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An Uimhir

An Snó

51928

Doyle, Charles,

Woodlands

An Uimhir 45 Roinn  
Eile.

Ferns,

Co. Wexford

14/12/39

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N. A. (Nat Army)

9/1/39

No change

18/1/44

Mr. Robinson

5/10/44

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6/4/50

Mr. Sweeney

6/11/50



REF. No. 51928 APPLICANT'S NAME Doyle Charles ADDRESS Woodlands Farm  
UNIT N. W. 1st

(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				(10)
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20				(11)
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21				(12)
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21				(13)
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22				(14)
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23				(15)
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23				(16)

ACT DOES NOT  
APPEAR TO APPLY

Service in National Army

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

Rank claimed on.....

Rank allowed.....

Typed Column (d).....

SIGNED— S. Robinson



REF. No. 51928. APPLICANT'S NAME Doyle, Charles. ADDRESS REFEREE R.3.

UNIT North Wexford Brigade.

(a) PERIOD	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active service allowed	(d) Equivalent for Pension purposes	REMARKS
(1) 23/4/16 - 30/4/16	Part Period			(7)
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17	Part Period			(8)
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	Full Period			(9)
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	"			(10)
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	"			(11)
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	"	NO CHANGE		(12)
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	"	18-5-41		(13)
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	—			(14)
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	—			(15)
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	—			(16)

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

Rank claimed on

Rank allowed

Total of Column (d)

SIGNED

Sua Moran  
J. Moran



P/04/2928

Doyle Charles

MSP/51928

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Petition Received.		
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File to Committee.		

Action required by Committee:

Any trace of inc to claim of 6/11/50

No trace

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15/11/50

File to Referee		
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Action required by Referee:


Date of Decision.		
Decision Recorded.		
Report to Minister(Reject)		

Petition Accepted.

Action Required:




Ref. No. 34SP/54518/51928

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

13 DEC 1950

Name: Charles Doyle,

Address: Woodlands, Ferns, Co. Wexford.

The Minister for Defence:

With reference to the petition submitted by the above-named under Section 11(1) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1949, I desire to state that, having examined the petition in accordance with the provisions of Section 11(1)(i), I am not of the opinion that there is a prima facie case that the applicant is a person to whom the Act of 1934 applies and I must, therefore, refuse to re-investigate the application.

It should be noted, however, that my decision in this case is governed by the fact that the applicant appears to be a person to whom the Act of 1924 applies and he is, accordingly, barred under the 1934 Act by reason of the provisions in Section 3(1)(c) of that Act.

It is assumed that the acceptance of a late application under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, will receive favourable consideration.

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REFEREE.

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Sir

In answer to your note  
I am not the same person I made no  
application under 1924 act, not until  
the 1934 act.

Woodlands, Ficus  
Co Wexford

Date.....

Signed. Chas Doyle

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GUTHAN 15641  
(Telephone)

UIMHIR THAGARTHA.  
(Reference No.)

51928

Oifig an Réiteora,  
Coláiste Caoimhin,  
Glasnaoidhean,  
Baile Átha Cliath.

20 Samhain, 1950.

A Chara,

With reference to your petition under the Military Service Pensions (Amendment) Act, 1949, I am directed by the Referee to request you to be good enough to answer the under-mentioned question in order that you may be identified with official records.

Are you one and the same person as Charles Doyle

who made an application under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, from the following address

No

Coolpark, Ferns, Co. Wexford.?

Mise, le meas,

*M. J. M. M. M.*  
MUNAI.

Mr. Charles Doyle,  
Woodlands,  
Ferns,  
Co. Wexford.



Ref. .... P/34/2928

Petition submitted by..... Charles Doyle

..... Woodlands, Ferns, Co. Wexford

under Section 11 of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1949.

REFEREE.

I, the undersigned, being a member of the Advisory Committee duly appointed under Section 6 of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934 as amended and extended by the Military Service Pensions Act, 1945 (11 of 1945) and Military Service Pensions Act, 1949 (29 of 1949) having been requested by the Referee to assist him in forming an opinion as to whether there is a *prima facie* case that the applicant (petitioner) is a person to whom the Act of 1934 applies, report to the Referee as follows :—

That there is a *prima facie* case that the petitioner is a person to whom the Act of 1934 applies.

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That there is not a *prima facie* case that the petitioner is a person to whom the Act of 1934 applies.

M. MacLennan  
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Military Service Pensions Collection



34/SP/54518

Military Service Pensions Acts, 1924 to 1949.

PETITION UNDER SECTION 6 (1) OR UNDER SECTION 11 (1) OF THE  
MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1949.

Minister for Defence,  
Coláiste Caoimhín,  
Glasnevin,  
Dublin.

P/34/2928



I made application for a Certificate under the Military Service Pensions Acts but my application was refused.

My application was made from the following address:—

Woodlands

Ferns

Co Wexford.

I now request that you will forward this, my petition, to the Board of Assessors or to the Referee, as the case may be, for a re-investigation of my application, on the ground that I am in a position to prove facts sufficient to establish that I am a person to whom the Acts apply.

The following is a statement of the said facts:—

*This is a short Summary of my Statement*

*I joined the Irish Volunteers in the year 1914 with Ferns Company done training and Drilling untill 1916 I then took a active part in the Rising of 1916 with my Company in Ennis-Corthy after the Truce of that week I was arrested and took to Wakefield Prison which afterwards was released after 3 months*

*I then joined the I.R.A on the Re-Organisation after Easter week with B Company Ballycarry No 1 Batt. and served continuously until the Truce in 1921 my service during that time was weekly Parades and training in the use of Arms Etc. during 1918 when the Conscription Campaign was at its height Volunteers activity increased and I took part*



## II

In Raids for arms etc

In 1920 I took part in Raids for Arms during March and April and was also mobilized from Bally Carney Company and brought to Jorey for Raid on Eccles Office and carried away all there documents.

Late in April I was also mobilized for attack on Glenrache Rie Barrick No 1 Batt (Enia) and was detailed for special duty on that night. a few weeks later I was mobilized with my Company to take part in the seizure of a large quantity of petrol in 2 gal Cans from Ennis Corby Railway Station during this period I also took part in the burning of Vacated RSC Barrick during the

Summer of 1920 Raids for Arms was going on continuously and I took active part in all these Raids in the Company (Area)

during Nov 1920 a Brigade flying Column was formed and I carried arms and ammunition to them from Bally Carney Company a Battalion dump was there from this until the truce I was continuously working for the Column covering despatch, conveyance of arms and ammunition procuring food and standing Guard so that the Column could rest also acted as Intelligence Officer collecting information and passing some on to Brigade I.O and Column was also at the blocking of Roads and trenching of same I also took part in the burning



Skins of Ballyronkin <sup>III</sup>

I was also a member of a party that Raided.  
for Search. Search Agents at New Ross Area  
and Brought them to Bally Carney Area.  
I was also at the Seizure of Mails which Conveyed  
a Spy from Enniscorthy (Morragey) who was subsequently  
executed I was Mobilized for attack on Ferns R.I.C. etc  
at Ferns Early in 1921 the attack was Called off.  
We were standing too for 3 days I was active until  
the Truce and then joined the National Army  
and Served until the End of 1922

The Following Officers Can Vouch for  
and are prepared to attend to Testify on  
oath for the Various Activities stated above.

Myles P. Breen

Com 3rd Batt and O.C. Flying  
Column.

Hillbora.

Ferns

John Kelly

Clonee

Ferns

John Fortune

Lombard

Ferns



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Signature.....

Present Address.....

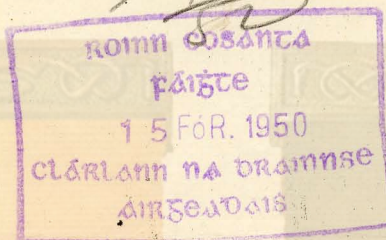
Date.....

**NOTE:—** Should the space allotted in this form be insufficient for the purpose, the statement of facts may be continued on a separate sheet which should, however, be attached to this form.



Guthán 75641.  
(Telephone)  
Uimhir Thagarta  
(Reference No.)

34SP/54518



An Roinn Cosanta,  
Brainse Airgeadais,  
Colaiste Caoimhin,  
Glasnacidhean,  
Baile Átha Cliath.

24 APR 1950

Military Service Pensions Acts, 1924 to 1949.

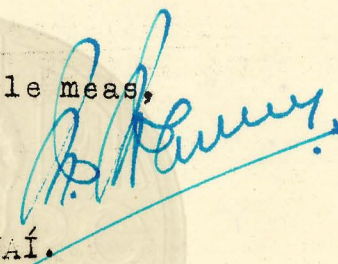
A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to refer to a communication received from you, or on your behalf, in connection with your application under the Military Service Pensions Acts, and I am to enclose a form of petition for completion by you.

The completed form should be returned as soon as possible, but in any event it should be returned so as to reach this Office not later than the 7th June, 1951.

An addressed envelope, which need not be stamped, is enclosed for the return of the completed form.

Mise, le meas,

a/s   
RÚNAÍ.

Mr Charles Doyle

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Pensions Collection



51928.

12 October, 1944.

34.S.P/54518 - Doyle, Charles -  
Woodlands, Ferns.

Rúnaidhe,  
Roinn Cosanta, F.3 A.

Further to Mr. Egan's minute of 1st July last and enclosures thereto (returned herewith) I am to state that in his application form M.S.P/34/1, the applicant states that he served in the National Army 'till September 1922, but did not apply under the 1924 Act as he was leaving for U.S.A. where he was until recently (i.e. December, 1936).

If, in fact, he did not so apply, it is a matter for the Minister to decide whether or not his 1924 Act application can now be accepted.

*ml*  
RÚNAIDHE.

ER/FS.



34/CP/54518.  
MSP/34/Ref: 51928

Roinn Cosanta,  
Brainnse Airgeadais,  
Coláiste Caoimhín,  
Glasnaoidhean,  
Baile Atha Cliath.

1 July 1944.

Charles Doyle,  
Woodlands, Ferns

MR. CREMEN.

*W. Westford.*

The above-named has appealed against the findings of the Referee in respect of his application under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934, and in support of his appeal has forwarded the enclosed documents, purporting to contain additional evidence not previously available.

Will you please state for the Minister's information whether the evidence now produced is, in your opinion, additional evidence as defined by the Attorney General. Please return evidence with your reply.

*R. J. a*  
a/s RÚNA IDHE.

P. S. M. 1934  
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FAISGHE  
Date 3/7/44



Wes 11/2/43

M.S.P./34/2.

Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 34 S.P./54518

Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee—51928

To :

THE REFEREE.

To :

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

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

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

Doyle, Charles  
Woodlands, Ferns Co. Wexford.  
for a Service Certificate.

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

J. J. Morgan

(Signature) T. U. DÓMHNAILL

Date.....

17 JUN 1937

Date.....

Referee.  
20 MAY 1941

1. Is the Applicant a person to whom the Act applies ?.....
2. If so, total actual service in the different service periods, as established.....  
.....  
.....
3. Total service for pension purposes as defined by Second Schedule of the Act.....  
.....
4. Grade or rank, quoting relevant paragraph of First Schedule under which allowed : —
  - (a) On first critical date.....
  - (b) On second critical date.....
  - (c) Was applicant a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921.....
  - (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.....  
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or under sub-paragraph (m) of paragraph 4 of Rule I. of First Schedule, as a Medical Officer.....



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 ?.....

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.....

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

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

(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

(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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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

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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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M. Griffin

9/1/39

51928

Woodlands

Ferms.

Co. Wexford

6<sup>th</sup> January 1940

a Cafe

Ref No 51928/S2P

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 14<sup>th</sup> December 1939 and as requested therein beg to make the following representations with a view to having a revision of the Referee's findings.

I was a member of the Irish Volunteers from the year 1914 and was also a member of the I.R.B. all the activities as set out in my form of application lodged with your Board for a pension are true or correct.

In accordance with Sec 8(4) of the Military Service Act 1934 the onus of proving before the Referee any matters of fact in my application for a service certificate rests on the applicant and this section gives me the right of offering such ~~service~~ evidence, but my claim has been decided upon without giving me such right as prescribed by the Act of appearing before the Referee and proving upon oath that the facts as submitted by me are true. Furthermore no opportunity was given to me to lodge references from my C.O.s to prove my case. I now attach references from Pat<sup>r</sup>. Ronan P.C. Patrick Keegan and Philip Murphy.

altho' I was a member of the National Army I did not claim under the 1924 Act as I was in U.S.A. at the time.

I respectfully state that all the duties as set out in my form of application were carried out by me as a member of the Irish Volunteers during the several periods mentioned and accordingly I claim that I am a person to whom Sec 2(1) and Sec 3 of the Military Service Pensions Act 1934 applies and consequently I claim a revision of the Referee's findings and also the right to be heard before the Board.

Yr Obedt Servt

Chas Doyle



7 ems

This is to certify that Charles Doyle, Woodlands, 7 ems was a member of the 7 ems Co. Irish Volunteers from 1914 and that he took an active part in the Rising of Easter Week 1916. I considered him one of the most reliable men in the Co. and it would appear that the then authorities had the same opinion as he was interned in Frongoch after the Rising. He was on active service during Easter Week from Thursday until Sunday at both 7 ems and Ennisorthy and faithfully carried out any tasks allotted to him.

Signed

Patrick P. O'Mara (P. O.)

5-1-1940

O/c 7 ems Co. I. V.

Easter Week 1916



# Military Archives

Waver Street  
Emmiscothy  
6<sup>th</sup> Jan 1946

This is to certify that Charles Doyle  
Woodlands Ferns. joined the volunteers in 1914  
He later became a member of the IRB. With the  
Ferns Coy. He marched to Ballinahallin wood  
about 3 miles from Emmiscothy on Tuesday  
evening 25<sup>th</sup> of April 1916 remaining under arms  
until the Company got orders to march on Emmiscothy  
on the Thursday morning April 26<sup>th</sup> where he  
participated in the rising at Emmiscothy taking  
part in all volunteer activities. He was with the  
~~last~~ Column that occupied Ferns until the  
surrender. Later he was arrested and interned  
at Frongoch until the general release on the  
23<sup>rd</sup> of Dec 1916.

at the reorganization period in 1917 he  
rejoined the Ballycarney company and was  
an active volunteer when I left Emmiscothy  
Jan 1919. I always found Charles Doyle to  
be a trustworthy volunteer & always carried  
out any orders given him

Signed Patrick Phelan  
at one time Cmdr & QM  
Woodford Brigade

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Mill Park Road  
Cummisworth  
5-1-40

This is to certify that Charles Doyle  
Woodlands Farms Co. Wickford took an active  
part in the Insurrection of 1916 at Cummisworth  
He was one of the outposts who preceded  
Mr. Glines & took part in all sentry duty  
during the period of 1916. He remained  
on duty until the general Surrender

John Murphy  
Lieut (a) CO

Cummisworth

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m.s.c.

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ACT DOES NOT  
APPEAR TO APPLY

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*Sh*  
*9/1/39.*

Referee R. 20.  
Issued 14 DEC 1939  
Expires 9 JAN 1940  
Initials *jd*

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18 DEC 1936

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M.S.P./34/1.



## 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).

DOYLE

SURNAME.

CHARLES (CHARLES)

CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS.....  
(to be written in  
block capitals).

WOODLANDS

FERNS CO. WEXFORD

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.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

.....

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

.....

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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



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

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

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

(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.

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

(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.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.



## PART II.

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

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

or

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

(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
Michael J. Breen P.C. Timashrule	Ferns Co. Wexford
James Lacey	41 Derry name Gardens Rath ave Sandy mount Dublin
James Owens	Monk in Ballycarney Ferns

(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.....

Ferns Company Irish Volunteers

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

From April 1st 1916 to April 22nd 16  
(and during Easter week) and from July 28th 16 to March 31st 17

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

Ferns and  
Ennisconny (Prestonbury) Bunclody.

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

Lieut. Roman

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

By reason  
of being out under arms afterwards arrested and imprisoned  
for a period of three months.

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

Was arrested in 1st week of May and  
taken to Wakefield Prison and from there to Farnborough  
till July 28th date of my release. After release rejoined  
my Company did whatever I could possible to  
help in the reorganization collection of arms and etc.

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

NAME	ADDRESS
Michael J. Breen P.C. Timashrule	Ferns Co. Wexford
James Lacey	41 Derry name Gardens Rath ave Sandy mount Dublin
James Owens	Monk in Ballycarney Ferns Co. Wex.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

Ferns Company

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

Whole Period  
From April 1st 1917 to March 31st 1918.

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

Ferns  
Ballycarney and Camolin District



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

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

*Capt P. Doyle Lieut R. O'Connell*  
*By being willing and ready at all times to make any sacrifice necessary for the cause*

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

*taking part in all operations (training) drilling, post marches and all general volunteer work. Cleaning arms and etc.*

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

*none*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*Myself P. Breen* *Linneshaule Ferm B. & Wexford.*  
*Garda James Lacey* *41 Korynne Gardens Rathfriland Sandymount Dublin*  
*James Owens* *Monfin Ballycarney Ferm Collier.*

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

*Ballycarney Company*

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

*Whole Period*

*April 1st 1918 to March 31st 1919*

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

*Ballycarney Ferm Camolin Districts*

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

*Capt. P. Breen R.I.P.*

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

*By the nature of the duties I had to perform and the dangers and risks attached to same.*

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

*Took part in all meetings, Parade marches etc. Took part in Collection for election. did Police duty at Poles. Guarded Ballot Boxes. Kept in Collection of Lail Turps and every kind of ordinary volunteer work*

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

*none*



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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Myles P. Breen	P.O. Timashule Femo, Co. Wick.
Serge James Lacey	41 Derry name Gardens Rathave Sandy mount Dublin
James Owen	Monfin Ballycarney Femo Co. Wick.

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

- (a) Unit or Units..... Ballycarney Company.....
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... Whole Period  
From April 1st. 1919 to March 31st. 1920.....
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... Femo Ballycarney, Confin and Gorey.....
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... Capt. Patrick Lenny.....
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... By the risks and dangers I had to undergo to carry out my duties.....
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... Took part in several raids for arms manufacturing Buckshot and bombs in raid for excise Books also told to go duty to capture a large quantity of petrol for I.R.A.....
- (g) Absence from duty and cause..... Did scouting and despatch work continuously.....
- (h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Myles P. Breen	P.O. Timashule Femo Co. Wick.
Serge James Lacey	41 Derry name Gardens Rathave Sandy mount Dublin
James Owen	Monfin Ballycarney Femo Co. Wick.

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

- (a) Unit or Units..... Ballycarney Company.....
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... Whole Period  
April 1st. 1920 to March 31st. 1921.....
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... Ennisconkey Femo, Confin and Greyfriar.....
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... Capt. P. Lenny and Lieut. Lacey.....



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

By the nature of the duties I had to perform and the risks connected with same.

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

the period.....

Took part with my Company in the attack on Clonsilla R.I.C. Barracks on April 25th 1920. assisted in raids for arms on several occasions, paid on mails several times, manufacturing munitions and hiding

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

being filling cartridges and etc. was compelled to go on "the Run" about October 1920.

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Myself P. Green P.C. Timeshull Ferns Co. Wick  
James Lacey 14 Perry lane gardens Rathave Sandy mount Dublin  
James Owens Monaghan Ballycarney Ferns

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

Ballycarney Company

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

Whole period

from April 1st 1921 to July 11th 1921

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

Ballycarney, Ferns, Ennisconny

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

Capt P. Kenney R.I.C.

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

By being an active serving soldier assisting and working at all times for the Cause.

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

the period.....

Took part in operations with the Company assisted A.V. Procured food and executed duty and escorted them. Leptach work, Blocking and cutting up roads, paying mails going in ambush

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

all such army work as was allotted to me

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Myself P. Green P.C. Timeshull Ferns.  
James Lacey 14 Perry lane gardens Rathave Sandy mount Dublin  
James Owens Monaghan Ballycarney Ferns.



## 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.

Volunteers  
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(b) On second critical date.

Volunteers  
 .....  
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References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Myself P. Green P.C.	Twinsbrook Ferns
Gordon James Lacey	41 Derry name gardens Rathmore + Sandymount Dublin
James Owens	Wofin Ballycarney Ferns

- (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.

I served in National Army  
 till September 1922.  
 Did not apply for Pension as I was  
 waiting for my Passport to go to America  
 at the time. Was away in New York  
 till recently.

- (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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(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.

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(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 .....

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(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.....

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(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.....

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(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.....

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.

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

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

Address of Witness.....

Qualification.....

Date.....

\* 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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