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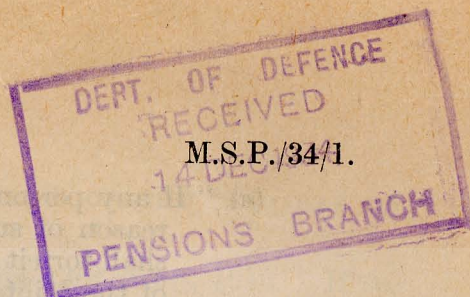
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## Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

### APPLICATION TO THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE FOR A SERVICE CERTIFICATE.

This form must be filled in by every person who seeks a Service Certificate, and must be signed by him, and signature witnessed, on or before the 31st day of December, 1935. In the event of an applicant being unable to write he should affix his mark, such act being witnessed.

NAME (to be written in  
block capitals).

SURNAME.

CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS.

(to be written in  
block capitals).

~~SEATOWN~~  
*mill street* DUNDALK

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

(a) This form is divided into three parts. Part I. is to be completed where the applicant had, in addition to the required pre-Truce Service, Service in the Forces in the period commencing the 1st July, 1922. Part II. is to be completed where the applicant's qualifying service in the Forces was pre-Truce only. Only one of those two parts is to be completed by any one applicant. Part III. is of general application and should be completed by all applicants.

(b) Before completing particulars as to rank the applicant should read carefully the First Schedule to the Act and also the definitions of the expressions "first critical date" and "second critical date" which are appended to this form for the information of applicants. He should then complete his replies to the questions in the terms of Rules 1 and 2 of the First Schedule which are applicable to his case, e.g. :—

was "a Divisional Adjutant" or

was "a Battalion Quartermaster whose Battalion was (at the critical date) not less than one hundred in strength," or

was "an officer of Fianna Eireann commanding one hundred members or more."

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

(c) All statements made in this application will be carefully investigated, and satisfactory evidence must be forthcoming on request to substantiate each and every statement made.

(d) "If any person with a view to obtaining either for himself or any other person a grant or payment of a pension under this Act, makes, signs, or uses any declaration, application or other written statement knowing the same to be false, such person shall be guilty of an offence under this section and shall be liable on summary conviction thereof to a fine not exceeding £25 (twenty-five pounds) or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or at the discretion of the Court to both such fine and imprisonment." (Sec. 19 (1) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934).



- (e) "If any person so convicted as aforesaid is in receipt of a pension obtained by reason of such false declaration, application, or other written statement he shall forfeit such pension as from the date of such conviction." (Sec. 19 (2) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934).

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

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

For each of the periods set out in Parts I. and II. in which you claim to have rendered active service, state the name of the unit or units, name and address of the O/C., the names and addresses of three reputable references who can verify your service.

The following circumstances shall not be deemed to constitute a breach in the continuity of service:—

- (a) Absence from duty following arrest, imprisonment, internment, or deportation under the Defence of the Realm Act, 1914, the Restoration of Order in Ireland Act, 1920, or any regulations made thereunder;
- (b) Absence from duty following arrest, imprisonment, or penal servitude in respect of sedition, treason or treason felony prior to 11th July, 1921;
- (c) Absence from duty by reason of duties necessitating such absence undertaken at the instance of or on behalf of the Cabinet of the First Dail Eireann or of the Second Dail Eireann;
- (d) Absence from duty while under arrest, as a result of activities as a member of the Forces.

If you claim to have been absent from duty under these conditions, give particulars of the circumstances with respect to each such period of absence, and state its duration.

#### PART I.

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

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

or

- (b) who served in the Forces continuously during either of the following periods, the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1920, and ending on the 31st day of March, 1921,

or

- (c) the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1921, and ending on the 11th day of July, 1921,

and in addition

who served in the Forces at any time during the period commencing on the 1st day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923.

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

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



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

- (a) Did you render active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916. If so, from what date in that week? *Yes From 23<sup>rd</sup> April*
- (b) Unit or Units..... *Dundalk Company*
- (c) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *23<sup>rd</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May*
- (d) District or Districts in which active service was rendered. *Lurgan green*  
*Dundalk, also the Ward or Mulhuddart Co. Dublin*
- (e) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *P. Hughes & D. Hannigan*
- (f) In what way do you claim that your service was active service. *In that I belonged to an armed party on active service*
- (g) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the week..... *Arrest of Police & Military at Lurgan green*
- (h) Absence from duty and cause..... *Not absent*
- (i) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Sean MacEntee, T.D.</i>	<i>Dublin</i>
<i>Patrick Hughes</i>	<i>Park St. Dundalk</i>
<i>D. Hannigan</i>	<i>Dublin</i>

(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..... *Refer to (1) (B)*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *Refer to (1) (C) also arrested 4<sup>th</sup> May 1916 & Interned till Xmas*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....  
*Refer to (1) (D)*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Refer to (1) (E)*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?.....  
*As above*
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *as above*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause..... *Not absent*



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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Sean Mac Entee T.D.	Dublin
P. Hughes	Dundalk
D. Hannigan	Dublin

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *A. Company Dundalk*

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

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

*Dundalk*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *James Toal (Capt.) Now Dead*

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

*By being always ready to obey orders*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *Just ordinary Volunteer Work*

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Sean Gormley	Blackrock Dundalk
Seamus McGill	Dundalk

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *A. Company Dundalk*

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

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

*Dundalk*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *John Mandeville (Capt.) Now in England*

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

*By doing any work allotted to me*



(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *Just ordinary Volunteer Work.*

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

*Not absent*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Sean Gormley</i>	<i>Blackrock Dundalk</i>
<i>Seamus McGuill</i>	<i>Dundalk</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

*A. Coy Dundalk*

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

*Continuous*

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

*Dundalk*

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

*P. Brannigan (Capt) Dundalk*

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

*By doing any work allotted to me*

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

*Just ordinary Volunteer work*

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

*Not absent*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>P. Brannigan</i>	<i>Emer Terrace Dundalk</i>
<i>Sean Gormley</i>	<i>Blackrock Dundalk</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

*A. Coy Dundalk*

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

*Continuous*



- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... *Dundalk*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *P. Brannigan* *Sean Gormley*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?.....  
*As an active Volunteer*
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *Ordinary Volunteer work*  
*The burning of the Inland Revenue offices.*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause..... *Not absent*
- (h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—
- | NAME.               | ADDRESS.                 |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Sean Gormley</i> | <i>Blackrock Dundalk</i> |
- (7). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1921, TO 11TH JULY, 1921
- (a) Unit or Units..... *A. Company*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *Continuous*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... *Dundalk and Surrounding Districts*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Sean Gormley*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?.....  
*By being an active Volunteer*
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *Ordinary Volunteer work*  
*Took part in ambush where enemy forces were killed & wounded*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause..... *Not absent*



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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Sean Gormley	Blackrock Dundalk
Seamus Kennedy	Greenore
Felix Dawe	Ballymascanlon Dundalk

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

(a) Unit or Units..... 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 4<sup>th</sup> Northern Div.

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

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

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

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

..... an active Volunteer

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

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Sean Gormley	Blackrock Dundalk
Seamus Kennedy	Greenore

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

(a) Unit or Units..... 4<sup>th</sup> Northern Division

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

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... John M'Looy 1<sup>st</sup> instance

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

..... Took up arms against Provisional Government



(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *Took part in capture of Dundalk also took part in Ambush where Enemy forces were killed*

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

<i>John McLoe</i>	<i>Dublin</i>
<i>Sean Gormley</i>	<i>Blackrock Dundalk</i>
<i>John Toal</i>	<i>Dundalk</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *I went to Canada*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *in May 1923*

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.



## PART II.

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

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

or

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

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

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

(b) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

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

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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## PART III.

## GENERAL.

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS.

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

(a) On first critical date.

..... Captain A Company Dundalk

(b) On second critical date.

..... Vice Commdt 1<sup>st</sup> Batt  
..... 1<sup>st</sup> Bde. 4<sup>th</sup> Northern Div

References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

..... Sean Gormley ..... Blackrock. Dundalk  
..... Seamus Kennedy ..... Greenore

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

..... No

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

..... No



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

Army Pensions Act, 1923.  
Army Pensions Act, 1927.  
Army Pensions Act, 1932.

If so, with what result.

No

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

No

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

No

(7). Are you now, or were you at any time during the period for which you claim service, in receipt of any remuneration, or allowance payable out of public moneys, whether provided by the Oireachtas or out of the Central Fund, or by means of the poor rate or any other rate imposed by a local authority, state details.....

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 was appointed Intelligence Officer  
on staff of 4<sup>th</sup> Northern Division  
in July 1922*

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

*Thomas M. Crane*

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

Address of Witness.....

*Malin O'Donnell*

*Military Barracks Dundalk*

Qualification.....

*Army Captain*

Date.....

*12<sup>th</sup> December, 1924*

\* 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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SWORN STATEMENT MADE BEFORE THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY  
THOMAS McCRAVE - File No. 697 - 2nd APRIL, 1935.

1st Period.

Q. You claim Easter Week?

A. Yes.

Q. Tell us what happened?

A. On Easter Saturday I got word to mobilise, we finished up at 10 o'clock. We got instructions to mobilise the following morning at a certain place. I was in touch with Sean MacEntee. I fell in along with the main body at the back of the Workhouse.

Q. How many men were there?

A. 75.

Q. When was that?

A. Sunday morning.

Q. What happened?

A. We moved off about 9.30 towards ~~Ad~~ Ardee, some walking, some on brakes and some in cars. When we landed in Ardee we halted and a number of us were told to go out one of the roads to get rifles that were commandeered.

Q. Were they commandeered from the Adree vicinity?

A. I think they belonged to the Volunteers of Ardee.

Q. Had you rifles?

A. Kind of guns, some rifles and some shot guns. When we got the 22 rifles we were fairly well off, after they were handed out we were practically all armed. That was 12 o'clock on Sunday.

Q. What did you do on Sunday evening?

A. We stayed in Ardee for about an hour. We did not go to Castlebellingham on Sunday.

Q. Was it on Monday the Policeman was shot?

A. Yes. We camped in the Bakery there. We were waiting for further word and started to move towards home very slowly. We came back on Monday morning and stayed there until 12.30. Hannigan and Hughes were in charge. We left there about mid-day and went towards Dúnleer and MacEntee came along with the news. We halted and dismantled all cars going along. A Policeman and 7 soldiers came along and we arrested them.

Q. Were the soldiers armed?

A. I cannot remember very well.

After about an hour we found we had only a couple of drivers. Hannigan gave orders that anyone used to horses were to take over and go ahead. I got three fellows and started for Dublin. When I came to Sarsfields Cross I drove the horses in and the cars came along. I got into a car and headed for Dublin.



Q. What about the shooting of the Police at Castlebellingham?  
 A. That happened after I left. The idea of going ahead was to get along a little distance and give the horses a chance of going ahead. We kept travelling until mid-night. Just outside Dunboyle we discovered some of the cars were missing. We patrolled the whole night and got in touch with the crowd we lost early the next morning. We camped that day in the Red House. We had scouts working and were too late to get into Dublin. We landed at Mulhuddart on Wednesday morning at 3 o'clock. We camped there with the expectation of getting into Dublin. We were there until the following Monday night.

Q. The Monday after the surrender?  
 A. Yes. We stayed there until 8 o'clock. 250 Lancers came along. I was on duty at the time and told the fellows to be ready.

Q. Was Sean Boylan with you?  
 A. Yes, and Peter, he was Cook there.

We retired back to Dunboyle in the middle of the night and the Lancers kept coming after us. The crowd broke up on Wednesday night - 13 of us stayed on.

Q. You were arrested?  
 A. Yes, on Thursday at 2 o'clock outside Drogheda.

Q. How long were you interned?  
 A. Until Christmas - about 6 or 7 months.

### 3rd Period.

Q. Ordinary Volunteer work?  
 A. Yes.

### 4th Period.

Q. Same thing?  
 A. Yes.

### 5th Period.

Q. The same?  
 A. Yes.

### 6th Period.

Q. Burning of Inland Revenue Offices, when was that?  
 A. Some time in April or May, 1920.

Q. Anything else?  
 A. I was on all the stunts.

Q. Any raids for mails or anything else in this period?  
 A. I cannot remember.



7th Period.

- Q. Took part in ambush at Cregin?  
 A. Yes. Blocking roads, etc.
- Q. Were you engaged in the Plaster?  
 A. No. I was there when they were getting ready to go, but was told not to go.

8th Period.

- Q. Ordinary Volunteer work?  
 A. I was trying to keep the crowd together. I was in two Training Camps.
- Q. How much of your time was taken up in the Training Camps?  
 A. One week in each.
- Q. Did you go into Barracks when they were taken over?  
 A. No. I was in the Police Force.
- Q. When was that formed?  
 A. Some time in June.
- Q. Were you working during this time?  
 A. No. I threw up my business - we lost our trade.

9th Period.

- Q. Were you engaged the morning the hole was blown in the wall?  
 A. No.
- Q. You took part in the capture of Dundalk?  
 A. Yes.
- Q. What about the ambush?  
 A. There was an ambush at Marshal (?) We made a couple of attempts to take the town but it did not come off.
- Q. You were on the run all during this period?  
 A. Yes, up to the time I went to Camp.
- Q. You were Company Captain of A Company on 1st Critical Date?  
 A. Yes.
- Q. How many men in 'A' Company?  
 A. We had a roll of 84. They did not always turn out.
- Q. On 2nd Critical date you were Vice O/C. 1st Battalion?  
 A. Yes.
- Q. Who was O/C.  
 A. Seamus Kennedy.
- Q. How many men in the Battalion?  
 A. About 300.



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Q.

How many Companies in the Battalion?

A.

Six. Two in Dundalk, Louth, Crossmaglen, Dromiskin and Knockbridge.

Sworn before me on \_\_\_\_\_

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R E F E R E E.

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697; 2657; 2655.

1st May 1935.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to the applications of :-

(697) Thomas McCrave, Seatown, Dundalk, Co. Louth.  
(2657) William Lawless Mulholland Ave., Dundalk Co. Louth.  
(2655) Seamus Kennedy, 14 Anglesea Tce., Greenore do.

and to state that the Advisory Committee desire to discuss these applications with you at your earliest convenience. Perhaps you will be good enough to indicate a date on which it will be convenient for you to attend at the above address.

Mise, le meas,

RÚNAÍ.

Mr. Sean Gormley,  
"Wilton" House,  
The Crescent,  
Dundalk,  
CO. LOUTH.

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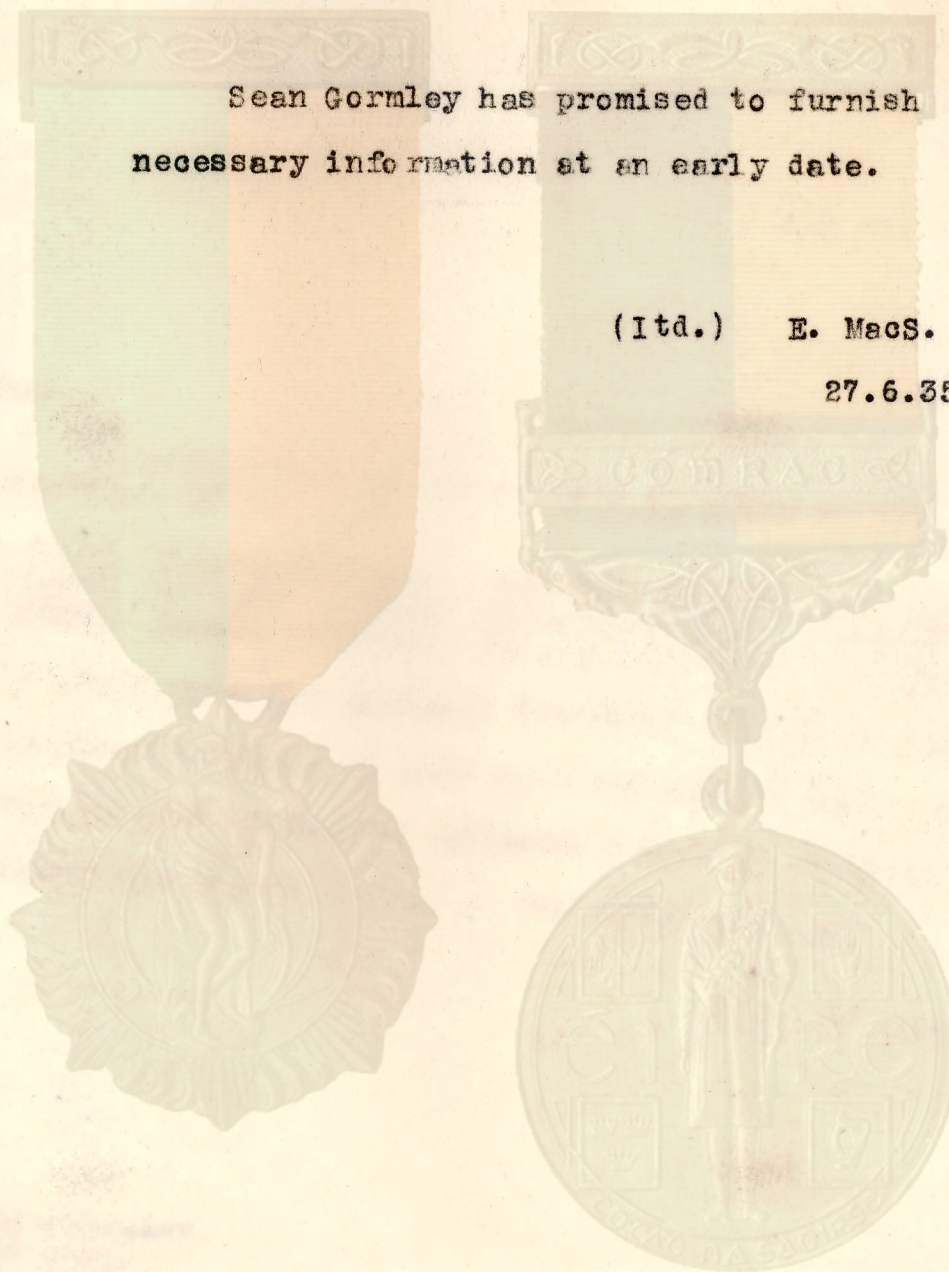


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Sean Gormley has promised to furnish  
necessary information at an early date.

(ltd.) E. MacS.

27.6.35.



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Wilton House,  
Stapleton Place,  
Dundalk

29-6-35.

The Secretary  
Mil Ser. Pensions Board  
Dublin



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I enclose herewith as required detailed statement of T. McGrave's activities during 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> periods.

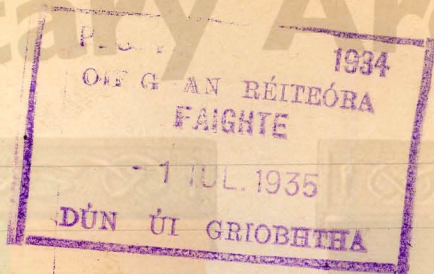
I hope to forward on Tuesday next a complete list of names of men in "A" Coy Dundalk at 2nd critical date. I am getting this made out in sections which will be duly vouched for by respective Section Leaders.

According as the other required information filters through I shall pass along.

Yours  
Seán Gormley

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Dundalk

29-6-35.

Re Thomas McCrave Dundalk.

I have gone carefully into this case and report besides the ordinary duties attached to McCrave's Rank and the usual general minor activities, the following details of his Major active service for the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> periods.

6<sup>th</sup> Period 1. On 14<sup>th</sup> April 1920 officially took part under arms at Midday in the raiding and burning of the Inland Revenue office in Park St Dundalk.

2. In February 1921 on Special duty for a period of 3 weeks armed for purpose of executing a most active R.I.C. Sergeant in this Area — Missed Quarry however

7<sup>th</sup> Period 1. On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 1921. took active part in Greegan Ambush. A Clean open fight in which there was no tree-felling blocking of Roads etc. Twelve I.R.A. men were engaged on this job - McCrave being one of the dozen.

Seisún Gormley



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LEAČÁN MONTUATRISCE.

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Mr. Sweeney

If rank is correct accord. to our records, notation will be  
prepared Report-Form.

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30/7.

Mr. Dopley

for attention per

Enclosed

30/7.

Mr. Sweeney,

Rank is correct for  
both critical dates.

ed 1/8/35



- (1) Dundalk boy. I.V.  
 (2) A. boy. Dundalk.  
 (3) 1st Battr. 4th Lthm Div.  
 (4) 4th Northern Div.

Ref. No. 694 Applicant's Name McCrave Thomas Address Seatown, Dundalk, Co. Louth Unit

(a) Period	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active Service allowed	(d) Equivalent for pension purposes.	Remarks
(1) 23/4/1916-30/4/1916	Full Period	/	/	
(2) (a) 1/4/16-22/1/17 (b) 30/4/16-31/3/17.	$\frac{4}{5} - \frac{12}{16}$	/	/	
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	Full Period	/	/	
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	Full Period	/	/	
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	Full Period	/	/	
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	Full Period	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ w	
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/22	Full Period	Full	1 w	Refer for Sean Gormley
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/3/22	Full Period	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$ w	check with list - finished
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	Full Period	$\frac{1}{9}$	$\frac{2}{9}$ w	27/7/34
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	Nil.	/	/	copy 12/9/35

Rank claimed on (a) first critical date; (b) Second critical date.  
 Rank allowed:- boy. capt. Battr. vice o/c.

Signed:- Dominica

John McCoy

Total of column (d) 2  $\frac{1}{18}$  years

L.M. Stephens

b

BA.



# Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 34SP/778Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee - 694

To:

To:

THE REFEREE.

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

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

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

*mill* McGrave, Thomas  
Seaton, Dundalk Co Louth.  
 for a Service Certificate.

Report transmitted to GMD and 1-10 <sup>17</sup>/<sub>9</sub> 35

Recorded  $\frac{13}{35}$   
 Registered 18<sup>9</sup>/<sub>35</sub>

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

Referee.

Date. 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 1935.

Date.....

1. Is the Applicant a person to whom the Act applies? Yes
2. If so, total actual service in the different service periods, as established. (1) nil (2) nil (3) nil (4) nil (5) nil (6)  $\frac{1}{12}$  of Entire Period (7) Entire Period (8)  $\frac{2}{3}$  of Entire Period (9)  $\frac{1}{9}$  of Entire Period (10) nil -
3. Total service for pension purposes as defined by Second Schedule of the Act.....  
 $2\frac{1}{8}$  years -
4. Grade or rank, quoting relevant paragraph of First Schedule under which allowed: -
  - (a) On first critical date. Grade D. Para. 1(4)(b) -
  - (b) On second critical date. Grade D. Para. 1(4)(g) -
  - (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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Guessed.



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

*no*

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

*no*

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

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

*nil*

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

*nil*

(3) State—

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

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

*Dundalk boy*

8. THE PERIOD COMPRISING :—

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

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

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

*nil*

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

*nil*



(3) State—

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

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

*Dundalk Coy. —*  
*Imprisoned.*

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

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

*nil*

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

(3) State—

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

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

*"A" Coy. Dundalk —*

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.....

*"A" Coy. Dundalk —*



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.

*"A" Coy. ~~Battalion I, 1st Brigade, 4th Northern Division~~*  
*~~North Louth Battalion~~ Louth Brigade*

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

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

*$\frac{1}{12}$  of entire Period*

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

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

(3) State—

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

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

*"A" Coy. ~~Battalion I, 1st Brigade, 4th Northern Division~~*  
*~~North Louth Battalion~~*

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

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

*entire Period*

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

*1 year*



(3) State—

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

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

*"A" Coy. Battr. I, 1st Brigade, 4th Northern Division*  
*North Lond Battr. 4th N Division* ✓

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

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

*$\frac{2}{3}$  of Entire Period*

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

*$\frac{2}{3}$  of 1 year* ✓

(3) State—

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

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

*"A" Coy. Battr. I, 1st Brigade, 4th Northern Division* ✓

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

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

*$\frac{1}{9}$  of Entire Period*

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

*$\frac{2}{9}$  of 1 year* ✓

3) State—

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

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

*Battr. I, 1st Brigade, 4th Northern Division* ✓



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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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H.B.  
To. Mr. F. Aiken, T.O.  
Minister for Defence.

Seaton +  
Dundalk  
Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 1936

Dear Sir

I wish to bring personally under your notice the period of service allotted to me under the Military Service Pensions Act 1934, Which service I believe is not in keeping with services rendered by me during the different periods, I attach herewith a detailed statement of my case and would be very glad if you would peruse same and adjust service allotted me so that justice might be done in my case. My present service pension amounts to £20-11-1 per year. Trusting you will give this matter your kind consideration.

Sincerely Yours

Tom McBrave

Vice Commandt

1<sup>st</sup> Bath

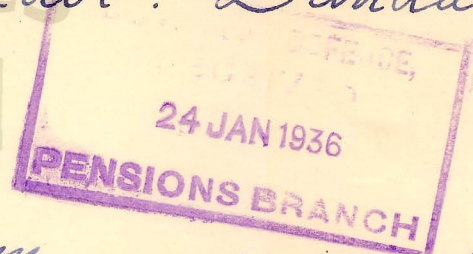
1<sup>st</sup> Bgde

4<sup>th</sup> Northern Div



Statement of J. McBride. Dundalk. +

To the Minister for Defence.



I joined the Volunteers in May 1914 and when the split came in 1915 I remained loyal to the Irish Volunteers and was in continuous attendance at Parades Mobs. Drills etc and carried out all instructions issued to me up till Easter 1916. On the eve of Easter Sunday I along with one other Mobilized the whole Dundalk Company.

On Easter Sun Morn I marched along with my Company from Ballybarrack in the direction of Ardee, On arriving at Ardee I was one of the Party who took possession of about two Dozen



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Lee. enfield Rifles + ammunition captured from the National Volunteers, The Compy then went on to Slane + encamped there for the night, at 3.00 a.m. We started back towards Collon from there we continued on to Lurgan green where we were halted on the arrival of Sean MacEntee from Dublin with the news that a Republic was declared.

Myself and three others took charge of a Horse and Van and got orders to drive towards Dublin, At Sarsfield's Cross we discarded the Horse and Van and continued our journey in one of the oncoming commandeered Motor Cars, Owing to an accident to our Convoy we were halted near Dunboyne about midnight, We camped in the Red House at Dunboyne all day on Tuesday and on Tues night we left the Red House + marched on till



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we arrived at Tyrrelstown House near Dublin early on  
wednesday Morn, during the rest of Easter week we  
occupied the aforesaid House & grounds as an armed  
Camp. Standing Guard for six Hours at a time always  
expecting to get orders to proceed on to Dublin City.  
We stayed there till Monday Evening 1<sup>st</sup> May, On Monday  
Evening we retired towards Dunboyne where we arrived  
at Two thirty Tues Morn. The order for dispersal of the  
Company was given on Tues Evening, Thirteen of us  
insisted on waiting till Wednesday night in the hope  
that all chances of a fight were not gone, On wed night  
we also dispersed after dumping our arms, On Thursday  
evening I was captured by Enemy forces in the Boyne  
Valley & taken to Drogheda Military Bks from there  
to Richmond Bks also Wandsworth Prison. Knutsford  
Jail and then interned in Frongoch Camp till the  
general release at Christmas 1916. After my release



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I kept in close touch with my former Comrades and when the Irish Volunteers were again started in 1917 I was among the very first to join up. From then on I attended every Parade and carried out every order issued to me. I took part in the burning of the Inland Revenue Offices in 1920. I was detailed off for to take part in the ambush at Greenore on Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 1921. And when arrival at near Bush Station I was advised to return to Dundalk along with one of my Comrades because the presence of us strangers in the district might alarm the Enemy. On the eve of the attack on Barretts I personally supervised the Blocking of the Dundalk Forkhill Road also the Road at the Back of Castletown. I took Part in the Creggan Ambush along with all other activities up to the Truce on 11<sup>th</sup> July 1921. During the Truce period I attended two training Camps. Personally organised a new Company and looked after the training of the 1<sup>st</sup> Batt. On the 17<sup>th</sup> July 1922



5/ at a meeting of officers at Omeath I was appointed Divisional I.O. to operate in the Dundalk area, I obtained valuable information while acting as such and when becoming suspect I went on the Run and took part in the capture of Dundalk on Aug. 14. 1922. I later took part in two ineffective attempts to capture Dundalk. I also took armed part in the Rockmarshall ambush. This is all I can memorise among all my various activities. I eventually emigrated to Canada in May 1923.



GUTHAN 21681  
(TELEPHONE)

UIMHIR THAGARTHA  
(REFERENCE NO.)

34SP/ 778  
MSP/34/Referee. 697

ROINN COSANTA,  
(DEPT. OF DEFENCE),

GEATA NA PAIRCE,  
(PARKGATE),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.  
(DUBLIN).



11 MAR 1936

Rúnaí,  
Oifig an Réitheora.

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to state that Mr. Thomas Mc. Crave, Seatown, Dundalk, Co. Louth has appealed against the findings of the Referee in his case. He has submitted the attached evidence, which purports to be additional to that already tendered. The Minister directs that the Referee will be good enough to review his report in the light of this new evidence.

*J. Morgan*

a.s. Rúnaí.

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Seatown  
Dundalk

14 April 1937

Dear Johnny

Will you please let me know if there is any sign of anything being done about my pension,

Things haven't been so good this last while and a little extra money would do a lot of good, I will appreciate an answer from you,

Hoping you are well

I remain

Sincerely yours

Tom McBride

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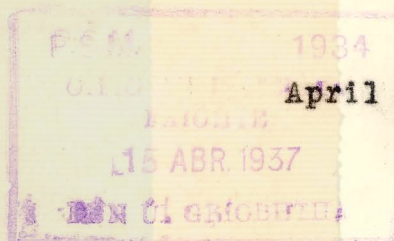


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Mr. Twomey

Attach to relative papers  
Clear  
15/4/37

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Dear Tom,

In reply to yours of 14th instant, I take it you are interested in the question of your appeal re Easter Week.

The question of old appeals like yours is not yet settled. There are, however, good hopes that the matter will be fixed up shortly and your appeal will then be dealt with without delay.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Tom McCrave,  
Seatown,  
Dundalk,  
CO. LOUTH.

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Appeal base.

File No 694.

McBrave Thomas

1. Service discussed and assessed. Applicant had the full Dundalk service. He was present at the Castleblinigham shooting. He was interned until Christmas 1916.  
Discuss later service with S. Gormley.

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Seatown  
Dundalk  
28 Sept 1937

Dear Johnny

I am writing these few lines to you to know if you will get the Pensions Board to send on the money that is coming to me under the 1916 service award, I understand that the Board has sanctioned something to myself & some others, Just now



I have a couple of problems on hand which will mean a little extra money.

One is a case over a House which is coming on at the October Circuit Court,

and the other is we will have to take a little girl of ours to a Hospital in Dublin some of those days so I am at my wits end to have the money for these things.

Well Johnny I feel a bit of a nuisance always writing to you in an annoying strain, But I just can't help it this time, so if you can possibly see your way to do something to help me out by having them send on this money I will be forever thankful to you. Again apologising to you.

I Remain  
Sincerely yours  
Tom McBrave



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CASSIRE .....

Mr. Burke

Looks up the old appeal. & let me  
know. if it is finished.

Done

Mr. Smy

File. please

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Ref. No. 694 APPLICANT'S NAME McGrave Thomas Old Annual lease  
 For Discussion with C. S. Mr. P. M. Douglas Date 13 Oct, 1937  
Mr. S. Gormley 14/3/38  
 OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT

PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
(1)	Claimed Sweet	
(2)	to have a meeting service' After Sweet	
(3)	usual	
(4)		
(5)		
(6)	Rev of new houses' mbrs for Am - not for income Am	
(7)	17 Apl eve of Alastor on Road all 10 Apl Craggan Am - in it. shot up a church school	
(8)	2 Camp <u>visited new Co. - Police job (or for 187)</u> 73 <u>(yes)</u> <u>close up to July 22</u> full time for in the year & part time for in half	
(9)	17 July 4th Div I D also to Executive small <u>on main</u> <u>from 114 July 22</u> Rock <u>marked</u> Am - <u>&amp; acted as</u> <u>op in</u> <u>summers</u> <u>BK</u> end of Oct & finished on new for one month keeping mail & not in touch Per Gormley	
(10)	no	

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—  
 (a) First Critical Date C. ap (b) Second Critical Date Nov 06  
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RESULT OF DISCUSSION.



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Secty, military Pensions Board,

697 Mill St  
Dundalk

19 Jan 1938

Griffith



Mr. Moore  
20/1/38

A Capm

I wish to inform you  
re 34/SP/778 that I have  
changed my residence from  
Seatown Dundalk and my  
present address is  
Mill St Dundalk.

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Thomas McLeave.

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To file note & return

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Reassessed &

further increased

SR  
19/38

Submitted for

re-confirmation by Referee.

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*Appeal case.*

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REFEREE R.3.

REF. No. *697*

APPLICANT'S NAME *Mcbrave, Thomas*

ADDRESS *mill street, Seatown, Dundalk, Co. Louth.*

UNIT

(a) PERIOD	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active service allowed	(d) Equivalent for Pension purposes	REMARKS
(1) 23/4/16 ... 30/4/16	<i>Full Period</i>	$\frac{4}{7}$	$2\frac{2}{7}$ yrs.	<i>E.W. finished</i> $\frac{25}{57}$ (7)
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17	$\frac{4}{5/16}$ to $\frac{12}{16}$	$\frac{3}{38}$ $\frac{119}{179}$	$\frac{119}{179}$ yrs.	(8)
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	<i>Full Period</i>			(9)
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	<i>do.</i>			<i>Held for term by ...</i> (10)
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	<i>do.</i>			<i>For ...</i> (11)
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	<i>do.</i>	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$ yrs.	<i>Finished.</i> $\frac{23}{12}$ (12)
(7) 1/4/21 - 31/7/21	<i>do.</i>	<i>Full.</i>	1 "	$\frac{37}{37}$ (13)
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	<i>do.</i>	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$ "	(14)
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	<i>do.</i>	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$ yrs.	(15)
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	<i>Nil</i>			(16)

NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED

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

Rank claimed on *as boy capt.* (b) *Battn. Vice M.C.*

Rank allowed *D.* *D.*

Total of Column (d)

$5\frac{45}{1000}$   
 $5\frac{3}{500}$  years - 6

SIGNED *James Robinson*

*John Mc Coy*

*John Jordan*



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31 March, 1938.

Rúnaidhe,  
Roinn Cosanta.

Adverting to your minute of 30th March, 1937,  
regarding appeals under the above Act, the additional  
evidence submitted by the appellant in the case set  
out below is additional evidence as defined by the  
Attorney General :-

Ref.No.  
MSP/34/Referee.

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McCrave, Thomas

Dept.of Defence  
Ref.34/SP.

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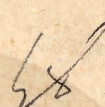
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12 April, 1938.

Rúnaidhe,  
Roinn Cosanta.

I am directed by the Referee to refer to your minute 34SP/778 of the 11th March, 1936, relative to the appeal of Thomas McCrave, Mill Street, Dundalk, Co. Louth, against the findings of the Referee in his case, and I am to state that the Referee has reviewed his Report in the light of the additional evidence.

The revised Report is transmitted herewith.

  
Rúnaidhe.

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Revised Report on Review

M.S.P./34/2.

## Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 34 S.P./...7.7.8.

Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee—69.7.

To:

THE REFEREE.

To:

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

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

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

*Mc brave Thomas*  
*mill street*  
*Scotown Dundalk Co. Louth*  
for a Service Certificate.

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

(SIGNED) J. K. O'CONNOR

Referee.

Date...~~11~~ 1 '35

Date...12/4/38

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

2. If so, total actual service in the different service periods, as established... *ENTIRE PERIOD* *7 1/4* *ENTIRE PERIOD*

② *119* *ENTIRE PERIOD* ③ *nie* ④ *nie*

⑤ *nie* ⑥ *12 1/2* *ENTIRE PERIOD* ⑦ *ENTIRE PERIOD*

⑧ *2/3* *ENTIRE PERIOD* ⑨ *3 1/2* *ENTIRE PERIOD* ⑩ *nie*

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

*5 1/2*  
*1000* *5 1/2* *years*

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

$\frac{4}{7}$

ENTIRE PERIOD

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

2  $\frac{2}{7}$  years

(3) State—

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

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

*Dundalk bay*

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

$\frac{119}{179}$

ENTIRE PERIOD

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

$\frac{119}{179}$

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.....
- ..... *Dundalk Coy;*
- ..... *and Intendant*

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

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

*Nil*

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

(3) State—

- (a) The particular military body of the Forces..... *Irish Volunteers*
- (b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.....
- ..... *"A" Coy; Dundalk*

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.....
- ..... *"A" Coy; Dundalk*



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.

*A Coy, Dumdalk*

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

*12* of

ENTIRE PERIOD

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

*6* of *1 year*

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

*A Coy, North South Bn.*

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

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

ENTIRE PERIOD

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

*1 year*



(3) State—

Gglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant..... *bay. capt.**"A" bay, North South 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

 *$\frac{2}{3}$  of ENTIRE PERIOD*

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

 *$\frac{2}{3}$  of 1 year*

(3) State—

Gglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

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

*Bde. 1, 1st Bde, 4th Northern 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

 *$\frac{1}{3}$  of ENTIRE PERIOD*

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

 *$\frac{2}{3}$  of 1 year*

(3) State—

Gglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant..... *Bde. Vice R/C**Bde. 1, 1st Bde, 4th Northern 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.....

(3) State—

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

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

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