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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).

BURKE
SURNAME.

JOSEPH
CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS
(to be written in
block capitals).

THORNPARK ORANMORE
Co GALWAY

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 24th April*

(b) Unit or Units..... *Oranmore Company*

(c) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *Whole Period*

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

Athenry Moyode and Limepark

(e) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Gen. Liam Mellows*

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

Carried out all orders under Arms

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

the week..... *engaged in attack on R.I.C Barracks smashing of*

(h) Absence from duty and cause..... *Not Absent*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Lamonn Corbett..... *Killesnan Craughwell*

Martin Heilan..... *Kilcolgan*

Patrick Furey..... *Oranbeg Oranmore*

(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..... *Oranmore Company*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *Whole Period*

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

Galuray Jail Arbor Hill Richmond Bks Dartmoor and Lewis

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Joe Howley & President De Valera*

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

out all orders of my Officers

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

the period..... *Making preparations for the rising and*

undergoing imprisonment

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... *Not Absent*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Eamon Corbett T.D.	Griffin Road Galway.
Martin Miland T.D.	Kilcolgan Castle Galway.
Patrick Lurey.	Oranbeg Oranmore Galway.

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Oranmore Company*.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *Whole Period*.....

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Martin Costello O.B.*.....

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ?... *Active with company after release from Prison*.....

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *took part in all engagements & parades*.....

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... *Not Absent*.....

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Eamon Corbett T.D.	Griffin Road Galway.
Martin Miland T.D.	Kilcolgan Galway.
Patrick Lurey.	Oranbeg Oranmore Galway.

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

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

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *whole Period*.....

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Martin Costello O.B.*.....

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ?... *acted under all instructions of O.B.*.....

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *Look part in the capture and*

..... *disarming of Air Force Officers after a struggle.*

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... *Not Absent*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

..... *Canon Corbett T.D. 76 Griffin Road Galway*

..... *Martin Miland T.D. Kilcolgan Galway*

..... *Bryan Molloy Coolough Castlegar Galway*

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

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

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *whole period*

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Martin Costello*

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

..... *at all times with my Company*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *helped in the taking over of firearms*

..... *from British military*

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... *Not Absent*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

..... *Bryan Molloy Coolough Castlegar Galway*

..... *Martin Miland T.D. Kilcolgan Galway*

..... *Michael Athy Maree Oranmore Galway*

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

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

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *whole period*

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....Michael Athy: O.B.....

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?.....acted
under instructions of O.B.....

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during
the period.....Conveying comrades while evading
arrest, afterwards taken prisoner & escaped. Comrade
killed or fatally wounded.....

(g) Absence from duty and cause.....Not absent.....

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Michael Athy.....marce oranmore Galway.....

Michael Burke Gde.....Dublin.....

Bryan Molloy.....Coolough Castle Gae Galway.....

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

(a) Unit or Units.....Oranmore.....

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

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....Michael Athy: O.B.....

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?.....always
at command of my O.B.....

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during
the period.....Still evading arrest for my
activities.....

(g) Absence from duty and cause.....Not absent.....

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Michael Athy	maree Oranmore Galway
Michael Burke	Ga. Dublin
Michael Cloona	Ga. maree Oranmore Galway

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

- (a) Unit or Units.....Oranmore Coy.....
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service.....whole period.....
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....Oranmore.....
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....James Newell O.B.....
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?.....active with Company.....
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....Took part in parades & attended lectures in camp.....
- (g) Absence from duty and cause.....not absent.....

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Michael Newell	Brian Hill Galway
Brian Molloy	Coolough Castlegar Galway
Jim Duggan	Boulisheen Galway

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

- (a) Unit or Units.....Oranmore Coy.....
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service.....whole period.....
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....Oranmore & Galway.....
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....John Furey O.B.....
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?.....In all engagements of company.....

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

Look part in Blowing Bridge - Burning of Barrack at Oranmore - Blocking of Road while under arms afterwards taken prisoner in Galway & imprisoned for 13 months in Galway Gaol & Kildare Camp

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... Not Absent

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Patrick Lurey	Garrane Oranmore Galway
Michael Newell	Bray hill Ballybeg Galway
Martin Miland	Kilcolgan Galway

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

(a) Unit or Units..... Oranmore Coy

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

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... Galway Prison & Lintown No 2 Kildare Camp

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... Pte Donnell & Martin Lohy

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... obeying all orders given to me

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... Look part in a strike and aiding prisoners to escape & making tunnels

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... Not Absent

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Daniel Gallon	Two mile Ditch Galway
Bryan Malloy	Boalough Ballybeg Galway
Patrick Lurey	Oranbeg Oranmore Galway

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.

..... Volunteer

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(b) On second critical date.

..... Volunteer

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References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Michael Newell	Brcar Hill Bostlegar Colway
Brian Molloy	Boobough Galway
Martin Muland T.D.	Kilcolgan Galway
Samon Corbett T.D.	Griffen Road Galway

- (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.

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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

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(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.

- (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.

I wish to state that I have suffered much loss owing to my activities during the fight, my only means of livelihood taken from me by enemies of the cause, land which my father possessed and which I was entitled to, was distributed among my enemy's

Signature (or Mark) of Applicant: *Joseph Burke*

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

Richard Conway PC

Thompson Oramor

Address of Witness.....

Qualification.....

PC

Date.....

10 May 1937

*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 :—

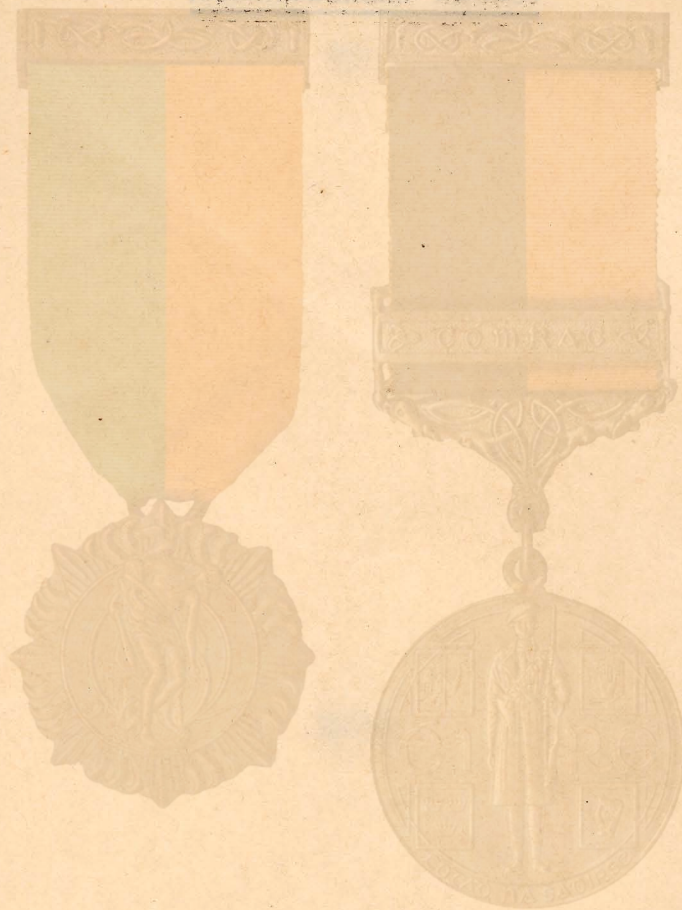
- (a) served in the Forces at any time during the week commencing on the 23rd day of April, 1916,
or
- (b) served in the Forces continuously during the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1921, and ending on the 11th day of July, 1921,

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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Galway No 1 Brigade
Old 2 R. A

Briarhill
Castlegar
Galway

This is to certify that Joseph Burke of Orammore
Cay Galway who was a member of The Orammore
Cay Co-operated on many occasions with this
Brigade during 1920 and 1921.

By Sirrre G West

Michael Jewell. Brigade O/C
Brian Molloy Batt O/C

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Kilcolgan Castle,

Co. Galway.

24th Feb., 1938.

The Secretary,
Military Pensions Board,
Griffith Barracks,
Dublin.

A Chara,

Mr. Joseph Burke, Oranmore, was a Member of the Oranmore Company since its inception. He took an active part with his Company during Easter Week and was at the attack on Oranmore Barracks on Tuesday of that week armed with a revolver which he used. He was with the Company participating in all its activities until its disbandment at Limepark on Saturday morning.

Subsequently arrested, he was tried by Court Martial and sentenced to three years Penal Servitude being released in the general Amnesty in mid-summer 1917.

He rejoined his Company on his release and was active during the whole of the Black and Tan Regime. He was in the Oranmore Barracks during the Truce period, joined the Republicans during the Civil War, was arrested in September of '22, was interned in Galway jail and Tintown No.2 Camp in the Curragh until October 1923.

Muse le mear
Mattie Neilan

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Oranmore

Co Galway 27 Feb 1938

I Certify Joe Burke rendered
active service with the
Oranmore Company the
Whole period

Easter Week

Martin Costello
Company Captain

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GRADE I.

JOSEPH BURKE.

SUMMARY.

Heard on 1/3/1938.

FILE NO. 52286.

Joined 1914.

1st Period - Mobilised Easter Sunday at Oranmore. Stayed at Rock Hill Sunday night. Stood to on Monday and stayed in Rock Hill on Monday night. Tuesday. Armed with revolver took part in attack on Oranmore Barracks. States he was about 11 yds. from the Bcks. Then went to Clarenbridge and took part in the attack there. 2 R.I.C. were captured. Returned to Oranmore and took part in a second attack on the Bcks. Went to Athenry and was there Tuesday night. Wednesday. Outpost at the Farmyard. Went to Moyode on Wednesday night. Moyode on Thursday and Friday. Went to Lime Park Friday night. When dismissed at Lime Park returned to his own district and spent the night in the Hazels.

2A. Usual.

2B. Returned home on Sunday. Was arrested the following Tuesday and sentenced to 5 years penal servitude.

3rd Period - In jail until he was released from Pentonville on the 17th June, 1917. Rejoined.

4th Period - With two other Vols. disarmed two officers. Got 2 revolvers.

5th Period - Shifted 7 rifles which were bought from soldiers.

6th Period - Blocked roads regularly. Claims that from about August he was on the run. While on the run he was accompanied by 6/7 others under the Battalion O/C Athy. Raided mail car on two occasions. Rounded up by the Tans on a couple of occasions.

7th Period - On the run and with 6/7 others. Blocking roads etc. Claims that he was continuously active to the Truce.

8th Period - Spent about 8½ months in Oranmore Bcks as a full time garrisoned man.

9th Period - In Oranmore Bcks. until it was burned. Then joined Athy's Column which consisted of about 20/30 men. Took part in the attack at Cushla on a Land Commissioner who was killed. Was armed with rifle and fired about 11 shots from range of 25 yds. Fight lasted about 20 minutes. Fired some shots at Free State soldiers at Carnmore. Blocked roads and helped to blow up one bridge. When carrying a despatch was arrested on the 18th September and interned.

10th Period - Interned. Released in October after 5/6 days hunger strike.

SWORN STATEMENT MADE BEFORE THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY
JOSEPH BURKE ON THE 1st day of MARCH, 1938.
File Number 52286.

Q. - Have you any references?

A. - Yes.

Q. - When did you join?

A. - 1914.

Q. - Mobilised on Easter Sunday?

A. - Yes.

Q. - In Oranmore?

A. - Yes.

Q. - Were you there all day on Sunday?

A. - Yes.

Q. - Where did you stay on Sunday night?

A. - Out with the boys mobilised on Rock Hill.

Q. - Monday. Were you still there?

A. - Yes.

Q. - You did not go home?

A. - No.

Q. - Just spent the night there?

A. - Yes.

Q. - You were not at work?

A. - No.

Q. - Tuesday. Oranmore Bcks. What arms had you?

A. - Revolver.

Q. - How far from the Bcks. were you?

A. - About 11 yards.

Q. - Did you fire?

A. - Yes.

Q. - How many shots?

A. - Four.

Q. - How long did the attack last?

A. - About $1\frac{1}{4}$ hr. One man was wounded.

Q. - After that where did you go?

A. - We hung around for about one hour and then we got orders to
~~xxx~~ go to Clarenbridge.

Q. - You were not hanging around for long?

A. - No.

Q. - Did you take part in the attack on Clarenbridge?

A. - Yes.

Q. - What arms had you?

A. - Revolver.

Q. - How many yards away were you?
A. - 11 yards.

Q. - Did you fire many shots?
A. - 3.

Q. - Were you under fire?
A. - Yes.

Q. - You did not capture Clarenbridge?
A. - We captured the police and brought them back to Oranmore.

Q. - Were you guarding them?
A. - We were guarding them in the store.

Q. - You were not in the attack on Oranmore?
A. - Yes.

Q. - How far away were you?
A. - About 15 yds. Just at the back. I was at the front the first time.

Q. - Did you fire many shots?
A. - I fired at Constable Smith. He wounded one of our men.

Q. - How long did it last?
A. - About three quarters of an hour.

Q. - Where did you go then?
A. - Captain Mellowes ordered us to the farmyard.

Q. - Did you stop there that night?
A. - Yes.

Q. - Wednesday. Had you any shooting?
A. - We had shooting where there were five police.

Q. - Did you take part in that shooting?
A. - No.

Q. - It was only the rifle men?
A. - Yes.

Q. - You were on the outskirts?
A. - Yes.

Q. - Went on to Moyode that evening?
A. - Yes.

Q. - Stayed there that night?
A. - Yes.

Q. - Thursday and Thursday night and Friday were you still in Moyode?
A. - Yes.

Q. - You had no shooting there?
A. - I was on outpost duty there.

Q. - Were you an artillery man?
A. - Yes.

Q. - You went to Lime Park?
A. - Yes.

3.

Q. - Demobilised there on Saturday morning?
A. - Yes.

Q. - Where did you go to then?
A. - I came into our own district.

Q. - Where did you spend Saturday night?
A. - I spent Saturday night in the Hazels.

Q. - You were out all night?
A. - Yes.

2A. Q. - For the 3 weeks before Easter Week you had just the usual activities?
A. - Yes.

2B. Q. - You spent the night there?
A. - Yes.

Q. - When did you go home?
A. - Sunday morning.

Q. - When were you arrested?
A. - I was arrested on the following Tuesday.

Q. - Were you tried?
A. - I was tried in this Bcks.

Q. - What sentence did you get?
A. - Five years penal servitude.

Q. - When were you released?
A. - About mid-summer - 17th June.

Q. - Where were you released from?
A. - From Pentonville.

3rd Period.

Q. - After that did you rejoin?
A. - Yes.

4th Period.

Q. - You had the usual parades and drills?
A. - Yes.

Q. - Resisting conscription?
A. - Yes.

Q. - Took part in the capture of two Air Force Officers.
When was that?
A. - In 1918. 3 of us disarmed them. We had a tough job there.

Q. - How many did you disarm?
A. - 2.

Q. - Were you armed?
A. - Yes.

Q. - With what?
A. - Revolver.

4.

Q. - Were you close to them?

A. - Within 3 yards of them.

Q. - What arms did you get?

A. - 2 Webley Revolvers.

Q. - No shooting?

A. - No. We followed them and held them up. They surrendered and gave them up.

5th Period.

Q. - You had your usual drills and parades?

A. - Yes.

Q. - You helped in the taking over of fire arms from military?

A. - Yes. From Oranmore camp. I had to shift them.

Q. - How many rifles were there?

A. - 7 rifles.

Q. - During 1919 that was the only outstanding activity you had?

A. - Yes.

Q. - Did you block roads during that period?

A. - Yes.

Q. - How often did you do that?

A. - As often as we could. It was about 5 times a week.

Q. - Cutting trees?

A. - Yes.

Q. - You had to go on the run before the Truce?

A. - Yes.

Q. - For about 11 months?

A. - Yes.

Q. - Did the Tans come looking for you?

A. - Yes several times.

Q. - When you were on the run were you moving around by yourself?

A. - No.

Q. - With others?

A. - With 7 others.

Q. - What arms had you?

A. - Revolver.

Q. - You had not to do much?

A. - No.

Q. - Did you raid the mails.

A. - Yes.

Q. - How often?

A. - Twice.

Q. - What is this about escape while comrade was fatally wounded?

A. - It was a round up by the Tans.

Q. - Conveying comrades while evading arrest?
A. - That was Mr. Athy and Mr. ~~Meirix~~ Burke.

Q. - Did you do that often?
A. - I only got the chance to do it once.

Q. - Why had you to go on the run?
A. - The police were after me.

Q. - Why?
A. - They knew I was in the Vols.

Q. - Did you ever have to guard a Column?
A. - Yes.

Q. - How often?
A. - About 20 times.

Q. - What Column was this?
A. - Maree Column.

Q. - Who was in charge?
A. - Commandant Athy. When I was on the run I was with that Column. Mick Athy took over Oranmore and Maree.

Q. - By guarding the Column you mean that you were with Athy's Column?
A. - Yes.

Q. - You had no engagement with the military?
A. - We had with the Tans.

Q. - Where?
A. - In Maree. We were rounded up.

7th Period.

Q. - In the last 3½ months you were still moving around?
A. - Yes.

Q. - When Athy was wounded who took over?
A. - Michael Burke.

Q. - You were moving around all the time?
A. - Yes.

Q. - You were evading arrest?
A. - Yes.

Q. - Did you block roads?
A. - Yes. We had a dug out in the grave yard.

8th Period.

Q. - Did you attend any camps during the Truce?
A. - No.

Q. - Did you goto any Bcks.?
A. - Yes.

Q. - What Bcks.?
A. - Oranmore.

6.

Q. - How long were you there?

A. - For about $8\frac{1}{2}$ months.

Q. - Were you a full time garrisoned man?

A. - Yes.

Q. - What duties were you performing?

A. - Road duty.

Q. - Were you parading?

A. - Yes.

Q. - Were you armed?

A. - Yes.

Q. - What had you?

A. - Rifle.

Q. - Were you sleeping in the Bcks.?

A. - Yes.

Q. - You were in the Bcks. from the time they were taken over?

A. - Yes.

9th Period.

Q. - Where were you when the Civil War broke out?

A. - In Oranmore.

Q. - Still the in the Bcks.?

A. - Yes.

Q. - You were there until you burned it?

A. - Yes.

Q. - When you burned it who did you go with?

A. - I went on to Maree with Mick Athy.

Q. - Were there many of you there?

A. - About 20/30.

Q. - Had you any fight against the Free State?

A. - Yes.

Q. - Where?

A. - Yes, one at Cushla.

Q. - What did you attack there?

A. - A Land Commissioner and Free State Soldiers.

Q. - What were they in?

A. - Motorcars.

Q. - How far from them were you?

A. - We were about 25 yds. away.

Q. - How long did the fight last?

A. - About 20 minutes.

Q. - Had you a rifle that day?

A. - Yes.

7.

Q. - How many shots did you fire?

A. - About 11.

Q. - What was the result?

A. - Mr. Redmond was shot. One of our men was wounded.

Q. - Was that the only fight you had?

A. - There was another fight in Carnmore.

Q. - What did you attack?

A. - Free State Soldiers.

Q. - What were they in?

A. - Lorries.

Q. - How many?

A. - Two.

Q. - How far away were you?

A. - About 30/35 yds.

Q. - What had you?

A. - Rifle.

Q. - About how many shots did you fire?

A. - About 3 and then I skipped it.

Q. - It lasted just a few minutes?

A. - Yes.

Q. - Any other fight?

A. - No.

Q. - You took part in blowing up a bridge?

A. - Yes.

Q. - Blocking of roads?

A. - Yes.

Q. - When were you arrested?

A. - I think I was arrested on the 18th September.

Q. - Where?

A. - In Galway. I had despatches on me.

Q. - Were you carrying despatches?

A. - Yes.

Q. - Who were you carrying them to?

A. - I was carrying them to Mr. Mahon of the Hotel for ammunition.
I was arrested and interned.

Q. - When were you released?

A. - I was released in 1923.

Q. - Where were you released from?

A. - I was released from Tintown No. 2.

Q. - Were you on hunger strike?

A. - Yes.

Q. - How many days?

A. - 5/6.

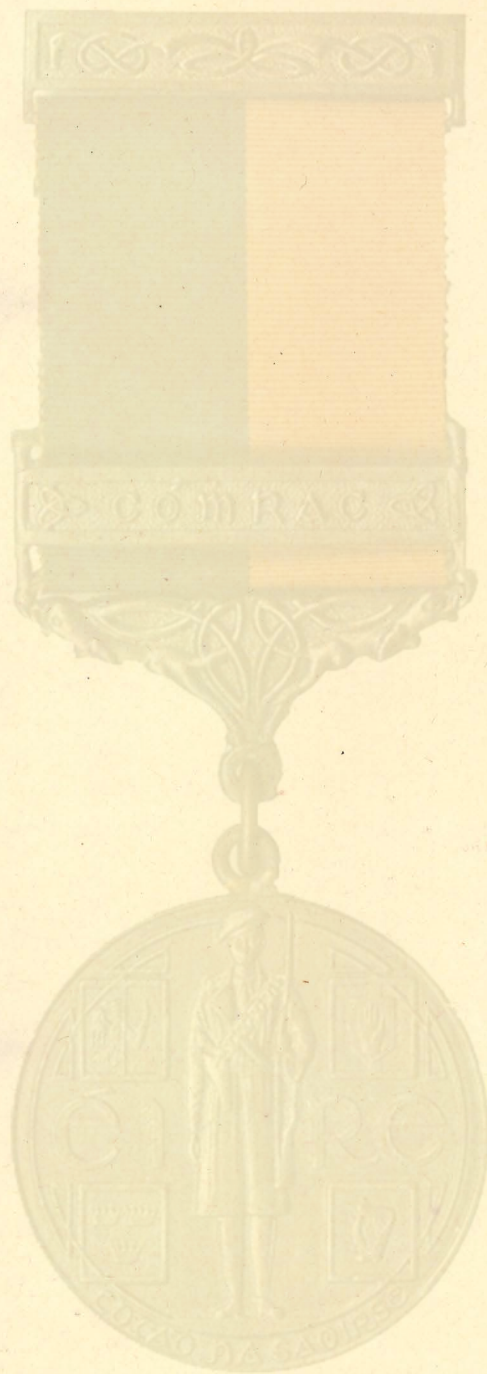
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Q. - You were released about October, 1923?
A. - Yes.

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Joseph Burke



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DAIL EIREANN

TIGH LAIGHEAN
(Leinster House)

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
(Dublin).

17th May, 1938.

Private Secretary,
Minister for Defence,
Parkgate,
Dublin.



A Chara,

I am requested by the Ceann Comhairle to forward for the consideration of the Minister the enclosed communication from Mr. Joe Burke, applicant for a Military Service Pension.

Mise le meas,

Rúnaí Príobháideach.

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Oranmore ;

County Galway ;

5-5-1938

Frank Fahy Esq ,T.D:

Leinster House ;

Dublin .

Dear Mr Fahy ;-

I was in the 1916 Rising & was sent to
Bartmoor ,Lewes etc. for my activities .I was
also imprisoned during the Civil War period.and
I neglected my business & am in a very bad way.
I applied for the Military Service Pension ,and
if I do not get something decent I do not know what &&
will become of me. I will be very thankful to you
if you use your influence to get me a decent Pension
so that I can struggle on .

With Best Regards

from your old comrade in Lewes ;

Joe Burke .

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30 BEAL 1938

DÚN HÍ GÉARRETHA

27 May, 1938.

A Chara,

I am desired by the Minister for Defence to refer to your letter of the 5th instant, addressed to the Ceann Comhairle, in connection with your application for a Service Certificate under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934, and to state that the representations of the Ceann Comhairle are being brought to the attention of the Referee.

Mise, le meas,

GH HCB

Rúnaidhe Aire.

Mr. Joseph Burke,
Thornpark,
Oranmore,
CO. GALWAY.

Issued. 27/5/38
Initials. RS

RD

Rúnaidhe Priobháideach
do'n Cheann Chomhairle.

Transmitted in connection with your recent communication.

Rúnaidhe Aire.

Rúnaidhe do'n Réiteoir.

The representations of the Ceann Comhairle are transmitted herewith.

GH HCB
Rúnaidhe Aire.

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GRANMORE.

24th OCT. 1938.

I certify that those men participated in the attack on the
Granmore Barracks on Easter Tuesday 1916 :

Thomas Purey
Michael Higgins
Tom Hawkins
Michael Commins
Michael Ruane
— Joseph Burke
William Finn
Martin Costello
Tom Spelman
Willie Spelman
Willie Corcoran
Pat Corcoran
Tom Purey
Dan Toole

Oranbeg, Granmore
Moneymore do
Rhinn, do
Glensaul do
do. do
Rly Road, do
Frenchfort do
Oranmore
do.
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Rhinn, do
Oranmore.

Signed: Martin Costello, Company Captain

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APPLICANT'S NAME

Notes for Stanford re. Jan re
Burke Joseph

For Discussion with

Mr M. Neelan (Re. Easter Week)

Date 25/10/38

PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
(1)	Monday. Tuesday. Thursday	BIS
(2)	Friday. Monday. Wednesday	
(3)	4/7 + 168 178	Dismissed Saturday arrived 17 June
(4)		
(5)	(3) 17 June - released June 17	Is included in Martin Costello's certificate
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

(a) First Critical Date..... (b) Second Critical Date.....

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934.

Form R.18.

Ref. No. 52286

APPLICANT'S NAME Burke, Jos.

For Discussion with Mr Jos. Stanford

Date 8/11/38

PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
(1)		
(2)	Arrest - report re any and was to justify his arrest	
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)	road on run. nails (2)	no 2am has
(7)	(7) on run - road	
(8)	12 hrs Camp	h + out of BMS
(9)	not in custody. He was in prison jail when found Crown was attacked	
(10)	Arrest before Oct 23. Can't say how he was captured per J.S.	

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

(a) First Critical Date..... (b) Second Critical Date.....

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

23 November, 1938.

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A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to the sessions held recently by the Referee and Advisory Committee for discussion of 2nd Brigade, 1st Western Division applications under the above Act and to state that further consideration of the undermentioned applications has been deferred pending receipt of the statement which it is understood would be submitted in each case:-

2943 Hynes, Michael	Dungora, Kinvara, Co. Galway
3076 Fahey, Peter	Kilderry, Peterswell, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
3311 O'Grady, Michael	Old Church St., Athenry, do.
3399 Madden, Patrick	Kilderry, Peterswell, Loughrea do.
3452 O h-Eidin, Tomás	Cill Binné, An Gort, Co. na Gaillimhe.
9364 Cooney, Dominick	Knocktogether, Kiltulla, Athenry, Co. Galway
13849 Moran, John	Lisheencoyle, Athenry, do.
14235 Stratford, Mathew	Derryhale, Craughwell, do.
15495 Diviney, Thomas	Maree, Oranmore, do.
15581 Dempsey, Patrick	Lissalondon, Craughwell, do.
16576 Caulfield, Chris.	26a Prospect St., Brookline, Mass, U.S.A.
16867 Deveney, John	131 W Mt. Pleasant Ave., Mt. Airy, (Maree Coy.) Philadelphia, Pa.
17039 Higgins, Michl. J.	86 Exchange St., Waltham, Mass, U.S.A. (Athenry Coy.)
17692 Murray, James	678 E 138 St., Bronx, New York (Derrydonnell Coy.)
18906 Curran, Joseph	59 Union St., Watertown, Mass, U.S.A. (Athenry Coy.)
39439 O'Dea, John	The Weir, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway.
43220 Higgins, Richard	Castle Lambert, Athenry, do.
49382 Nolan, Bertley	Renmore, Galway.
52286 Burke, Joseph	Thompark, Oranmore, do.

Presumably the necessary statements will be submitted without delay.

Mise, le meas,

E. ne burke
Rúnaíche.

Mr. P. J. Piggott,
Avenue House,
Gort,
Co. Galway.

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Ballybane,
Gort 29/11/38.

52286 Joseph Burke, Thompark, Oranmore. Easter week.
Can find no engagements for Tan periods. Was
arrested in Civil War but had no engagement.

(Signed) Joe Stanford Bde. O.C.
Daniel Ryan " Q.M.
M. Neilan " Brig.Adj.

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MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934.

Form R. 18.

Ref. No. 52286

APPLICANT'S NAME Burke, Joseph

For Discussion with ① Messrs. Neiland, Newell & Stanford Ltd Date 31/12/40
② Mr M. Neilan 10/3/41 7/1/41

PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
(1)	<u>4/7</u> <u>Sentenced</u>	
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

(a) First Critical Date..... (b) Second Critical Date.....

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

Date.....

Ref. No. 52286 APPLICANT'S NAME Burke Joseph ADDRESS Thornpark, Cranmore, Co. Galway.
UNIT Cranmore Coy. 2nd Bde. 1st Western Div.

(a) PERIOD	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active service allowed	(d) Equivalent for Pension purposes	REMARKS
(1) 23/4/16 - 30/4/16	Full Period.	$\frac{4}{7}$	$2\frac{2}{7}$ yrs.	(7)
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17	do.	$\frac{168}{179}$	$\frac{168}{179}$ yrs.	(8)
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	do.	$\frac{5}{24}$	$\frac{5}{24}$ yrs.	(9)
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	do.			(10)
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	do.			(11)
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	do.			(12) $\frac{25}{38}$
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	do.			(13)
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	do.			(14) await report on Div. when $\frac{2}{11}$ yrs.
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	do.			(15)
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	do.			(16) finished 28/3/24

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

Rank claimed on E. Rank allowed E.

SIGNED—
Rank allowed E. Rank claimed on E.

Total of Column (d) 3 $\frac{41}{125}$ yrs.

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. 52286

1931

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 2/3
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 } (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17 }	ENTIRE PERIOD	1 1/4
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	ENTIRE PERIOD	1 1/2
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19		1 1/2
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20		1 1/2
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21		1 1/2
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21		1 1/2
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22		1 1/2
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23		1 1/2
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23		1 1/2

TOTAL—3 1/2 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 1st May 1941

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,

Mr. Joseph Burke

Thompson Park

Wexford,
Co. Dub.

Rúnaidhe.

Paul

Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 34 S.P./54596.

Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee—52286.

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

Burke Joseph
Thornpark, Dromore,
 for a Service Certificate. *Co. Galway.*

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

To:

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

19th *8/5/41*

(SIGNED) T. UA. DÓMHNAILL

Referee.

Date... 19 JUN 1937

Date... 7/5/41

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 *0 7/8 of ENTIRE PERIOD*

<i>2 168 of ENTIRE PERIOD</i>	<i>3 34 of ENTIRE PERIOD</i>	<i>4 nil</i>
<i>5 nil</i>	<i>6 nil</i>	<i>7 nil</i>
<i>8 nil</i>	<i>9 nil</i>	<i>10 nil</i>
3. Total service for pension purposes as defined by Second Schedule of the Act. *3 1/25 years*
4. Grade or rank, quoting relevant paragraph of First Schedule under which allowed:—
 - (a) On first critical date. *Grade E, Para. 1 (6)*
 - (b) On second critical date. *Grade E, Para. 1 (6)*
 - (c) Was applicant a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921. *No.*
 - (d) Does applicant's case fall under either of the following sub-paragraphs, and, if so, which, viz., sub-paragraph (j) of paragraph 3 of Rule I. of First Schedule *No.* or under sub-paragraph (m) of paragraph 4 of Rule I. of First Schedule, as a Medical Officer. *No.*

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5. Does the applicant state in his application whether he is at present in receipt of any remuneration, pension or allowance payable out of public moneys whether provided by the Oireachtas or out of the Central Fund or by means of the poor rate or any other rate imposed by a local authority ?.....

No.

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

No.

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

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

4 7/8 of ENTIRE PERIOD

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

2 2/3 years

(3) State—

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

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

Oranmore bog

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

168
179 of ENTIRE PERIOD

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

168
179 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.....

..... *Oranmore bay*

..... *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

..... *$\frac{5}{24}$ of ENTIRE PERIOD*

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

..... *$\frac{5}{48}$ 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.....

..... *Oranmore Imprisonment,*

..... *and, Oranmore bay*

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

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

..... *nil*

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

..... *nil*

(3) State—

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

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

..... *Oranmore bay, Galway Bde.*

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

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

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...

Oranmore & Moree Coy, 8th Galway 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

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...

Oranmore & Moree Coy, 8th West Galway 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

nil

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

(3) State—

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

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

Cranmore & Maru bay, Sth. West Galway Bde.

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

(3) State—

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

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

Cranmore & Maru bay, 3rd Bty., 2nd Bde., 1st Western Div.

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

(3) State—

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

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

Cranmore & Maru bay, 3rd Bty., 2nd Bde., 1st Western Div.

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... *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.....

Oranmore & Marcella Coy., 3rd Bn., 2nd Bde., 1st Western Div.

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