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An Umhír

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III/MSRB 206

An Umhír as Roimn  
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DP. 25, 234

Rafter Johanna Miss.  
Ballindaggin,  
Enniscorthy  
Co. Wexford

In respect of her brother  
Seamus Rafter.

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Registry.

Please see M.S.R.B file if no trace of  
previous one and pass to this section

18/5/54



To/  
The Military Service Registration Board.

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to transmit the accompanying application of Miss Johanna Raftis  
Bellindegin Ennisconny  
who claims an allowance under Part II of the Army Pensions Act, 1953, in respect of the death of her brother  
Seamus Raftis.

and I am to request the Board to ascertain and certify, in accordance with Section 9 of the Army Pensions Act, 1953, the following particulars, i.e.:-

- (1) Whether the deceased was a member of an organisation to which Part II of the Act of 1932 applies and, if so, which of the said organisations.
- (2) Whether the deceased was engaged in pre-truce military service and/or post truce military service during the period 1st April, 1916, to 30th September, 1923, and, if so, particulars of such service. For the purposes of Part II of the Act of 1953 "military service" has the meaning assigned to that expression by Section 5(1) of the Act of 1932.
- (3) Whether the deceased received a wound during the period beginning on 1st April, 1916, and ending on 30th September, 1923, while engaged in military service and, if so, particulars of such wound.
- (4)\* Whether there is any evidence that the deceased contracted any disease during his military service in the period beginning on 1st April, 1916, and ending on 30th September, 1923, and, if so, particulars of such evidence.
- (5) The date of death of the deceased.
- (6) Whether the deceased was killed before 1st October, 1923, while engaged in military service and, if so, particulars of the circumstances of his death.
- (7) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date 26/5/54

*W. L. M. H.*  
TRUNAI.



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CAJAIR

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Send queries to. T.D. Sinnott. Wexford  
Seamus Doyle.  
Parnell av. Ennis, Ennis, Ennis.

Memo

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5/11

M. O'Bradháin, 49 St Philip's Villas, Ennis, Ennis, acting for  
T.D. Sinnott who is ill. See

Would query to O'Bradháin & Doyle 18/6  
Issued 18/6



ROINN COSANTA  
(Department of Defence)

A.P. 51-4(b).  
A.P. 52-7(5).  
Wound

MILITARY SERVICE REGISTRATION BOARD

Colaiste Caoimhin,

Ref. No. III/AB/206

Glasnevin,

DUBLIN.

18/6/1954

ARMY PENSIONS ACTS 1923-1953.

A Chara,

An application has been made under the above Acts by

Mrs. Johanna Reiter

Ballindaggin

Enniscothy

for an allowance in respect  
of her brother, James Reiter who is stated to have

been attached to your Command and whose death is stated to have  
been due to service with Deighnamh Eireann (G.H.)

Enniscothy area

To enable them to deal with the application, the Board  
will be obliged if you will furnish, at the earliest moment,  
replies to the queries set out overleaf.

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

Mise, le meas,

K. C. O'Connell

RÚNAÍ.

To Mr. Seamus Doyle  
Donnell Avenue  
Enniscothy



QUERIES:

- (1) Between what dates did deceased serve with your Command? *December 1913 - September 1918*
- (2) In what capacity did deceased serve? *Coy. Capt. & Batt. Commandant*
- (3) In what area was deceased engaged in Military Service? *Connorsmy District*
- (4) Did the deceased receive a wound or injury while engaged in Military Service as defined? If so, please give the following particulars of such wound or injury: *Yes*
- (a) Nature of the wound or injury *A quantity of powder which*
- (b) Date on which wound or injury was received *Explosion in manufacturing*
- (c) Full circumstances in which wound or injury was received *Explosion. This explosion was the cause of his death*
- (d) Full particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the deceased which, in your opinion, should be taken into consideration in determining whether the wound or injury was attributable to Military Service *None*
- (5) Particulars of any other matter in support of the applicant's claim or otherwise, on which you desire to comment *Deceased took part in fast, been in Connorsmy, was sentenced to death, commuted to 5 yrs penal servitude, released in June 1917, final release*
- (6) Date of death of deceased *Final release*
- (7) Have you personal knowledge of the facts of the case as set out by you above, or are your replies based on official reports, or on information otherwise received? *Yes Personal Knowledge*

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

Signature

*Samuel O. Dubzard*

Organisation and Rank

*Irish Volunteers, Brigade Capt.*

Address

*21 Great Parnall, Iris Connorsmy*

Date

*1918*



Your Ref. TII / RB / 206.

49 St Johns Villas  
Ennisconny.  
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The enclosed form arrived whilst  
I was away on holiday and I only  
received it this morning.

I regret very  
much the delay in answering queries.

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M. O'Garra

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North Wexford Rde

Advisory Committee.

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R O I N N C O S A N T A  
(Department of Defence)

A.P. 51-7(b).

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Wound.

MILITARY SERVICE REGISTRATION BOARD,

Ref.No. TU/RO/206

Colaiste Caoimhin,  
Glasnevin,  
DUBLIN.

18/6/1954

ARMY PENSIONS ACTS 1923-1953.

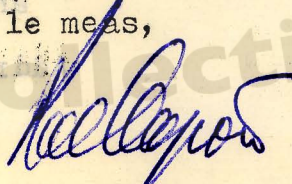
A Chara,

An application has been made under the above Acts by  
Miss Johanna Kipter of Ballindaggin,  
Enniscorthy for an allowance in respect  
of her brother, Dennis Kipter who is stated to have  
been attached to your Command and whose death is stated to have  
been due to service with Gloughra L. Linnam (P.A.L.)  
Enniscorthy area

To enable them to deal with the application, the Board  
will be obliged if you will furnish, at the earliest moment,  
replies to the queries set out overleaf.

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

Mise, le meas,



RÚNAÍ.

To U. O. Biardublain, Uas,  
49, St John's Villas,  
Enniscorthy.



QUERIES:

- (1) Between what dates did deceased serve with your Command? *1914-1918*
- (2) In what capacity did deceased serve? *Brigade Vice-Commandant*
- (3) In what area was deceased engaged in Military Service? *North Wexford*
- (4) Did the deceased receive a wound or injury while engaged in Military Service as defined? If so, please give the following particulars of such wound or injury:
- (a) Nature of the wound or injury *Wounds received as a result of premature explosion whilst making gun powder. Burns etc. from gun powder explosion*
- (b) Date on which wound or injury was received *September 1918*
- (c) Full circumstances in which wound or injury was received *Deceased had a small work shop fitted up in business premises and was working on explosives at the time.*
- (d) Full particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the deceased which, in your opinion, should be taken into consideration in determining whether the wound or injury was attributable to Military Service
- (5) Particulars of any other matter in support of the applicant's claim or otherwise, on which you desire to comment *Vice-Commandant. Rafter was one of the outstanding officers of Wexford Brigade*
- (6) Date of death of deceased *Killed about Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1918*
- (7) Have you personal knowledge of the facts of the case as set out by you above, or are your replies based on official reports, or on information otherwise received? *Personal knowledge*

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

Signature

Organisation and Rank

Address

*Micéal Ó Cárthaigh*  
*Adj. 1<sup>st</sup> Batt. 11th Wexford I.R.A.*  
*49 St. Johns Villas*  
*Enniscloughy*

Date *July 15 1954.*



m.s.c.



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TA SAIRT.....



*Chomhairle*

*There is a clear-cut case. See death Certificate  
SR*

*Issue. Sent.*

*Inc. 20/7/50  
Sinc 20/7/34  
SR*



# Military Archives

III/RB/206

4 Lúnasa, 1954.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Military Service Registration Board to refer to your application under the Army Pensions Act, 1953, in respect of the death of your brother, Seamus Rafter, and to request you to state whether your brother died on the same day that he received the injuries which caused his death, i.e. 12th September, 1918. If not, please state the date on which he received such injuries.

Mise, le meas,

RÚNAÍ.

Miss Johanna Rafter,  
Ballindaggin,  
Enniscorthy,  
Co. Wexford.

Military Service  
Pensions Collection



LAWTON & COMPANY,

AUDITORS AND ACCOUNTANTS.

F. LAWTON.

12 Wafer Street,

Enniscorthy.

CO. WEXFORD.

7th. August, 1954.

The Secretary,  
Dept. of Defence,  
St. Kevin's College,  
Glasnevin,  
DUBLIN.

Dear Sir,

Re/ Johanna Rafter, Ballindaggin, Enniscorthy. 111/RB/206

Relative to yours of 4th. inst. addressed to our client we beg to advise that the late Seamus Rafter died on 12th. September, 1918. The injuries which caused his death were received seventeen days prior to that date.

Yours faithfully,

Military Service  
Pensions Collection

*Lawton & Company*



ARMY PENSIONS ACTS, 1923-1953.

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

Reg. No. of Applicant III/MSRB/206.

Name of Applicant Miss Johanna Rafter,

Address of Applicant Ballindaggin, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.

Name of Deceased Person to whom Certificate relates Séamus Rafter

Late Address of Deceased Person Slaney Place, Enniscorthy,  
Co. Wexford

Relationship of Applicant to Deceased Person Sister

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

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

~~XXXXThe deceased was not at any time a member of any organisation to which Part XX of the Army Pensions Act, 1932, applies.~~  
~~XXXX~~

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

~~2. The deceased was engaged in military service in the period beginning on the 1st day of April, 1916, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923, within the meaning of subsection (1) of section 5 of the Army Pensions Act, 1932.~~

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

Organisation or organisations of which deceased was a member	PARTICULARS OF MILITARY SERVICE				Nature and extent of Military Service
	*Period of service Pre-truce		*Period of service Post-truce		
	From	To	From	To	
Oglaigh na hÉireann (Irish Republican Army)	1916	12th September, 1918			Vice Commandant, North Wexford Brigade.
Irish Volunteers ...					
Irish Citizen Army ...					
Fianna Éireann ...					
Hibernian Rifles ...					
Cumann na mBan ...					

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



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

XXXX

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

- (a) Nature of wound or injury..... **Gunpowder Burns**
- (b) Date on which wound or injury was received..... **26th August, 1918**
- (c) Circumstances in which wound or injury was received..... **He was engaged in making gunpowder when it accidentally exploded.**
- (d) Particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the deceased which, in the opinion of the Board, should be taken into consideration in determining whether the wound or injury was attributable to military service..... **Nil.**

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

or

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

- (a) Nature of disease .....
- (b) Actual conditions under which deceased performed his military service .....
- (c) Particulars of any illness from which the deceased suffered during his military service .....
- (d) Detailed report on the applicant's statements to questions 7 (d) (i) and (ii) of the application form .....
- (e) Full particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the deceased which, in the opinion of the Board, should be taken into consideration in determining whether the disease was attributable to military service.....

5. Deceased died on the..... day of.....

6. The deceased was not killed before the **12th** day of **September, 1918**, while engaged in military service.

or

The deceased was killed before the ~~12th~~ day of October, 1923, while engaged in military service and the following are the particulars of the date, place and manner of his death:

\*7.

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

Signed : *John M. Boy*..... Chairman  
*Samuel Robinson*..... Member  
*Lincoln C. Brown*..... Member

} of  
Military  
Service  
Registration  
Board

Dated this **25th** day of..... 19**54**.  
**August,**