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Mr Barry	6/1/36				
Mr Sweeney	17/1/36				
Mr. Creed	27/1/36				
B.F.	16/6/36				
Mr Sweeney	25/5/36				
Runas	25/5/36				
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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*). LAFFAN. (SURNAME.) NICHOLAS. (CHRISTIAN NAMES.)

PRESENT ADDRESS (*to be written in block capitals*). 8. HUXLEY CRESCENT. CORK STREET. DUBLIN.

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.

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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.

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(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.....

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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.....

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

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

NAME. ADDRESS.

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(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.....

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

(*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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(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.

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

(*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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(6). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1920, TO 31ST MARCH, 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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(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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(8). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 12TH JULY, 1921, TO 30TH JUNE, 1922.

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

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

(*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 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.

23/4/1916 and continuous

up to 11/7/1921.

(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. Easter Monday 24th April 1916.

(*b*) Unit or Units. G. Coy 1st Bat Irish Volunteers Dublin Brigade.

(*c*) Duration (giving dates) of service. 24th to 29th April 1916.

when I was wounded and removed to Richmond Hospital on 29/4/1916. and escaped from Hospital on 9/5/1916.

(*d*) District or Districts in which active service was rendered. at junction of N. Brunswick St and Church St

(*e*) Officer Commanding in each instance. Comdt E. Daly.

(*f*) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? under arms all the time (24th to 29th April 1916)

(*g*) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the week. Defended positions allotted to company assisted in Setting Fire to Linenhall St Barracks. and covered attack on Broadstone Station.

(*h*) Absence from duty and cause. Was removed to Richmond Hospital about 2. o'clock on 29th April 1916, operations continued till Later in evening when truce arranged till orders were received to surrender.

* 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.
Col' E. Morkan	Wilbrook Rd Rathfarnham
Senator E. J. Duggan	Leinster House Kildare St
Mr P. Kelly	Fire Station Dorset St Dublin

(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 G Co. 1st Bat' I.R.A. Dublin Brigade

(*b*) Duration (giving dates) of service Continuous (except for 10 Days in Richmond Hospital) (a) 1/4/1916 to 22/4/1916. 10/5/1916 to 31/3/1917

(*c*) District or Districts in which active service was rendered Company Area : (B) Adt Comdt D. Hegarty

(*d*) Officer Commanding in each instance (a) Capt J. Alwright (B) Comdt T. Byrne.

(*e*) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ? Procuring arms ammunition and Munitions for Company

(*f*) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period. Removing Arms and Ammunition to Company Dumps at 40 Mokers Ln and 33 Primrose Avenue and 29 up Gardiner St

(*g*) Absence from duty and cause 10 Days in Richmond Hospital 29th Apl to 9th May 1916. wounded in action.

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Col' E. Morkan	Wilbrook Rd Rathfarnham
Senator E. J. Duggan	Leinster House Kildare St
Mr P. Kelly	Fire Station Dorset St

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

(*a*) Unit or Units G Co. 1st Bat' I.R.A. Dublin Brigade

(*b*) Duration (giving dates) of service Continuous 1/4/1917 to 31/3/1918.

(*c*) District or Districts in which active service was rendered Company Area and Brigade Area

(*d*) Officer Commanding in each instance Comdt Thomas Byrne.

(*e*) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ? Drilling Field Training and arming of Company

(*f*) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period Raid for arms on College of Surgeons Stephens Green. Dublin. Thomas Ashe's Funeral.

(*g*) Absence from duty and cause Nil

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Comdt T. Byrne.	Leinster House. Govt' Buildings Kildare St
P. Kelly.	Fire Station. Dorset St
L. McEvatt.	46. Larchfield Gardens. Kimmage.

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

(*a*) Unit or Units G. Coy. 1st Bat' I.R.A. Dublin Brigade

(*b*) Duration (giving dates) of service 1/4/1918 to 31/3/1919.

(*c*) District or Districts in which active service was rendered Company and Brigade Area. Comdt T. Byrne O.C. 1st Bat'

(*d*) Officer Commanding in each instance Capt P. Oman & Capt P. Clancy

(*e*) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ? Drilling Field Training and procuring of Arms for Company

(*f*) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period (1) obtaining arms from Island Bridge Barracks.
(2) Guard on Convention (1 Volunteer) on duty at Marlboro Barracks.

(*g*) Absence from duty and cause Nil

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
(1) Capt. P. Clancy.	(Now Deceased)

Only 2 present with Driver of car who is unknown to me. he was picked up at Kingsbridge Station by Capt. Clancy. (2) P. Kelly Fire Station Dorset St. L. McEwatt. 46 Larkfield Gardens Kimmage

(5). Continuous Active Service during period from 1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920.

(*a*) Unit or Units G. Co. 1st Bat. I.R.A. Dublin Brigade

(*b*) Duration (giving dates) of service 1/4/1919 to 31/3/1920.

(*c*) District or Districts in which active service was rendered Company and Brigade Area

(*d*) Officer Commanding in each instance Capts. P. Clancy & R. Oman.

(*e*) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? Took part in raids on Mail Vans in Dominick St.

(*f*) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period Obtaining arms from Portabello Barracks ~~Barracks~~.

(*g*) Absence from duty and cause Nil

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Capt. P. Clancy	(Deceased)

P. Kelly. Fire Station. Dorset St.
R. Oman. No. 2. Hospital. St. Kevins Home James's St.

(6). Continuous Active Service during period from 1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921.

(*a*) Unit or Units G. Co. 1st Bat. I.R.A. Dublin Brigade

(*b*) Duration (giving dates) of service 1/4/1920. to 31/3/1921

(*c*) District or Districts in which active service was rendered Company and Brigade Area

(*d*) Officer Commanding in each instance Capt. R. Oman.

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(*e*) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ? Obtaining arms for Company

(*f*) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period Ambush of Black + Tans in Mt King St and Halcon St Raid on Military House. 15 Mt Circular Rd for arms

(*g*) Absence from duty and cause Nil

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
R. Oman.	No 2 Hospital St Kevins Home Dublin Union
P. Kelly.	Fire Station. Dorset St
T. O'Reilly.	2 Citric Place. Arbour Hill

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

(*a*) Unit or Units G. Co. 1st Batt I.R.A. Dublin Brigade

(*b*) Duration (giving dates) of service 1st April 1921 to 11th July 1921.

(*c*) District or Districts in which active service was rendered Company and Brigade Area.

(*d*) Officer Commanding in each instance Capt P. Oman

(*e*) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ? ~~Obtaining~~ Obtaining Arms and ammunition from Island Bridge Barracks

(*f*) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period Obtaining Arms and ammunition from Island Bridge Barracks and handed to B.Q.M.

(*g*) Absence from duty and cause Nil

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
T. Harding (Deceased)	late 8 Christchurch Place.
J. Dodd.	3 Connolly Ave Inchicore

PART III.

GENERAL.

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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.

Captain of G. Co. 1st Bat. Dublin Brigade I.V.
till June 1918. (Rank "D")

(*b*) On second critical date.

~~Volunteer~~ Volunteer. (Rank "E")

References who can testify as to your statements :—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
P. Kelly.	Fire Station. Dorset St.
L. McGrath.	46. Larkfield Gardens. Kimmage
J. Dodd.	3. Connolly Av. Inchicore.
T. O'Reilly	2 Sitric Place. Arbour Hill

(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

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(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

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.

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

If so, give details. (#) ~~District Inspector~~.....

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NOTE.—You will subsequently have to furnish any further particulars and to submit any evidence which the Minister for Defence, or the 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.

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Signature (or Mark) of Applicant.....P. Laffan.....

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**Witness to signature or (where applicant is unable to write) to mark of applicant.*.....Flannan O'Neill O.F.M.

Address of Witness.....Provincial

.....Franciscan Convent - Dublin

Qualification.....Catholic priest.....

Date.....11 March 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.

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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 Oglaigh 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,

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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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CUAR-BHÓTHAR THEAS,
(SOUTH CIRCULAR ROAD),
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(DUBLIN).

23rd February 1935

PINSIÚINÍ SEIRBHÍSE MILEATA, 1934.
(Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.)

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to state that in order to ensure that the above Act shall be administered as closely as possible in accordance with the intentions of the Oireachtas, he would be glad of the co-operation of all officers of the Forces (as defined in the Act). In this connection, I am to state that the Referee and Advisory Committee would be materially assisted if you were to furnish, at your earliest convenience, a list showing the names and ranks of the members of "G" Company, 1st Battalion, Dublin Brigade, Irish Volunteers, who fought in the Easter Rising of 1916, indicating, where possible, the respective areas in which they fought.

Mise, le meas,

E. S. Burke

RÚNAÍ.

Mr. N. Laffan,
8, Huxley Crescent,
Cork Street,
DUBLIN.

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(SOUTH CIRCULAR ROAD),
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(DUBLIN).

2nd March 1935

PINSIÚINÍ SEIRBHÍSE MILEATA, 1934.
(Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.)

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your letter of 28th ultimo enclosing completed R.4 and list of the members of "G" Company, 1st Battalion, Dublin Brigade, who served under your command in Easter Week 1916.

Mise, le meas,

E. de Burca

RÚNAÍ.

Mr. N. Laffan,
8, Huxley Crescent,
Cork Street,
DUBLIN.

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1 ARDENZA TERRACE,

SEAPOINT,

CO.DUBLIN.

22nd July,1935.

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To all whom it may concern.

I, SENATOR EDMOND J. DUGGAN, do hereby certify that

(1) During and prior to Easter Week,1916, I was Adjutant of the 1st.Dublin Battalion of the Irish Volunteers and was on active service with my Battalion during Easter Week.

(2) Nicholas Laffan of 8 Huxley Crescent,Cork Street,Dublin, became 1st Lieutenant of 'G' Company, 1st Battalion, in 1915 having passed the qualifying examination for Volunteer Officers held by Col.O'Connell, who was then Inspecting Officer of the Volunteers, which rank he held until Easter Monday,1916.

(3) When the 1st Battalion ~~Volunteers~~ paraded at the Columcille Hall,Blackall Street, on Easter Monday,1916, Captain Allright who was Captain of 'G' Company refused to go into Action with his Company and went home, whereupon Commandant Ed.Daly appointed Lieut.Laffan in charge of the Company and promoted him to the rank of Captain on the following day. The Order appointing him Captain of the Company was read by me, as Battalion Adjutant, to his Company, at "Moores" at the corner of Brunswick Street,where they held position.

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(Sd.) E. J. Duggan

Senator.

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Strathmore
Willbrook Road
Rathfarnham
8/8/35.

To whom it may concern this is to certify that Nicholas Laffan was promoted from 1st Lieut. to the rank of Captain by Comdt Edmond Daly on the Tuesday of Easter week 1916 in my presence.

Eamon Morcan
(EAMON MORCAN)
Captain Battalion
Staff. 1st Battalion Easter. 1916.

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SAORSTÁT ÉIREANN.

DÁIL ÉIREANN.

TIGH LAIGHEAN
(Leinster House),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
(Dublin).

23/10/35

The Secy
Pensions Board.

Mr N. Laffan was a member of G Co. I Batt Dublin Brigade and for some period held the Rank of Captain of that Co.

As I remember him his character and conduct was of the very best

Thos F Byrne
Captain of the Guard
Leinster House

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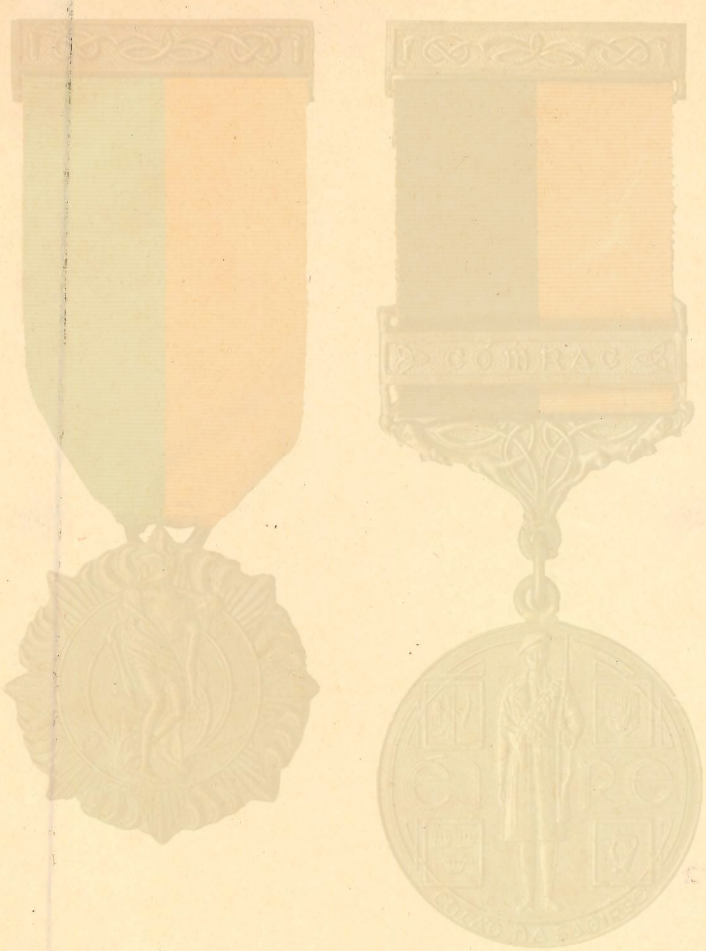

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SWORN STATEMENT BY NICHOLAS LAFFAN (FILE NO. 3964)

MADE BEFORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE 31st OCT. '35.

Q. Are all the statements on your form correct?
A. Yes.

Q. You are not claiming for the Civil War?
A. No I was away that time.

1st Period:

Q. Were you mobilised on Sunday for Easter Week?
A. No on Easter Monday.

Q. Where were you?
A. I was at home and at Columcille Hall.

Q. Were you standing to?
A. As a matter of fact I was expecting an order, I went to Comdt. Daly and he ordered us home to wait until we got orders.

Q. You were standing to?
A. Yes.

Q. What did you do on Monday?
A. I was mobilised and went to Blackhall Street and then to North Brunswick Street.

Q. Did you go into Moores?
A. Yes.

Q. Where did you go from there?
A. We were there all the week at Moores corner until Saturday.

Q. Did you surrender there?
A. No I was wounded Saturday between 1 and 2 o'clock.

Q. Were you captured then?
A. I was taken up to the Richmond Hospital by two strangers and I was in the Richmond Hospital for 10 days and attending for daily treatment until the end of June.

Q. Did you go home when you left the Richmond Hospital?
A. Yes, I had to go home they sent a cab to the Hospital from Dublin Castle.

Q. How long were you laid up with the wound?
A. I was 10 days in the Richmond Hospital

Q. Were you alright at the end of June?
A. Yes I was only attending daily for dressing until the end of June.

2nd Period:

Q. What were you doing before Easter week - any special work?
A. Removing stuff from Donnachy Healy's, Ushers Quay and from a house in Upper Gardiners Street.

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Q. Were you a couple of days on it?
A. Yes every company, we were more or less purchasing arms, the company quartermaster and myself.

Q. Where were you purchasing the arms?
A. From a famous man, he was known as "The Mouse" he used to get them out of Portobello Barracks.

Q. You were getting them from him?
A. Yes.

Q. How much stuff?
A. 5 or 6 rifles.

Q. A week before the Rising you were pretty busy?
A. Yes obtaining arms.

3rd Period:

Q. What was the raid for arms on College of Surgeons?
A. They had a training corps there, and a member of my company named Dodd who was employed in the corporation gave us information that there arms there.

Q. Did you get any arms there?
A. No we got a key made and made two attempts to get in by a side door, somebody had been there before us and they had removed the arms. There was another company on the job before us.

Q. Overlapping?
A. Yes overlapping.

4th Period:

Q. You obtained arms from Island Bridge Barracks?
A. That was the case of the late Peadar Clancy, he called for me to my place of business, we went on to Kingsbridge and met an officer who was a personal friend of his. The officer had two cases and we went in a car to Island Bridge Barracks with him. He was sometime in the Barracks and he came back again and put the cases in the car and drove from there to the Grosvenor Hotel. At the Grosvenor Hotel he gave the two cases to us. We took them in a car to stables in North Great Charles Street.

Q. What was in them?
A. 38 revolvers and ammunition.

Q. You were guard on Volunteer Convention?
A. We were at Marlboro Barracks scouting.

Q. During the Convention?
A. Yes more or less scouting on cycles at the time.

5th Period:

Q. Obtaining arms from Portobello Barracks - You were still obtaining arms?
A. Yes.

Q. Was it through the same source?
A. Yes "The Mouse" he was originally a deserter a good deal of arms was got through him.

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Q. He was not in the Barracks?
A. No he used to buy them from deserters.

6th Period:

Q. Ambush of Black and Tans in North King Street - Tell us about that?
A. It was at the corner of Halston Street.

Q. Was there any fighting in that ambush?
A. A cage car came along I was more or less at the back of the crowd, I had gone down to arrange in Little Green Street for a gate to be open as a retreat. They had fired two bombs again I got back.

Q. You had to get away?
A. We had to get away it was not really an attack there was a funeral coming from North King Street which interfered with it.

Q. Raid on Military House 15, North Circular Road for arms - Was that an Officer's house?
A. The military out of the Barracks lived in it, a couple of majors, one of our men from the gas company who was working there gave me the information that he thought it was there Galleper Smith's stuff was kept,we kept an eye on the house while it was raided from the back. There were some elephant guns we got about 4 rifles. We had the late Peadar Clancy with us on that raid.

Q. Was he on that?
A. Yes.

7th Period:

Q. Obtaining arms and ammunition from Island Bridge Barracks and handed to B.Q.M?
A. I put Frank Harding in touch with a man who was in the Stores in Island Bridge Barracks.

Q. Did you get any arms in this Period?
A. We got some 38.

Q. It was mostly intelligence work on your part?
A. No I was the go between Frank Harding and this man; this man knew me and would not do business with anybody else.

Q. How many did you get?
A. Roughly about 8 or 10.

Q. Revolvers or Rifles?
A. 38 revolvers and a couple of hundred rounds of ammunition.

Q. You mentioned the 38 before, you mean you got a second lot in Island Bridge through the same source?
A. In the first one we went in in a military car with an Officer. Peader Clancy was with me on that.

Q. Had you any rank?
A. I had.

Q. When were you appointed?
A. In 1915 I passed the Officers examination which was held.

Q. You were captain at Easter Week?
A. Yes.

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Q. Were you captain all the time up to the Truce?
A. The position is that up to 1918 I was captain of "G" Company.

Q. What happened then?
A. In 1918 I was acting vice commandant with Comdt. Tom Byrne.

Q. Of what battalion?
A. 1st Battalion.

Q. Did you keep the position?
A. I held that for about three months.

Q. What happened then?
A. The late Peadar Clancy came and told me Comdt. McKee wanted me to get in touch with Mountjoy. He knew I could get into any Bks. He put me in touch with Comdt. McKee and Comdt. McKee told me I would have to resign from the company.

Q. Did he use you during that period?
A. I was practically in and out carrying messages every week.

Q. You were carrying messages in and out of Mountjoy?
A. Yes.

Q. To whom did you report back from that?
A. I only brought the messages and put them inside the 'Joy.

Q. Did you know who they came from?
A. They usually came through Peadar Clancy.

Q. What rank did you hold at Easter Week?
A. On Easter Monday I was first lieutenant and on Easter Tuesday I was promoted captain by the late Comdt. Daly.

Q. How many men had you in Easter Week?
A. 62 at the corner of Brunswick Street.

Q. You actually mobilised 62?
A. I had 62 men under me.

Q. Can you give us any one who would verify for your intelligence work?
A. No there is no one available nobody knew except the late Peadar Clancy.

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SWORN STATEMENT BY MR. PATRICK HOLOHAN ON BEHALF OF NICHOLAS LAFFAN (NO.3964) MADE BEFORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON 21st NOVEMBER 1935.

A. There is no doubt about his 1916 service.

Q. He is claiming intelligence work after that?
A. The opinion he gave me was that he wanted to be a gas inspector and not to be a volunteer.

Q. He states that he was able to do a lot of service in connection with prisoners in the 'Joy'?
A. In all probability he was and I would say that anything Laffan would say would be truthful that is my opinion of Laffan, but at the same time he gave me the opinion that he would rather be a gas inspector than risk it that was not the spirit that other fellows went into it.

Q. He was not arrested after Easter Week?
A. No he was in hospital.

Q. He obtained arms from Island Bridge Barracks: Would he be in that job with Peadar Clancy?
A. He would in all probability.

Q. In the 5th Period he was on the same kind of work and in touch with the "Mouse". Would that be right?
A. That would probably be right.

Q. In the 6th Period there was an ambush of Tans in North King Street he did not fire himself but was arranging for their retreat?
A. Showing them the way.

Q. Raid on Military House 15, North Circular Road - that would be Clancy?
A. Yes.

Q. If we gave him 1/12 in all periods down would we cover him?
A. I think you would without a doubt he was a thundering fine man.

Q. He has good service?
A. Yes and besides that he did use his position in the Gas Company for getting employment for our fellows in order to get them into houses.

Q. His statement is undoubtedly true that when he was going into the 'Joy he was working in connection with Dick McKee?
A. Yes he could be he is a chap I would believe.

Q. He was a 'D' Man?
A. He was a lieutenant in '16 and promoted captain during the scrap and he was captain in '17 and '18 we will say he was captain up to '18. What happens Oman he was captain from '18?

Q. He is an Easter Week man he is entitled to the highest rank he held between that and the Truce? was he a captain of 60 men in Easter Week?

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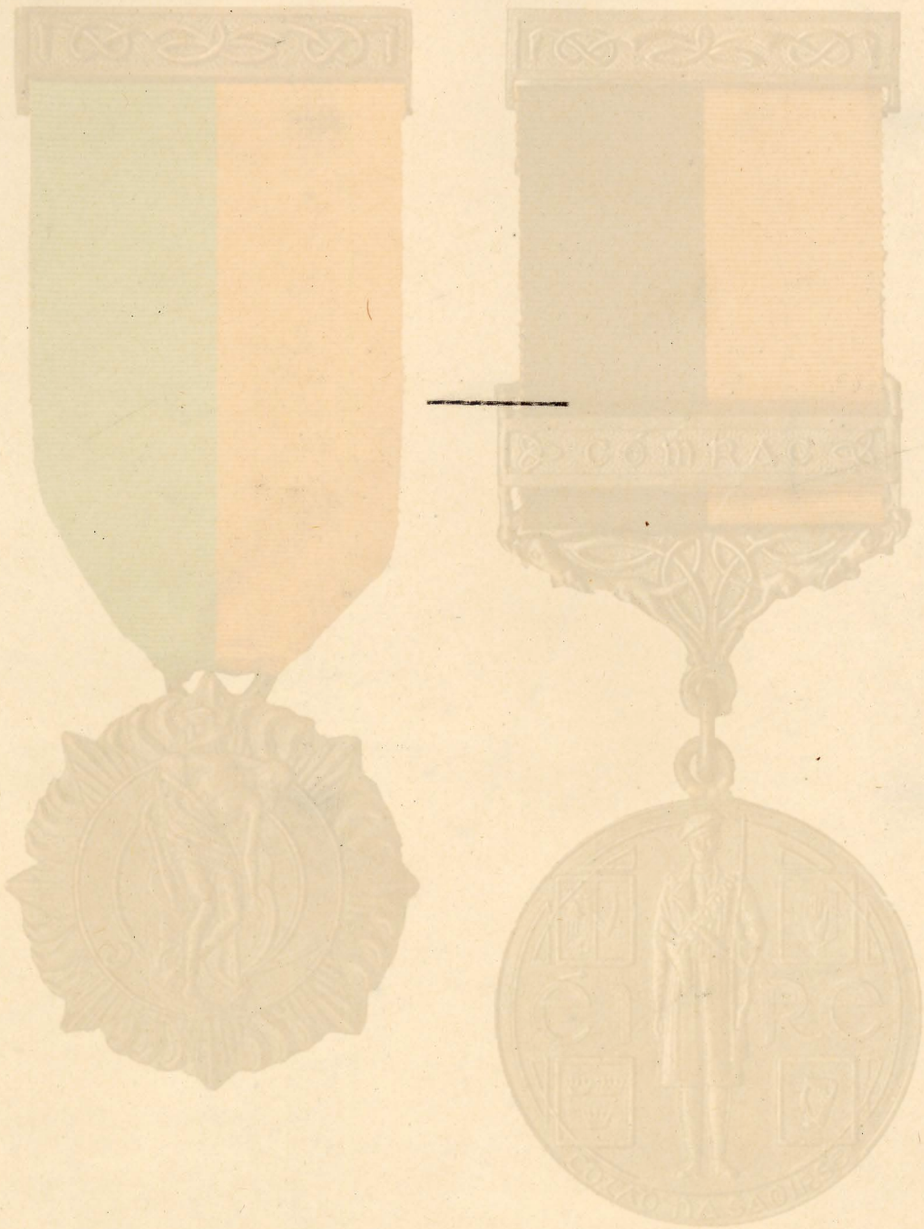
A. There would because I surrendered something between 70 and 80.

Q. Out of that company?
A. Yes out of that area in '16.



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LEATÁN MIONTUAIRISCE. M.S.C.

TAGAIRT .....

Memo Mr. J. Barry states that
According to the lists supplied by N. Laffan 61 men served under him at the post of which he was in command during the Easter Rising of 1916. The numbers were made up as follows —
28 "G" Coy. 28 "A" Coy. 2 "B" Coy & 3 men from the 2nd Battn.

E. [illegible]
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(GRIFFITH BARRACKS),
CUAR-BHÓTHAR THEAS,
(SOUTH CIRCULAR ROAD),
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(DUBLIN).

18th December 1935

PINSIÚINÍ SEIRBHÍSE MILEATA, 1934.
(Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.)

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to the application of (3964) Nicholas Laffan, 8 Huxley Crescent, Cork Street, Dublin, and to inquire whether you can confirm that during the period previous to Easter Monday 1916, when he was 1st Lieutenant of "D" Company, 1st Battalion, Dublin Brigade, Irish Volunteers, that Company was not less than one hundred in strength.

P. S. M. 1934
OIFIG AN RÉITEÓRA
FAIGHTE
23 MIN. 1935
DÚN ÚI GRIOBHTHA

Mise, le meas,

E. a. Burke
RÚNAÍ

Senator Eamon Duggan,
Ardenza Terrace,
Seapoint,
CO. DUBLIN.

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Attach ABF
Cmdt 23/12/35

1, ARDENZA TERRACE,
SEAPOINT,
CO. DUBLIN.

Ref. No. 3964

1934
OIFIG AN RÉITEÓRA
FAIGHTE
23 MIN. 1935
DÚN ÚI GRIOBHTHA

19th Decr. 1935

A Cáird,

In reply to attached query. During the period previous to Easter Monday 1916, when Nicholas Laffan was 1st Lieut of "G" (not "D") Co. 1st Battn, Dublin Brigade I.V. the number on the Company Roll was over one hundred and fifty.

Mise, le meas,

L. S. O'Dugain

E. de Dupcké
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According to Senator Duggan N. Laffan was # 1st Lieut. of "G." Coy previous to E. Week when the Coy. was 150 strong. His grading wd. therefore appear to be D. (1st Lieut of a Coy. not less than 100 in strength) for both C. Dates.

E. [illegible]

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LEATÁN MIONTUAIRISCE. M.S.C.

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TAGAIRT .....

3964 Laffan Nicholas.

According to Records supplied by Applicant, he was Capt in charge of 63 men during Easter Week 1916, comprised of the following:- 28 men of "G" Coy, 28 men of "A" Coy, 2 of "B" Coy 3 men of the 2nd Battn, and 2 of the Fianna. It is noted that Senator Duggan on letter dated 19th ult. states that the strength of "G" Coy during the period previous to Easter Monday was over 150 strong, of which Applicant was 1st Lieut. On letter dated 24/1/35 on R.O/101, Senator Duggan states that the strength of "G" Coy was roughly 50 on Easter Sunday, 23/4/16 of which approximately 30 took part in the Rising.

FB 17/1/36.

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Tagairt .....

Mr. Creed.

Do our record show applicant as holding any rank on the 11th July 1921. If not ~~ask~~ write P. Houlihan asking him if he can confirm that applicant held the rank of Capt. of "G" Coy 1st Battn. Dublin Bde. between the Easter Rising of 1916 & 1918. & if so whether the Coy. was not less than 60 in strength during that period.

E.C.
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Tagairt .....

Note.

Applicant is not shown as having held any rank on the 11th. July 1921. On a coy. list furnished by P. Kelly, 1st Lt. G. Coy. 1st Battn, for 11/7/21 applicant is shown as having been Capt. 1916-17.

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30th January 1936

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to the application of Nicholas Laffan, 8 Huxley Crescent, Cork St. Dublin, and to inquire whether you can confirm that this applicant held the rank of Captain "G" Company, 1st Battn. Dublin Brigade, between the Easter Rising of 1916, and 1918, and if so, whether the Company in question was not less than 60 in strength during that period.

I am to add that further consideration of this application has been deferred pending the receipt of your reply.

Mise, le meas,

RÚNAÍ.

Mr. P. Houlihan,
60 Cabra Drive,
N.C.Rd., DUBLIN.

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20 May 1936

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to my letter dated 30th January last (copy enclosed) and to inquire if you are now in a position to furnish the information requested therein.

I am to add that further consideration of this application has been deferred pending receipt of your reply.

Mise, le meas,

RÚNAÍ

Mr. P. Holohan,
60 Cabra Drive,
N.C.R.
DUBLIN.

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60 Cabra Drive
Dublin
21-5-36

E Burk.
Secretary.
Court of the Referee.

Sir Capt.

I am sorry to have delayed the Board in dealing with the case of N. Laffen of Hurley Crescent Cork St

Laffen was a Lieut in G. Coy at the rising of 1916 and during the week he took over command when B G Callaghan was transfered to another post. He was wounded about Thursday and I then took over command of the area.
At the re-organisation of the Company after 1916 he was elected Company Captain a position he held up to some time in 1918 I do not know the exact date.
I believe he then worked for G H Q Intelligence up to 1922
His Company was always a big one, and I would say that it would be over 60 at any period.

T H Holahan
21-5-36

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May this case now be finished in view of the final para. of Mr. Houbham's letter of 21st inst

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Organisation Records supplied by _____

show that applicant was

(a) _____ 11.7.'21.

Strength _____

(b) did not serve on this date 1.7.'22.

Strength _____

N.B.

On organisation records submitted by applicant he shows himself as Capt of coy comprising 63 men, made up as follows, 28 men of G/Coy, 28 of A.Coy. 2 from B/Coy, 3 from 2nd Battn. and 2 from the Irish. during Easter Week 1916.

Also on roll of G. Coy. 1st Bn. Dublin Bde, per P. Kelly, 1st Lt. of this coy on 11/7/21, applicant is shown as Capt of the coy. on 1916-17. and as member of coy on 11/7/21. (no rank stated for this date).

On list, submitted by Battalion Association, showing officer personnel of G Coy 1st Bn, Dublin Bde from 1916 to 1923 the following notation appears, "There was only one officer with the Company in 1916 viz. - Capt N. Leffen."

On letter dated 18/1/35 from Piaras Béaslaí relative to the Organisation of the 1st Battn. on Easter Week 1916, the following statement is made:-

"G Coy was commanded by Lieutenant Laffen, in the absence of Capt. Allright who turned up on parade but refused to go out with us."

Pl. see minutes dated 30/1/36 and 17/1/36, on this file.

Signed: MÓB 15/2/36.

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Referee R.3

Ref. No. 3964 Applicant's Name Laffan, Nicholas, Address 8, Huxley Crescent, Cork St., Dublin.

UNIT (1) "G" Coy., 1st Bn., Dublin Bde.,

(a) PERIOD	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active Service allowed	(d) Equivalent for pension purposes.	REMARKS
(1) 23/4/16 - 30/4/16	24/4/16 to 30/4/16	Full.	4 yrs.	Write to Paddy Holohan to certify that applicant had 60 men or over in his Comp at any time from 1916. to 11.7.21. whilst holding the Rank of Comp Capt. 15/10/36.
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17	Full Period	1/20.	1/20 yrs.	(8)
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18 x	Full Period	1/12	1/24 yrs.	~~Finished with P. Houlihan 23.11.35~~ (9)
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	Full Period	1/12	1/24 yrs.	Finished 28/10/36 (10)
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	Full Period	1/12.	1/12 yrs.	Hold for P. Houlihan (11)
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	Full Period	1/12	1/6 yrs.	Jme (12)
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	Full Period	1/12.	1/12 yrs.	Jme Check Rank & Strength (13)
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	Nil			in Eastern Wells. & up to (14)
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	Nil			1918 while he was Co (15)
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	Nil			Capt (16)

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

Rank claimed on - Coy. Capt. 1st Lieut. of Comp 150 men Vol. Capt. of Comp (1918) over 60 men

Rank allowed - - ~~D~~ & D Jme D. D.

Total of Column (d) 4 7/15 years

SIGNED :- Seumas Robinson ~~[illegible]~~ John McCoy S. Farley John Jordan

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SWORN EVIDENCE given before THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE on 27.10.1936 by MR. P. HOLOHAN on behalf of:-

NICHOLAS LAFFAN. (3964).

Q. -
A. He was Captain in 1916, and was captain when he returned from Frongoch.

Q. He has all Easter Week, and 1/20th of period 2, and 1/12th of all the rest to 7.
A. -

Q. He was a Captain?
A. Yes. He was mostly on Intelligence work.

Q. He was a gas inspector?
A. Yes, and had xxxxx access to all the Bks., and into Mountjoy Prison. He utilised his position as inspector in getting in to those places.

Q. The records say 63 men.
A. He would have roughly 73 men in 1916.

Q. That is a company according to the Act.
A. It is a post. I suppose I qualified in the same way. When he was wounded I took command of those men. I surrendered with 73 men. He could get his Company for the period afterwards. He had his strength up to the time he resigned.

Q. He had no rank at the Truce.
A. He had to resign on account of his position. xx He would xx not get access into Mountjoy, etc., if he was known to be Captain in the I.R.A.

Q. The Records show that in the absence of Capt. Allright Lieut. Laffan took his place.
A. Yes. xxxxxxx

Q. Allright would have relinguished his rank?
A. He took command of "G" Coy. on the morning of the scrap. I could not say how many men were in "G" Coy. that morning, but he was definitely Captain of "G" Coy.

Q. The Records submitted do not cover Company rank after Easter Week. There is no indication of the strength of the company.
A. I would not have any hesitation in saying that "G" Company was anything from 60 to 70 in 1917 - it would not be below 60.

Q. Send us in a written statement about it.
A. I think I did send in a xx statement before.

Q. You say in your reference that he worked for G.H.Q. Intelligence up to 1922, and that his company was always a big one, that it would be over 60 men at any period. What was the strength of the company at the Truce?
A. It was something like 110 or 112.

Q. What rank had he at the Truce?
A. He had no rank in the 1st Battn. at the Truce.

Q. According to Senator Duggan he was 1st Lieutenant previous to Easter Week when the Coy. was 150 strong.
A. At the start of Easter Week he was a Lieutenant.
A. He was 1st Lieutenant in 1916, and his Captain did not turn out.

Q. Duggan was a member of the company himself?
A. Duggan was Battn. Adjutant.

Q. What he says can be taken?
A. Yes.

Q. He was 1st Lieut. on the first, of a company of 150.
A. -

Q. He was Captain of a Company (1918) of over 60 men on the second date.
A. -

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27 October 1936

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to the application of Nicholas Laffan, 8, Huxley Crescent, Cork Street, Dublin, and to inquire whether you can certify that the strength of "G" Company, 1st Battalion, Dublin Brigade, was not less than sixty on the date, during the period from 1916 to July 1921, when the applicant was appointed to the rank of Captain of the Company.

I am to add that consideration of this application has been deferred pending receipt of your reply.

Mise, le meas,

RÚNAÍ

Mr. P. Holohan,
60 Cabra Drive,
N.C.R., DUBLIN.

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Mr Creed 30/10/36

60 Cabra Drive
Dublin
29-10-36

The Secretary
Court of the Referee.

P. S. M. 1934
OIFIG AN RÉITEÓRA
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M.T.
DÚN ÚI GRIOBHTHA

A Cogn.

In reply to your of 27/10/36 Ref No 3964. I have no hesitation in stating that the Strength of G Company was not less than 60, during the period 1916 to 1921.

T H Holahan
O/C 1st Batt.

Cork St
Dublin

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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. 3964

1st Nov. 1936.

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.
(1) Week commencing 23/4/16	ENTIRE PERIOD	4 years.
(2) (a) 1/4/16 – 22/4/16) (b) 30/4/16 – 31/3/17)	1/20 of ENTIRE PERIOD	1/20 of 1 year.
(3) 1/4/17 – 31/3/18	1/12 of ENTIRE PERIOD	1/24 of 1 year.
(4) 1/4/18 – 31/3/19	1/12 of ENTIRE PERIOD	1/24 of 1 year.
(5) 1/4/19 – 31/3/20	1/12 of ENTIRE PERIOD	1/12 of 1 year.
(6) 1/4/20 – 31/3/21	1/12 of ENTIRE PERIOD	1/6 of 1 year.
(7) 1/4/21 – 11/7/21	1/12 of ENTIRE PERIOD	1/12 of 1 year.
~~(8) 12/7/21 – 30/6/22~~	—	—
~~(9) 1/7/22 – 31/3/23~~	—	—
~~(10) 1/4/23 – 30/9/23~~	—	—

Grade of rank on 1st critical date 2 TOTAL— 4 7/12 years.

" " " " 2nd " " 2

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 30th Nov. 1936.

The Referee will give full consideration to any evidence or representations so submitted, and after such consideration will make his report to the Minister. 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. de Burca

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M.S.P./34/2.

Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 34SP/4363.

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

Laffan, Nicholas,

8 Huxley Crescent, Cork St.

for a Service Certificate.

Dublin.

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

J. J. Horgan

Date 27 APR 1935

P. S. M. 1934 OIFIG AN REITEÓRA FAIGHTE 29 ABR 1935 GRIOBHTHA

Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee-3964

To:

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

J. J. & R. Joll 11/12/36

(SIGNED) J. K. O'CONNOR

Referee.

Date

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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 (1) ENTIRE PERIOD
(2) 1/20 of ENTIRE PERIOD (3) 1/12 of ENTIRE PERIOD (4) 1/12 of ENTIRE PERIOD
(5) 1/12 of ENTIRE PERIOD (6) 1/12 of ENTIRE PERIOD (7) 1/12 of ENTIRE PERIOD
(8) nil (9) nil (10) nil

3. Total service for pension purposes as defined by Second Schedule of the Act
4 7/15 years

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

(a) On first critical date Grade D. Para. 1(4)(d)

(b) On second critical date Grade D. Para. 1(4)(b)

(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

ENTIRE PERIOD

(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act..... 4 years

(3) State—

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

(*b*) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant. 1st Lieutenant "G" Coy., Batt.n 1, Dublin Bde.

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

1/20 of ENTIRE PERIOD

(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act..... 1/20 of 1 year

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(3) State—

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

(*b*) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant. G Coy., Batt.n 1, Dublin Bde., and Imprisonment.

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

1/12 of ENTIRE PERIOD

(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act. 1/24 of 1 year

(3) State—

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

(*b*) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant. Coy. Capt. G Coy., Batt.n 1, 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

1/12 of ENTIRE PERIOD

(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act. 1/24 of 1 year

(3) State—

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

(*b*) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant. G Coy., Batt.n 1, Dublin Bde.

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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

1/12 of ENTIRE PERIOD

(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act 1/12 of 1 year

(3) State—

(*a*) The particular military body of the Forces Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

"G" Coy., Batt'n. 1, 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

1/12 of ENTIRE PERIOD

(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act 1/6 of 1 year

(3) State—

(*a*) The particular military body of the Forces Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

"G" Coy., Batt'n. 1, Dublin Bde.

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

1/12 of ENTIRE PERIOD

(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act 1/12 of 1 year

(3) State—

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

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

G Coy, Batt'n 1, Dublin Bde

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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

Nil

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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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

Nil

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

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3) State—

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

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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