vi.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify to his service?	Chief Courier to the late C. in C. General M. Collins.

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.

Signature of reference.....

Joe O'Rielly

*Witness to Signature.....

John J. O'Meara

Address of Witness.....

Resident's Office, Port Buildings, Upper Mermaid St

Qualification

Civil Servant qualified to sign as Witness

Date.....

3rd December 1904

* 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 Francis Joseph Thornton, 88 Phibsboro' Road, Dublin, 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 ...	...	<u>Salgaich na h-Eireann.</u>	<u>Entire Period.</u>	<u>5 Years.</u>
(2) Continuous service from 1st April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917 ...	...	<u>- do -</u>	<u>Entire Period.</u>	<u>2 Year.</u>
(b) Continuous service from 1st April 1917, to 31st March, 1918 ...	...	<u>- do -</u>	<u>Entire Period.</u>	<u>2 Year.</u>
(c) " " 1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919 ...	...	<u>- do -</u>	<u>Entire Period.</u>	<u>1 Year.</u>
(d) " " 1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920 ...	...	<u>- do -</u>	<u>Entire Period.</u>	<u>2 Years.</u>
(e) " " 1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921 ...	...	<u>- do -</u>	<u>Entire Period.</u>	<u>1 Year.</u>
(f) " " 1st April, 1921, to 11th July, 1921 ...	...	<u>- do -</u>	<u>Entire Period.</u>	<u>2 Years.</u>
(g) " " 12th July, 1921, to 30th June, 1922 ...	...	<u>- do -</u>	<u>Entire Period.</u>	<u>1 Year.</u>
(h) " " 1st July, 1922, to 31st March, 1923 ...	...	<u>Salgaich na h-Eireann [sequence forces (Temporary Armies) Act 1917]</u>	<u>Entire Period.</u>	<u>2 Years.</u>
(i) " " 1st April, 1923, to 30th September, 1923 ...	...	<u>- do -</u>	<u>Entire Period.</u>	<u>1 Year.</u>

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. 14 Years.

Dated this 18th

day of December 1924.

(Signed)

Member of the Board of Assessors

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. 1302

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE,
MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS BOARD,
DUBLIN.

1. 12. 1924

To Major Jos. Lurlong,
Portobello Barracks.

In the application of Francis Jos. Thornton, Colonel,
88 Phibsboro Road, Dublin

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
a (1) 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.

Garrod O'Sullivan

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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.” (Sec 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 ?	
(ii.) At what posts ?	
(iii.) What rank did he hold ?	
(iv.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service ?	

(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 ?	
(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 ?	

<p>REPLY.</p>	<p>QUERY.</p>
<p>(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period ?</p>	<p>(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period ?</p>
<p>(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached ?</p>	<p>(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached ?</p>
<p>(iii.) What rank did he hold ?</p>	<p>(iii.) What rank did he hold ?</p>
<p>(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 ?</p>	<p>(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 ?</p>
<p>(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service ?</p>	<p>(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service ?</p>

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

<p>REPLY.</p>	<p>QUERY.</p>
<p>(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period ?</p>	<p>(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period ?</p>
<p>(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached ?</p>	<p>(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached ?</p>
<p>(iii.) What rank did he hold ?</p>	<p>(iii.) What rank did he hold ?</p>
<p>(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 ?</p>	<p>(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 ?</p>
<p>(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service ?</p>	<p>(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service ?</p>

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

(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 ?	

<p>(vi.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify to his service ?</p>	
<p>(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 ?</p>	
<p>(iv.) What rank did he hold ?</p>	
<p>(iii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer ?</p>	
<p>(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached ?</p>	
<p>(i.) What military duties were discharged by applicant under authority during this period ?</p>	
<p>QUERY.</p>	<p>REPLY.</p>

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

<p>(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify to his service ?</p>	
<p>(iv.) What rank did he hold ?</p>	
<p>(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 ?</p>	
<p>(ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period, and to what Unit or Units was he attached ?</p>	
<p>(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 ?</p>	
<p>QUERY.</p>	<p>REPLY.</p>

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

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.

Though, I cannot actually say for certain that the applicant served for the Period a (i) as I did not see him during that time, still from knowing that he was one of the Volunteers from England who went over for the fight and his being among the Prisoners surrendered during that time I am satisfied that he rendered active service during that time

Signature of reference..... *J. Lurlog. Major.*

*Witness to Signature..... *Thomas Glennon*

Address of Witness..... *G.H.Q. Park gate.*

Qualification..... *Major.*

Date..... *10/1/25*

* Witness must be a Commissioned Officer at present serving in the Army ; or a Member of the Oireachtas ; or an Officer of the Garda 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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ROINN COSANTA
(Department of Defence),
BORD NA DEINSEAN SEIRBHISE MILBATA,
(Military Service Pensions Board)
BAILE ATHA OLIAITH.

In connection with your application for a certificate of military service, you are requested to give the names and addresses of additional references for each of the periods set out hereunder:

Week commencing
23rd April 1916.

✓ Comm. Al Brennan Whitmore G.H.Q.
✓ Major. Joseph Furlong, Portobello

Continuous service
from 1st April 1916
to 31st March 1917.

~~Col Joe O'Reilly~~
Serving 10 yrs Penal Servitude
in Dartmoor Prison until May 1917 (Frank Brennan)

Continuous service
from 1st April 1917
to 31st March 1918.

✓ Col Joe O'Reilly
General Gearoid Sullivan

Continuous service
from 1st April 1918
to 31st March 1919.

✓ Col Joe O'Reilly
General Gearoid Sullivan

Continuous service
from 1st April 1919
to 31st March 1920.

✓ Col Joe O'Reilly
General Gearoid Sullivan

Continuous service
from 1st April 1920
to 31st March 1921.

✓ Col Joe O'Reilly
General Gearoid Sullivan

Continuous service
from 1st April 1921
to 11th July 1921.

✓ Col Joe O'Reilly
General Gearoid Sullivan

Continuous service
from 12th July 1921
to 30th June 1922.

✓ Col Joe O'Reilly
General Gearoid Sullivan

Frank Thornton

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Military Service Pensions Act, 1924.

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

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 block capitals). THORNTON, FRANCIS JOSEPH.
SURNAME. CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS. 88 PHIBSBORO' ROAD.
(to be written in block capitals).

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

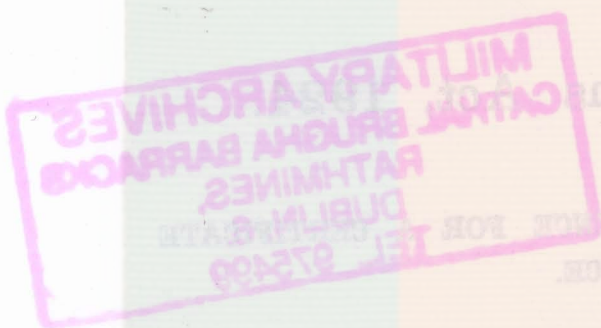
(a) All statements made in this application will be carefully investigated and satisfactory evidence must be forthcoming on request to substantiate each and every statement made.

(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.

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**APPLICATION TO THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE FOR
OF MILITARY SERVICE**

The 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 1999. In the event of an applicant being unable to write he should after his name, and not being witnessed.

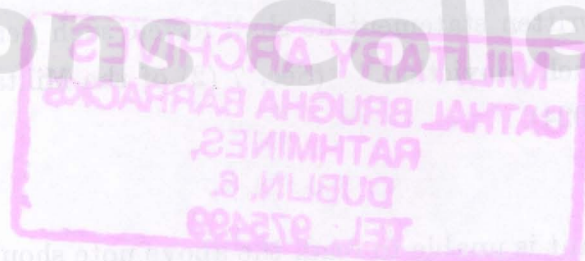
Name (in block capitals) _____
block capitals

Present Address (to be written in block capitals) _____

Note: Before answering the questions below, the applicant is requested to read the following instructions: (a) All statements made in this application will be carefully investigated and statements which are untrue must be taken as evidence of perjury. (b) If a person who is not entitled to obtain a certificate of military service signs a statement in support of a pension under the Act, he shall be liable on summary conviction 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. (c) If any person so convicted as aforesaid is in receipt of a pension obtained by reason of such false declaration, application or statement, the pension shall be deemed to be a debt due to the State and shall be recoverable as such.

If the applicant is not a citizen of the State, he should be read to him by the witness.

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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..... *Coursecas Unit Stationed Nth. Frederick St.*

(b) O/C. *Self*

(c) References:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>General Pierce Bradley</i>	<i>Portobello Bks.</i>
<i>Maj. Genl. Liam Tobin</i>	<i>24, Munster St.</i>
<i>Lieut. Tom Brophy</i>	<i>67, Summerhill</i>

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

Yes

(e) Unit or Units..... *Garrison Liberty Hall Imperial Hotel.*

(f) O/C. *Self*

(g) References:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
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..... <i>as above</i>
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(h) Particulars of any Military operations or engagements or services rendered during this period:—

Defence Liberty Hall Attempt to reinforce Capt Sean Connolly at Bachel (ambushed on way at Telephone Exchange) Sniping Trinity College from Westmoreland St. Defence Imperial Hotel

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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, the names and addresses of your officers and other personnel, and the dates of your service.

(1) From the 1st April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917.

(a) Unit or Units

(b) O.C.

(c) References

(d) Did you render active service in the week commencing 2nd April, 1916?

(e) Unit or Units

(f) O.C.

(g) References

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

(i) Particulars of any Military operations or engagements or services rendered during this period.

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(3)

(i) Absence from duty... *Surrendered O'Connell St.*
Sentenced to 10 Years Penal Servitude
under name of Frank Duggan

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

(a) Unit or Units... *Organizing Staff G No 10*

(b) O/C... *Genl. Michael Collins*

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Genl. Pierce Beasley
Liam Tobin
Genl. O'Sullivan

(d) Absence from duty... *Arrested at Drogheda for carrying*
out Public Drilling Order October 1917 released
re-arrested Dundalk Feb 1918
to complete six months sentence

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

(a) Unit or Units... *Organizing Staff G No 10*

(b) O/C... *Genl. Michael Collins*

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

as above

(d) Absence from duty... *Following arrest in Feb. completed*
sentence of six months released 26th Aug 1918.
re-arrested Tol. Gate and deported for
German Plot to Reading. Released
May 1919

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

(a) Unit or Units... *Organizing Staff (Subsequently Headqtrs)*

(b) O/C... *Genl. M. Collins* *Intelligence Staff*

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

as above

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(4)

(d) Absence from duty.....

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Headquarters Intelligence Staff*

(b) O/C..... *Genl. Liam Tobin*

(c) References :—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Genl. Pierce Beasley</i>	
<i>" Liam Tobin</i>	
<i>" Gearoid O'Sullivan</i>	

(d) Absence from duty.....

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *see answer to no 5*

(b) O/C.....

(c) References :—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>See answer to no 5</i>	

(d) Absence from duty.....

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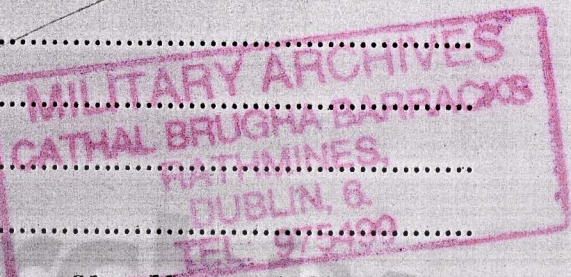
(7). CONTINUOUS SERVICE FROM 12TH JULY, 1921, TO 30TH JUNE, 1922.

(a) Unit or Units..... *Headquarters Intelligence Staff*

(b) O/C..... *Genl. Liam Tobin*

(c) References :—

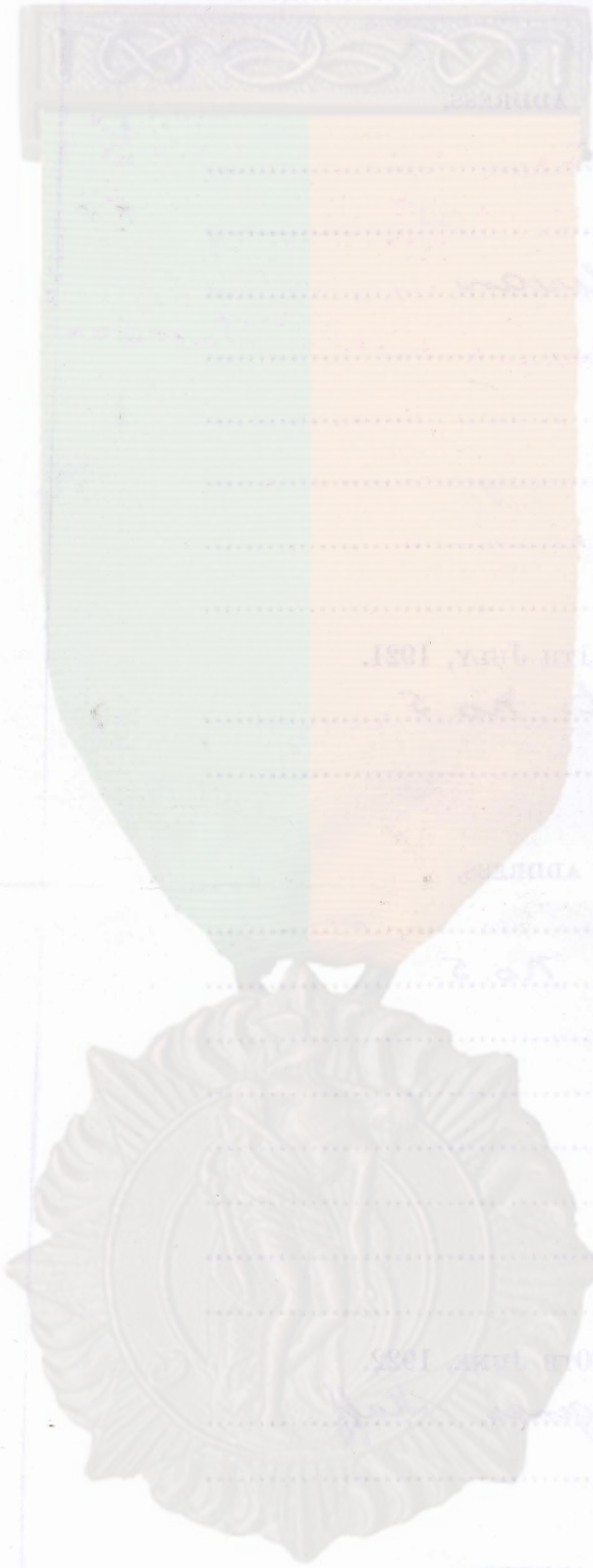
NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Same as no 5</i>	



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(5)

(d) Absence from duty.....



SERVICE IN THE NATIONAL FORCES OR DEFENCE FORCES OF SAORSTAT EIREANN.

(8). Army No..... (9) Age..... 33

(10). Date of enlistment..... Continuous Service

(11). Station at which you enlisted.....

(12). Home address at date of joining.....

(13). Unit (Company, Battalion, Brigade, Division)..... Headquarters
Intelligence Staff subsequently 2nd Southern Command

(14). Date of resignation or discharge or demobilisation..... 26th March 1924

(15). Rank held at resignation, or discharge or demobilisation..... Colonel

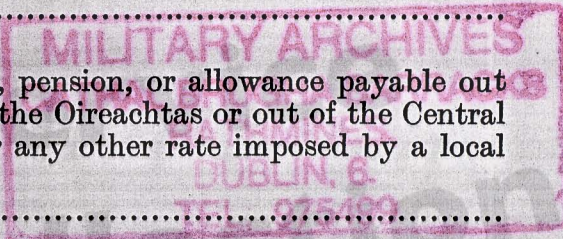
(16). If serving on the 1st day of February, 1924, what was your rank on that date ?

Colonel

(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..... Headquarters Staff

Intelligence from April 1919 to July
1921

(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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SERVICE IN THE NATIONAL FORCES OR DEFENCE FORCES
OF SAORSTAT EIREANN.

(8) Army No.
(9) Age
(10) Date of enlistment
(11) Battalion as first unit enlisted
(12) Home address at time of joining
(13) Unit (Company, Battalion, Brigade, Division)
(14) Date of resignation or discharge or demobilisation
(15) Rank held at resignation or discharge or demobilisation
(16) Meeting on the last day of February 1924, what was your rank on that date?
(17) Were you a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive or of the Headquarters Staff of Oghlaigh 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 date of your service

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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-Éireann, or in the Irish Volunteers, or in the Irish Citizen Army, or in Fianna Éireann, or in the Hibernian Rifles.....

.....*Received Supplementary Grant*.....
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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 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.

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(signed)

Signature (or Mark) of Applicant.....*Francis Joseph Thornton*.....

(signed)

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

Address of Witness.....*12 Wicklow Street,*.....
.....*Dublin*.....

Qualification.....*Peace Commissioner*.....

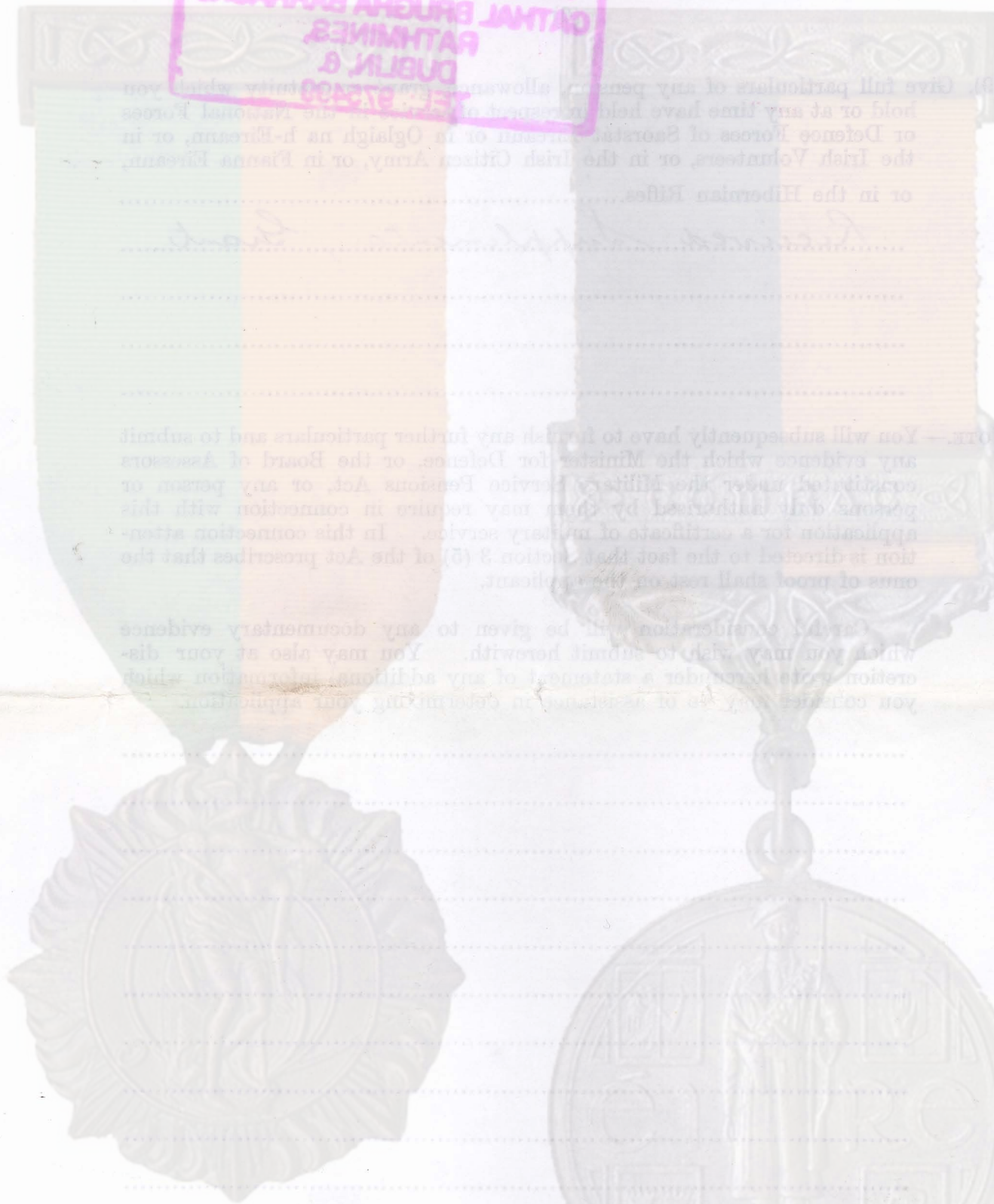
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* Witness must be a Commissioned Officer at present serving in the Army ; or a Member of the Oireachtas ; or an Officer of the Garda Síochána, or Dublin Metropolitan Police ; or a Peace Commissioner ; or a Permanent Civil Servant (Active or Retired) 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.

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