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DEPARTMENT

# MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS

Name or Subject

Thomas Ernan Gay

8 Haddon Rd

11 Sandford av.

L. C. R.

Dublin

Date.....

### Particulars

OF M.S.F. 2.

DATED 22/6/25 PASSED TO DEPT. OF DEFENCE 30/6/25.

RANK Colonel TOTAL SERVICE FOR PENSION  $11\frac{1}{2}$  years

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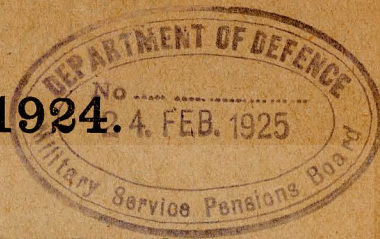


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M.S.P. 1.

## Military Service Pensions Act, 1924.



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

SP 8332.

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). GAY SURNAME. TOMÁS ERNAN CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS. 8 HADDON ROAD, CLONTARA  
(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.”  
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If the applicant is unable to read, the above note should be read to him by the witness.



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(2)

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:—

- 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;
- Absence from duty following arrest, imprisonment, or penal servitude in respect of sedition, treason or treason felony prior to 11th July, 1921;
- 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.

- Unit or Units... *"A" Coy. 1st Batt. Dublin Brigade*
- O/C... *Capt. R. Monteith, later*
- References:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*Michael Mac Stain**235 North Circular Rd.**M. J. Campbell**88 Marlboro Rd.**Thomas O'Mallain**12 Dawson St.*

- Did you render active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916?

*Yes. I was out of town on the Monday; reported to Capt. Con. Colbert at Marrows bone lane Disb. and rendered service up to the time of surrender the following Sunday.*

- Unit or Units... *Fourth Battalion, Dublin Brigade*
- O/C... *Capt. Seamus Murphy, and Capt. Sean Colbert*

(g) References:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*Seamus Murphy**Commissioner for Co. Borough of Dublin**Michael O'Donnell, T.D.**City Hall, Dublin**Captain Thomas Young**Curragh Camp, Co. Kildare*

- Particulars of any Military operations or engagements or services rendered during this period:—

*On reporting to Capt. Colbert on the Tuesday I was asked by him, as they had not had enough of the Disb. to serve as best I could from without reporting each day for any instructions they might have for me. During the time I got in some arms and ammunition, medical aid supplies &c. brought news of military movements and movements, which on Saturday morning I went to arrange with Macdonagh about food supplies, and carried to Capt. Seamus Murphy, Major McBride, and back again for instructions. Which Capt. Murphy said to go back and have my gun back again for instructions.*



put in writing, as he did not like to accept, verbally, any instruction to surrender. This I did, but the Major, when I found him, said he would "never write an order instructing Irishmen to surrender." "Lie Capt Murphy" said he, "when our flag is lowered here — he can see it from the Distillery — he will know all is up. That's the best I can do for you, as I will not write an order." I delivered my message to Capt Murphy and Absence from duty. Colbert; and waited out of the Distillery, immediately after the arrival of the British Officer and Church St priest who came to arrange the details of surrender and then affected those garrisoning the Distillery, Marrowbone Lane.

Subsequent to the Rising I did whatever I could to keep those who had been left behind in distress, first through personal endeavour and then through the National Dependence Fund and the National Aid.

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

- (a) Unit or Units..... I can make no claim of  
(b) O/C..... Having done anything much as regard  
(c) References: Volunteer work this year. For one thing.

NAME.

ADDRESS.

I was busy at work, and what leisure time I had I devoted to arrangements preparatory to my marriage, which took place early in Sept 1917. As I subsequently lived out at Clontarf opposite the Bull Wall, my connection with volunteer work lessened. I came to live at Haddon Road in December, and early in the spring of 1918 began to get into the swing of things again. I especially in the direction of intelligence work.

- (d) Absence from duty.....

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

- (a) Unit or Units..... Special Intelligence, GHO Staff  
(b) O/C..... The late Gen. Michael O'Connell  
(c) References:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

✓ Lt Gen. George O'Neill  
✓ Michael O'Connell  
✓ Col. S. Brogan  
✓ Major Joe O'Reilly

✓ Karlshaus Barracks, Middle Abbey St.  
✓ Sec. Chief Commissioner, G.M.P.  
✓ Dublin Castle  
✓ A.D.C. to President, Dublin Bureau

- (d) Absence from duty.....

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

- (a) Unit or Units..... Special Intelligence, GHO Staff  
(b) O/C..... The late General Michael O'Connell  
(c) References:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

✓ Diarmuid O'Scearnaigh  
✓ Col. Brogan  
✓ Major Joe O'Reilly

✓ Sec. Spec. Int. Council  
✓ Post Office, Marrowbone Lane  
✓ Sec. Chief Commissioner, G.M.P.  
✓ Dublin Castle  
✓ A.D.C. to President, Dublin Bureau



(d) Absence from duty.....

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Special Intelligence, G/HQ Staff*(b) O/C..... *The late Gen Mical O'Corrain*

(c) References:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*✓ Diarmuid O'Leary**Sec. Executive Council  
Govt. Bldg. Merrion St.**✓ Col E. Brown**Dublin Castle**✓ Major J. O'Reilly**Govt. Bldg.*

(d) Absence from duty.....

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Special Intelligence, G/HQ Staff*(b) O/C..... *The late Gen Mical O'Corrain*

(c) References:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*✓ Diarmuid O'Leary**Sec. Executive Council  
Govt. Bldg. Merrion St.**✓ Col E. Brown**Dublin Castle**✓ Major J. O'Reilly**Govt. Bldg.*

(d) Absence from duty.....

(7). CONTINUOUS SERVICE FROM 12TH JULY, 1921, TO <sup>end of 1921</sup> (30TH JUNE, 1922.)(a) Unit or Units..... *Special Intelligence, G/HQ*(b) O/C..... *The late Gen Mical O'Corrain*

(c) References:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*✓ Diarmuid O'Leary**Govt. Bldg.**✓ Col E. Brown**Dublin Castle**✓ Major J. O'Reilly**Govt. Bldg.*



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(5)

(d) Absence from duty.....

# Military Archives

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

- (8). Army No..... (9) Age..... 38
- (10). Date of enlistment..... September 1922
- (11). Station at which you enlisted..... Portobello Barracks, Dublin
- (12). Home address at date of joining..... 8 Haddon Road, Clontarf.
- (13). Unit (Company, Battalion, Brigade, Division)..... Staff-Capt under Major General  
for McGrath on G.H.Q. Intelligence
- (14). Date of resignation or discharge or demobilisation..... Resigned Nov 23; demobilised as from  
20/12/23.
- (15). Rank held at resignation, or discharge or demobilisation..... Col. G.H.Q. Intelligence
- (16). If serving on the 1st day of February, 1924, what was your rank on that date?  
..... Not serving on this date
- (17). Were you a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive or of the Headquarter's  
Staff of Oglaiigh 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..... No.
- (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..... Am paid out of Public Library  
rate under Dublin Corporation as follows:  
Salary £190 + House Allowance £40 = £230.  
Bonus on above = £129.2  
Total salary or remuneration £359.2



(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.....

*None to submit as none received - unless Supplementary Grant of £100 granted subsequent to demobilisation, be so considered.*

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.

*It is a little difficult <sup>to know</sup> what might be accepted as documentary evidence. I do hold a number of notes, papers & <sup>mostly</sup> from the <sup>you</sup> late, miscellaneous <sup>to</sup> learn that might be accepted as <sup>to</sup> facts, data, but am naturally reluctant to submit them herewith. I could produce them at an interview, if desired. As to additional information I would merely remark that since leaving school twenty years ago I have worked, unassumingly, always, in the Irish Gaelic League and kindred bodies. These, it is now generally conceded, gave impetus and life to the revolutionary movement. I joined the Irish Volunteers <sup>at Black Hall Place</sup> the Monday following the withdrawal of the late J. J. Redmond <sup>or rather exclusion</sup> nominees, consequent on his speech at Woodenbridge, and did my best thenceforward to be a worthy volunteer.*

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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MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1924.

M.S.P. 7.

Board of Assessors

No. 111 (57)

20. AUG. 1925

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. 8332...

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

(MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS),

DUBLIN.

4/5/25.

To... Mr. Seumas Murphy,.....

...of the Dublin Corporation.

In the application of... Mr. J. E. Gary,.....

8 Haddon Road, Blontarf.

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  
..... 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 Ó SUILLEAVAIN,

Runaí.

NOTE,—(a) “ If any person with a view to obtaining either for himself or any other person a grant or pay-  
ment 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  
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## (a) (1) Active Service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916.

| QUERY.   | REPLY.  |
|--|---|
| (i.) Did the applicant render active service?                                    | I remember he was the bearer of some despatches I received at my job in Marrowbone Lane |
| (ii.) At what posts?   |   |
| (iii.) What rank did he hold?  | Don't know.   |
| (iv.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service? | See (i) I have no other information about this claimant                                 |

## (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?   |        |



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(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?   |        |



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(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 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.

# Military Archives

Signature of reference..... *Seamus O'Murchadha*

\*Witness to Signature..... *bc. O'neil*

Address of Witness..... *30 Pemberton Rd*

Qualification..... *Medical Doctor*

Date..... *Aug 17/25*

\*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.

## Military Service Pensions Collection



M.S.P. 7.

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4/5/25.

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Government Buildings.....

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## (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?   |        |
| (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?   | I knew him to be attached to the Intelligence Dept "Headquarters" where he gave very valuable assistance. Both his home and office were used as meeting places for the G. men who left in them the information to be taken to Gen Collins. |
| (ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?  | I don't think he was attached to any unit per instructions by Gen Collins.   |
| (iii.) What rank did he hold?   | Intelligence Officer.  |
| (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 Librarian.  |
| (v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?   | Chief courier to the late Gen Collins, and the person who took the information left with applicant.  |



## (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?  | Same as b.i.               |
| (ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?   | Same as b.ii               |
| (iii.) What rank did he hold?  | Intelligence Officer.      |
| (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 Librarian.        |
| (v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?  | <del>to</del> Same as b.v. |

## (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. | Same as b. i.  |
| (ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period and to what Unit or Units was he attached?   | I <sup>don't</sup> think he was a <del>Volunteer</del> <sup>Wholesale</sup> Volunteer and was not attached to any unit - see b.ii. |
| (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?   | He was a Librarian   |
| (iv.) What rank did he hold?  | Intelligence Officer.  |
| (v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?   | <del>to</del> Same as b.i.   |



## (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? | Same as b.i.          |
| (ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period, and to what Unit or Units was he attached?  | Same as b. ii.        |
| (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?   | He was a Librarian.   |
| (iv.) What rank did he hold?  | Intelligence Officer. |
| (v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify to his service?  | Same as b.i.          |

## (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?  | Same as b.i.          |
| (ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?  | Same as b. ii.        |
| (iii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer?   | Same as b. ii.        |
| (iv.) What rank did he hold?  | Intelligence Officer. |
| (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? | He was Librarian      |
| (vi.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify to his service?   | Same as b.i.          |



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# Military Archives

Signature of reference.....

*Maj. Jos. J. O'Reilly*

\*Witness to Signature.....

*T. Murphy Comdt*

Address of Witness.....

*Government Buildings*

Qualification.....

*A. D. C. President*

Date.....

*4<sup>th</sup> June 1925*

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# Military Service Pensions Collection



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Regd. No. S.P. 8332.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

(MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS),

DUBLIN.

4/5/25.

To *Col. E. Brody.**Dublin Castle*In the application of *Mr. J. E. Gary,**8 Haddon Road, Blontarf.*

for a certificate of military service in accordance with the above-mentioned Act, your  
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*C. d. v. f. g.* set out hereunder.

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(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?   |        |
| (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?   | <p><i>I did not know Mr. Gay during this period. Michael Collins gave me Mr. Gay's name and address about March 1917 and while there is hardly a doubt that he was in touch with H.Q. I am not in a position to say that he was.</i></p> |
| (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?  | He was in constant touch with Michael Collins and other members of Volunteers H.Q. His house was used by Michael Collins for meetings, practically every week.  |
| (ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?   | Headquarters.   |
| (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? | Librarian. His work must have been considerably interfered with as he had to go all over the Metropolitan area at all hours of the day with important despatches. He had frequently to be out after midnight on these errands also. |
| (v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?  | As a member of H.Q. Intelligence Department I communicated with the Director of Intelligence with the assistance of Mr. J. J.   |

## (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. | The same as in period (d), above. |
| (ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period and to what Unit or Units was he attached?   | Little                            |
| (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?   | Little                            |
| (iv.) What rank did he hold?  | Little                            |
| (v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?   | Little                            |



## (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? | As in (d) and (e) |
| (ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period, and to what Unit or Units was he attached?  | Like              |
| (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?   | Like              |
| (iv.) What rank did he hold?  | Like              |
| (v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify to his service?  | Like.             |

## (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?  | As in (d), (e) and (f). |
| (ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?  | Like                    |
| (iii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer?   | Like.                   |
| (iv.) What rank did he hold?  | Like.                   |
| (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? | Like.                   |
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Signature of reference.....

*Eamonn O'Brien*

\*Witness to Signature.....

*O'Brien*

Address of Witness.....

*Metropolitan Office, Garda Síochána*

Qualification.....

*Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána*

Date.....

*13th May, 1925.*

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# Military Service Pensions Collection



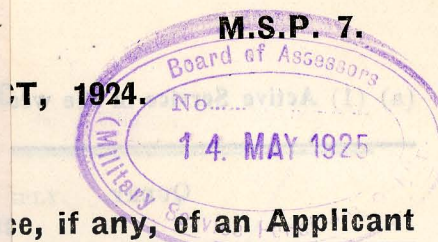
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BOARD OF ASSESSORS

(MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS),

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(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?   |        |
| (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. | <i>Applicant was liaison with O.M.P. Detective division throughout this period. He kept in constant touch with friendly officers, and was the medium of communication of information regarding impending raids etc.</i> |
| (ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period and to what Unit or Units was he attached?   | <i>He was not a full-time Volunteer; he was attached to Intelligence Dept. S.H.D.</i>   |
| (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?   | <i>He was a Librarian in Capel St. Library. His ordinary living was not interfered with.</i>  |
| (iv.) What rank did he hold?  | <i>Volunteer.</i>   |
| (v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?   | <i>I was a member of S.H.D. staff, and was frequently present when he made reports to the late C. in C.</i>   |



## (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? | Applicant continued to act as liaison with D.M.P. Detective Division |
| (ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period, and to what Unit or Units was he attached?  | (a) Not a full time Volunteer<br>(b) G.H. & Intelligence.            |
| (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?   | (a) Librarian, Capel St. Library.<br>(b) Not interfered with         |
| (iv.) What rank did he hold?  | Volunteer  |
| (v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify to his service?  | See reply to 2(v)  |

## (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?  | Up to the time of the Treaty, Applicant continued to act as liaison with G. Division. I don't know of his subsequent activities until he rejoined the Intelligence Dept after the Four Courts attack. |
| (ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?  | G.H. & Intelligence   |
| (iii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer?   | No  |
| (iv.) What rank did he hold?  | Volunteer   |
| (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? | Librarian, Capel St.<br>(b) Not interfered with   |
| (vi.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify to his service?   | Frequently present when he made reports to Genl Collins.  |



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Applicant rendered valuable service through his ability to avoid suspicion and to his <sup>close</sup> connection with friendly detectives. Much information regarding prospective raids and enemy intentions and dispositions was obtained through him. His house was a rendezvous for meetings between members of the Intelligence Staff and friendly detectives.

Signature of reference.....

Diarmuid O'Donoghue

\*Witness to Signature.....

Micheal Mchadha

Address of Witness.....

Government Buildings Dublin

Qualification.....

Permanent Civil Servant on scale not less than £200 - £300

Date.....

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ISSORS

(MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS),

DUBLIN.

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(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?  | applicant was a Section Commander       |
| (ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?   | A Company 1st Batt<br>Dublin Brigade    |
| (iii.) What rank did he hold?  | Section Commander.                      |
| (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? | Librarian living<br>not interfered with |
| (v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?  | Brigade Quarter Master                  |



## (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 ?   | He was attached to<br>Intelligence under<br>General Collins |
| (ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached ?  | G. H. Q Intelligence  |
| (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 ? | Librarian. Living<br>not interfered with                    |
| (v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service ?   | Quarter Master General                                      |



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

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|---|--------|
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|---|--------|
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Signature of reference..... *Micéál De Stineer*

\*Witness to Signature..... *James Brennan*

Address of Witness..... *Garda Síochána Depot Phoenix Park*

Qualification ..... *Chief Superintendent*

Date..... *23rd May 1925*

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, if any, of an Applicant

Regd. No. S.P. 8332

OF ASSESSORS

(MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS),

DUBLIN.

4/5/25.

To Tomás O' Miallain

12 Dawson Street

In the application of Mr. J. E. Gay,  
8 Haddon Road, Blontarf.

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  
as set out hereunder.

You are therefore requested to reply in Column 2 to the queries in Column 1 for each  
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declaration, application, or other written statement he shall forfeit such pension as from the  
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(a) (1) Active Service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916.

| QUERY.   | REPLY. |
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| (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?  | <i>All I know is that he was a Volunteer up to Easter Week 1916.</i>                |
| (ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?   | <i>"G" Coy 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (I think)</i>                                   |
| (iii.) What rank did he hold?  | <i>Volunteer.</i>   |
| (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>Librarian Dublin Corporation</i>   |
| (v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?  | <i>I know he attended at Volunteer Parades at 5 Blackhall St prior to April '16</i> |



## (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 ?   |        |
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## (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 ?   |        |
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| (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 ? |        |
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## (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 ?  |        |
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## (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? |        |
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| (v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify 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?  |        |
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I have known applicant for a number of years in National circles. I can testify to his work & practical patriotism at all times. He was always sound & logical in political matters.

Signature of reference..... *Thomas O'Malley*

\*Witness to Signature..... *R. Campbell*

Address of Witness..... *83 Marlboro Rd. Donnybrook*

Qualification..... *P.C.*

Date..... *7/5/55*

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egd. No. S.P. 8.332...

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SERVICE PENSIONS),

DUBLIN. Assessors

4/5/25

11 MAY 1925

To Mr. M. J. Campbell,

83 Marlboro Road.

In the application of

Mr. J. E. Gay,

8 Haddon Road, Blontarf.

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

| QUERY.   | REPLY. |
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| (i.) Did the applicant render active service?                                    |        |
| (ii.) At what posts?   |        |
| (iii.) What rank did he hold?  |        |
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(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?  |        |
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| (v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?  |        |

*Not aware*



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

| QUERY.  | REPLY. |
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| 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 ?  |        |
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| (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 ?   |        |
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|---|--------|
| (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. |        |
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| (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? |        |
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I lost touch with Mr. Gay after Easter 1916. but from what I heard from time to time he was always a very sincere & patriotic worker.

Signature of reference.....

*R. J. Campbell*

\*Witness to Signature.....

Address of Witness.....

Qualification .....

Date.....

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Regd. No. S.P. 8332...

DEFENCE,

MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS BOARD,

DUBLIN.

13/5/25

To *Micéil O hAdair, T.O.,*

*Ceann Comairle na Dála,*

*Tír Laighean.*

In the application of

*Mr. Tomás Eiman Ryan,*

*8 Haddon Road, Blontarf.*

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

| QUERY.   | REPLY.   |
|--|--|
| (i.) Did the applicant render active service?                                    | ✓  |
| (ii.) At what posts?   | mt Gay was in Jacobs Factory in touch with the late Thomas McDonough on Monday Bridge Road Sunday of Easter week 1916. |
| (iii.) What rank did he hold?  | I do not know.   |
| (iv.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service? | I was in Jacobs Factory myself and saw Gay coming in and knew him as k for me to say.                                  |

(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?  |        |
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| QUERY.  | REPLY. |
|---|--------|
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|---|--------|
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|---|--------|
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# Military Archives

Signature of reference.....

*Micéal O'Riordan*

\*Witness to Signature.....

*Padraig O'Caolain*

Address of Witness.....

*6 Rathmines Brook, Rathmines Road, Dublin.*

Qualification ...

*Permanent Civil Servant.*

Date..

*18th May 1925*

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# Military Service Pensions Collection



Thomas Evan Gay. 11 Sandford Ave S. C. Rd.

Service as in form in Easter week  
Put on Special Intelligence with  
Mr Collins. Return in April 21  
February End of 1921 to joining I  
was not definitely in Vols  
joined in September 1922  
Resigned November 1922 I was  
doing work till September as  
L.O. but not as before

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I think it well, in order to make the case perfectly clear as to my activities in Easter Week, 1916, to supplement the statement I made on the Pension application form, with the following further information and remarks:

(1) Through being out of the city from about 10 o'clock on Easter Monday morn until nightfall it was not possible for me to find where my company was situated, on my return, even if it had then been possible to join it.

(2) On the Tuesday, having failed after enquiring at various posts to locate it, I considered it best to report at once to the nearest post, which was the Distillery, Marrowbone Lane. (My home address was then, as it is again now, 11 Sandford Avenue, Donore Ave, SCR.)

(3) On presenting myself I was immediately brought before Capt. Con Colbert, to whom I satisfactorily made clear the reason for my having to report at that post. He put it to me then, since I knew the district thoroughly and he had as many inside already as he needed, that I could best serve them outside, as no provision had been made in that direction, reporting each morn first thing for instructions &c. Later, if the position became acute, he would call me in. As a volunteer, I told him, I was prepared to serve in whatever way he wished.

(4) During the rest of the week (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday) I was engaged in various ways. In addition to bringing in arms and ammunition, medical supplies (from Jessops, Dolphin Barr), provision and other supplies from places around, I brought information continually of enemy movements &c &c. All this was regarded as invaluable then, but I considered the task entrusted to me on the Saturday, that of running food supplies from Messrs Jacobs, Bishop St, to the Distillery Marrowbone Lane, as the most important. This job was given me at a meeting of the officer staff, —  
at



which I was privileged to attend, and at which the following were present — Con. Colbert, the late Phil Cosgrave, Joe McGrath, Christy Byrne (Comdt Fourth Battalion <sup>1st</sup> ~~in~~ last Derap) and Seamus Kenney. Following the meeting Con. Colbert gave me a letter to Cassidy of the Dolphins Barr Brickworks to obtain two cars especially for the purpose. If I failed in that quarter I was to go direct to Jacobs and, after putting the matter before Tomás MacDonagh and Major McBride, to the latter of whom I happened to be particularly well-known, I was to enter into whatever arrangements, in my discretion, seemed most likely to ensure the necessary supplies safely reaching their destination. It was thus I came to be in Jacobs at the time of the surrender, having been brought in by Major McBride and left waiting in MacDonagh's room till his return from the castle; and thus to receive from the Major the order (verbal) to surrender for Capt Seamus Murphy, the further particulars of which I have already set out on the Pension application form.

⑤ In later work, therefore, I was called on to perform a kind of service — largely intelligence work — to which later I was to become more and more attached. It is not for me to attempt to appraise the value of Intelligence service, but I may be pardoned if I claim that whatever recognition is allowed me for such service in these later years, ought in reason be granted me for the scarcely less hazardous work I did in 1916 along much the same lines, especially as, I would again point out, the duties were carried out under direct instructions

Yours &c

Tomás MacDonagh

Lt Gen Seamus MacDonagh

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Regd. No. S.P. 8332.....

BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
(MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS),  
DUBLIN.

4/5/25.....

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. Tomás Euan Gay, 8 Haddon Road, Blontarf.....

The particulars of service furnished are as follows:—

Army No..... Age..... 38.  
Date of enlistment..... Sept. '22..... Station at which he enlisted..... Portobello Bk.  
Home address at date of joining..... As above.....  
Unit (Company, Battalion, Brigade, Division)..... Staff Bap. under Maj. Gen. Jos. Melprath  
Date of resignation, or discharge or demobilisation..... Nov. '23 demob. as from 20/12/23  
Rank held at resignation, or discharge or demobilisation..... Col. G. H. & Intelligence  
Rank on the 1st February, 1924, if serving on that date..... Not serving.....

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.

GEARÓID O SUILLEAVÁIN,

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

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SP/8332.

I hereby certify that..... Thomas E. Gay.....  
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.      | <u>25th Sept, 1922 -</u><br><u>31st March 1923</u> | 188                   |
| (2). Continuous service from 1st April, 1923 to 30th September, 1923. | <u>1st April, 1923 -</u><br><u>30th Sept, 1923</u> | 183                   |

\* Rank.... Colonel.....

Dated ..... 9th June 1925.....

M. O'Leary  
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).

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# 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 Tomas Einar Gay 11 Sandford Avenue South Circular 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)<br>Periods of Military Service prescribed in the Act.            | (2)<br>Forces in which active service was rendered. | (3)<br>Duration of active service during each of the prescribed periods as established to the satisfaction of the Board. | (4)<br>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 ...   | <i>Onahlin</i>                                      | $\frac{3}{5}$ EP   | 3 yrs  |
| (2) Continuous service from 1st April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917 ... |   |  |  |
| (b) Continuous service from 1st April 1917, to 31st March, 1918 ...  | "   | EP   |  |
| (c) " " " 1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919 ✓ ...                 | "   | EP   |  |
| (d) " " " 1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920 ...                   | "   | EP   |  |
| (e) " " " 1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921 ...                   | "   | EP   |  |
| (f) " " " 1st April, 1921, to 11th July, 1921 ...                    | "   | EP   |  |
| (g) " " " 12th July, 1921, to 30th June, 1922 ...                    | "   | EP   |  |
| (h) " " " 1st July, 1922, to 31st March, 1923 ...                    | <i>7 Tpac</i>                                       | EP   |  |
| (i) " " " 1st April, 1923, to 30th September, 1923 ...               | "   | EP   |  |

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

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



# Military Service Pensions Act, 1924.

M.S.P. 2.

## REPORT BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

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.....Tomás Conan Gay.....11 Sandford Avenue, S. B. 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)<br>Periods of Military Service prescribed in the Act.        | (2)<br>Forces in which active service was rendered.                   | (3)<br>Duration of active service during each of the prescribed periods as established to the satisfaction of the Board. | (4)<br>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   | $\frac{3}{5}$ of Entire Period   | 3 Year   |
| (2) Continuous service from 1st April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917 |   |  |  |
| (b) Continuous service from 1st April 1917, to 31st March, 1918  | "   |  |  |
| (c) " " " 1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919                   | "   | Entire Period  | $\frac{1}{2}$ Year   |
| (d) " " " 1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920                   | "   | "  | 1 Year   |
| (e) " " " 1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921                   | "   | "  | 2 Year   |
| (f) " " " 1st April, 1921, to 11th July, 1921                    | "   | "  | 1 Year   |
| (g) " " " 12th July, 1921, to 30th June, 1922                    | Oglaigh na hEireann [Defence Forces (Temporary Provisions) Act. 1923] | "  | 1 Year   |
| (h) " " " 1st July, 1922, to 31st March, 1923                    | "   | "  | 2 Year   |
| (i) " " " 1st April, 1923, to 30th September, 1923               | "   | "  | 1 Year   |

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.....11  $\frac{1}{2}$  years.....

Dated this.....22nd.....day of.....June, 1925.....

(Signed)

Member of  
the Board  
of  
Assessors.



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MINUTE SHEET.

M.S.B.  
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Reference.....

Military Archives

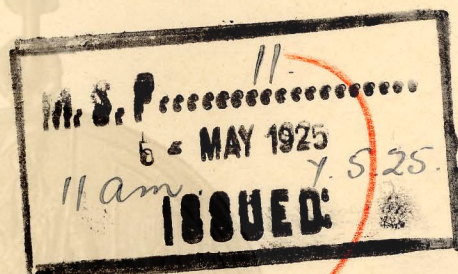
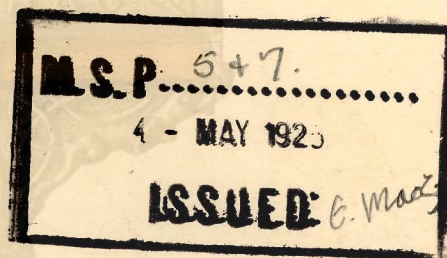
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Issue Summons for Thursday



Absent 7/5/25

Mr Keane.

Genl O'Sullivan.

Have called attention of all staff to the fact that "translation" of proper names must not be done. Error in the case refd to in yf. min. is regretted. Fresh form M.S.B. submitted herewith for signature M.O.F.

① To get explanation from responsible clerk as to why "Míceál oh doia" as given by applicant is called "Mr Michael Hayes"

② To instruct all staff that care must be taken to avoid repetition of this improper and unnecessary system of "translating" proper names

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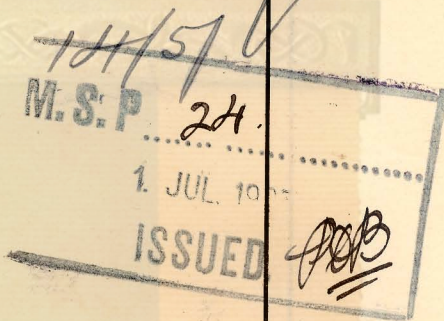
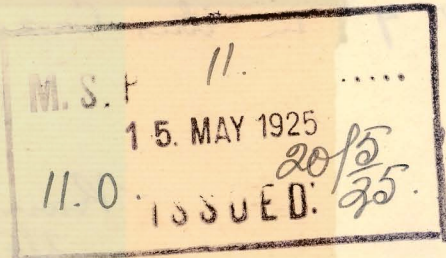
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Mr McMahon

To Re Summon applicant  
and send summons to 11 Sandford Av. S.C. Rd.

Mr Kennedy



Military Service  
Pensions Collection



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# Military Service Pensions Act, 1924.

M.S.P. 3.

## CERTIFICATE OF MILITARY SERVICE.

In the matter of the application of Tomás Ernan Gay, 11, Sandford Avenue, S.C. 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,

WHEREAS the Minister for Defence has taken into consideration the report of the Board of Assessors constituted under the Act on the application,

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the said Tomás Ernan Gay  
has rendered military service in the Forces, and during the periods as set out as follows:—

| Periods of Military Service prescribed in the Act.               | Forces in which active service was rendered.                          | Duration of active service during each of the prescribed periods as established to the satisfaction of the Board of Assessors. |
|--|---|--|
| (a) (1) Active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916   | Oglaigh na hÉireann   | 3/5 of Entire period   |
| (2) Continuous service from 1st April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917 |   |  |
| (b) " " " 1st April, 1917, to 31st March, 1918                   | "   |  |
| (c) " " " 1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919                   | "   | Entire period  |
| (d) " " " 1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920                   | "   | "  |
| (e) " " " 1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921                   | "   | "  |
| (f) " " " 1st April, 1921, to 11th July, 1921                    | "   | "  |
| (g) " " " 12th July, 1921, to 30th June, 1922                    | "   | "  |
| (h) " " " 1st July, 1922, to 31st March, 1923                    | Oglaigh na hÉireann (Defence Forces (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923) | "  |
| (i) " " " 1st April, 1923, to 30th September, 1923               | "   | "  |

AND THAT for the purpose of the Act the rank of the said applicant shall be taken to be that of Colonel

Dated this Twenty-fifth day of August, 1925



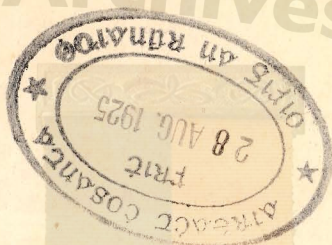
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SECRETARY,  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE,  
DUBLIN.

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the  
Certificate of Military Service granted by the  
Minister for Defence under the provisions of the  
Military Service Pensions Act, 1924.

Signature, *Thomas Brennan*

Address, *11 Sandford Ave*

*S.R. Dublin*

Date, *26th August 1925*