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File Ref. No. 20193



DEPARTMENT

Name or Subject.....TRACEY, SEAN (DECEASED)

- PENSION CLAIM BY

TRACEY, MRS BRIDGET, SOLOHEADBEG, DONOHILL,
CO. TIPPERARY.

Date. 13/7/25

Particulars

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OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL,

General Headquarters,

PARKGATE,

DUBLIN. 17th July, 1925.

Army Pensions Dept.,
Griffith barracks.

subject:- Sean Tracey, (Deceased).

Your No. 1/D/458 in the case of the above-mentioned, I certify:-

1. That deceased was killed on 14th October, 1920.
2. That he was killed in the course of his duty as a member of the Irish Volunteers, and there was no serious negligence or misconduct on his part.
3. The rank in the Forces which most closely corresponds to the rank in the Irish Volunteers held by deceased is Colonel.

MAJOR-GENERAL

ADJUTANT GENERAL.

FJT/SO'D.

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ROINN RIALTAIS AITIULA AGUS SLAINTE PUIBLI
(Department of Local Government and Public Health).

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All communications to be addressed
to the Secretary.

SRAID MHUIRBETHEAN UACH
(Upper Merrion Street).

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.

20193



The Minister for Defence,

I am sending you herewith a letter which I have just received from Mrs. Bridget Treacy, of Solohead Beg, Donohill, Co. Tipperary, in regard to compensation for the loss of her son Sean. You are no doubt aware of all the circumstances of the case and I would therefore ask you to look into the whole file in connection with it at your earliest convenience with a view to seeing whether more sympathetic treatment could be accorded to her.

Mrs. Treacy has written me some very appealing letters and I feel sure that you will see that no aspect of her claim is overlooked.

Perhaps you will kindly arrange to communicate the result direct to Mrs. Treacy.

memo :-

Seán Treacy

This is Sean Treacy, who was
killed in 1916 - the celebrated
Sawbreen company - one of the
finest

AIRE UM RIALTAIS AITIULA
AGUS SLAINTE PUIBLI.

19th January, 1926.

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Samuel Burke Esq
Minister of G Department

Soloheadbeg
Donohill
Co Tipper
Jan 13th - 1926

My dear Friend

Just a few lines first - to say that I hope you are very well, and to explain to you as a dear friend of Leans that on my sick bed last June attended by Priests and Doctors, a friend of mine made a compensation claim in my behalf for the first time to the Army pensions office to my great grief & loss they humiliated & insulted me with the shabby sum of £100 gratuity for my suffering both financial & otherwise since 1916.

I returned it as insult & a desecration of the name of my Noble son. Those parties had the cheek to present me again with a improvement of £50 more. I sent it back advising their improved Alms the sanction of it and the act it was got under. Had my son lived he would not allow his Mother to be insulted by the Class that fills the Army pension department you. Apologising dear Mr Burke & thanking you for your kindness to me on all occasions & to say self & Sister are fairly well V.L.G

I remain
Sincerely & Respectfully
Bridget Treacy

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R. J.

J. J. Walsh Esq
is a friend of mine on
this occasion 13 '4

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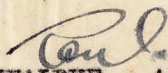
PERSONAL.

28th. January, 1926.

Mr. Seumas Burke, T.D.,
Minister for Local Govt. & Public Health.

Mr. Hughes desires me to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 19th. instant relative to the claim of Mrs. B. Treacy, Soloheadbeg, Co. Tipperary, under the Army Pensions(1923) Act, in respect of the death of her son, Sean. He will look into the matter personally.

He fears, however, that she has already been offered the maximum award which could be given to her under the provisions of the Army Pensions(1923) Act. However, the matter will be gone into further.


R. A. AIRE.

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MINUTE SHEET.

M.S.B.
(Argumist).

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Sean Treacy the son of the applicant was one of the pioneers of the active service units in Ireland in respect of the campaign 1916-21. & was one of the most outstanding figures in the Anglo Irish fight. He was killed in action in Galveston in October 1920 - the day after the fight in Drumoreira - Dr. Brendan (Hart) in which himself & Sean Treacy escaped and in which Nagor Smith & several British Officers were killed.

It is realised that under the terms of the Act 1915, that £150 may be the maximum which could be offered to the deceased's mother in respect of the death of his son, but it in no way meets the exceptional circumstances of this case.

Perhaps the relative file would be sent here for the information of the Minister so that consideration can be given to the increase of the grant from funds other than those at the Minister's disposal under the Army Pensions 1923 Act.

Conway
24/1/26

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R,

Our file is with the
A.F.O. Keep attached
until he returns it.
A.F.O. has seen attached

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✓ L.A. 7.0.

The A. 7.0. may desire to see the reply received from the Mother of the late Colonel Sean Tracey in reply to our notification of an increased award of £150.

JGH.

14/1/26

A. 7.0

JGH.
14/1/26

The A. 7.0. discussed this matter with the Minister and it was agreed that the A. 7.0. would see the President at the first opportunity with a view to seeing whether any provision could be made out of his Special Fund

JGH

18/1/26

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Mrs Bridget Treacy
Soloheadbeg, Donohill
Co. Tipp

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File in connection with above
claim was handed to Mr O'Neill,
Department of Finance, on a demand
made over the 'phone. File required
by Mr Brennan, Secretary, Department
of Finance

J.J.H.
2-2-26

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TO..... *Eds. Offgarty.*

File No. *2/2015*

*Pension Mrs B. Treacy in
respect of son late Sean Treacy.*

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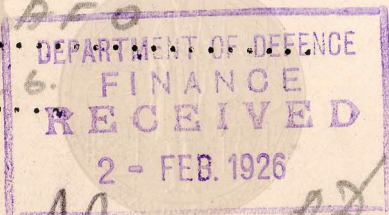
which action is required,

appears to relate to the

above-mentioned file which

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SAORSTÁT ÉIREANN.

(IRISH FREE STATE.)

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(Reference No.)

R.A. 55/26.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
(Dublin.)

29th January, 1926.

Minister for Defence.

I am asked by the President to forward for your personal consideration a letter received by Mr. J. J. Walsh from Mrs. BRIDGET TREACY together with a covering letter from Mr. Walsh to the President.

The President thinks that this is a case in which a special effort should be made to provide a pension for the applicant. He fully realises, of course, that she has been allowed the maximum gratuity payable under the Act but if, as an alternative, a pension could be given it might ease matters considerably locally.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
FINANCE
RECEIVED
16. FEB. 1926

W. J. O.

The relation file was sent you on 28th ulto under personal cover.

W. J. O.

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AIRE PUIST AGUS TELEGRAFA.

(MINISTER FOR POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS.)

Clár-Uimh.
(REFERENCE No.)

Sráid Muirbhthean,

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH,

.....15 Eanáir.....1926



A Chara,

I think you should see the attached letter from Mrs. Treacy, Soloheadbeg, Donohill, Co. Tipperary, in which she intimates her intention to refuse the increased gratuity of £150 granted under the Army Pensions Act.

I have been informed by the Department of Defence that £150 "is the maximum that can be paid under the Act in a case such as this in which the applicant was not totally dependent on the deceased" and I have assured Mrs. Treacy that the limit has been authorised, and have advised her to accept it.

The gratuity of course does seem small for the mother of one who gave his life so readily for his country, and I think the Act should be amended to enable more fitting recognition to be made in such a case as this, regardless of the consideration of the extent of the dependency of the relative upon the deceased.

The matter may have already come up for consideration by the Executive Council, but anyhow I think it right to let you see Mrs. Treacy's letter which indicates the trend of feeling in that part of the country on the subject.

Mise le meas,

Aire Puist agus Telegrafa.

The President.

Feb 27
Sent 15/1/26
Munster

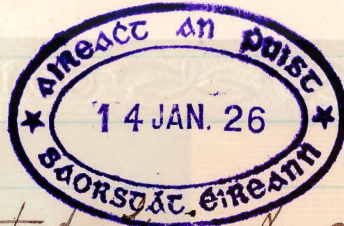
Sloheadbeg
Donohue

The Minister Post & Telegraphs

Co Lipp

13th Jan - 1926

J J Walsh Esq



My dear & trusted friend according to promise I must trouble you same occasion as before. Just to say that on advice of Clerical & Lay friends. My answer to the improved Alms of the Army pensions Board is same as before. My ~~great~~ grief & loss is too much for the humiliation I'm receiving from the old Ascendancy class that sits on the army pension board, besides I feel it is a degradation of the name my good God-fearing honest boy.

I'm told Dan Green my sons Subordinate received for him self & his Mother the sum of £ 780 + £ 200 yearly my small holding of 14 acres was nothing to me since 1916 Sean was always absent & my after-grass of this year is still uncut & &

Thanking you again My dear friend for all the trouble you have taken by me you have prayers of mine & those you have kindly favoured will never cease to ask God to bless you & yours

Wishing you Bright-Happy & Peaceful New year I remain dear Mr Walsh

Respectfully & Sincerely yours
Bridget Greacy

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The A.P.O. wishes to see pp.

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to Secretary sept of finance
on 2nd inst. 3/12/26
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Mr. Conway

11 FEB. 1926

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1. The a.f.s. wishes to see previous papers in this case.

2. F.Y. state that relative file was sent to Secretary, Dept. of Finance on 2nd Instant, please.



K.L. F.Y.
4/2/26

Mr. Boughlan.

Has this file been returned yet - P please
p.b.w.a.s.
9/4/26

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Mr. Conway

File has not been ret'd. K.L. 11/2

11th June,

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President,

In the case of Mrs. Treacy, I much regret to state that, after the most careful investigation, it has been found impossible to assess this lady's claim as one of total dependency under the Army Pensions Act of 1923.

It seems to me that even the allowance for total dependency (£1 a week), if that were admissible, would not adequately meet the merits of this particular case. It is a case, in my opinion, which could only be satisfactorily dealt with by the payment of a lump sum of substantial amount. I don't think anything less than £500 could reasonably be offered and the amount should be more than that, if in any way possible.

In these circumstances, I hope it will be found possible to secure a sum from some source or other which, with the amount of £150 payable from the Army Pensions Vote, would represent a payment which Mrs. Treacy would be likely to accept. I might perhaps add that it is proposed to include in the Estimates under the Amending Pension Bill a sum under the head of "extra regulation expenditure". The Minister for Finance is favourable to this as a means of increasing gratuities in certain cases without having specific provision made in the bill for that purpose. It will be a good while, however, before any money is available under that proposal, and meanwhile Mrs. Treacy's case is now very pressing.

The various files and papers in the case are annexed.

ARMY FINANCE OFFICER

SAORSTÁT ÉIREANN.

Reference No.

OIFIG AN UACHTARÁIN

(The President's Office).

SRAID MHUIRBHTHEAN UACH.

(Upper Merrion Street).

BAILE ATHA CLIATH

(Dublin).

TELEPHONE 5166.

Dear Sir,

*I have been
speaking to Finance and they
will put Mr. B. Treacy's case
through as quickly as they can—
possibly today*

Yours sincerely,

