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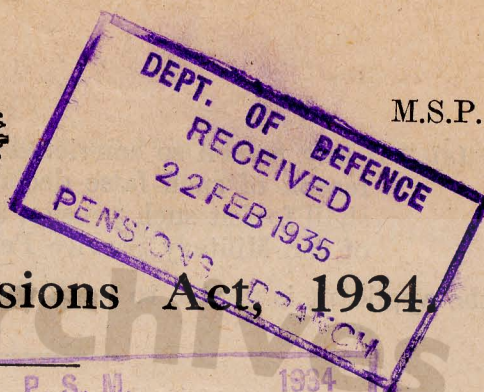
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Military Service Pensions Act, 1934

APPLICATION TO THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE FOR A SERVICE CERTIFICATE.

This form must be filled in by every person who seeks a Service Certificate, and must be signed by him, and signature witnessed, on or before the 31st day of December, 1935. 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). DEVITT SURNAME. EDWARD CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS. 50 FENIAN STREET DUBLIN
(to be written in block capitals).

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

- (a) This form is divided into three parts. Part I. is to be completed where the applicant had, in addition to the required pre-Truce Service, Service in the Forces in the period commencing the 1st July, 1922. Part II. is to be completed where the applicant's qualifying service in the Forces was pre-Truce only. Only one of those two parts is to be completed by any one applicant. Part III. is of general application and should be completed by all applicants.
- (b) Before completing particulars as to rank the applicant should read carefully the First Schedule to the Act and also the definitions of the expressions "first critical date" and "second critical date" which are appended to this form for the information of applicants. He should then complete his replies to the questions in the terms of Rules 1 and 2 of the First Schedule which are applicable to his case, e.g. :—

- was "a Divisional Adjutant" or
was "a Battalion Quartermaster whose Battalion was (at the critical date) not less than one hundred in strength," or
was "an officer of Fianna Eireann commanding one hundred members or more."

If applicant's case falls within either Rule 3 or Rule 4 of the First Schedule full particulars of the claim as required by those Rules should be given, if necessary, in a separate statement.

- (c) 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.
- (d) "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. 19 (1) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934).

- (e) "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. 19 (2) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934).

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

SERVICE IN THE FORCES, THAT IS IN THE FOLLOWING MILITARY BODIES, OGLAIGH NA h-EIREANN (IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY) OR IN THE IRISH VOLUNTEERS OR IN THE IRISH CITIZEN ARMY OR IN FIANNA EIREANN OR IN THE HIBERNIAN RIFLES OR IN CUMANN NA mBAN.

For each of the periods set out in Parts I. and II. 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 reputable references who can verify your service.

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 the First Dail Eireann or of the Second Dail Eireann ;
- (d) Absence from duty while under arrest, as a result of activities as a member of the Forces.

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.

PART I.

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANTS WHO HAD PRE AND POST TRUCE SERVICE IN THE FORCES * AS FOLLOWS :—

- (a) who served in the Forces at any time during the week commencing on the 23rd day of April, 1916,
- or
- (b) who served in the Forces continuously during either of the following periods, the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1920, and ending on the 31st day of March, 1921,
- or
- (c) the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1921, and ending on the 11th day of July, 1921,
- and in addition*
- who served in the Forces at any time during the period commencing on the 1st day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923.

* The following Military Bodies, and those only, are included in the term "the Forces," viz. :—

Oglaigh na h-Eireann (Irish Republican Army) or the Irish Volunteers, or the Irish Citizen Army, or Fianna Eireann, or the Hibernian Rifles, or Cumann na mBan.

(1). ACTIVE SERVICE AT ANY TIME DURING THE WEEK COMMENCING ON THE 23RD DAY OF APRIL, 1916.

(a) Did you render active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916. If so, from what date in that week ?.....

(b) Unit or Units.....

(c) Duration (giving dates) of service.....

(d) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....

(e) Officer Commanding in each instance.....

(f) In what way do you claim that your service was active service.....

(g) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the week.....

(h) Absence from duty and cause.....

(i) References who can testify as to your statements above :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(2). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD COMPRISING—

(a) period from 1st April, 1916, to 22nd April, 1916, and

(b) period from 30th April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service.....

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ?.....

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....

(g) Absence from duty and cause.....

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(3). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1917, TO 31ST MARCH, 1918.

(a) Unit or Units.

K Coy. 3rd Batt. On Bge.

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service.

Ind about February 1918. 8.44 P.m. 1st Year
& continuous afterwards

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.

3rd Batt. Area.

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance.

Thos J. Cullen.

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ?

Being
a volunteer & obeying all orders

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.

Training & patrol work & attending
instructions & parades

(g) Absence from duty and cause.

None

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Capt H Farrell

75 Manor Street

Dublin

Capt P Milner

12 Dollo Street

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Lieut J Bird

3 Harwood Rd (East Rd)

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(4). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1918, TO 31ST MARCH, 1919.

(a) Unit or Units.

K Coy 3rd Batt Dublin Brigade

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service.

~~Ind about February 1918. 8.44 P.m. 1st Year~~
Continuous service

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.

3rd Batt Area.

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance.

Thos J. Cullen.

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ?

Being
a volunteer and obeying all orders

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *Training and Patrol duty*

..... *General Elections & parades*

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... *None*

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Capt H Farrell.</i>	<i>75 Manor Street Dublin</i>
<i>Capt. P. Mullar.</i>	<i>12 Hooley St Dublin</i>
<i>Lieut J Bird</i>	<i>3 Ravenodale Rd. East Rd Dublin</i>

(5). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1919, TO 31ST MARCH, 1920.

(a) Unit or Units..... *K bay 3rd Batt.*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *Continuous Service*

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....

..... *3rd Batt area.*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Thos Muller Capt. H O Farrell*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... *Being*

..... *a volunteer and obeying all orders.*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *Police duty, Raid at Thompsons Garage Pearse St sale of*

..... *Training and Patrol duty (Ballinacorney, Pigeon Hill, Fort, Dail bands,*

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... *None*

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Capt H Farrell</i>	<i>75 Manor St Dublin</i>
<i>Capt. P. Mullar</i>	<i>12 Hooley St "</i>
<i>Lieut J Bird</i>	<i>3 Ravenodale Rd East Rd "</i>

(6). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1920, TO 31ST MARCH, 1921.

(a) Unit or Units..... *K bay 3rd Batt Dub Bge*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *Continuous Service*

- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....
In Batt area
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....*H. O'Farrell*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?.....*Being a volunteer and obeying all orders.*
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....*Dublin Brigade action Nov 21st 1920
Raids for arms Normandy Hotel Baginbun also Ranelagh Rd.
Police duty BRM Ballinacorney (Inishinacorney St. etc.)*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause.....*Wound arrested 28th Nov 1920*
- (h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—
- | NAME. | ADDRESS. |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <i>Capt H O'Farrell</i> | <i>75. Manor Street Dublin</i> |
| <i>Capt P. Millar</i> | <i>12 Colles St "</i> |
| <i>Ensign J. Bird</i> | <i>3 Rensselaer Rd (East Road) "</i> |
- (7). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1921, TO 11TH JULY, 1921
- (a) Unit or Units.....*K Coy 3rd Batt Det Bge.*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service.....*Continuous Service*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....*In*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....*Leo Henderson*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?.....*In*
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....*In*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause.....*Interned at Ballykinnear*

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Capt H Faneel	75 Manor Street. Dublin
Capt R Mullar	12 Hollis Street "
Capt J Bird	3 Ravensdale Rd East Rd. "

(8). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 12TH JULY, 1921, TO 30TH JUNE, 1922.

- (a) Unit or Units..... K Coy 3rd Batt of Bgde
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... Continuous Service
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... 3rd Batt Area.
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... Les Henderson, H O Faneel
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... Being a volunteer and obeying all orders
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... Mansion House Convention, Masonic Hall & Kildare Club, Bullfield Parade
- (g) Absence from duty and cause..... Intended until 9th December 1921

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Capt H Faneel.	75 Manor Street. Dublin
Capt. J Brogan	14 Croghan Park Ave. "
Lieut J Bird	3 Ravensdale Rd (East Rd) "

(9). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST JULY, 1922, TO 31ST MARCH, 1923.

- (a) Unit or Units..... K Coy 3rd Batt of Bgde
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... Continuous Service
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... 3rd Batt Area
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... H O Faneel, J Brogan
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... Being a volunteer and obeying all orders

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....

*Liberty Lane St. Yeats, United Service Club
Bassett Place, and a Westland Row Station & patroling area.*

(g) Absence from duty and cause.....

None

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Capt J Brogan

12 Clarendon Park Ave. Farnham

Leut J Bird.

3 Rensselaer Rd (East Rd) Dublin

Quintin J. Sullivan.

48 York St Dublin

(10). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1923, TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1923.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service.....

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?.....

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....

(g) Absence from duty and cause.....

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

PART II.

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANTS WHOSE QUALIFYING SERVICE IN THE FORCES* WAS PRE-TRUCE ONLY, *i.e.*:—

(a) who served in the Forces at any time during the week commencing on the 23rd day of April, 1916,

or

(b) who served in the Forces continuously during the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1921, and ending on the 11th day of July, 1921.

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(1). ACTIVE SERVICE AT ANY TIME DURING WEEK COMMENCING ON 23RD APRIL, 1916.

(a) Did you render active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916? If so,
 from what date in that week.....

(b) Unit or Units.....

(c) Duration (giving dates) of service.....

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(d) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....

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(e) Officer Commanding in each instance.....

(f) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?.....

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(g) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during
 the week.....

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(h) Absence from duty and cause.....

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* The following Military Bodies, and those only, are included in the term "the Forces,"
viz.:—

Oglaigh na h-Eireann (Irish Republican Army), or
 the Irish Volunteers, or
 the Irish Citizen Army, or
 Fiaanna Eireann, or
 the Hibernian Rifles, or
 Cumann na mBan.

(i) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(2). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD COMPRISING :—

(a) period from 1st April, 1916, to 22nd April, 1916;

(b) period from 30th April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service.....

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ?.....

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....

(g) Absence from duty and cause.....

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(3). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1917, TO 31ST MARCH, 1918.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service.....

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ?.....

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....

(g) Absence from duty and cause.....

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(4). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1918, TO 31ST MARCH, 1919.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service.....

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ?.....

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....

(g) Absence from duty and cause.....

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(5). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1919, TO 31ST MARCH, 1920.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service.....

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?.....

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....

(g) Absence from duty and cause.....

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(6). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1920, TO 31ST MARCH, 1921.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service.....

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ?.....

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(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....

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(g) Absence from duty and cause.....

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(h) References who can testify as to your statements above :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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(7). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1921, TO 11TH JULY, 1921.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service.....

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(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....

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(d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ?.....

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(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....

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(g) Absence from duty and cause.....

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(h) References who can testify as to your statements above :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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PART III.

GENERAL.

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS.

- (1). State in terms of the First Schedule to the Act the rank and nature of appointment held on the first and second critical dates, respectively:—

(a) On first critical date.

volunteer

(b) On second critical date.

volunteer

References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Capt. H. T. Farrell</i>	<i>75 Manor Street Dublin</i>
<i>Capt. P. Mullar</i>	<i>12 Hocho St</i>
<i>Capt. J. Brogan</i>	<i>14 Croydon Park Ave</i>
<i>Leut. J. Bidd</i>	<i>3 Ravensdale Rd (East Rd)</i>

- (2). Did you serve in the National Army as well as in the Forces on the 1st July, 1922, or on any subsequent date. If so, did you apply for a certificate of military service under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, and, if so, with what result. If you did not so apply, give your reasons for not doing so.

No

- (3). If you did not serve in both the National Army and the Forces on the 1st July, 1922, or on any subsequent date—state whether you applied for a Certificate of Military Service under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, and, if so, with what result.

No

(4). Did you apply for a wound or disability pension under any of the following Acts ? :—

Army Pensions Act, 1923.

Army Pensions Act, 1927.

Army Pensions Act, 1932.

If so, with what result.

Army Pension Act 1932
Claim rejected

(5). Have you applied for, or are you in receipt of Unemployment Assistance under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1933 ? If so, quote the number of your qualification certificate

No

(6). Were you a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921 ? If so, give the dates between which you served.....

No

(7). Are you now, or were you at any time during the period for which you claim service, in receipt of any remuneration, or allowance payable out of public moneys, 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.....

No

(8). Are you in receipt of any pension in respect of service :—

(a) As a member of the Civil Service.

(b) As a member of the Garda Síochána.

(c) As a member of any other Police Force.

(d) As a member of the Prisons Service.

(e) As a National School Teacher.

(f) As a Secondary School Teacher.

- (g) As an Officer of any Local Authority.
 (h) In any other employment.

If so, give details.....

NOTE.—You will subsequently have to furnish any further particulars and to submit any evidence which the Minister for Defence, or the Referee appointed under the Military Service Pensions Act, or any person or persons duly authorised by them may require in connection with this application for a Service certificate. In this connection attention is directed to the fact that Section 8 (4) 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.....

Edward Devitt

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

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Address of Witness.....

11 Lona Park Dublin

Qualification.....

Overseer Telegraphs

Date.....

20th Feb 1935

* Witness must be one of the following :—

- A Commissioned Officer serving in the Defence Forces.
- A Permanent Civil Servant (active or retired) whose salary is or was not less than £200 and on a scale rising to not less than £300.
- A District Justice.
- A Peace Commissioner.
- A Barrister-at-Law, a Solicitor, or a Commissioner for Oaths.
- A Minister of Religion (denomination to be stated).
- A Registered Physician or Surgeon.
- Managers, Secretaries, Chief Cashiers and Accountants of Banks, and Officials in charge of Branch Banks.
- A Member of the Garda Síochána.
- A Postmaster or Postmistress in actual charge of a Post Office.
- Head Teachers of Secondary or National Schools.
- A Secretary of a Registered Friendly Society.
- A Notary Public.
- A Consul-General.
- A Consul.
- A Vice-Consul.

APPENDIX.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

RULES FOR DETERMINING NOTIONAL GRADES OF RANK IN THE FORCES HELD BY PERSONS SERVING IN THE FORCES.

1.—(1) Any person who at any date was either Chief of Staff, Deputy Chief of Staff, Adjutant General, a Divisional Officer Commanding, or Quartermaster General shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank A.

(2) Any person who at any date was either—

- (a) a General Headquarters Officer acting as Director of any one of the following services, namely Organisation, Intelligence, Engineering and Munitions, or
- (b) a Brigade Officer Commanding whose brigade was at that date not less than one thousand in strength,

shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank B.

(3) Any person who at any date was either—

- (a) a Brigade Officer Commanding whose brigade at that date was less than one thousand in strength, or
- (b) a Divisional Vice Officer Commanding, or
- (c) a Divisional Adjutant, or
- (d) a Divisional Quartermaster, or
- (e) a Battalion Commandant whose battalion was at that date not less than three hundred in strength, or
- (f) a Brigade Vice Officer Commanding whose brigade was at that date not less than one thousand in strength, or
- (g) a Brigade Adjutant whose brigade was at that date not less than one thousand in strength, or
- (h) a Brigade Quartermaster whose brigade was at that date not less than one thousand in strength, or
- (i) a Column Commander whose column was at that date not less than thirty in strength, or
- (j) a General Headquarters Officer who at that date was acting as Director of Medical Services, or
- (k) a General Headquarters Officer who at that date was acting as Director of any Service, other than that of Medical Services, or one of the Services mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) of the immediately preceding paragraph,

shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank C.

(4) A person who at any date—

- (a) was a Battalion Commandant whose battalion at that date was less than three hundred in strength, or
- (b) was a Company Captain whose company at that date was not less than sixty in strength, or
- (c) was, at that date, a Captain on the General Headquarters Staff or on a Divisional Staff, or
- (d) was, in the case of a company which at that date was not less than one hundred and twenty in strength, where the company had at that date one Lieutenant only, such Lieutenant or, where the company had at that date two Lieutenants only, one or other of such Lieutenants, or, where the company had at that date three or more Lieutenants, one or other of the two Lieutenants who were at that date respectively second and third in command, or
- (e) was, in the case of a company which at that date was less than one hundred and twenty in strength but not less than one hundred in strength, where such company had at that date one Lieutenant only, such Lieutenant or where such company had at that date two or more Lieutenants, the Lieutenant who was at that date second in command, or
- (f) was a Brigade Officer, other than a Brigade Officer who is deemed by virtue of paragraph (2) or (3) of this Rule to have held at that date either Rank B or Rank C, or
- (g) was a Battalion Vice Officer Commanding whose battalion at that date was not less than one hundred in strength, or
- (h) was a Battalion Adjutant whose battalion was at that date not less than one hundred in strength, or
- (i) was a Battalion Quartermaster whose battalion was at that date not less than one hundred in strength, or

- (j) was a General Headquarters Officer other than a General Headquarters Officer who was at that date acting as a Director of any Service, or
 - (k) was a Divisional Officer other than a Divisional Officer Commanding, a Divisional Vice Officer Commanding, a Divisional Adjutant or a Divisional Quartermaster, or
 - (l) was a Column Commander whose column at that date was less than thirty in strength, or
 - (m) was a Medical Officer other than a General Headquarters Officer who at that date was acting as Director of Medical Services,
- shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank D.

(5) Any person who complies with the following conditions, namely :—

- (a) was at any date an officer, and
- (b) is not deemed by virtue of any of the preceding paragraphs of this Rule to have held at that date any grade of rank,

shall be deemed for the purposes of this Act to have held at that date Rank E.

(6) Any person who at any date held the rank of non-commissioned officer or private shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank E.

(7) None of the foregoing provisions of this Rule shall apply to any person who at any date was a member of Fianna Eireann or of Cumann na mBan and was not at any date a member of Oglagh na hEireann (Irish Republican Army) or of the Irish Volunteers, and in lieu thereof the following provisions shall have effect in relation to any such person, that is to say :—

(a) any person who at any date :—

- (i) was a member of the headquarters staff or executive of Fianna Eireann or Cumann na mBan, or
- (ii) was an officer of Fianna Eireann or Cumann na mBan commanding one hundred members or more of either of those bodies, or
- (iii) was an officer of Fianna Eireann or Cumann na mBan senior to an officer of either of those bodies commanding one hundred members or more of either of those bodies,

shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank D, and

(b) any person who at any date was a member of Fianna Eireann or Cumann na mBan and who is not deemed by virtue of the foregoing sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph to have held Rank D, shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank E.

2. Where an officer whose grade of rank at any date is, under Rule I of this Schedule, to be determined both by his actual rank in the Forces and the strength of the unit to which he belonged at that date, and such officer is, at that date, absent from duty by reason of imprisonment on account of his activities as a member of the Forces, the following provisions shall, for the purposes of the said Rule I, have effect in relation to such officer, that is to say :—

- (a) such officer shall be deemed to have held at that date the actual rank in the Forces which he held at the date of his arrest, and
- (b) such unit shall be deemed to be at that date at the same strength as it was at the time of his arrest.

3. Where the case of any person does not fall within the provisions of Rule I of this Schedule, the Referee may determine the particular grade of rank which such person is to be deemed to have held on any date, and in so determining the Referee shall have regard to the following matters, that is to say :—

- (a) the appointment held by such person,
- (b) the services performed by such person,
- (c) the principles of grading set forth in the said Rule I.

4. Where any person, whose case at a particular date falls within the provisions of Rule I of this Schedule, was, at that date, engaged in service of a special character, the Referee may, in making his report under this Act in relation to the grade of rank held by such person on such date, report that the grade of rank held by him on such date is a grade of rank higher than the grade which, but for this Rule, would be the grade of rank held by him on that date.

DEFINITION OF THE FIRST AND SECOND CRITICAL DATES.

1. In the case of a person who served in the Forces during the period commencing on the 1st day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923,

The expression "the first critical date" means the 11th day of July, 1921; and the expression "the second critical date" means:—

(a) in the case of a person who served in the Forces on the 1st day of July, 1922, the 1st day of July, 1922 and

(b) in the case of a person who did not serve in the Forces on the 1st day of July, 1922, but who served in the Forces at any time during the period commencing on the 2nd day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923, the date during that period on which such person first served in the Forces.

2. In the case of a person who did not serve in the Forces during the period commencing on the 1st day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923, but who has either:—

(a) served in the Forces at any time during the week commencing on the 23rd day of April, 1916, or

(b) served in the Forces continuously during the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1921, and ending on the 11th day of July, 1921,

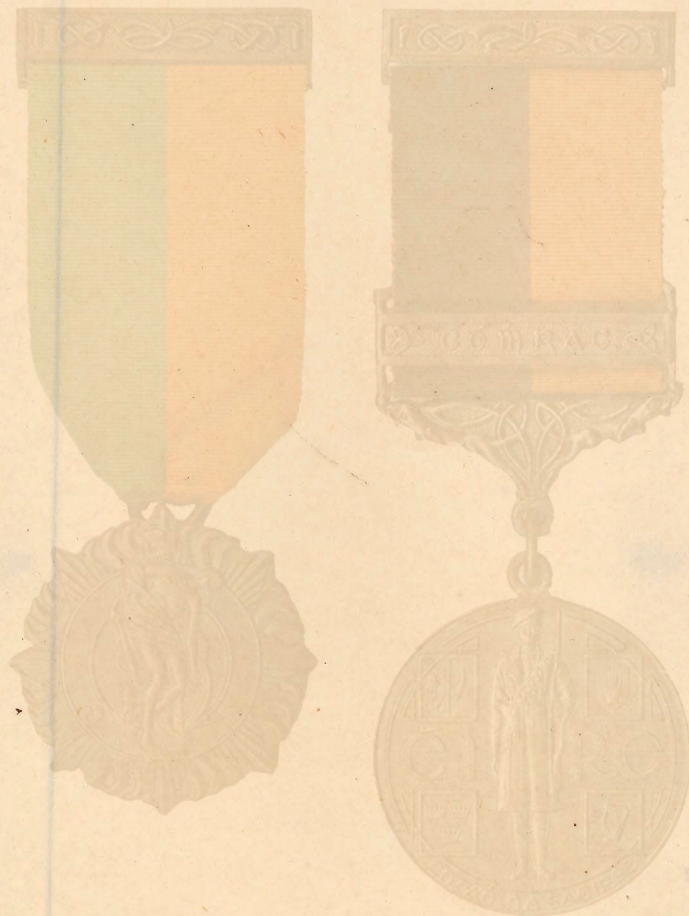
the expression "the first critical date" shall be construed as meaning the date during the said week, or if he did not serve during the said week, during the said period, on which he first served in the Forces in such week or such period (as the case may be), and

the expression "the second critical date" shall be construed as meaning the earliest date in the period between the first critical date in respect of such person, and the 12th day of July, 1921, on which such person held his highest rank in such last-mentioned period in the Forces.

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ISSUED 7/35
R. FEREE R 6
4 DEC 1935
ISSUED 30/11/35



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SWORN STATEMENT MADE BEFORE THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY

EDWARD DEVITT - No. 2211 - 4th DECEMBER, 1935.

3rd Period.

- Q. Training, patrol work, and attending instructions and parades?
A. Yes.

4th Period.

- Q. Training, patrol duty, general elections and parades - what patrol duty were you doing in this period?
A. At the General Election booths in the City.

5th Period.

- Q. Police duty; raid on Thompsons - tell us about that?
A. The police wanted a car and we had to go to Thompsons and take a Crossley Touring car out of it. G.H.Q. took it off us.
- Q. What date was that?
A. Shortly after the Police was formed, I do not know the date. A man named Fitzgerald drove the car.
- Q. Were you armed on that raid?
A. Yes.
- Q. Training and patrol duty - Ballsbridge, Pigeon House Fort, ~~Brixton Road~~ - what patrols were they?
A. Police duty. We kept prisoners in the Pigeon House Fort and we brought them to Ballsbridge Court House to be tried.
- Q. That was in connection with the Sinn Fein Courts?
A. Yes.
- Q. You were working on Dail Bonds in this period?
A. Yes, we had to go around the different houses to sell the bonds.

6th Period.

- Q. Dublin Brigade activities, 21st November, 1920 - was that 'Bloody' Sunday?
A. Yes.
- Q. What did you do in 'Bloody' Sunday?
A. I was in a house in Donnybrook.
- Q. Did you get the men you went after?
A. Yes, there were three men shot - two died and one recovered.
- Q. Who was in charge of you on that operation?
A. James Bird.
- Q. What happened exactly in the house?
A. The three men were taken out of their beds and shot.
- Q. How many were on that job along with you?
A. 10 men. Jimmy Bird was in charge in the house.

- Q. Raid for arms at Normandy Hotel Baggott Street?
 A. I think he was a Police Officer.
- Q. Was that before 'Bloody' Sunday?
 A. Yes, because I was arrested the week after 'Bloody' Sunday.
- Q. You had a raid at Ranelagh Road?
 A. Yes, I think it was No. 10 Ranelagh Road.
- Q. Police duty, I.R.A. Battalion area, Irishtown, Gloucester Street, etc.?
 A. We had a raid on a house in Gloucester Street looking for stolen property.
- Q. When were you arrested?
 A. 28th or 29th November.
- Q. Were you charged with anything?
 A. No. I was arrested at the general round up at the time.
- Q. You were interned until the 8th December, 1921?
 A. Yes.

8th Period.

- Q. What did you do after you came back, you say you were on the Mansion House Convention; Masonic Hall; Kildare Street Club; Smithfield Parade, were you doing guard duty on any of these places?
 A. The Belfast Refugees took over the Masonic Hall and we took it from them, then we took the Kildare Street Club.
- Q. When did you take the Masonic Hall?
 A. Sometime in May.
- Q. Were you full time from that until the Four Courts were attacked?
 A. Yes.
- Q. Were you working after your release?
 A. Yes.
- Q. You were doing guard duty in the evenings?
 A. Yes.
- Q. Were you regularly on duty after working?
 A. Yes, every night.
- Q. That condition of affairs existed until the Four Courts?
 A. Yes.
- Q. Were you on the attack on the Four Courts?
 A. No. We were in the Public Library in Pearse Street first and then we went to Yates in Grafton Street.
- Q. Had you a fight in Grafton Street?
 A. No. A few cars went by and we fired on them. We went from Yates into the United Service Club and we were there for a week.
- Q. After the first week of the fighting in Dublin, what were you doing?
 A. We were told to go to Cloneskea but there was nobody there. The Company met after wards and we had meetings in a lane off Benson Street.

9th Period.

- Q. Had you any fighting with the Free State during the Civil War?
- A. We had an attack on Westland Row a few months after the Four Courts - about the end of August.
- Q. You were never arrested by the Free State?
- A. No.
- Q. Did they know you were connected with the I.R.A.?
- A. I lived down by Oriel House and I passed by every day, I was often searched but never arrested.
- Q. Were you working during this period?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Have you any references with you?
- A. I went to the Company Officer, Commandant O'Connor, and asked him for a reference and he said that is was not necessary as all the cases would be dealt with together.
- Q. You were a Volunteer on both critical dates?
- A. Yes.

I wish to state that I applied for a Disability Pension, I have a bad heart, but I could not prove I got it through service. I passed an examination for Clerical Officers in the Civil Service but was rejected on account of my heart.

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Ref. No. 2211 Applicant's Name Devitt, Edward Address 50, Leaman St., Dublin. Referee R.3

UNIT "H" Coy, 3rd Bn, Dublin Gate.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	REMARKS
PERIOD	Service claimed	Active Service allowed	Equivalent for pension purposes.	
(1) 23/4/16 - 30/4/16	Nil	/	/	(7)
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17	Nil	/	/	(8) <u>23</u> <u>35</u>
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	$\frac{2}{18}$ to $\frac{3}{18}$	/	/	(9)
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	Full Period	/	/	(10)
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	Full Period	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{12}$ yrs.	(11)
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	Full Period	$\frac{5}{12}$	$\frac{5}{6}$ yrs.	(12)
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	Full Period	Full.	1 yrs.	(13)
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	Full Period	$\frac{7}{12}$	$\frac{7}{12}$ yrs.	(14)
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	Full Period	$\frac{1}{18}$	$\frac{1}{9}$ yrs.	(15)
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	Nil	/	/	(16)

(a) First critical date (b) Second critical date

Rank claimed on - Vol. Total of Column (a) 218 years ✓

Rank allowed - E

SIGNED :- Seumas Robinson John Mc Gory L. Fahey Sgt. G. O'Leary

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Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 34 S.P./22181

To:

THE REFEREE.

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to transmit for report in accordance with Section 8 and the Regulations made under the Act the accompanying application of

Devitt, Edward

50. Armin Street, Dublin
for a Service Certificate.

The report should take the form of replies to the questions set out herewith.

J. J. Morgan

Date 4 MAR 1935Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee - 2211

To:

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

H.H.

20/1/36

Recorded $\frac{95}{36}$

(SIGNED) J. K. O'CONNOR

Referee.

Date.....

1. Is the Applicant a person to whom the Act applies? Yes2. If so, total actual service in the different service periods, as established. (1) Nil(2) Nil(3) Nil(4) Nil(5) $\frac{1}{2}$ of Entire Period(6) $\frac{5}{12}$ of Entire Period(7) Entire Period(8) $\frac{1}{2}$ of Entire Period(9) $\frac{1}{18}$ of Entire Period(10) Nil

3. Total service for pension purposes as defined by Second Schedule of the Act.....

2 $\frac{1}{18}$ years

4. Grade or rank, quoting relevant paragraph of First Schedule under which allowed:—

(a) On first critical date. Grade E. Para. 1(6)(b) On second critical date. Grade E. Para. 1(6)

(c) Was applicant a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921. No

(d) Does applicant's case fall under either of the following sub-paragraphs, and, if so, which, viz., sub-paragraph (j) of paragraph 3 of Rule I. of First Schedule
No
or under sub-paragraph (m) of paragraph 4 of Rule I. of First Schedule, as a Medical Officer. No

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5. Does the applicant state in his application whether he is at present in receipt of any remuneration, pension or allowance payable out of public moneys 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 ?.....

no

6. Does the applicant state in his application whether he applied for or is in receipt of unemployment assistance under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1933 ? If so, quote the number of his qualification certificate if given by him.....

no

7. THE WEEK COMMENCING ON THE 23RD DAY OF APRIL, 1916.

(1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction

nil

(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act.....

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.....

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.....

8. THE PERIOD COMPRISING :—

(a) THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1916, AND ENDING ON THE 22ND DAY OF APRIL, 1916, and

(b) THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 1916, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1917.

(1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction

nil

(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act.....

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.....

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.....

9. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1917, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1918.

(1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction

nil.....(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act *nil*.....

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces *Irish Volunteers*.....

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.....

K. Coy. Battr. III, Dublin Bde......

10. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1918, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1919.

(1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction

nil.....(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act *nil*.....

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces *Irish Volunteers*.....

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.....

K. Coy. Battr. III, Dublin Bde......

11. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1919, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1920.

- (1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction

$\frac{1}{12}$ of Entire Period

- (2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act.....

$\frac{1}{12}$ of 1 year ✓

- (3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces. *Oglaj na h-Creann*

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.....

"K" Coy, Batta III, Dublin Bde.

12. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1920, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1921.

- (1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction

$\frac{5}{12}$ of Entire Period

- (2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act.....

$\frac{5}{6}$ of 1 year ✓

- (3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces. *Oglaj na h-Creann*

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.....

*"K" Coy, Batta III, Dublin Bde,
and Internment.*

13. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1921, AND ENDING ON THE 11TH DAY OF JULY, 1921.

- (1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction

Entire Period

- (2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act.....

1 year ✓

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.

Oglaigh na h-Ireann
Interned

14. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 12TH DAY OF JULY, 1921, AND ENDING ON THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 1922.

(1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction

$\frac{4}{12}$ of entire period

(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act.

$\frac{4}{12}$ of 1 year

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.

Oglaigh na h-Ireann
Internment, and,
"K" Coy, Battr. III, Dublin Bde.

15. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF JULY, 1922, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1923.

(1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction

$\frac{1}{18}$ of entire period

(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act.

$\frac{1}{9}$ of 1 year

3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.

Oglaigh na h-Ireann
"K" Coy, Battr. III, Dublin Bde.

16. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1923, AND ENDING ON THE 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1923.

(1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction

..... *but*

(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act.....

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.....

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.....

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The following according to Mr. James Bird (2445) were those who took part in the operation against British Intelligence Officers on 20th November 1920 (Bloody) at Morehampton Rd. Donnybrook :-

- | | |
|-----------------------|--|
| (1) James Bird (2445) | 39 O'Connell Gardens, Bath Ave.
Sandymount, Dublin. |
| (2) E. Davitt | Fenian Street, Dublin. |
| (3) J.P. O'Donnell | 27 Gt. Charles St. Dublin |
| (4) J. Norton | (K/Coy. 3rd Battn. Dublin Bde.) |
| (5) D. Finlayson | Deceased. |
| (6) J. Young | Deceased. |
| (7) M. White | (K/Coy). (National Army). |
| (8) P. Brennan | (K/Coy.) |

According to Mr. Bird there may have been two more whose names he cannot recall, as his recollection is that there were 10 men entered the house in question.

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50 Fenian Street
Dublin
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Acspis.

In reference to the service certificate quoted above, I wish to strongly protest against the meagre allowance of service on it.

I. For the first two years (periods 4 + 5) which I claimed, I am allowed only one month. Captain Cullen was captain of K. coy. when I joined the volunteers in 1918. I furnished no personal evidence from him as I considered it not worth the paper it was written in. I can prove this if you require it. During those two years I was available and on duty any time that my services were required. In 1918. (No. 4 period) for which I get no service, I impersonated at Ballsbridge polling booth, running the risk of six months in jail and loss of a permanent government position. In 1919 I took an oath for the establishment of an Irish Republic, and as a soldier I maintain my service was never broken as it is on the certificate.

2. In regard to period 6, I am allowed 5/12ths. During this period I was four months in jail, for which no doubt I was allowed 4/12ths. I presume I got 1/12th for Bloody Sunday month, and nothing for the previous time when I was on duty, day and night with the I.R.A. police from the time of its inception, and nothing for keeping an arms dump in a room of a tenement house, which I called home. (I omitted this last item from my claim). I also lost a year's salary for being in jail.

3. For No 8 period I am allowed 7/12ths, although during this period no doubt, I was incapacitated with the result that I have lost £120 per annum, approximately, in my salary, as well as all pensionable and establishment rights. These I can never hope to attain. I claim I was on duty all this period.

4. In this period when every man with a gun was liable to be shot, I am allowed forty days. Forty days would have been a lot of use to me, had I been captured after the attack on Westland Row Station.

A man in jail for six months in 1923 is allowed a full year. A man in jail in 1921 for the same time (both periods when there was no fighting) is allowed half a year. Why the difference.

Men whom I enticed to join the I.R.A. years after myself, and who joined the Free State Army are in receipt of service pensions three times the amount allotted to me, and are drawing for the past twelve years.

There were two armies in 1922 and apparently I chose the wrong one.

I submit the above protest that my service may be reviewed and enlarged.

Mise Le Mess.

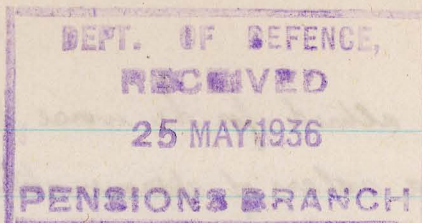
Edward Devitt

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50 Fenian Street
Dublin.

22-5-1936.



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In reference to your letter of the 21st adh Beattams, in which you state more evidence would be required to open my claim

This depends on what you term evidence. I can produce for you a letter from Captain Cullen which states "I have examined the pension form of Edward Devitt and hereby certify that his claims for the period during which I commanded the company are correct." I did not tender this as evidence as I considered those letters were issued indiscriminately, even to men who were not in the company during the captaincy of Captain Cullen. Captain Cullen never seen my pension form.

Any statements I made in my letter were the truth, evidence or no evidence. In 1918, pensions or jobs did not worry me. Impersonating at the ballot boxes was regarded by me at that time as nothing extraordinary. Whoever sent me in or was on duty with me I did not bother to know.

Here is a little more evidence for No. 6 period which I did not include on my claim. About August or September I harboured an arms dump under my bed in a tenement house. This can be vouched for by the men who mention it in their claim, as they had to come to me for the stuff. Lieut. Bird and Captain Miller can also vouch for it. No 6 period covers from April 1920 to March 1921. I was in jail undergoing two identification parades a week from 30th Nov to 31st March, which is four months. I was on duty on 21 November which covers another month. When the Republican police were formed, Lieut Bird and myself were the first two men to be selected by Captain Farrell for duty in the force. A man named Sean Condon was in charge of the police at 144 Pearse St. I was on duty with the police force all the time I cannot produce evidence from men who have entirely forgotten me. Strange men coming up and down the tenement house to the dump was the cause of my arrest.

The foregoing statement is merely to point out to you, that I was on duty, as you term duty, for at least ten months out of the twelve, yet I am awarded only five twelfths of the time.

I also pointed out in my letter of the 8th that my

means

means of living was altered for the worse by the war. I am a Civil Servant with a salary of approximately £67 per annum. Shortly after hostilities ceased the medical officer rejected me for appointment and thereby stopped my promotion and my salary which should be somewhat near £300.

I understood the pension bill was to compensate men for the gap the war made in their lives. 4/- per week pension is little use to me when I remember that I would have £2 a week more had I kept out of the war.

I suggest that the method of calculating service and evidence be reviewed.

Yours &c Mess

Edward Devitt.

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(TELEPHONE)

UIMHIR THAGARTHA
(REFERENCE NO.)

34SP/2218.
M.S.P/34/Referee 2211.

ROINN COSANTA,
(DEPT. OF DEFENCE),

GEATA NA PAIRCE,
(PARKGATE),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(DUBLIN).



28 May 1936.

Rúnaí,
Oifig an Réiteóra.

I am directed by the Minister for Defence
to state that Mr. Edward Devitt
50. Fencian Street, Dublin.
has appealed against the findings of the Referee
in his case. He has submitted the attached
evidence, which purports to be additional to
that already tendered. The Minister directs
that the Referee will be good enough to review
his report in the light of this new evidence.

J. Morgan

a.s. Rúnaí.

MD.

50 Fenian Street
Dublin

18-7-1936.

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Some time ago I wrote to the Secretary, Military Pensions Board, protesting against the amount of service allowed to me. I pointed out to him that I did not use the letter supplied to me by my ex-captain as evidence, as I knew the letters were issued indiscriminately. A copy is attached. These were issued to men who were not members of the company during the captaincy of the above mentioned captain. No doubt bogus claims are being made in respect of service, and the distribution of such letters will not tend to eliminate them. *No notice was let*

However, I wish to point out to you the following.

I am barred by the Civil Service Commission from obtaining a position in the Civil Service, through being rejected by the Medical Officer. My disability pension claim was also rejected by the Pension Board, because I could not furnish sufficient evidence to prove how and where I was disabled. I don't believe that is the spirit intended by the act.

The objection of the Civil Service Commission could be overcome if the pension board would recognize my right. An interview would explain the position more satisfactorily, but your personal intervention would be necessary.

Meantime through lack of practical sympathy I am being prevented from obtaining a job.

Mise le mess
Edward Davitt

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MR. JOSEPH O'CONNOR GIVING EVIDENCE BEFORE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON APPEAL OF EDWARD DEVITT (NO. 2211) ON
20TH JULY, 1936.

6th Period.

- Q. 1/12 of 5, 5/12 of 6, all 7, 7/12 of 8 and 1/18 of 9.
Appeal statement read.
- Q. Out on bloody Sunday at Donnybrook. Bird was in charge.
Was there shooting there?
- A. Who said Bird was in charge? Harry Farrell was in charge.
- Q. No, Harry Farrell was not actually in charge of the shooting
of men on 'bloody' Sunday. I do not think he claimed it.
We gave him 5/12 of it. He was arrested in November. He is
alright. If he had the Income Tax paid before it we might
give him more. He was released on the 8th December, 1921.
He was in the Masonic Hall in May, and doing guard at
nights. He is getting 7/12. He is getting two months
extra in the truce?
- A. His civil war service falls short. I understand he
finished; he was wounded too.
- Q. Appeal statement read. In the civil war he was in the
United Service Club and went to Clonskea; attack on Westland
Row Station; working during the civil war; lived beside
Oriel House. He was in Yeates; in attack on Westland Row
Station about the end of August. Have you any
verification for his civil war service?
- A. He was in the civil war alright.
- Q. We should give him 1/9 of that period alright. Activities
in civil war read from typescript. He lost no time in the
civil war?
- A. Give him some recognition for the scrap in Westland Row.
- Q. That is the recognition. 1/18 means he gets half month's
service for the thing in Westland Row. He was not
mobilised for it, he apparently went on that job - if he
was in it at all. We have no reference verifying it.
This case was finished with you on the 18th January last?
- A. I know him real well. That last part of the civil war
I would like you to give him something for.
- Q. He is not claiming for it?
- A. His whole growl is that he has never been made permanent
in the Civil Service.
- Q. There is no change?
- A. No.

LM.

Ref. No.

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Applicant's name

Devitt Edward

Address

50 Fenian St.,
Dublin.

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UNIT:

(a) PERIOD	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active Service allowed	(d) Equivalent for Pension purposes	REMARKS	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)
(1) 23/4/16 - 30/4/16.	Nil													
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17	Nil.													
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18.	$2\frac{1}{8}$ to $3\frac{1}{8}$ 18													
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	Full Period													
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20.	do													
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	do													
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	do													
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	do.													
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	do													
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23.	Nil													

No change recommended.

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(b) Second critical date

Volunteer

Total of Column (d)

(a) first critical date

Volunteer

Rank claimed on -
Rank allowed -

SIGNED: Samuel Robinson

John McElroy

8/4/23

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Dear Sir,

The Member desires me to
ack for the enclosed
from the Rev.

Yr. Obedt. Servant,
22.7.36

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4 August 1936

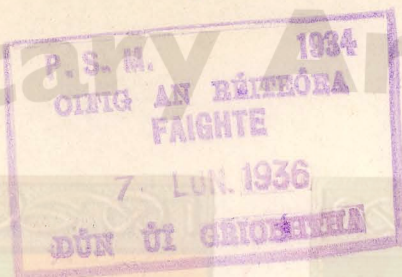
Secretary,
Dept. of Defence
(Pensions).

I am directed by the Referee to refer to Mr.
Horgan's minute 34.SP/ 2218 of the 29th May last
relative to the appeal of Edward Devitt

50 Fenian Street, Dublin

against the findings of the Referee in his case, and
I am to state that the Referee has reviewed his Report
in the light of the additional evidence, and has
confirmed his findings as set out in his report of
24th January 1936.

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5adh Lúghnasa, 1936.

A Chara,

Mr. Aiken desires me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th ultimo and in reply to say that he is asking the Referee to give early consideration to your appeal against your award under Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Mise, le meas,

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Rúnaí Aire.

Mr. Edward Devitt,
50 Fenian Street,
DUBLIN.

Secretary to the Referee.

Transmitted.

ANÍM.

Edm

Rúnaí Aire.

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