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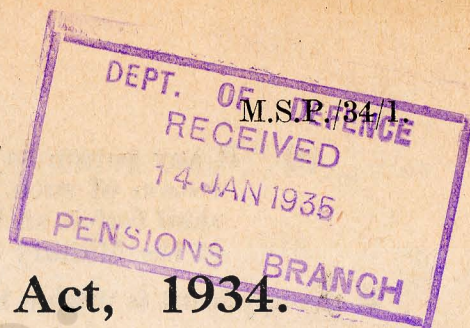
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## Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

### 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..... *GONROY JAMES* .....  
block capitals). SURNAME. CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS..... *14. RICHMOND PARADE* .....  
(to be written in block capitals). *SUMMER HILL Dublin* .....

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

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

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

was "a Divisional Adjutant" or

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### PART I.

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

- (a) who served in the Forces at any time during the week commencing on the 23rd day of April, 1916,
- or
- (b) who served in the Forces continuously during either of the following periods, the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1920, and ending on the 31st day of March, 1921,
- or
- (c) the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1921, and ending on the 11th day of July, 1921,
- and in addition*
- who served in the Forces at any time during the period commencing on the 1st day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923.

\* 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? *23rd April*

(b) Unit or Units... *7 Coy 2nd Batt Dublin Brigade*

(c) Duration (giving dates) of service. *23rd to 29 April*

(d) District or Districts in which active service was rendered. *Sent from G.P.O*

*By - James Connolly to Barricade back of Four Courts & Mary Lane*

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

(f) In what way do you claim that your service was active service. *Defending Four Courts Against British Soldiers*

(g) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the week. *Served at Barricades continuously*

(h) Absence from duty and cause. *—*

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

NAME.	{ National Teacher }	ADDRESS.
<i>Mr Parker</i>	<i>87 Brian R.D. Marina</i>	
<i>Frank Henderson</i>	<i>75 N.E.R</i>	
<i>Oscar Traynor</i>	<i>21 Clonmore Road</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... *7 Coy 2nd Batt*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service. *1st April to June 1917*

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered. *2nd Batt area*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance. *Frank Henderson & Comdt James Connolly*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *Took part in all Batt movements, Easter week rest of period in Arbour Hill prison*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period. *Served in G.P.O & Four Courts area*

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



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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Frank Henderson	75 N.C.R.
Oscar Traynor	21 Clonmore R.D.
Henry Colley	9 Malahide Road

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

(a) Unit or Units... *F Coy 2nd Batt*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *Rejoined F Coy on release from prison*

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *2nd Batt Area*

*North City Dublin*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Frank Henderson*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *Available at all times. Carried arms when ordered to do so.*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *Took part in all Coy movements*

(g) Absence from duty and cause... *\_\_\_\_\_*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Frank Henderson	75 N.C.R.
Oscar Traynor	21 Clonmore Road
Henry Colley	9 Malahide R.D.

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

(a) Unit or Units... *F Coy 2nd Batt*

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

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *2nd Batt*

*North City*

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

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

*Available All times*



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

*Took part in Slaughter of Pigs  
Cooperations Yard Portland Place April 1918*

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*Frank Henderson*  
*Oscar Traynor*  
*Henry Collins*

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

*7 Coy 2nd Batt*

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

*full period*

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

*2nd Batt Area*

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

*Oscar Traynor & Frank Henderson*

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

*My house and place  
of business used as store. House also used by G.H.Q. Intelligence  
First Castle Mails seized in connection with taking them*

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

the period.....

*full period*  
*Burning of Raheny R.I.C. Barracks*

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*Frank Henderson*  
*Oscar Traynor*  
*Henry Collins*

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

*7 Coy 2nd Batt*

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

*full period*



(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered *2nd Batt Area*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance *John Ward*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *took part in all Coy movements & of business traded by British France*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period *turning of car motor & officer*

*Coy & Co. Arms stores taken in raid on business premises & had fine up business & became a loaded man*

(g) Absence from duty and cause

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Frank Henderson</i>	
<i>Oscar Traynor</i>	
<i>John Ward</i>	<i>188 Lough Rishott hall</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units *F Coy 2nd Batt*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service *full period*

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered *2nd Batt Area*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance *John Ward*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *Finished (DECEASED) & carried out*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period *back to work for Director of Munitions Sean Russell Carrying of arms bombs etc. around Coy dumps*

(g) Absence from duty and cause



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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
John Ward	
Oscar Traynor	
Henry Colley	

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

(a) Unit or Units... *F Coy 2nd Batt*

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

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *2nd Batt Area*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Frank Henderson*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *Active Member F Coy 2nd Batt*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *Unavailable when needed and took part in fighting which began on 27 June*

(g) Absence from duty and cause...

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Donald O Moore	
Frank Henderson	
Oscar Traynor	

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

(a) Unit or Units... *F Coy 2nd Batt*

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

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *2nd Batt Area*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Frank Henderson*

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



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

the period

*Survived in Barrage Hotel Cavendish  
Row under Oscar Traynor T.D. Continued  
Service to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1923*

(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

*7 Coy 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service

*full period*

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

*2<sup>nd</sup> Ball Area*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance

*Frank Henderson*

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

*T.D.*

*7 Coy 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt*

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

the period

*Acting as Intelligence Officer  
for 7 Coy*

(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 ?.....

(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.

(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.....

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.



PART III.

GENERAL.

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS.

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

(a) On first critical date.

Volunteer

(b) On second critical date.

Volunteer

References who can testify as to your statements :—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Frank Henderson	
Oscar Traynor	
H. O'Callaghan	
John Ward	

(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.

*Both my self & my son were wanted by British Military my home was constantly raided as a result I was forced to give up my contracting business*

Signature (or Mark) of Applicant.

*James Conroy  
 14 Richmond Parade Summer Hill*

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

*Spencer was for years*

Address of Witness.....

*75 North Circular Road  
 Dublin*

Qualification.....

*Peace Commissioner*

Date.....

*9 January 1935*

\* Witness must be one of the following :—

- A Commissioned Officer serving in the Defence Forces.
- A Permanent Civil Servant (active or retired) whose salary is or was not less than £200 and on a scale rising to not less than £300.
- A District Justice.
- A Peace Commissioner.
- A Barrister-at-Law, a Solicitor, or a Commissioner for Oaths.
- A Minister of Religion (denomination to be stated).
- A Registered Physician or Surgeon.
- Managers, Secretaries, Chief Cashiers and Accountants of Banks, and Officials in charge of Branch Banks.
- A Member of the Garda Síochána.
- A Postmaster or Postmistress in actual charge of a Post Office.
- Head Teachers of Secondary or National Schools.
- A Secretary of a Registered Friendly Society.
- A Notary Public.
- A Consul-General.
- A Consul.
- A Vice-Consul.





## 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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R. 1. Applicant.

Date 22/1/35 Time 10.45 a.m.

R. 4. Issued to { Mrs. Parker, 84, Brian Road, Marions.  
Frank Henderson, 45, N. C. R.  
Oscar Graynor, 21, Blunmore Road }  $\frac{1}{2}$  - YB.  
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R. 6. Applicant 20/2/35 — 12.30 p.m. D<sup>18</sup>/2/35.

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SWORN STATEMENT MADE BEFORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY JAMES CONROY (Sen.)

ON THE 22nd JANUARY, 1935 - No. 743.

- Q. In Easter Week what were you doing?  
A. I was fighting near Mary's Lane - at the back of the Four Courts.
- Q. When did you go into this fight?  
A. On Easter Monday.
- Q. What were you doing on the Sunday?  
A. I was up at Fr. Matthew Park awaiting orders. We were told it was put off for the present, and then we were mobilised on the following morning, Monday.
- Q. Was there much fighting where you were?  
A. They were trying to get into the Four Courts.
- Q. Where were you stationed?  
A. In front of the Barricade. Four of us were holding it - a man on each side of me was "knocked out." The other man lost his mind - his name was Tierney. I held on there until I was wounded.
- Q. You were wounded?  
A. Yes. In the eyes.
- Q. It did not injure your eyesight?  
A. No.
- Q. You did not get any compensation?  
A. No. I did not look for it.
- Q. When were you taken prisoner?  
A. The Sunday after, at the surrender.
- Q. Where were you in prison?  
A. In Arbour Hill.
- Q. Were you not sent anywhere else?  
A. I was kept there for about six weeks, but they could prove nothing against me.
- Q. You say they took you a prisoner at the surrender?  
A. I did not admit what I was doing.
- Q. You were not caught with arms?  
A. What else was I caught with? I had my gun on me when I was wounded.
- Q. Although you had the gun on you, what other proof did they want?  
A. The military did not get me then.
- Q. Where?  
A. In my own house.
- Q. What happened when you left the Barricade?  
A. I was wounded on the Friday morning and I was taken in. I don't know who took the rifle from me. My eyes were dressed in Fr. Matthew Hall on Friday evening. On the Saturday morning I was told off for duty by Edward Daly on the front door, even with my eye bandaged up, as there was no one there.
- Q. You turned out fighting on the Saturday?  
A. Yes.



Q. How did you take charge?

A. I was on the door. I had to guard prisoners - 25 soldiers taken out of Linen Hall Barracks.

Q. Where had you those prisoners?

A. Down in the back hall.

Q. Where?

A. Fr. Matthew Hall.

Q. What happened then?

A. On the Saturday night all the dead and wounded were taken away. The Dr. took the bandage off my eye and said I was not a case for the hospital and I was then left by myself. Daly was arrested and taken away.

Q. When were you arrested?

A. The following Sunday morning.

Q. Was that the Sunday immediately after Easter Week?

A. Yes.

Q. They kept you for six weeks?

A. Yes. They investigated my case and could prove nothing against me.

Q. Later on you re-joined?

A. When the Companies were formed up again I joined F/Coy. 2nd Battn.

Q. Was Frank Henderson your O.C.

A. Yes. I think he was a Brigadier. And Henry Colley.

Q. Was he your O.C.?

A. No. Pat Sweeney. I was appointed I.O. for the Company. I remained on until Mr. De Valera ordered "Cease Fire."

Q. In your activities for the 4th period - from April '18 to March '19 - you mention the slaughter of pigs?

A. Yes. I was detailed to Portland Place. I brought them up to Denny's

Q. You say your house was used as a dump?

A. Yes.

Q. Where was that?

A. In Richmond Street.

Q. What arms had you got in the dump?

A. I had all kinds of arms - £500 worth of stuff - motor-bicycles and ammunition.

Q. What kinds of arms?

A. Revolvers, '32's and nine or ten rifles.

Q. Were these arms belonging to the Company?

A. Yes.

Q. Had you all the arms belonging to the Company?

A. Yes.

Q. Who was Quartermaster of the Company?

A. Paddy Sweeney was O.C.

Q. There was some man looking after the armament?

A. I was looking after the arms. When the place was raided in about six months time.



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Q. That is the 1916?

A. Yes.

Q. Were they not all used in 1916?

A. The military captured the whole of them.

Q. Had you any arms dump in '19?

A. I had ammunition and arms.

Q. Were these arms collected after the '16 Ri

A. They belonged to the Company.

Q. When did they get these arms?

A. They had them before 1916, and there was some captured from British soldiers.

Q. Do you remember the "Tan" war. What happened during that period?

A. I went "on the run" for a year.

Q. Where did you go?

A. Down the country.

Q. What were you doing down there?

A. I joined a Sinn Fein Club in a place called Ballitore.

Q. What did you do?

A. Anything I was asked to do.

Q. What was that?

A. There was very little activities there. I was told that if they got me they would "do me in."

Q. How do you know?

A. They told my wife - they raided my place.

Q. Did they find anything when they raided your place?

A. They found the arms and motor bicycles.

Q. What date did they raid it? Was it 1920?

A. I could not tell you that.

Q. Was it the Tans?

A. The military.

Q. Was it before "Bloody" Sunday?

A. It was.

Q. Long before it?

A. Not very long.

Q. Do you know the date of "Bloody" Sunday?

A. I could not tell you.

Q. How long did you stay down the country?

A. About a year. I was "on the run" all the time.

Q. When did you come back from the country?

A. I think the Tans were nearly gone.

Q. Was it in the summer of 1921?

A. No, in the autumn.

Q. If you were down in the country what were you doing in connection with munitions?

A. They had no munitions down there.



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Q. What were you doing?

A. I was in the Company while I was there.

Q. Minding the arms?

A. No, the arms were gone.

Q. What did you do in connection with the munitions?

A. I had a yoke. I was appointed transport carrier by the Director - Sean Russell - and I carried out some jobs through the city all that period.

Q. What period?

A. The period of the Tans.

Q. I thought you were down the country when the tans were here?

A. That was at the beginning of the time when the Tans were here. The Tans were here at the time. I was ordered by Sean Russell to go to ~~Pembroke~~ <sup>Pembroke</sup> Street to take ammunition from there to a "dump" out the South side. *in the city.*

Q. That was before you went down the country?

A. Yes.

Q. Where was your destination?

A. A dump in Percy Place. I transported <sup>*regularly every week*</sup> stuff to Luke Street - carrying bombs which they made there.

Q. Where did you take them to?

A. Some of them to my own place - wherever I was told to take them.

Q. Would you get a job like that once a month?

A. I might. I often had it three or four times a week.

Q. This was done before you went down the country?

A. It was.

Q. What about the Civil War?

A. When the Civil War started I was mobilised for Barry's Hotel. Oscar Traynor and Frank Henderson were there. I fought there at the front drawingroom window all the time. When the settlement came I was sent back.

Q. What do you mean by the settlement?

A. The surrender. All the men were got away out of Barry's Hotel. I was sent back to see if there was anyone in it. Then we bored out way into Temple Street. When I was coming out into Temple Street I was fired on and I dropped into the channel. I remained there until it was safe to enter a house at the corner of the street.

Q. You did not do any more fighting after that?

A. No.

Signed... *James Conboy* .....

Sworn before me on. *19<sup>th</sup> February 1935*

..... *Joseph K. O'Sullivan* .....  
Referee.



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OGLAIGH NA h-ÉIRIANN  
(Old Dublin Brigade 1916-1923).

75, N.C. Road,  
DUBLIN.

2nd Battalion.

22.1.1935.

Application forms of the following members of B. Company have been examined by the Company Council and the Council is satisfied that the statements made by each applicant are correct :-

Thomas O'Gorman	150, Homefarm Road.
Seosamh de Brún ) (Joseph Browne) )	97, Pearse St.
J.R. Cruise	Sergeant, Garda Síochána, Dublin Castle.
Patrick McMahon	St. Mary's, Portmarnock.
Seamus Ó Maoilfinn ) (Malinn) )	Drumcondra Road.
John J. Walsh	3, Hope Av., North Strand.
Leo McGarry	16, Belmont Park, Donnybrook.
P. Cashin	27, Fitzroy Avenue.
John Reid	71, Amiens St.
John Monahan	Belvedere Place.
James Havelin	36, Munster St.
C. Concannon	25, Griffith Av.
J. Sherwin	12, Rutland Place.
Jas. Gibson	46, Mountjoy Sqr.
John Doyle	111, Philipsburg Av.
Pat Medlar	266, Griffith Av.
P.A. Mungovan	221, Griffith Av.
M.J. Byrne	5, Lr. Buckingham St.

also

the applications of -

James Conroy (Senior)	)	
and	)	of "P" Company
James Cunningham	)	

have been examined and passed by the Council of "P" Coy.

(Sgd.) Proinntíoch MacLennraic.



Taobairt.....

Mr. Sweeney

Issue Easter Week Query Form to  
the three Easter Week References.

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31/1/35-

Mr Crotty

For Attention

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31/1/35

Military Service



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RCINN COSANTA

Referee R.4.

Department of Defence.

MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934.

Office of Referee,  
Griffith Barracks,  
S. C. Road,  
Dublin.

1st February 1935.

A Chara,

With reference to the application of James Conroy (Senr.)  
of 14, Richmond Parade, Summerhill, Dublin for a Certificate of  
Military Service in accordance with the above mentioned Act, I am  
directed by the Referee to inquire whether you can confirm that  
the applicant had active service with the Forces during the week  
commencing on the 23rd day of April 1916. If so, you are  
requested to reply in Column 2 to the queries in Column 1  
hereunder:

Mise, le meas,

L. de Burca  
RÚNAÍ.

Oscar Traynor, Esq., T.D.,  
21, Clonmore Road,  
Dublin.

Query	Reply
(i) On what dates did he assume and relinquish duty?	Applicant was a member of the I. Vols. before Easter Week 1916. Took part in the Rising, was injured and resumed duty following re-organisation.
(ii) At what posts?	Served through Tan and Civil Wars. He took part in Easter Rising in the Four Courts command area.
(iii) What rank did he hold?	Volunteer
(iv) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	I have been in close touch with the applicant since before 1916. He did excellent work during Black and Tan War in transporting munitions, etc. back & forward through the City.



Signed: Oscar Traynor

Date: 2nd Feb 1935



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requested to reply in Column 2 to the queries in Column 1  
hereunder:

Mise, le meas,

E. de Burca  
RÚNAÍ.

Mr. Frank Henderson,  
45, N.C.R.,  
Dublin.

Query	Reply
(i) On what dates did he assume and relinquish duty?	<u>Assumed duty 23<sup>rd</sup> April and was on duty all week - including portion of that time in Richmond Hospital following injuries.</u>
(ii) At what posts?	<u>Fairview, G.P.O. (where sent to four Courts area), Church St. (where he received injuries to eyes necessitating treatment at Richmond Hospital).</u>
(iii) What rank did he hold?	<u>Volunteer (private)</u>
(iv) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	<u>I was his Company Captain. I had personal touch with him until he was taken away from me at Fairview on Monday afternoon by Capt. Wager (decd.). The rest of above information I received in his report to me (as his Captain) on my release June 1916.</u>

Signed: James Conroy  
(Frank Henderson)

Date: 14 January 1935



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RCINN COSANTA

Referee R.4.

Department of Defence.

MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934.



Office of Referee,  
Griffith Barracks,  
S. C. Road,  
Dublin.

1st February 1935.

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Military Service in accordance with the above mentioned Act, I am  
directed by the Referee to inquire whether you can confirm that  
the applicant had active service with the Forces during the week  
commencing on the 23rd day of April 1916. If so, you are  
requested to reply in Column 2 to the queries in Column 1  
hereunder:

Mise, le meas,

E. Parker  
RÚNAÍ. *Qued*

Mrs. Parker,  
84, Brian Road,  
Marino,  
Dublin.

Query	Reply
(i) On what dates did he assume and relinquish duty?	As far as I know <sup>the applicant -</sup> he assumed duty on the night of 23rd April, 1916 and relinquished duty on 28th April, 1916
(ii) At what posts?	Church Street, Dublin. (North-west Fighting Area)
(iii) What rank did he hold?	Irish Volunteer.
(iv) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	He - the applicant - received First Aid Treatment from me in Father Mathew Hall, Church Street, Dublin (Base Hospital for Fighting Area mentioned above) for eye injuries received while defending a barricade in <u>Mary's Lane</u> during week commencing 23rd April, 1916.

Signed: Ellen Parker (Mrs)  
(Ans Casab, Cumann-na-mban, Dublin)  
Date: 7th February, 1935.



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Ref. No.	443	Applicant's Name	Conroy, James (Snr.)	Address	14 Richmond Parade, Summerhill, Dublin	Unit	"F" Coy. Battr. II Dublin Bde.
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(a) Period	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active Service allowed	(d) Equivalent for pension purposes.	Remarks
(1) 23/4/1916-30/4/1916	<del>23/4/1916-30/4/1916</del> Full Period	Full Period	4 years	Service confirmed by D. Traynor.
(2) (a) 1/4/16-22/1/17 (b) 30/4/16-31/3/17.	Full Period	21/8 Full Period 179	21/8 Full Period 179	
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	Full Period	Full Period	—	
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	Full Period	Full Period	—	
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	Full Period	Full Period	—	Active Service not established
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	Full Period	Full Period	—	
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/22	Full Period	Full Period	—	Confirmed
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/3/22	Full Period	3/354 Full Period	1/118 Full Period	19/2/35-
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	Full Period	Full Period	—	Active Service not established
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	Full Period	Full Period	—	

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

Total of column (d) 48 years

Signed: - - - - -  
John Mc Coy  
J. H. Coy

357/35-



# Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 34 SP/931Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee - 443

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.

Conroy, James (Senr.)  
16, Richmond Parade, Summerhill,  
for a Service Certificate. Dublin.

*Report transmitted to G.A.A. & 1-28 13/3/35*

*Registered 13<sup>3</sup>/35*

*Recorded. Id 13<sup>3</sup>/35*

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

Referee.

Date 15th 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) ENTIRE PERIOD

(2)  $\frac{21}{179}$  of Entire Period

(3) Nil

(4) Nil

(5) Nil (6) Nil (7) Nil (8)  $\frac{118}{118}$  of Entire Period (9) Nil

(10) Nil

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

4 8 years

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

(a) On first critical date, Grade E. Para. 1(6)

(b) On second critical date, Grade E. Para. 1(6)

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

(d) Does applicant's case fall under either of the following sub-paragraphs, and, if so, which, viz., sub-paragraph (j) of paragraph 3 of Rule I. of First Schedule

NO

or under sub-paragraph (m) of paragraph 4 of Rule I. of First Schedule, as a

NO

Medical Officer.....

*HB Curran*  
*E. sub*



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

NO ✓

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

NO ✓

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

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

ENTIRE PERIOD ✓

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

4 years. ✓

(3) State—

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

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

*"F" Coy. Battr. II Dublin Brigade* ✓

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

$\frac{21}{149}$  of Entire Period ✓

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

$\frac{21}{149}$  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.....

*"F" Coy. Batten II Dublin Brigade*  
*Arbour Hill Prison* ✓

## 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.....

*"F" Coy. Batten II Dublin Brigade* ✓

## 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.....

*"F" Coy. Batten II Dublin Brigade* ✓



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.

*"F" Coy. Battr. II Dublin 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

*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.

*"F" Coy. Battr. II Dublin Brigade*

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

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

*nil*

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



(3) State—

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

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

*"F" Coy. Battr. II Dublin Brigade*

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

*118 of Entire Period*

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

*118 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.....

*"F" Coy. Battr. II Dublin Brigade*

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

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

*Nil*

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

*Nil*

3) State—

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

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

*"F" Coy. Battr. II Dublin Brigade*



16. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1923, AND ENDING ON THE 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1923.

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

*nil*

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

(3) State—

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

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

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(TELEPHONE)

UIMHIR THAGARTHA  
34SP REFERENCE NO. 93/  
MSP/34/Reference. 743

ROINN COSANTA,  
(DEPT. OF DEFENCE),

GEATA NA PAIRCE,  
(PARKGATE),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.  
(DUBLIN).



15 January 1936.

Rúnaí,  
Oifig an Réitheóra. DÚN ÚI GRIOBHETHA

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to state that Mr. James Henry (Senr.)  
14 Richmond Parade, Summerhill, Dublin  
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. Horgan*

a.s. Rúnaí.

LK.

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Reed 7/11/35  
Henderson

Achara

I was down with Pat Sweeney  
last night. he told me you & Oscar  
were making inquiries about me & Conroy  
being in Barry's Hotel. well I can swear  
he was there in fact- he came about  
an hour after we took it over, although  
on Morris Walsh's advice I did not involve  
him on account of his being on  
the other side. Pat asked me to see  
you & Oscar to let you know as you  
were anxious to get the facts  
Jim Liggins

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14 Richmond Parade,  
Dublin.

11 December 1935.

The Secretary,  
Department of Defence,  
Parkgate Street,  
Dublin.

Reference No. 34SP/931.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 23rd. September last in which you agreed to accept additional evidence in connection with my appeal against the findings of the Referee as regards my Military Service Pension. I beg to forward the following:-

(a) From about February 1921 until about May 1922 Mr. Sean Russell, Director of Munitions took me into his department. I had an ass and cart of my own, and I brought the different parts of grenades, and explosives etc. from the separate factories to assembling shops and "dumps" as ordered. I also carted rifles and ammunition through the city for him. I did this work whenever ordered - once, twice, three times and sometimes four times a week.

I have been unable to get in touch with Mr. Russell in order to get him to verify this but Mr. Oscar Traynor, who was then O/C Dublin Brigade and who knew me very well as he had been at one time my Company Captain and who was then in close touch with the Director of Munitions, knows that I gave this service and he was aware of the difficulties and dangers connected with it and that I was specially selected for this service. Mr. Traynor has told me that he is prepared to appear before the Referee and give evidence as to the correctness of above. Mr. Patrick Sweeney late Vice Commandant of the Battalion is also willing to testify to the foregoing.

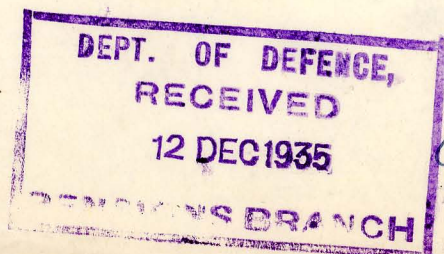
(b) Mr. F. Henderson who was also at one time my Captain, believes he saw me at Barry's Hotel during the fighting there at the outbreak of the Civil War. He made several inquiries for me and obtained the endorsed letter verifying my presence there, from Mr. Jim Goggins of F. Company. Mr. Goggins was one of the most reliable men in the Battalion and Mr. Henderson is absolutely satisfied with his statement.

(c) After the execution of Barry's Hotel as my sons and all my family were on the other side and very much opposed to me and as I had refused three times offers of jobs in the Free State offered to me through my son, James Conroy Junior, and Commandant William Stapleton, I was forced to leave my house and go down the country where I worked for the movement locally.

I will be very grateful if you will please ask the Referee to hear the above witnesses and also consider the letter from Mr. James Goggins with a view to altering his findings for the periods mentioned.

Yours faithfully,

*James Conroy Junior*





MR. FRANK HENDERSON GIVING EVIDENCE BEFORE ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE ON APPEAL OF JAMES CONROY, SENR. (NO. 743)  
ON 9th JUNE, 1936.

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- Q. Mr. Henderson. He is a grand old fellow; he is the father of the wild chap. He got his 1916 service.
- Q. Does he get anything else down to 8th. Letter from Jim Goggins read. Did he get the civil war - 1/18th?
- A. He is a bit stupid and uneducated. He is very old. We had trouble to get somebody who could prove his civil war service, and Jim Goggins is prepared to swear that.
- Q. 4 years in Easter Week, 21/179 in the 2nd period. Anything else down to the 8th period. Is that right - he had no activities during the tan war?
- A. Yes, he had. That is the main point of the claim. If we could get Sean Russell to come forward and give that man a certificate there would be no hesitation about it.
- Q. He says "From about February 1921 until about May 1922 Mr. Sean Russell, Director of Munitions, took me into his department. I had an ass and cart of my own, and I brought the different parts of grenades and explosives, etc. from the separate factories to assembling shops and "dumps" as ordered. I also carted rifles and ammunition through the city for him. I did this work whenever ordered - once, twice, three times and sometimes four times a week'?
- A. That is right.
- Q. 'I have been unable to get in touch with Mr. Russell in order to get him to verify this, but Mr. Oscar Traynor, who was then O/C. Dublin Brigade and who knew me very well, as he had been at one time my Company Captain, and who was then in close touch with the Director of Munitions, knows that I gave this service, and he was aware of the difficulties and dangers connected with it and that I was specially selected for this service. Mr. Traynor has told me that he is prepared to appear before the Referee and give evidence as to the correctness of above. Mr. Patrick Sweeney, late Vice Commandant of the Battalion is also willing to testify to the foregoing. Had he a yoke of his own?
- A. He was a painter. He was a poor man who went around doing painting jobs and he was selected because he was a old stupid looking man, and the question of transport these then around the city was a terrible job, and fellows would be torn to pieces if they were caught.
- Q. What was he transporting?
- A. Sean Russell had these munition shops all over the city, and they were case here, and assembled there, and he brought them around.
- Q. This was a constant process?
- A. Yes, a few times a week. Sometimes he would have more to do than others.
- Q. And he started that in February 1921?
- A. Yes, sometime when they got going after Dick McKee's death.
- Q. (Mr. McCoy). There was one time I came up and stayed in Moran's Hotel and got in touch with Frank Harty and he asked me where I was staying, and he told me to hang on until tomorrow when the stuff will be delivered, and that there our



- Q. responsibility ends when it is delivered at the hotel, and a fellow came up with a four wheeled car and a horse and he had four boxes of stuff and delivered the boxes at the hotel to a name I had given. There must have been a lot of that work through the country units?
- A. Yes, W. Cullen got a lot of it done, but this man was different. His very appearance would disarm them and he would take these loads on an ass and cart to the different places, and distribute them to Companies afterwards.
- Q. Give him  $\frac{1}{12}$  of 6 and about  $\frac{1}{3}$  of 7. If he was doing this work as often as that he would be worth more than that - four times a week?
- A. This is a case where I would be prepared to appeal to you to do everything in your power, because I know the value of his work.
- Q. How many more would be doing that as well as him?
- A. Practically nobody else. This was from the factories. The stuff that they were making here went down to a good many parts of the country, it did not serve Dublin alone.
- Q. Of course the work was important. The Walsh brothers were making munitions and explosives. Do you remember the tan war (activities read)?
- A. He did not leave during the tan war at all - that was the civil war. The son threatened to murder him. He brought a crowd to his house and <sup>he</sup> threatened to murder him.
- Q. When would his work start?
- A. They reorganised all that thing after Dick McKee's death - it would be early in 1921 when Sean Russell got going.
- Q. He would not have much activity in the 6th period - a bit of February and March - McKee was murdered after bloody Sunday?
- A. That was when Sean Russell came up and he took a little time to get things into order.
- Q. You could give him  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 7?
- A. Give him all you can anyway. He is breaking up very quickly.
- Q. How old is he now?
- A. He is a man it is very hard to tell his age. He is not able to work - the son would be over 40.
- Q. He says he kept a dump in his house and had £500 of stuff of motot bicycles and ammunition in the dump?
- A. I do not know what the £500 worth of stuff would be.
- Q. He was Q.M. of the Company (activities read from file). The military captured the whole of them.?
- A. That is all after the civil war.
- Q. He goes on about the street fighting period?
- A. I do not think there is a lot in that.
- Q. He says he was in Barry's Hotel?
- A. Yes, that is right.
- Q.  $\frac{1}{12}$  of 6 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 7. If he had a dump in his house we might give him a little more?
- A. He had it in a stable in Charles Street.



(3)

Q. At the end of the truce and start of the civil war -

A. He was doing a good deal of that work in the truce period.

Q. <sup>1</sup>/<sub>18</sub> of the truce?

A. He did not prove his civil war service before. He was going around doing that work with Sean Russell.

Q. He should get <sup>1</sup>/<sub>12</sub> for the street fighting; give him <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> of the period altogether. Would he get a very small fraction in the civil war - when was Barry's Hotel?

A. That was the beginning. Being an old man and his son being on the other side the Company decided not to mobilise him, but he came down in spite of them in the middle of the night.

Q. If his Barry's Hotel business were over before the 30th June 1922 he has no civil war service?

A. Barry's Hotel lasted after the Four Courts.

Q. He gets the first couple of days in July. He is inactive after that?

A. After that I could not press anything.

Q. <sup>1</sup>/<sub>18</sub> of 9?

A. What would that leave him altogether?

Q.  $5\frac{1}{2}$  years roughly. Is he not getting the Old Age Pension?

A. No, I think he is under 70.

Q. Under the first award he got Easter Week and a fraction; nothing in 4, 5, 6 or 7; <sup>1</sup>/<sub>118</sub> of 8, and nothing in 9 or 10. He is roughly  $5\frac{1}{4}$  years.

LM.

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Ref. No. 743      Applicant's name Conroy, Jas (Sen)      Address 14, Richmond Parady, Summerhill, Dubln.  
UNIT: F Coy, Dubln 11      Dublin 11

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	REMARKS
PERIOD	Service claimed	Active Service allowed	Equivalent for Pension purposes	
(1) 23/4/16 - 30/4/16.	Full Period	Full.	4 yrs.	Recon. exp. on April 2/36.
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17	Full Period	2 1/79.	2 1/79 yrs.	
(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	1/2.	1/6 yrs.	Conf. as in 16/10/36
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	Full Period	1/2.	1/2 yrs.	
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	Full Period	1/3.	1/3 yrs.	
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	Full Period	1/8.	1/9 yrs.	
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23.	Full Period			

(a) first critical date Vol. E. I (6)  
Rank claimed on -  
Rank allowed -  
SIGNED: Seamus Robinson      John McGarry      John for claim  
(b) Second critical date Vol. E. I (6)  
Total of Column (d) 116 5 50      2 1/2 years  
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11 June 1936

Secretary,  
Department of Defence,  
(Pensions Section).

I am directed by the Referee to refer to Mr. Horgan's minute 34.SP/931 of 15th January last, relative to the appeal of James Conroy, Senior, 14 Richmond Parade, Summerhill, Dublin, 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.

  
RÚNAÍ.

# Military Service Pensions Collection



# Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 34 S.P./931

To:

THE REFEREE.

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to transmit for report in accordance with Section 8 and the Regulations made under the Act the accompanying application of

Conroy, James (Sens.)  
14 Richmond Parade, Summerhill,  
for a Service Certificate. Dublin

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

Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee - 743

To:

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

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13/7/36.

(SIGNED) J. K. O'CONNOR

Date 15. 1. 35

Date 126- 6- 36

Referee.

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

(2) 21 of ENTIRE PERIOD

(3) lil.

(4) lil.

(5) lil.

(6) 12 of ENTIRE PERIOD

(7) 2 of ENTIRE PERIOD

(8) 3 of ENTIRE PERIOD

(9) 18 of ENTIRE PERIOD

(10) lil. ✓

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

5 <sup>51</sup>/<sub>250</sub> years ✓

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

(a) On first critical date. Grade E. Para. 1 (6) ✓

(b) On second critical date. Grade E. Para. 1 (6) ✓

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

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

10. Answer



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

*no* ✓

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

*no* ✓

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

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

*ENTIRE PERIOD*

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

*4 years* ✓

- (3) State—

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

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

*"F" Coy, Bally II, Dublin Bde.*

8. THE PERIOD COMPRISING :—

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

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

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

*21*

*179 of*

*ENTIRE PERIOD*

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

*21*

*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.....

*"F" Coy, Battr. II, Dublin Bde,  
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## 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.....

*"F" Coy, Battr. II, Dublin Bde.*

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

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

*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.....

*"F" Coy, Battr. II, Dublin Bde.*



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

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

12

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

(3) State—

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

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

"F" Coy, Batten II, Dublin Bde.

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

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

$\frac{1}{12}$  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.

"F" Coy, Batten II, Dublin Bde.

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

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

$\frac{1}{2}$  of ENTIRE PERIOD

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

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



(3) State—

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

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

*"F" Coy, Battr. II, Dublin 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

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

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

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

(3) State—

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

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

*"F" Coy, Battr. II, Dublin Bde.*

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

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

 *$\frac{1}{18}$  of ENTIRE PERIOD*

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

 *$\frac{1}{9}$  of 1 year*

3) State—

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

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

*"F" Coy, Battr. II, Dublin Bde.*



16. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1923, AND ENDING ON THE 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1923.

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

*Nil*

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

(3) State—

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

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

*"F" Coy, Battr. II, Dublin Bde.*

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Pensions Collection**



Rúnaí,  
Roinn Cosanta.

Adverting to your minute of 30th March last regarding appeals under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934, the additional evidence submitted by the Appellants in each of the 38 cases set out on the appended list is additional evidence as defined by the Attorney General.

(Signed) E. de Burca.

RÚNAÍ.

17/9/37

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Ref. 34/SP.

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2091	O'Donoghue, F.	2274
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