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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).

CONNOLLY, RODERICK JAMES

SURNAME.

CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS
(to be written in
block capitals).

INISHOWEN, BRAY HEAD,
BRAY, CO. WICKLOW.

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? *yes. From Easter Sunday*
- (b) Unit or Units *I.C.A. + then General Headquarters, I.R.A.*
- (c) Duration (giving dates) of service *Sunday to Wednesday following*
- (d) District or Districts in which active service was rendered *G.P.O., Dublin*
On Wednesday afternoon was sent by C.-G. J. Connelley with messages, etc. to William O'Brien, Belvidere Place + arrested with latter later in the week.
- (e) Officer Commanding in each instance *Commandant General James Connelley*
- (f) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *On duty in Grand Room, Liberty Hall until Monday; then aide-de-camp to Commandant-General Pearse + Connelley; acted as Lieut. on G.H.Q. Staff + helped repel attack of huns, etc.*
- (g) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the week *See (f). Previous week carried despatches to Denis McCullagh in Belfast.*
- (h) Absence from duty and cause *Impossibility of returning to G.P.O. + arrest.*
- (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 *Fianna Eireann, I.C.A. + Belfast Battalion, I.V.*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered *Dublin + Belfast*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance *Fianna Eireann: A. Heon; I.C.A.: see 1(e)
 Belfast Battalion: Padraic O'Riain + Capt. Murphy.*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *Brought to Dublin before Easter, worked in Liberty Hall on maps, etc. carried messages (kg). In Belfast on Rathfriland Staff as Director of Mobilisation; + Lieut. on H. Coy with Jos. McElroy + Murphy.*
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period *See 2 e. Carried messages from Belfast (S. McEntee, T.O.) to Mrs. Wylie Power, etc. trained H. Coy. etc.*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Archie Heon	62 Malahide Road, Clontarf.
Padraic O'Riain	Belfast
Sean McEntee, T.D.	Luncheon House.

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Fianna Eireann, South Dublin Battalion.*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *to beginning of 1918.*

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Theobald Fitzgerald & Sean McLaughlin.*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ?.....
Lieut. to Dan Mac Art's Coy. & Adjutant to Battalion.

(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.
Theobald Fitzgerald	173 St. Branswick (later Pease) St.,
Garry Holohan	Drumcondra.
Eamon Martin	London.

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Glasgow Coy.*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *to end of 1918 or beginning of 1919.*

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Alce Cammichael, succeeded by Paddy Thomson*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ?.....
Organising Coy., collecting explosives, etc.

(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.

Paddy Moran

Glasgow

Charles Diamond,

Glasgow.

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *unattached*

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

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Seumas Robinson.*

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

Bringing officers of H.A. staff + officer of Tipperary Brigade to Berlin to procure arms.

(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.

Senator Seumas Robinson.

Leinster House.

Sean Beaumont.

L.E.O. County Dublin, V.E. Cttee.

(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.....

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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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(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.

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

(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.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *during engagement in O'Connell st., + later in Cork + Channel.*

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

Dublin

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Oscar Traynor ?*

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

with Liam Mellows when Four Courts was attacked, instructed to join up with troops in O'Connell st. area, was in Fendalton until evacuation; then went with introduction from J.T. O'Kelly T.D. to Liam Lynch, + to Thomas Robinson, Channel.

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *attack on Bridgeman's from Findlater, etc.*

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

<i>Garry Holohan,</i>	<i>Dramcondra</i>
<i>S. T. O'Kelly. 10.</i>	<i>Leinst House</i>
<i>Senator Thomas Robinson,</i>	<i>Leinst House.</i>

(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
 Fianna 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 ?.....

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

(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.

(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.

Staff Lieutenant, G.H.Q. Staff, G.P.O.,
Dublin.

(b) On second critical date.

Director of Mobilisation, Belfast Battalion
or Lieutenant of H. Company.
or Battalion Adjutant, No. 7anna Lincoln.

References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Samson Murray.	?
Mrs. H. O'Brien.	36 Belgrave Sq. R'minis.
Theo Fitzgerald.	173 Pease St.
Padraic O'Brien.	Belfast.

- (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.

No.

(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.....

Yes. Commercial Instructor, Vocational Education Committee, Bray.

(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.....

No.

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.....

R. J. Connelley,

Inchowen, Bray.

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

1 J. J. Sullivan

Address of Witness.....

Kilmore, Bray Co. Wicklow.

Qualification.....

Partner of Mr. Robert Carr

Date.....

30/12/35

* 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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21-11-1934

Glasgow
Scotland.

During the the years of 1918
to 1919 . M^r R. J. Connolly
was Capt. of A Comp. Glasgow
and under his direction much
valuable work was carried
out including the collecting,
purchasing & transporting of
munitions to Ireland
Charles Diamond
(Lieut. during this period)

Military Archives

Referee R.15.

Organisation Records supplied by _____

show that applicant was

(a) No particulars of rank on record 1.7.1921.

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(b) do. 1.7.1922.

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SWORN STATEMENT MADE BEFORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY RODERICK
JAMES CONNOLLY ON 23rd NOVEMBER, 1937, (REF. NO. 38900).

Q. Was it the Fianna you joined?

A. Yes, I joined the Fianna Boy Scouts in Belfast about 1912 and I was attached to them up to about two weeks or ten days before the Rising.

1st Period

Q. Were you in Dublin on Easter Sun.?

A. Yes, I had come back from Belfast.

Q. You were in Dublin on Easter Sun.?

A. Yes and I paraded with the Citizen Army at Liberty Hall and along the Quays.

Q. A route march?

A. Yes.

Q. Where did you spend the rest of Sun.?

A. Sun. night I was on guard in the guard-room in Liberty Hall.

Q. Was that all night?

A. No, part of the night.

Q. Were you in Liberty Hall all Sun. night?

A. I think I was there for some period with other fellows but I cannot remember.

Q. Would you have gone home on Sun. night of early Mon. morning?

A. Yes, I went to Mme. Markievics' place on Sun. night.

Q. Where did you go on Mon.? Did you return to Liberty Hall?

A. Yes, I returned to Liberty Hall about 10 o'clock in the morning

Q. Where did you go to then?

A. I was in Room No. 7, my father's room, for some time until 12 o'clock and then we paraded outside and went to the G.P.O.

Q. You went to the G.P.O. and acted as Aide-de-Camp to your father and Padraig Pearse?

A. Yes.

Q. You acted as Lieut. on Hqrs. staff?

A. Yes.

Q. You helped to repel the attack of the Landers?

A. Yes, I remember that.

Q. Did you spend the rest of Mon. in the G.P.O.?

A. Yes.

Q. And Mon. night, Tues. and Tues. night?

A. Yes.

Q. Were you inside the G.P.O.?

A. Yes, actually in the G.P.O.

Q. On Wed. afternoon you were sent by your father with messages to William O'Brien, Belvedere Place?

A. Yes. I was thinking about that and am not quite certain

whether it was Wed. or Thurs. It was either Wed. or Thurs. morning. On Wed. I was sent out to the Imperial Hotel with a message for Frank Thornton and O'Connell St. was under fire at the time. Some message about an observation post in the wireless station.

Q. You are not sure whether you spent Wed. night in the G.P.O. or not?

A. No, I am not certain. I am inclined to think that it was Thurs. morning I left. I asked O'Brien to verify it and I had not much time to see him. He said he remembered my coming there. I will see him about it again.

Q. You think it was Thurs. morning?

A. Yes.

Q. You were sent with a message to William O'Brien?

A. Yes, letters in a valise to 43 Belvedere Place.

Q. You say you were arrested with him later in the week - when?

A. I am not certain about that but I think it was towards the end of the week or the beginning of the next week. Anyway we were coming down to see whether we could get news of what was happening or get in touch with them in the post-office and when we got as far as Beresford Place we were arrested.

Q. Did this take place before the surrender?

A. Well, it was before we had received news of the surrender.

Q. Where were you taken to?

A. To the Custom House, to the tea-testing room there.

Q. Were you kept long?

A. We were kept there until the middle of the following week I think. Everything was over then and we were brought to Richmond bks. and under O'Brien's instructions I gave the name of Frank Carney as if I were a brother of Winifred Carney. I was put into a room with McDermott and a lot of others, about 30 I suppose.

2(a)

Q. Where were you on 1st April? Were you in Belfast or Dublin three weeks before the rebellion?

A. It was just about that period I came to Dublin but I do not know the date. I might be able to place it because my father had been up in Belfast some time previous and had a meeting in his house of the Vol. Officers and after that meeting he said that if I liked I could go down to Dublin and be with him so I came to Dublin with him.

Q. You say you were brought to Dublin before Easter, worked in ~~xxxx~~ Liberty Hall on maps, etc., carried messages - did you do much work on maps?

A. Yes. I remember I was given the job of tracing on an ordnance map the route of Nth. Co. Dublin and I think up as far as Dundalk.

Q. Did you spend much time on map work?

A. Several days in different periods.

Q. Were you in ~~xxxx~~ Liberty Hall at this time?

A. Yes.

Q. Continuously, day and night?

A. Yes.

Q. Was that your job then?

A. Yes, as far as I was given a job.

Q. You carried messages?

A. Yes, to Kimmage.

Q. Did you do that often?

A. Yes. I carried several messages to J. Plunkett, but at that time I was not very familiar with most of the leaders, I was very young.

Q. What age were you then?

A. I was 15 years. During that period I remember taking a message up to Danny McCullough in Belfast and I was asked to go with him to see the parade and to see how they were equipped. I asked him would he verify that and he said he would.

Q. You were doing nothing but being with your father and helping?

A. Yes.

2(b)

Q. You gave the name of Frank Carney when arrested?

A. Yes.

Q. You were not tried?

A. No.

Q. When were you released?

A. There were about 250 of us released about 8th or 9th Dec. after we were brought there.

Q. After going into the Richmond?

A. Yes, as being under sixteen years.

~~3rd Period~~

Q. When things got going again did you rejoin in Sth. Dublin?

A. Yes, I was in the Fianna in Dublin, I think it was Nth. Dublin.

Q. There was not much doing for a while after Easter Week?

A. No. I was in C Coy. in the Fianna when they were re-organised. I was Lieut. under Dan Mac Art and then I was Battn. Adj. under Theo Fitzgerald.

3rd Period

Q. Just the usual parades and drills in '17?

A. Yes. We were pursued by police cars when we were on manoeuvres and several of us were arrested.

Q. You were just kept for a day?

A. Yes.

4th Period

Q. Organising Coy., collecting explosives, etc.?

A. Yes.

Q. When did you go to Glasgow?

A. Before I went to Glasgow there was the conscription period.

Q. That is the period we are talking about - what did you do during the conscription period?

A. I was in Belfast. I resumed my studies at the Technical School in Belfast. I was in the Vols. there and when the conscription menace came along there was a big influx and I was appointed 1st Lieut. of H. Coy. Joe McKelvey was 2nd ~~xx~~ Lieut. and Murphy was O.C. of the Coy.

Q. How long did you remain in Belfast?

A. Right through that period and I was then made Director of Mobilisation. Col. Cusack was also in command. I remember coming down to Dublin with some dispatches from Sean MacEntee the day of the general strike.

Q. About 1st May 1918?

A. Yes, I brought dispatches to Dublin.

Q. You returned to Belfast then?

A. Yes, for a while.

Q. Was it long after that you went to Glasgow?

A. No, because I was in Glasgow in 1918, I was there before the end of the Great War. I was told it would be possible to work in an engineering firm so I went over and got into Beardmores.

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4th Period:
(Continued)

- Q. Was it at this time you did something regarding the collection of explosives?
A. Yes.
- Q. Did you do much of that?
A. I went, several times (I could not exactly say the number of times) to some of the outlying mining villages, Shale, etc., to mines I think mostly, and we received gelignite and, I think, other explosives.
- Q. Had these explosives been raided for before you went out?
A. -
- Q. You went out to bring them in?
A. Mostly, as far as I can see, they were obtained by miners - employees, of Irish sympathies.
- Q. You say you went out to do that several times?
A. I am sure I did.
- Q. Did you purchase arms at this period? or help?
A. Yes, I think, there were some arms purchased. I remember once, anyway, I was at the purchasing of arms from some man in Glasgow; as far as I remember, I think there were two rifles.
- Q. How long did you remain in Glasgow?
A. It must have been till the beginning of 1919.
- Q. Where did you go to then?
A. I returned to Dublin.
- Q. At this time, you were not specifically attached to any Unit?
A. In Glasgow, I was in charge of "A" Company for a while, and at another period, I think I was 1st Lieutenant under Paddy Moran.
- Q. When you got back to Dublin were you attached?
A. When I got back to Dublin I became more interested in the Labour Movement.

5th Period:

- Q. In 1919 or early 1920, you were bringing officers of Headquarters Staff and officer of Tipperary Brigade to Berlin to procure arms?
A. Yes.
- Q. Could you tell us when that was?
A. It must have been in 1921, I think that was.
- Q. Was there a Tipperary man?
A. It was one of Seamus Robinson's crowd - I think he is since dead - I forget his name. And the other fellow was Beaumont.
- Q. Sean Beaumont?
A. No, his brother. I understand he was attached to H.Q. Staff, and I think the other came from Tipperary.
- Q. Would it have been as early as 1919 and which is on your Form?
A. No.

Q. Was it long before the Truce?

A. No, it was not. The Truce broke out actually when we were there, I think.

Q. Who were you in touch with in Berlin?

A. Briscoe. I was attached at that time to the I.C.A.

Q. That would be during the 5th and 6th Periods.

During that period I speak of you were not connected with any of the street ambushes here or anything like that?

A. No.

Q. Did you actually take these men to Berlin?

A. Yes. I had been over there before, in 1920.

Q. Not on Volunteer work?

A. No, from the Section of the Labour Movement here.

Q. And the Truce came while you were in Berlin?

A. As far as I remember, I think the Truce came.

Q. Was your job merely to take these men to Berlin, to guide them?

A. Yes, and to introduce them there to any parties who were likely to sell arms.

Q. How long were you there with them?

A. I think it must be nearly a month - I am not certain of the time.

Q. You had nothing to do with the actual negotiation of the purchase of arms?

A. No.

Q. It was just to put them right?

A. Yes. I interviewed several people, with what result I am not certain; for I think the negotiations were all disrupted by the recall.

Q. For the rest of the Truce Period you would have been back in Dublin with the Citizen Army and Labour Movement?

A. Yes.

Q. You were not in the Camps or in occupation of the Bks., or posts before the Civil War broke out?

A. No.

9th Period:

Q. You say, you communicated with Liam Mellows when the Four Courts was attacked?

A. Yes.

Q. You were instructed to join up with troops in O'Connell-street and you were in Findlaters until the evacuation?

A. Yes; I was actually with Childers in the Woods Printing Works. He was editing "An Phoblacht," and I was editing "The Workers' Republic." And, on receipt of his message, I had some of the old C.A. men, and we went to Findlaters.

Q. How soon after the attack on the Four Courts would you have got to Findlaters?

A. I think it was as soon as they took over Findlaters for we were engaged in sandbagging the windows and breaking through northwards.

Q. you were there till the evacuation?

A. Yes.

Q. For how many days?

A. From the occupation - from the first day they occupied that area. Then, I was in the attack on Bridgemans. We broke through Bridgemans and captured some Free State soldiers there, and then we were preparing an attack on the Bank opposite - the Provincial Bank - under Paddy Holohan when word came the troops were to evacuate the place.

Q. What were you armed with that week?

A. I had a revolver.

Q. After the evacuation you went then with an introduction from Seat T. O'Kelly to Liam Lynch and Seamus Robinson?

A. Yes, that is right. I went home after the evacuation, and as it was impossible to produce the paper that I was interested in here at the time, I went to London to arrange for its production there. There I was put in touch with Sean McGloughlin who was thought to be of some immediate value to the Republicans here, and he came back with me, and we went to Stack and O'Kelly. I think it was Stack we got a letter from to Liam Lynch in Cork. We went through Cork and up to Fermoy and on to Mallow. I was engaged then in suggesting a formation of a Civil Council to organise things behind the lines and with that in view I interviewed the Labour T.D. down there - Day (?), and he promised to co-operate with Alderman French (then Mayor French - Sean French. Then I laid a plan before General Lynch about securing the co-operation for the Organisation of civil life behind their lines.

Q. You had no actual fighting after the O'Connell-street fighting?

A. No.

Q. After this period, were you attached to the Citizen Army or did you just go clean into the Labour Movement again?

A. Yes; we returned from Cork direct and from then on, I think, I had nothing to do with ~~xxxxxx~~ the Citizen Army, except for a very short period which I am rather vague about, but I think most of my activities were concentrated on the Labour Movement.

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SUMMARY of EVIDENCE - RODERIC JAMES CONNOLLY - 38900.

23rd NOVEMBER, 1937.

Grade I.

Joined the Fianna in 1912 in Belfast.

1st Period - Easter Sunday:-

Paraded at Liberty Hall; was there until some time late on Sunday night when he went to Countess Markievicz.

Monday:- Liberty Hall about 10 o'clock - from there to the G.P.O. - acted as Aide-de-Camp to his father and Pearse. He was a Lieutenant on the Headquarters Staff.

Tuesday and Tuesday night: G.P.O.

Wednesday evening or Thursday morning: On Thursday morning to the best of his knowledge he was sent by his father with a valise of papers to William O'Brien. He stayed with O'Brien and some time prior to the Surrender was going with him to get news in the city and was arrested at Beresford Place and brought to Richmond.

2 (a)

About 1st April, his father came to Belfast to hold a Meeting of officers regarding the Rising. He came to Dublin with his father and from the date of his return until Easter Sunday was continuously working for his father in Liberty Hall, either carrying messages or tracing maps. He was fifteen years of age at this time.

2 (b)

With about 200 others who were under the age of sixteen he was released from Richmond about nine days after being taken there; joined the Fianna, and was a Lieutenant and later Battalion Adjutant.

3rd Period:

Usual activities: resumed his studies in Belfast and joined the Volunteers there.

4th Period:

During the Conscription period he was appointed 1st Lieutenant of "H" Company and later Director of Mobilisation: brought dispatched to Dublin about May, and returned to Belfast: then went to Glasgow and held rank in Glasgow: collected explosives several times and purchased two rifles on one occasion: returned to Dublin about 1919.

5th Period:

Attached to I.C.A., but mostly engaged on Labour work.

6th Period:

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7th Period:

" " " : towards the end of this Period he brought a Headquarters Staff Officer and a Tipperary Officer to Berlin for the negotiation of arms.

8th Period:

In Berlin: was there for about a month with the two officers acting as interpreter and introducing them to people.

After his return to Dublin his main activities were in the Labour Movement.

When the Four Courts was attacked, he was mobilised and went to Findlaters: was in the attack on Bridgemans.

9th Period:

Was in O'Connell-street until the evacuation. He then went to London to make arrangements for the publishing of a paper: returned from London and got in touch with Sean T. O'Kelly and went from there to Liam Lynch and Seamus Robinson.

After his return, he had no further activities.

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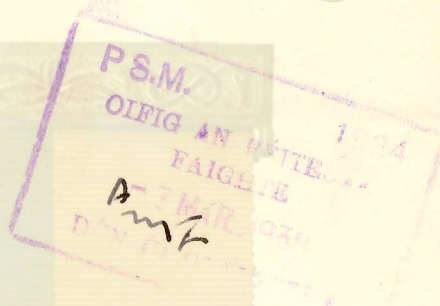
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(Dublin).

The Secretary,
Pensions Board,
Griffith Barracks,
DUBLIN.

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2nd March, 1938.



A Chara,

Mr. R. J. CONNOLLY of 'Inishowen' Bray Head, Bray,
County Wicklow, has asked me to confirm work of his in connection
with the I.R.A.

While in Germany I was informed from Dublin G.H.Q., that General Seamus Robinson of Tipperary was going to make an attempt to secure arms for his Brigade area independent of headquarters, and it was further intimated to me that certain persons would possibly follow, shortly after my receipt of the communication, to Germany, and that I was to keep an eye out as to their doings and to report without interference on my part with the progress of their work to G.H.Q. Shortly after three men arrived in Berlin consisting of Roddy Connolly who was well known to me: Billy Beaumont who was also well known to me but who had been an officer in the British Army and who I knew was attached to Intelligence in Dublin directly to G.H.Q., and also a member of Mr. Robinson's Brigade of the name of Jack O'Hara. These men quite honestly put their cards on the table to me stating that the shortage of arms and supplies in Tipperary was of such vital importance for the further carrying out of operations that they were to attempt to get supplies direct. I kept in touch with these men for the period they were in Germany - this period being, roughly, a month or six weeks prior to the Truce. Their attempts did not result in anything definite and Roddy Connolly proceeded home, followed shortly afterwards by Billy Beaumont. O'Hara was left in Berlin and just at the beginning of the Truce his funds gave out and I supplied him with his fare to return home to Ireland, which expense was duly debited to headquarters, I having received formal sanction, after great difficulty, to recoup myself by J.T. Ryan who was at that time Envoy Plenipotentiary Extraordinary. Seamus Robinson was the officer commanding the Brigade who authorised this visit to Germany and I can only confirm that Mr. Connolly was actually there having spent some time previously, before his arrival in Berlin, in London.

Is mise, le meas,

R. Briscoe
Robert Briscoe, T.D.,

RB/MD.

Ref. No. 38900

APPLICANT'S NAME

Connolly Roderic James

For Discussion with

Mo. J. Henratty

Date

5/3/38

PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
(1)	being late. being late of P.O. (aside camp & letter)	
(2)	being late of P.O. - being late (in morning) may but with papers to be on time (private address)	
(3)	stays with mother arrived at home (from the barracks) after 9 days & kept 9 days	
5	(being late) being late in P.O.	
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(6)	at the station	
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(8)	at the station	
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OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

(a) First Critical Date

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(b) Second Critical Date

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RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

REFEREE R.15.

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Organisation Records supplied by G.H.Q. Committee

show that applicant was

(a) See note 11.7.1921.

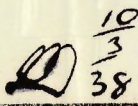
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(b) do. 1.7.1922.

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Note.

An R. Connolly is shown as Battn. Adjlt.
2nd (North Dublin) Battn. Fianna Eiscian.
June 1917 - Jan. 1918.

Signed:  10/3/38

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REF. No. 38900APPLICANT'S NAME Connolly Roderic JamesADDRESS Inshower, Bray Head, Bray, Co. Wick.UNIT I.B.S.

(a) PERIOD	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active service allowed	(d) Equivalent for Pension purposes	REMARKS
(1) 23/4/16 - 30/4/16	Full Period.	$\frac{5}{7}$	$2\frac{6}{7}$ yrs.	(7)
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 } (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17 }	do. ²	$\frac{15}{178}$	$\frac{15}{178}$ yrs.	(8)
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	do. ²	$\frac{1}{1}$	$\frac{1}{1}$	(9)
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	Part Period.	"	"	Finished. $\frac{7}{38}$ (10)
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	/	/	/	(11)
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	/	/	/	(12)
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	/	/	/	(13)
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	/	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$ yrs.	(14)
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	Part Period.	$\frac{1}{9}$	$\frac{2}{9}$ yrs.	(15)
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(a) First critical date. (b) Second critical date.

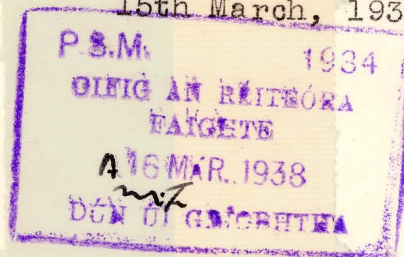
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INISHOWEN,
Bray Head, Bray.

15th March, 1938.



The Secretary,
Pensions Board,
Griffith Barracks,
Dublin.

A Chara,

I enclose herewith Statement received from William O'Brien, T.D., which I trust concludes the case.

I may mention, in case I have not done so already that on Tuesday of Easter Week I conveyed messages and instructions from the G.P.O to the Imperial Hotel where Frank Thornton was in command and reported back to the C-i-C.

Yours faithfully,

R. J. Connelley

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STATEMENT BY WILLIAM O'BRIEN, T.D., WITH REFERENCE
TO RODERICK J. CONNOLLY, INISHOWEN, BRAY HEAD, BRAY,
Co. WICKLOW, AND EASTER WEEK, 1916.

On Wednesday, April 26th 1916, about noon, Roderick J. Connolly, son of Commandant General James Connolly, then aged 15 years, was brought to my residence, 43, Belvidere Place, Dublin, by two men whom I did not know, who stated that they were sent by James Connolly with a message that Roderick was to stay in my house. He remained there until Sunday morning, 30th April. On that morning about 11 o'clock, he and I were arrested in Beresford Place and brought into the Custom House, where we were detained.

In the forenoon of the following day, (Monday, May 1st), in company with about 120 other prisoners, we were transferred to Richmond Barracks. We remained in the same room until the following morning (Tuesday May 2nd), when we were transferred to the gymnasium. He was then separated from me on account of his age, all boys of 15 or under, being taken away.

I did not see him again while I was in custody, but I understand he was released on that day (May 2nd), or shortly afterwards.

SIGNED:

William O'Brien

March 3rd 1938.

Statement by R. J. Connolly:

I was released actually about one week later. During this time I was under the name of Alfred Carney, having given this name on the advice of Wm. O'Brien before our arrest and this subterfuge was sanctioned as wise by Sean McDermott with whom I was placed with many others including Seumas Mc Loughlin, I.C.A.

R. J. Connolly.

Referee R.17.

OIFIG AN RÉITEÓRA,
(OFFICE OF THE REFEREE),
BEAIRICÍ UÍ GRÍOBHTHA,
(GRIFFITH BARRACKS),
CUAR-BHÓTHAR THEAS,
(SOUTH CIRCULAR ROAD),
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(DUBLIN).

Ref. No. 18900 193...

A CHARA,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to your application under the terms of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934, and in accordance with the provisions of Statutory Rules and Orders 1936, No. 61, I am to notify you that on the evidence submitted, the findings of the Referee in respect of your application are as follows:—

Service Period	Duration of Active Service during each period, as established to the satisfaction of the Referee.	Appropriate pensionable service....Years.
(1) Week commencing 23/4/16	ENTIRE PERIOD	2 1/2
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 } (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17 }	ENTIRE PERIOD	1 1/2
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18		
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19		
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20		
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21		
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21		
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	ENTIRE PERIOD	1 1/2
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	ENTIRE PERIOD	2 1/2
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23		

TOTAL—3 33/100 years.

Grade of rank on 1st critical date.....

“ “ “ “ 2nd “ “

I am also to inform you that if you desire to submit any additional evidence or to make any representations with a view to the revision of these findings, such evidence or representations must be submitted in writing to the Referee and must reach this office not later than 19th April, 1935.

The Referee will give full consideration to any evidence or representations so submitted, and after such consideration will make his report to the Minister for Defence. If no additional evidence or representation is furnished before the date indicated, the Referee will thereupon make his report to the Minister.

I am to add that the report of the Referee, when made, will, subject as mentioned in Section 9 of the Act, become final and conclusive and binding on all persons and tribunals whatsoever.

Mise, le meas,

E. M. Burke

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M.S.P./34/2.

Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 34 S.P./4.1.18.5

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

Sonnolly Roderic James
Inishowen, Bray Head
for a Service Certificate. Wicklow

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

J. J. Morgan

Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee—38900

To:

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

29.11.38

3/5/38

(SIGNED) J. K. O'CONNOR

Referee.

Date...19 DEC 1936

Date...28/4/38

1. Is the Applicant a person to whom the Act applies? yes

2. If so, total actual service in the different service periods, as established 17 1/2 ENTIRE PERIOD

② 17 1/2 ENTIRE PERIOD ③ nie ④ nie

⑤ nie ⑥ nie ⑦ nie

⑧ 6 ENTIRE PERIOD ⑨ 9 1/2 ENTIRE PERIOD ⑩ nie

3. Total service for pension purposes as defined by Second Schedule of the Act... 3 33/100 years

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

(a) On first critical date See Para. 13 (1) of this Report

(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

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? *Commercial Instructor, Vocational Education Committee, Bray.*

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

.....
5 7/8 ENTIRE PERIOD

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

.....
2 6/7 years

(3) State—

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

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

.....
Dublin

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

.....
15 1/19 of ENTIRE PERIOD

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

.....
15 1/19 of 1 year

(3) State—

CITIZEN ARMY

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

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

Dublin

FIANNA EIREANN

- Dublin

Irish Volunteers - Belfast Btro.

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—

FIANNA EIREANN

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

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

1st. Dublin Btro.

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.....

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

*Irish Volunteers
Glasgow Btro.*

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

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.....

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

Unattached

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

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.....

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

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.....

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

.....
 $\frac{1}{6}$ of ENTIRE PERIOD

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

.....
 $\frac{1}{6}$ of 1 year

(3) State—

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

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

.....
 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

.....
 $\frac{1}{9}$ of ENTIRE PERIOD

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

.....
 $\frac{2}{9}$ of 10 years

(3) State—

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

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

.....
 Dublin Bde,
 and, Southern Command

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

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.....

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