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An Uimhir as Roinn
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Murray, Sean.

~~78 Westbourne Park Villas.~~

~~164, Kilnap Place,
Spangle Hill,
Bark.~~

~~Baywater. W.2.~~

~~London.~~

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31/5/39

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Mr Robinson

4/1/40

Mr Griffin

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25/9/40

Mr Griffin

25/9/40

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1/10/40

Report GAO

1/10/40

REF. No. 48039APPLICANT'S NAME Murray SeanADDRESS 78, Westbourne Park Villas, Bayswater, W. 2, LondonUNIT Cork I

(a) PERIOD	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active service allowed	(d) Equivalent for Pension purposes	REMARKS
(1) 23/4/16 - 30/4/16	/	/	/	(7)
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 } (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17 }				(8)
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18				(9)
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	Full Period	/	/	Finished, subject to check of (10) rank on both C.Ds
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20				24/5/38
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	do.	$\frac{2}{3}$	1 $\frac{1}{3}$ yrs. ✓	Finished $\frac{25}{240}$ (12)
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	do.	Full	1 " ✓	(13)
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	do.	Full	1 " ✓	(14)
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	do.	Full	2 " ✓	Can't stop 26-9-40 (15)
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	do.	Full	1 " ✓	(16)

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

Rank claimed on (a) Rank 6 (b) Rank 6

Rank allowed D. Brigade T.O. B. Bolm of.

Total of Column (d) 6 $\frac{1}{3}$ years - 6SIGNED James Robinson
23-9-40Jmc boy
24-9-40John Moran
24-9-40John Jordan

Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 34 S.P./48575

Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee—48039

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

Murray, Sean

78 Westbourne Park Villas,

for a Service Certificate.

Bayswater, W.2, London.

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

164, Linsay Place, Spangell Hill, Cork.

To :

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

J. J. O' - 16/10/40

Squad - J. Ma Dominall

Referee.

Date..... 5 APR 1937

Date..... 1/10/40

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 *Nil**1 Nil**3 Nil**4 Nil**5 Nil**6 2/3 of*

ENTIRE PERIOD

*7 ENTIRE PERIOD**8 ENTIRE PERIOD**9 ENTIRE PERIOD**10 ENTIRE PERIOD*

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

6 3/4 years

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

(a) On first critical date

*Grade D.**Para. 1(4)(f)*

(b) On second critical date

*Grade C.**Para. 1(3)(i)*(c) Was applicant a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921..... *no*(d) Does applicant's case fall under either of the following sub-paragraphs, and, if so, which, viz., sub-paragraph (j) of paragraph 3 of Rule I. of First Schedule..... *no*or under sub-paragraph (m) of paragraph 4 of Rule I. of First Schedule, as a Medical Officer..... *no*

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

No

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

No

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

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

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.....

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.....

(3) State—

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

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

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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.....

.....

(3) State—

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

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

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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.....

.....

(3) State—

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

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

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

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

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.

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

"C" Coy, Bn. I, Cork I 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

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

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

$\frac{1}{3}$ year

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.

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

Cork I 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

ENTIRE PERIOD

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

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..... *Bde. Officer* ✓

back to 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

.....
ENTIRE PERIOD ✓
.....

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

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.....

back to 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

.....
ENTIRE PERIOD
.....

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

2 years

(3) State—

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

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

*Flying Column - back to Bde,
and Internment*

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

.....
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.....

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

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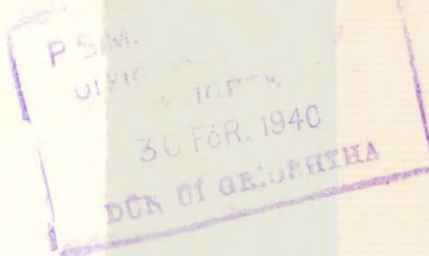
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*McCarthy
Academy
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*McDonovan
30/9/40*

164 Kilnash Place.
Spangle Hill.
Cork.

28. 9. '40



The Secretary
To The Referee:
Glasnevin:

A. Capas.

I have received Referee's findings in my case. I am satisfied, and do not intend to appeal against them, or to produce additional evidence:

as I badly need the money please expedite payment of Pension.

is muse.

Sean Murray.

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Referee R. 17.

OIFIG AN RÉITEÓRA,
(OFFICE OF THE REFEREE),
BEAIRICÍ UÍ GRÍOBHTHA,
(GRIFFITH BARRACKS),
CUAR-BHÓTHAR THEAS,
(SOUTH CIRCULAR ROAD),
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(DUBLIN).

Ref. No. 48039

27th Sept. 1930

A CHARA,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to your application under the terms of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934, and in accordance with the provisions of Statutory Rules and Orders 1936, No. 61, I am to notify you that on the evidence submitted, the findings of the Referee in respect of your application are as follows:—

Service Period	Duration of Active Service during each period, as established to the satisfaction of the Referee.	Appropriate pensionable service....Years.
(1) Week commencing 23/4/16		
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 } (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17 }		
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18		
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19		
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20		
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21		
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21		
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22		
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23		
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23		

Grade of rank on 1st critical date.....

TOTAL—63 years.

“ “ “ 2nd “ “

I am also to inform you that if you desire to submit any additional evidence or to make any representations with a view to the revision of these findings, such evidence or representations must be submitted in writing to the

Referee and must reach this office not later than.....

The Referee will give full consideration to any evidence or representations so submitted, and after such consideration will make his report to the Minister for Defence. If no additional evidence or representation is furnished before the date indicated, the Referee will thereupon make his report to the Minister.

I am to add that the report of the Referee, when made, will, subject as mentioned in Section 9 of the Act, become final and conclusive and binding on all persons and tribunals whatsoever.

Mise, le meas,

Rúnaidhe.

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Smt April, 1940.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to your letter dated 23rd January last, relative to your application under the above Act, and to state that the Referee is not yet in a position to bring his investigations thereon to a conclusion.

The case is listed for further investigation by the Referee and Advisory Committee on the occasion of the next sessions to be held by the Referee for verification of Cork I. Brigade service. No definite date for the sessions can, however, be arranged until the necessary further detailed Brigade records to be submitted to the Referee by the Cork I. Brigade Committee have been supplied.

I am to add that when the necessary investigations are terminated you will be notified as to the findings of the Referee on your application.

Mise, le meas,

[Signature]
RÚNAI DHE.

Mr. Sean Murray,
164, Kilnap Place,
Spangle Hill,
CORK.

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OIFIG AN REIFEADH
(Office of the Referee),

BEAIRICÍ UÍ GRÍOBHTHA,
(Griffith Barracks),

CUAR-BHÓTHAR THEAS,
(South Circular Road),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(DUBLIN)

Uimhir Thagartha
(Reference No.)

48039

March, 1940.

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

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to your letter of 23rd January last. relative to your application under the above Act and to state that a final decision has not yet been taken thereon.

You will be notified in due course of the result of your application.

*Mr. Robinson
re: pension
the operation records reply, please*
*3/6
25/3/40*

Mise, le meas,

RÚNAÍ.

Mr. Sean Murray,

164. Kilnash Place,

Spangle Hill,

CORK.

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34/SP/48575.

27 February, 1940.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, in connection with your application for a Service Certificate under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934, and to state that the Referee, to whom your claim was transmitted, has not as yet issued a report on your case. Until such report is received it is regretted that the question of the grant of a pension cannot be determined.

I am to add, however, that the matter has been brought to the attention of the Referee.

Mise, le meas,

a/s. Rúnaidhe.

Mr. Sean Murray,
164, Kilnap Place,
Spangle Hill,
CORK.

48039

Rúnaidhe do'n Réiteoir.

Cuirtear chugat. (Applicant's previous address was 78 Westbourne Park Villa^s, Bayswater, London W.2.)

I

A Chára, a/s. Rúnaidhe.

I am directed by the Minister for Pensions to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, in connection with your application for a pension under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934, and to state that the Referee, to whom your claim was referred, has not as yet issued a report on your case. Until such report is received it is regretted that the question of the grant of a pension cannot be determined.

Robinson
22/1/40

Chapman
11/1/40

I am to add, however, that the matter has been brought to the attention of the Referee.

Mise, le meas,

I

Military Service Pensions Commission
Mr. Sean Murray,
104, Kilmac Place,
Spangis Hill,
CORK.

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Memorandum.

Reference No.

From

Department of Defence,
Colaiste Caoimhin, Glasnevin,
(Pensions Branch),

Dublin.

Date 6 February, 1940.

To Mr. Sean Murray,

164, Kilnap Place,

Spangle Hill, Cork.

REFERENCE OR INQUIRY.

REPLY.

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A Chara,

I am directed by the
Minister for Defence to refer to
your letter of the 23rd ultimo
in connection with an application
stated to have been made by you
under the Military Service
Pensions Act, 1934, and to request
you to supply the following
information:-

- (1) The address from which you
made such application.
- (2) The nature of any correspondence
received by you in connection
with the claim and reference
number, if any.

Mise le meas,

K. Ryan
a/s Runaidhe.

A Cayse

The Secretary of the Board
should have full particulars of
my application, it has been
dealt with as an over-
seas case from the
following address:-

- 1) 78 Westbourne Park Villas.
Bayswater.
London W.2.

- 2) I cannot let you have a
reference number as I have
no correspondence in
my possession at present.
Any further information
you require can be
supplied by Mr Crofts,
Cork No 1 Brigade he
is in possession of all
correspondence.

Is mise
Sean Murray

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Murray, Sean

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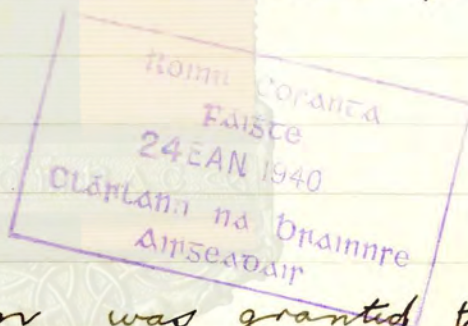
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164 Kilnapp Place,
Sprangle Hill,
Cork.

23. 1. 1940

The Secretary,
The Pensions Board,
Dublin.

A Cays,



A Service Pension was granted to me of £95 a year in April 1938. I would be much obliged if you could inform me why the money has not been paid.

I was informed by Mr Crofts and the Brigade here, last October, that everything necessary in the clearing up of my case had been done by them, and that I could expect my money in about, three weeks from then, so far I have not received it.

In anticipation of an early reply.

Yours

Sean Murray.

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20 September 1939

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to your list dated 12th instant of "applicants who are claiming rank as Column Commanders" and I am to inquire whether in each of the nine cases listed your Committee is prepared to support the claim of the applicant to have held the rank of Column Commander on the second critical date and, if so, I am to request your Committee to submit at the earliest possible date ^{in respect of such such case} a certified detailed statement of the service rendered by the applicant during the period commencing 1st July 1922 and ending 30th September 1923.

This statement in each case should also set out (a) detailed particulars of the circumstances under which the applicant was appointed to the rank; (b) the date on which he was appointed; (c) by whom he was appointed, and (d) the strength of the column of which he was commander.

I am to add that further consideration of the case of Messrs. Murray, Mitchell and O'Donovan has been deferred pending the submission of these statements and I am, therefore, to request that the matter be dealt with as expeditiously as possible.

I am also to add that there is no record in this office of an application in the name of Jack O'Keeffe, Ardara, Rostellan, Co. Cork.

Mise, le meas,

Sgd. E. de Buaca

RÚNAÍDHE

Mr. Gerald C. Daly,
12, Morrison's Island,
CORK.

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Cumann na Sean Oglac

Old I.R.A. Men's Association

(CORK CITY)

*ackd
14/9/39*

12 Morrison's Island,

Cork, Sept. 12th, 1939.

E. BURKE, Esq.,
Secretary,
Office of the Referee,
Griffith Barracks,
DUBLIN.

A Chara, Case of SEAN MURRAY, (Ref. 48039) London, now Trinity
Chambers, South Terrace, Cork.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY the above was a Column Commander on the
1st July, 1922 and had more than thirty men under his command.

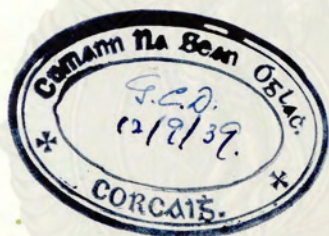
Is mise, le meas,

Tommy Croft

Cataoirleac.

Ferdal C. Daly

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8 September, 1939.

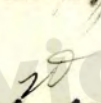
A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to representations which have been received recently regarding the application of Sean Murray, 78 Westbourne Park Villas, Bayswater, London W.2, and to state that certain enquiries were addressed to your Committee through Mr. T. Crofts on the 20th October last regarding this application and those of Messrs. Peter O'Donovan (29066) and Herbert J. Mitchell (2459). In the correspondence in question (1) it was pointed out that, in addition to these three applicants each of whom are certified by your Committee to have held the rank of Column Commander on 1st July '22, three other applicants i.e. Edward C. Fitzgibbon (1884), John J. O'Leary (2110) and Daniel Donovan (1181) have already been awarded rank as Column Commanders on that date, and (2) your Committee was requested to state whether these six cases exhaust the number of bona-fide claimants to the rank of Column Commander on 1st July, 1922. To date no reply has been received to the latter query and I am, therefore, to enquire whether your Committee are now in a position to reply thereto. If, in the opinion of your Committee, there are other cases in which a bona-fide claim to the rank of Column Commander can be advanced, I am to request that the names and full addresses of the applicants concerned be stated.

As regards the certificates supplied in each of the cases of Messrs. Murray, O'Donovan and Mitchell, ^{that} he "had over the requisite number of men under his command" I am to state that certificates in this form do not satisfy the requirements of the Referee and that in each case, therefore, it will be necessary to state categorically whether the strength of his column was over or under thirty in strength on 1st July 1922.

I am to add that further consideration of these applications has been deferred pending your Committee's reply.

Mise, le meas,


Rúnaidhe.

Mr. Gerald C. Daly,
12 Morrison's Island,
Cork.

MS.

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CUMANN NA SEAN ÓGLÁCH
OLD I.R.A. MEN'S ASSOCIATION
(Cork I Brigade)

12 Morrison's Island,
Cork, 21. 4. 1939.

E. Burke, Esq.,
Secretary Office of the Referee
Griffith Barracks,
Dublin.

A Chara,

Case of Sean Mitchell Kerry. Pike,
Carrigrohane, Co. Cork appeal.

The above was granted Rank C. 2nd Critical date on
appeal getting the rank of Column Commander.

The Board have requested me to certify that those who
have already got this rank will be the only applicants who
will be granted such a rank.

Peter Donovan, Sean Murray, Sean Mitchell and Ed.
Fitzgibbon have already got such rank.

I certainly will certify that I will make very sure
that such a rank will not be granted to any man unless his case
is an absolutely clear one, at the moment I do not know of any
such case. This is as far as I can go in reason.

I am very interested in Sean Mitchell. His claim to
Column Commander's rank is very clear as indeed are all four
names mentioned.

Sean Mitchell has a very big family and has a very
poorly paid temporary job, and I know that the money would be
very useful to him.

I would be grateful if the Board dealt with his case
immediately.

Is mise le meas,

(Sd.) Tom Crofts.

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26 June, 1939.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to my letter dated 20th October 1938 (copy enclosed) and reminders dated 8th December 1938, 31st January 1939 and 3rd April 1939, and to inquire whether your Committee are now in a position to furnish the information requested therein.

Mise, le meas,

E. Burke

Rúnaidhe. *[Signature]*

Mr. Thomas Crofts,
12, Morrison's Island,
Cork.

MS.

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20 October 1938.

A Echara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to the statements submitted by your Committee on 6th instant, certifying that each of the applicants - Sean Murray (48039), Peter O'Donovan (29066), and Herbert J. Mitchell (2457) held the rank of column commander on 1st July 1922, and I am to point out that three other applicants, i.e., Edward C. Fitzgibbon (1884), 4, Windmill Road, Cork; John J. O'Leary (2110), Donoughmore, Co.Cork, and Daniel Donovan (1181), Newberry Cross, Mallow, Co.Cork, from Cork I Brigade, have already been awarded rank as column commanders on that date.

The Referee and Advisory Committee assume that these six cases exhaust the number of bona fide claimants to the rank of column commander on 1st July 1922, from Cork I Brigade, and that your Committee will, therefore, be prepared to certify any further applicants to have held that rank. I am to inquire whether your Committee can confirm that this assumption is correct.

As regards the reference that Sean Murray (48039) "had over the requisite number of men under his command", I am to state that this does not satisfy the requirements of the Referee and that it will be necessary to indicate categorically whether the strength of his column was over or under thirty (30) in strength on 1st July 1922. Similar certified statements should be submitted in regard to the strength of the columns of which Peter Donovan and Herbert John Mitchell were in charge on 1st July 1922. In this and in all cases where certified particulars are submitted the certificate of accuracy should be signed by at least two members of the Brigade Committee in addition to the Secretary.

I am to add that consideration of the applications of Sean Murray, Peter Donovan and Herbert J. Mitchell has been deferred pending receipt of your reply.

Mise, le meas,

(Sd.) E. de Burca,

Rúnaidhe.

Mr. Thomas Crofts,
12, Morrison's Island,
CORK.

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3 April 1939

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to my letter dated 20th October last (copy enclosed) and reminders dated 8th December 1938 and 31st January 1939, and to inquire whether your Committee are now in a position to furnish the information requested therein.

Mise, le meas,

E. J. Burke
RÚNAÍDHE *[Signature]*

Mr. Thomas Crofts,
12, Morrison's Island,
CORK.

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2457

31 January, 1939.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to my letter of 20th October last (copy enclosed) and reminder of 8th December, and to enquire whether your Committee are now in a position to furnish the information requested therein.

Mise, le meas,

E. J. Burke
RÚNALDHE.

Mr. Thomas Crofts,
12, Morrison's Island,
CORK.

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2457

8 December, 1938.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to my letter of 20th October last (copy enclosed) and to enquire whether your Committee are now in a position to furnish the information requested therein.

Mise, le meas,

E. J. Burke

RÚNAIDHE.

Mr. Thomas Crofts,
12, Morrison's Island,
Cork.

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Pensions Collection
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20 October 1938

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to the statements submitted by your Committee on 6th instant, certifying that each of the applicants - Sean Murray (48039), Peter O'Donovan (29066), and Herbert J. Mitchell (2457) held the rank of column commander on 1st July 1922, and I am to point out that three other applicants, i.e., Edward C. Fitzgibbon (1884), 4, Windmill Road, Cork; John J. O'Leary (2110), Donoughmore, Co. Cork, and Daniel Donovan (1181), Newberry Cross, Mallow, Co. Cork, from Cork I Brigade, have already been awarded rank as column commanders on that date.

The Referee and Advisory Committee assume that these six cases exhaust the number of bona fide claimants to the rank of column commander on 1st July 1922, from Cork I Brigade, and that your Committee will, therefore, be prepared to certify any further applicants to have held that rank. I am to inquire whether your Committee can confirm that this assumption is correct.

As regards the reference that Sean Murray (48039) "had over the requisite number of men under his command", I am to state that this does not satisfy the requirements of the Referee and that it will be necessary to indicate categorically whether the strength of his column was over or under thirty (30) in strength on 1st July 1922. Similar certified statements should be submitted in regard to the strength of the columns of which Peter Donovan and Herbert John Mitchell were in charge on 1st July 1922. In this and in all cases where certified particulars are submitted the certificate of accuracy should be signed by at least two members of the Brigade Committee in addition to the Secretary.

I am to add that consideration of the applications of Sean Murray, Peter Donovan and Herbert J. Mitchell has been deferred pending receipt of your reply.

Mise, le meas..

RÚNAÍDHE

Mr. Thomas Crofts,
12, Morrison's Island,
CORK.

Cumann na Sean Óglá

Old I.R.A. Men's Association

(CORK CITY)

12 Morrison's Island,

Cork, October 6th, 1938.

Ref 48039.

E. BURKE, Esq.,
Secretary,
Office of the Referee,
Griffith Barracks,
DUBLIN.

Case of SEAN MURRAY, 178, Westbourne Park Villas,
Bayswater, London, W.2.

A Chara,

My Committee certify that this man was a Column O/C on the 1st July 1922 and had over the requisite number of men under his command.

For obvious reasons it would now be very difficult to furnish a complete list of such men and I would ask the Board to accept this Certificate.

Is mise, le meas,

Thomas

Chairman of the Pensions Committee,
Cork 1st Brigade.

Rank held in application on the 11/7/1921
was that of Brigade Training Officer.
T. C. B.

Military Archives

48039.

30 August, 1938.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to my letter of 9 June, 1938 (copy enclosed) and to inquire whether your Committee are now in a position to furnish the information requested therein.

Mise, le meas,

E. J. Burke

RÚNAÍDHE. *J.*

Mr. A. O'Shea,
12, Morrison's Island,
Cork.

/MS

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9 June 1938

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to the application of Sean Murray, 78, Westbourne Park Villas, Bayswater W.2, London, and to request your Committee to be good enough to submit, at the earliest possible date, a statement - certified in the usual manner - showing full particulars of the rank (if any) held by this applicant on (a) the 11th July 1921, and (b) the 1st July 1922.

In the event of your Committee certifying that applicant was a column O/C on the 1st July 1922, I am to state that a certified list showing the names and, as far as may be possible, the present addresses of the members of his column should be furnished.

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

Mise, le meas,

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RÚNAÍDHE

Mr. A. O'Shea,
12, Morrison's Island,
CORK.

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48039

9 June 1938

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to the application of Sean Murray, 78, Westbourne Park Villas, Bayswater W.2, London, and to request your Committee to be good enough to submit, at the earliest possible date, a statement - certified in the usual manner - showing full particulars of the rank (if any) held by this applicant on (a) the 11th July 1921, and (b) the 1st July 1922.

In the event of your Committee certifying that applicant was a column O/C on the 1st July 1922, I am to state that a certified list showing the names and, as far as may be possible, the present addresses of the members of his column should be furnished.

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

Mise, le meas,


RÚNAÍ DHE

Mr. A. O'Shea,
12, Morrison's Island,
CORK.

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REFEREE R.15.

Organisation Records supplied by _____

show that applicant was

(a) No particular class of rank on record 11.7.1921.

Strength _____

(b) do. 1.7.1922.

Strength _____

Signed: 

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/KR.

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Ref. No. 48039

APPLICANT'S NAME

For Discussion with

Mr. J. Crofts

Date. 23/5/38.

PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
(1)		
(2)		
(3)	In Sept ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ Irish Guards	
(4)		
(5)	forming 1st Lt Camp & officers	
(6)	⑥ 23 Oct 74 of Ade Col. ~~the~~ of 2nd Bn Buffs Cotswold - July 24 sent out with sandow & with hump survey area 2 mts with 10 officers for Col	
(7)	all In Remembrance Atk fight yc of 1st. for Ade	
(8)	all Took over VLS - full time	
(9)	all G/ sent out range OK. Col to to Captured after cease fire released July 24	
(10)	all	

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

(a) **First Critical Date.**

(b) **Second Critical Date**

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

Ms. Robinson
.. Callaghan

(1) Attach to relative
file, which please include
in list for J. Crofts

(2) Inform Saly accdly.

SB
9/5.

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48039
Cumann na Sean Óstáí

Old I.R.A. Men's Association

(CORK CITY).

12 Morrison's Island,

Cork, May 3rd. 193 8.

E. BURKE, Esq.,
Secretary,
Office of the Referee,
Griffith Barracks,
DUBLIN.

A Chara,

Application of Sean Murray, 78, Westbourne
Villas, Bayswater, London, W.2.

I enclose list of activities of the above Applicant which my Committee is willing to verify and in connection with this application I have been instructed to ask you to arrange if at all possible, to have his case listed for verification on the occasion of the next visit to Dublin of Mr. T. Crofts.

Is mise, le meas,

Gerald C. Daly

Run. Onor.

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Application for M.S. Pension by SEAN MURRAY, 78, Westbourne Park Villas, Bayswater, London, W.2.

Activities which the Cork Ist Brigade Pensions Committee is willing to certify :-

Applicant joined the Irish Volunteers early in 1919 and from the first took an active part in the activities of Infantry training and in Period 5 was appointed to train Company and Battalion Officers in the use of arms, their duties and responsibilities. For this purpose he established Camps and meeting places in different areas for the better carrying out of this work.

Period 6. He was appointed Training Officer to the Brigade Column in this period, which position he held up to the Truce. It was a position to which he had give practically all his time. During this period also he took full part in the Column activities such as the Ballyvourney ambush, etc.

Period 7. Still at full time work training Brigade Column, preparing and selecting sites for ambushes, organising and attacking Enemy lorries and raiding for Military stores.

Period 8. Was selected to form camps throughout the Brigade area for special training of Officers. Was appointed O/C Collins Barracks, Cork when taken from the British on evacuation.

Period 9. Took part in actions at Limerick, Passage, Cork. In charge of column of about fifty-four men sent to Skibbereen; also fought at Macroom, Ballyvourney, Ballineen, Enniskeane. etc.

Period 10. Still acting as O/C of Brigade column until his arrest.

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Noted
4/3/38

48039

78 Westbourne Park Villas

Bayswater

P.S.M.

OIFIG AN RÉITHE
FAIGETE

A-4 MAR. 1938

DÓN UÍ GEIGHTE

London W. 2

march 2nd

1938

A. Chas.

Re. Ref. No. 48039. received
1st inst. I do not desire to
add anything to the statements
already set out in my
application form

Is. mise

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Seán Murray.

Referee R.16.

OIFIG AN RÉITEÓRA,
(OFFICE OF THE REFEREE),
BEAIRICÍ UÍ GRÍOBHTHA,
(GRIFFITH BARRACKS),
CUAR-BHÓTHAR THEAS,
(SOUTH CIRCULAR ROAD),
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(DUBLIN).

Ref. No.....

Issued 26/2/38
W.D......193....

A CHARA,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to your application under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934, and to state that it has been decided to give you an opportunity of amplifying the statements contained in your application form, I am accordingly to request you to submit a detailed statement, setting out for each period in respect of which you claim to have served, the length of time spent in actual military work together with particulars of any—

- (1) military operations, or
- (2) engagements, or
- (3) other services rendered with the Forces,

and indicating in respect of each incident—

- (a) the actual part you took therein—for instance, in the case of an attack on enemy forces or an enemy post, whether you actually took part in the attack or if you did not actually take such part, whether you were helping by blocking roads or by occupying an outpost ;
- (b) where it took place ;
- (c) the approximate date ; and
- (d) the names of two available officers who can verify your statements.

These details are necessary for the guidance of the Referee in fixing for each period, the length of pensionable service (if any) to which you are entitled in accordance with the provisions of the Second Schedule of the Act, and the Referee will be glad of the fullest possible details so that he may be in a position to do full justice to your claim.

I am to add that it would enable a more expeditious disposal of your application if you were to communicate with some of the former officers under whom or with whom you served, and ask them to submit statements regarding the details of your service of which they have personal knowledge.

Full consideration will be given to your own and any statements received on your behalf by the Referee and Advisory Committee before reporting on your application.

In case you do not desire to add anything to the statements set out in your application form, you are requested to reply stating so without delay.

Is mise,

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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*). MURRAY SEAN
SURNAME. CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS ⁷⁸ ~~84~~ WESTBOURNE PARK VILLAS
(to be written in *block capitals*). BAYSWATER W.2. LONDON

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 ?.....

(b) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(2). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD COMPRISING—

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

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(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..... *C. Company First Batt Cork 1 Bdg.*

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

The usual Rounds at that time and Training I.R.A. in the use of fire arms

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

7 and 8 Batt Area Macroom and Ballingarry

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Dan Donovan*

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

Resisting the enemy. Training I.R.A.

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *forming training I.R.A. camps for*

training officers to use of fire-arms

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... *None*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Dan Donovan Bee Lough Mallos.

Old Youghal Road T.C.D. Grattan Hill Cork

Sean McCarthy Rocklawn Douglas

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *First Cork Brigade Column*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *full time training Brigade*

Column up to the Truce

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

..... West Cork (First Brigade area)

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

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

..... Resisting the enemy

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

the period..... I was appointed o/c training of
Brigade Column. this was full time work
at that time. also took part in several ambush
on tans at Ballyourney 'etc'

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

..... Sean Hegarty

..... Rock Lawn Lirace, Douglas Rd. Cork

..... Dan Donovan Beet Factory Wallerstown Co Cork

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

(a) Unit or Units..... Cork one Brigade (Column)

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... continuous work training

..... Brigade Column preparing ambushes avoiding
Round-ups 'etc'

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

..... West Cork (First Bdg area)

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

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

..... Resisting enemy in every way possible

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

the period.....

..... Training and organising also attacking

..... enemy convoys & communications

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

..... Not absent

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Sean Hegarty

Rock Lawn Terrace

Douglas Road

Cook

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Cook One Brigade* ~~column~~

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *was appointed as by G.H.Q.*
as Director of Training Cook No 1 B'dg

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... *forming*
I.R.A. camps throughout the First Brigade area

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

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... *full*
time training First Brigade

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *Look over Victoria Barricks from*
time British left and was O/c during time

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Iona Crofts

Cook St

Cook

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

(a) Unit or Units..... ~~Rican~~ *Cook 1 Brigade*

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

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

Limerick Cork County etc

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *M Leahy Brigade etc*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... *actively receiving F.S. Force*

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

*Resisting I.S. forces Limerick
Cork Passage Ballyvaughan Macroom Ballinacorney
Inniskeane while still O/C Column*

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

Imprisonment

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Tom Crofts Gattam Hall Cork

Sam Donovan ~~Cork St~~ Beal Factory Wallon

Mc Leahy Cove C. Cork

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Prison after cease fire order*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *Cork Co. Goal. Mount-Joy.
Harepath Camp.*

(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.....

Imprisonment

Released from Prison July 1924.

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Tom Crofts Gattam Hall ~~Cork St~~ Cork

Sam Donovan Wallon C. Cork

Mc Murphy Dublin

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.

.....

(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.....

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

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

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

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

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

* 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.

Rank ~~X~~ C.

(b) On second critical date.

Rank C.
 Director of Training
 Cork one Brigade

References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Sean Hegarty Rock Lawn Limerick
 Dan Donovan Keshington Douglas Road
 T. C. O'Brien Grattan Hill Cork

- (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.

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 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.....

I was Payed from (some time) after Truce until the Four Courts was attacked by Free state Forces, out of Brigade funds I do not remember dates

(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 have served with the Irish Republican Army from July 1919 to July 1924 out of said period I was the last 16 months in Prison full time work for over area of Cork No. 1 Brigade I. R. A.

Sean Murray

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

Sean Murray
~~78 Westbourne Park Villas Bayswater~~
~~82 Westbourne Park Villas London~~
~~Bayswater London W.2. W.2.~~

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

Daniel G. O'Driscoll

Address of Witness.....

3/ Lavender Gardens, S.W. 11.

Qualification

Medical Practitioner

Date.....

28th November 1936

* 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.