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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 his signature witnessed. The completed form must reach the Minister for Defence on or before the 31st December, 1945. 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). (FERGUS) O'CONNOR SURNAME. FERGUS CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS. 23 HERBERT AVENUE,  
(to be written in block capitals). MERRION, 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.

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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.

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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.



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

- (a) Did you render active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916. If so, from what date in that week ?.....
- (b) Unit or Units.....
- (c) Duration (giving dates) of service.....
- (d) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....
- .....
- (e) Officer Commanding in each instance.....
- (f) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? .....
- .....
- (g) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the week.....
- (h) Absence from duty and cause.....
- (i) References who can testify as to your statements above :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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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.....
- .....
- (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.

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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.....

.....

(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.

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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.....

.....

(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.....

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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



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

.....

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

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

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

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

.....

(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.....

.....

(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.....

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

.....



(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?.....

.....

(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.

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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.....

.....

(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.....

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.



## PART II.

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

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

or

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

.....FERGUS O'CONNOR, F. Co., 1st Batt. IRISH VOLUNTEERS.....  
.....DUBLIN,.....

(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...yes...April 23rd 1916

(b) Unit or Units...Volunteer F. Co. 1st Batt. Dublin

(c) Duration (giving dates) of service...From Monday 23rd April 1916  
to April 29th 1916

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

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

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

as front line soldier

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

the week...nothing special

Afterwards in a line up I was picked out by two  
English soldiers as having guarded them while prisoners  
which led to my Court martial.

(h) Absence from duty and cause...

Not absent

\* 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.
John Williams	16 Dargle Road, Drumcondra
Pierce Beasley	
Mr. Fionan Lynch, B.L.	Minore, Orwell Park, Rathgar.

(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... *Volunteer F Co. 1st Batt. Dublin*  
 (b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *Full (a) period and full (b) period*  
 (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *in (a) period North City Dublin in (b) period in prison*  
 (d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *in (a) period E. Daly in (a)*  
 (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?... *in (a) period - active armed Volunteer (b) period a prisoner*  
 (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *in (a) period - under orders and ~~at~~ at one time sent with two others to keep watch on the Viceroyal Lodge (b) period in prison*  
 (g) Absence from duty and cause... *not absent*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
John Williams	16 Dargle Road, Drumcondra
Fionan Lynch B.L.	Minore, Orwell Park, Rathgar.
Mr. Pierce Beasley	

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

- (a) Unit or Units... *F Co. 1st Batt. Dublin Volunteers*  
 (b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *In prison until July 1917 after release in re-organising political side*  
 (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *Pembroke, Dublin and West Cork and Dartmoor (in prison)*



(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *In person — Tom Hunter, DeValera and Tom Ashe*

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

..... *Always as Irish Volunteer under orders.* .....

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *none* .....

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... *not absent* .....

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

..... *Tom Hales* ..... *Knocknacurra, Baedon* .....

..... *Seonan Lynch, B.L.* ..... *Oswall Park, Rathgar* .....

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Sinn Féin Organization* .....

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

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

..... *Township* .....

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *none* .....

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

..... *continuous work in the Sinn Féin organization* .....

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *no military operations* .....

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... *not absent* .....



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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Christopher O'Kelly (President of Pembroke Sinn Fein in this period. His address I do not now know. He is brother to Sean T. O'Kelly, President of the Republic)	

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

(a) Unit or Units... *Sinn Fein Organization*

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

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *none*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?...  
*Continuous work in the Sinn Fein organization.*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *none*

(g) Absence from duty and cause... *not absent*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Christopher O'Kelly - above mentioned	

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

(a) Unit or Units... *Sinn Fein Organization*

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

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *no officers*



(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *I established the Republican Courts in Pembroke area*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *No military operations. Within this period that is - in Sept. 1920 I established the Republican Courts in the Pembroke Area.*

(g) Absence from duty and cause... *not absent*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*The enclosed Circular re Republican Courts may be accepted as reference. Michael Noyk, Solicitor Dame St. appeared constantly in our Courts also Mr Sean O'Kadhaigh Solicitor (Senior)*

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

(a) Unit or Units... *Registrar of Courts under Austin Stack*

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

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Christin Lack Minister for Home Affairs*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *as Registrar of Republican Courts*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *I kept the Courts functioning regularly without break during the whole period.*

(g) Absence from duty and cause... *not absent*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*M. Noyk, Solicitor Dame St.  
Sean O'Kadhaigh*



## 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.

..... Irish Volunteer, 7 Co. 1<sup>st</sup> Batt. Dublin  
 .....  
 .....

(b) On second critical date.

..... Irish Volunteer, 7 Co. 1<sup>st</sup> Batt. Dublin.  
 ..... Court Registrar.  
 .....

References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
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- (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.  
 ..... I waited for the International Recognition  
 ..... of the Republic of Ireland.  
 .....  
 .....  
 .....

- (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. *no*  
 Army Pensions Act, 1927. *no*  
 Army Pensions Act, 1932. *no*

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, or of the Headquarters Staff of Óglaigh na hÉireann, or a member of the Intelligence Branch of any of the bodies which constitute the Forces? 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

*no*



- (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.

*Not on file  
 14/16/50*

*I attach one Communication from the  
 Dept. of Home Affairs. one communication each from  
 (2) Sean Ottuadh Raigh, Solicitor and E. J. Duggan, Solicitor  
 for examination and return*

① Dated 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1920

② " 5 Oct. 1920

③ " 12 Oct 1920

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

*Tergus Lonnor*

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

*R. J. Lonnor*

MUNSTER & LEINSTER BANK LTD.

Address of Witness.....

**CASHEL**

Qualification *Branch Bank Manager*

Date *21<sup>st</sup> April 1950*

\* 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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AND AT TULLOW & BALTINGLASS.

JOHN KIRWAN WOODS

AND AT KINGSTOWN.

DUN LAOGHAIRE.  
TELEPHONE, DUBLIN, 4392.

TELEGRAMS & CABLES, "SWIFTNESS DUBLIN".  
CODE, MARCONI 1ST EDITION.

SWIFT CHAMBERS,

22, EUSTACE STREET,

DUBLIN.

Sadh. D. Foghmhair, 1920.

\* SEÁN Ó HUADHAIGH.

Feergus Ó Conchubhair Uas.,  
Reachtair, Cúirt Dúithche Phembróic,  
Baile Átha Cliath.

A Chara, Ó CONCHUBHAIR .v. Ó CIARÁIN.

Gheobhfaidh tú istigh annseo (i) Fógra aith-éilimh ins an gCúis seo agus (2) seic ar £1.10s., taisge an aith-éilimh. Tá cóip de'n bpáipéir réamh-ráidhte curtha ag triall ar Mhac Uí Dhubhgáin, aturnae an éilightheora, agam indiu. Cuir cóip de bhreitheamhntas na Cúirte ag triall orm, má's é do thoil é, agus innis dam cia'n uair a bhéas an aith-éilimh dá éisteacht.

Mise, le meas mór,

Seán Ó hUadhaigh.



I beg to hand you a form  
which it is necessary for  
you to fill up to obtain  
~~your~~ passport.

<sup>if you have it</sup>  
Please send your birth  
Certificate, with the address  
to which it is to be returned  
<sup>more</sup>  
If convenient <sup>to you</sup>

please have the form ~~re~~  
handed to me at

No 7 Bachelors walk  
so that I can procure  
permit without <sup>any</sup> delay



EDMUND J. DUGGAN,

SOLICITOR.

TELEPHONE 4888.

66, Dame Street,

DUBLIN.

*in camera*      *O'Connor & Loran*      *12/10/20*

I will be leaving town on Tuesday next  
and will be away till the 30<sup>th</sup> inst. and I  
should be glad if you could arrange that the  
Appeal should not be listed for hearing during  
my absence.

*Ronan & Loran*

Would you please have this case adjourned.  
Generally as there is a possibility of a settlement.  
*J. O'Connor Esq.*      *Dr. C. J. O'Donnell*



# DÁIL ÉIREANN.

FERGUS O'CONNOR,  
LOWELL HOUSE, HERBERT AVE.,  
MERRION GATES, DUBLIN.

ΔΙΡΕΔΩΤ ΞΗΘΩΑΪ ΟΥΪΤΩΕ

Department of Home Affairs

491.

14th., October, 1920.

## EMIGRATION

A Chara,

I enclose Permit to Emigrate in the name of Annie M.J. Daniel, Ref. 491., Your Ref. 6., together with Baptismal Certificate lodged with her application. Please have these documents delivered to Miss Daniel.

*Circular giving particulars*  
I also enclose ~~an~~ copy of an order by me, dated 13th., Oct. 1920, increasing the fee payable on each Permit application. Please have this order put into effect immediately.

Mise,

*Διόγω δέ Στρε*  
*W.P.*

Fergus O'Connor, D.C.R.  
7 Bachelor's Walk.

Pembroke.

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Annie Mary Josephine  
Danill  
35 Waterloo Road.

Age 19.

U.S.A. indefinite  
Period.

13 Oct. 1920

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OIFIG AN RÉITEÓRA,  
COLÁISTE CAOIMHÍN,  
GLASNAOIDHEAN,  
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.

20, Meitheamh, 1950.

ACHTA NA bPINSEAN SEIRBHÍSE MÍLEATA, 1934 - 1949.

A Chara,

With reference to your application for a Service Certificate in accordance with the terms of the above Acts, I am directed by the Referee to request you to attend at Coláiste Caoimhín, Míibhí Road, Glasnevin, Dublin, at 10.30 o'clock, A.M. on Friday, the 23 day of June, 1950, FOR EXAMINATION ON OATH BEFORE THE REFEREE, in connection therewith.

I am also to request you to arrange for the attendance, on the same date, of any witnesses whose evidence you may wish to adduce in support of your application. Your attendance and that of your witnesses is very desirable, so that all the evidence in your case should be available to the Referee and Advisory Committee at this sitting, to enable the Referee to conclude his investigation of your application. If you fail to attend, the Referee will proceed with the investigation in your absence.

I am to point out that a claim in respect of travelling or any other expenses incurred by you, or by any witnesses other than those summoned by the Referee, cannot be entertained, and that Section 8(4) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934, prescribes that the onus of proof shall rest on the applicant.

Mise, le meas,

J. O'CONNOR.  
RÚNAÍ.

Mr Fergus O'Connor,  
13 Herbert Ave., Merrion,  
Dublin.

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82 Lower Drumcondra Road  
Dublin

21 June 1950.

I hereby certify that Mr. Fergus  
O'Connor, 23 Herbert Avenue, Merrion, was  
an active and valued member of F. Company  
1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Dublin Brigade from its  
inception up to Easter Week, and  
after a time held the rank of  
section leader. I was the first  
Captain of F. Company and  
afterwards, as Vice-Commandant  
of the Battalion and Inspector of  
the Companies kept in close touch  
with my old Company. In Easter  
Week 1916, Mr. O'Connor served  
with his Company in the Church  
Street area. Subsequently he  
was courtmartialled and



Sentenced to a term of penal servitude.  
He was ~~was~~ a fellow-prisoner of mine  
in Lewes Gaol from December 1916  
to the amnesty in the following June.  
All this I can ~~of~~ testify from  
intimate knowledge.

Yours  
wise

Piars Beaslau.



MICHAEL NOYK, LL.B.  
SOLICITOR,  
COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS.  
WILLIAM MARTIN NOYK, B.A. LL.B.  
SOLICITOR.

TELEPHONE NO. 77268.  
TELEGRAMS DISCRETION. DUBLIN

CHAMBERS

12-14 College Green.  
Dublin

21st June, 1950.

ROINN LINDSEY  
FÁISCE  
21 MTH. 1950  
CLÁRLANN NA DRAMHSE  
AIRSEAD 18

Secretary,  
Pensions Committee,  
Colaiste Caoimhin,  
Glasnevin,  
DUBLIN.

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This is to certify that I am aware of my own knowledge that Mr. Fergus O'Connor of 23 Herbert Avenue, Merrion, who is an Applicant for a Military Service Pension, organised the Republican Courts in the Pembroke area. At their inception and for a considerable time he acted as Registrar. When the Courts got into working order Mr. O'Connor resigned his Registrarship and acted as one of the Judges.

Signed..... Michael Noyk

Ack. issued  
J. 3/7/50.

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LEACTAN MONNAIRISCE.

m.s.b.



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See  
Ref.

The attached documents are transmitted  
please, for association with application  
of Mr. Fergus O'Connor, 23 Herbert Ave.,  
Merrion forwarded to you under above ref.  
on 1st May 1950 — list No. 2.

F3(d) 4/7/50.

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Secretary,  
R. & A. Committee.

For material for reply to the further representations of the Min. for External Affairs concerning the application of Mr. Fergus O'Connor referred to the Referee on 1/5/1950.

(Sgd.) J. Lambe.

F.3(d). 12/9/50.

F.3(d).

It is expected that the Referee will complete his report in respect of the claim of Mr. Fergus O'Connor at an early date.

(Sgd.) E. MacSuibhne.

12/9/50.

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OIFIG AN AIRE GHNO'HAÍ EACHTRACHA,

BAILE ATHA CLIATH.

7th September, 1950.

Private Secretary,  
Minister for Defence.

Mr. McBride, Minister for External Affairs,  
has again received representations on behalf of Mr.  
Fergus O'Connor, Lowell House, Herbert Avenue, Merrion,  
Dublin, who is an applicant for a Military Service  
Pension.

Mr. McBride would be grateful if consideration  
of Mr. O'Connor's application could be expedited.

(Sgd.) Brendan Dillon.  
Private Secretary.

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MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACTS, 1934 - 1949. REFEREE R.3.

Ref. No. 49.58/186

Applicant's Name O'Connell, Jacques

Address:- 23 Herbert Ave. Marston, Dublin

UNIT:- 1 Coy. 1 Bn. Dn. Bde.

book 1  
page 50.

(a) PERIOD.	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active Service allowed	(d) Equivalent for Pension Purposes	REMARKS.
(1) 23/4/16 - 29/4/16	July	69. ✓	3 3/4 years ✓	
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17	"	164/149 ✓	167/179 ✓	
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	"	4/24 ✓	7/48 ✓	
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	"	/		
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	"			
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	"			
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	"			
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22				
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23				
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23				

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

Rank claimed on

Rank allowed

Total of Column (d) 4.51 years

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

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S C H E D U L E -

M.S.P. 34/2A.

Military Service Pensions Act, 1934. (No. 2) Regulations 1950.

Reference No. 60987/49SP/186 Applicant's Name O'Connor Terence Address 23 Herbert Ave. Merrion, Dublin

PERIOD	Particular military body or bodies in which active service was rendered.	Duration of active service established to the satisfaction of the Referee.	Equivalent for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act.	Is the applicant a person to whom the Act applies? ... Rank or Grade allowed ... Relevant paragraph of First Schedule.
(1) 23/4/16 - 29/4/16	IRISH VOLUNTEERS	6/4 period	3 3/4 year(s)	yes 1(6)
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17	"	167/179 period	167/179 year	1(6)
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	"	7/24 period	7/24 year	
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	"	nil period	nil year	No
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	Oglaigh na h-Eirann.	nil period	nil year	No
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	"	nil period	nil year(s)	No
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	"	nil period	nil year	No
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	—	— period	— year	
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	—	— period	— year(s)	
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	—	— period	— year	No
TOTAL			4.5073 year(s)	

To—THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

I submit hereon my report in this case.

Date 27/10/50 Referee.

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







3/ 89857  
MSP-34-60987

17 September 2001.

Ms. Patricia Goff,  
44 Meadowview Grove,  
Lucan,  
Co. Dublin.

Dear Ms. Goff,

I refer to your request for information concerning the involvement of the late Fergus O'Connor in the 1916 Rising and in the War of Independence.


At the outset, I should explain that the records held in this Department which refer to the period in question are based on applications for Military Service Pensions and Service Medals.

I am enclosing for your information copies of the following documents from Fergus O'Connor's file :-

1. Application (MSP/34/1) of Fergus O'Connor for a Service Certificate under the Military Service Pensions Act 1934, dated 21th April 1950.
2. Letter from the Office of the Referee to Fergus O'Connor, dated 20th June 1950.
3. Referee's decision ( MSP/34/2 ), dated 27th October 1950 that Fergus O'Connor was a person to whom the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934 applied, therefore entitling him to a pension.
4. This Departments description of the 1916 Medal.
5. This Departments description of the Service ( 1917-1921 ) Medal.

Unfortunately, this is the only information on file relating to Fergus O'Connor and it is not evident whether he accepted the award of pension in 1950 or if he received any Medals. I hope it will be of some interest to you and regret the long delay in dealing with your request.

Yours sincerely,

  
Margaret Kilcommins  
Pensions Administration Section  
Telephone No. ( 091 ) 743846



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MSP 34 Ref 60987  
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27 July 2009

Ms. Patricia Goff,  
44 Meadowview Grove,  
Lucan,  
Co. Dublin.

Dear Ms. Goff,

I refer to previous correspondence concerning the involvement of your late granduncle, Fergus O' Connor in the 1916 Rising and in the War of Independence.

Following further examination of this case I have established that the late Fergus O'Connor formerly of 23 Herbert Avenue, Merrion, Dublin was granted a pension under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934 and was allowed 4.51 years service for pension purposes. The amount of the pension was £22.10.09 per annum.

He was awarded the 1916 Medal for his active service during the week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1916 with 'F' Coy. 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Dublin Brigade of the Irish Volunteers.

He was awarded the Service ( 1917- 1921 ) Medal for his active service with the Sinn Fein Organization.

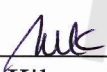
It was not necessary for successful applicants for the Military Service Pension to submit a separate application for Service Medals. The relevant Medals to which they were entitled were automatically awarded and were issued to their home address.

The Minister has decided that where 1916 and 1917-1921 Medals have been lost, stolen or destroyed, official certificates, in both Irish and English, would be issued in such cases confirming that the relevant medal was awarded to the named Veteran.

If you would like to apply for the above certificates in respect of Fergus O'Connor, please complete the attached form and return it to the Department in the enclosed pre-paid envelope.

The delay in dealing with this matter is very much regretted.

Yours sincerely,

  
Margaret Kilcommins  
Pensions Administration  
Telephone No. ( 091 ) 743846.