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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). O'KELLY — FERGUS FRANCIS  
SURNAME. CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS. 26 CASTLE AVENUE  
(to be written in block capitals). CLONTARF DUBLIN.

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

- (a) This form is divided into three parts. Part I. is to be completed where the applicant had, in addition to the required pre-Truce Service, Service in the Forces in the period commencing the 1st July, 1922. Part II. is to be completed where the applicant's qualifying service in the Forces was pre-Truce only. Only one of those two parts is to be completed by any one applicant. Part III. is of general application and should be completed by all applicants.
- (b) Before completing particulars as to rank the applicant should read carefully the First Schedule to the Act and also the definitions of the expressions "first critical date" and "second critical date" which are appended to this form for the information of applicants. He should then complete his replies to the questions in the terms of Rules 1 and 2 of the First Schedule which are applicable to his case, e.g. :—
- was "a Divisional Adjutant" or
  - was "a Battalion Quartermaster whose Battalion was (at the critical date) not less than one hundred in strength," or
  - was "an officer of Fianna Eireann commanding one hundred members or more."

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## PART I.

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

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

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

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



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

- (a) Did you render active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916. If so, from what date in that week? *Yes. All the week.*
- (b) Unit or Units... *Headquarters staff, as Director of Wireless*
- (c) Duration (giving dates) of service... *All the week*
- (d) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *G.P.O. - East & Monday Wireless College, Abbey St., G.P.O., Moore St.*
- (e) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Joseph Plunkett, James Connolly*
- (f) In what way do you claim that your service was active service... *engaged in military activities all the week in O'Connell St. area.*
- (g) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the week... *Occupation of G.P.O.; occupation of wireless college, and fitting up & using wireless apparatus, repulsing attacks*
- (h) Absence from duty and cause... *none*
- (i) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*Dr. James Ryan P.D.*

*John Plunkett, 40 Ugin Road*

*Conor MacGinley, City Architect's Office, Dublin*

(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... *Headquarters Staff, G.H.Q., also B Co, 1st Batt*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *both periods complete April 30th to Aug 1st (approx) 1916 interned*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *Dublin*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Joseph Plunkett up to 22nd April. Paddy O'Donoghue after*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *was under orders of Joseph Plunkett re wireless communications etc.*
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *engaged for a period before 22nd April at Larkfield House, Kimmage, at erection & working of wireless apparatus to get in touch with Germany re landing of base, liable to be shot if discovered.*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause... *Only when interned from April 1st 1916 to Aug 1st (approx) 1916*



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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Dr. James Ryan T. D.

John Plunkett 40 Ugen Road

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

(a) Unit or Units..... On staff of Director of Engineering (Rory O'Connor)

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... in charge of wireless communications whole period

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... Rory O'Connor

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? ... Was acting under instructions of Rory O'Connor all this period

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... In Henry with transport during S. Connagh election Feb 1918

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

John Dowling B.S.S. Baggot St.

John Plunkett 40 Ugen Road

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

(a) Unit or Units... As above and later on 'G' Co 4th Batt Dublin Bn.

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

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... R. O'Connor J. Dowling, Batt Comd.

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? ... was under orders of Officer Commanding at all times, & was unable to live at home.



(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *Various operations in Dublin City*

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>John Dowling B.S.</i>	<i>Baggot St.</i>
<i>John M. Curtin S.L.</i>	<i>Menagh</i>
<i>Frank Dowling</i>	<i><del>Savoury</del> <del>Brumby</del> Cork Dublin</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units... *G Co. 4th Batt Dublin Brigade*

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

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *John Dowling, Batt Comd, John M. Curtin Co. Capt.*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *Acting under orders of G.P.s all his period; unable to live at home, loggings raided three had to move on to others.*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *Usual armed patrols, ammunition raid on B.S. G.P.s, Rogers's Quay; manufacture of bombs &c.*

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>John Dowling B.S.</i>	<i>Baggot St. Dublin</i>
<i>John M. Curtin S.L.</i>	<i>Menagh</i>
<i>John Callanan</i>	<i>M. &amp; L. Bank, Grafton St. Dublin</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units... *G Co 4th Batt Dub. Brigade + G Co 2nd Batt Dub. 1.3.21*

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



(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *Dublin & Howth*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *John Dowling, later T. Lunnis*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?... *was acting at all times under orders of superior officers*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *various ambushes in Rathgar and Rathmines, raids for arms &c. Training of Howth and Baldoyle Co under arms. Manufacture of bombs &c.*

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>John Dowling</i>	<i>Baginbun St. Dublin</i>
<i>E. Reid</i>	<i>Balscadden Howth</i>
<i>John Ballanran</i>	<i>M &amp; L Bank Grafton St.</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units... *G. Co. 2nd Batt Dublin Brigade as Co. Capt*

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

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *Dublin & Howth*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *T. Lunnis, later J. Henderson*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?... *was acting under orders of superior officers all during this period*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *armed patrols &c. Training under arms of men in G. Co 2nd Batt. Getting in touch with every soldier & purchase of wireless apparatus*

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



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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Y. Innis</i>	
<i>E. Reed</i>	<i>Balscadden Howth</i>
<i>P. F. Henderson</i>	

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *G. Co 2nd Batt + G. Co 4th Batt*

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

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... *Howth + Dublin*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Y. Henderson*  
*Y. Innis, 2nd Batt* *J. Dowling 4th Batt*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... *Training*  
*under arms etc.*

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

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>E. Reed</i>	<i>Balscadden Howth</i>
<i>P. Henderson</i>	
<i>J. Dowling</i>	<i>B.D.S. Baggot Street</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *G. Co. 4th Batt Dublin Brigade*

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

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *John Dowling, Batt. Comdt.*  
*James Cleary, Co Capt*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... *under arms*  
*during attack on our courts with G. Co. 4th Batt*



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

attack an enemy force engaged in attacking four courts in Thomas St. area, construction of tunnel to Mountjoy Jail from Kenmare Parade. Active attack on Baldonagh aerodrome.  
(g) Absence from duty and cause..... Impounded from Dec 6th 1922 to end of this period (and until March 6th 1924)

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

John Dowling B.D.S. Baggot St.

John Ballanan M.L. Bank Grafton St.

S. Mac Intee T.D. Ministers of Finance.

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

(a) Unit or Units..... 4th Batt

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

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... Impounded during whole period & until March 6th 1924

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... John McCann John Dowling

(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..... assisting in attempts to escape by tunnelling etc

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... whole period and up to March 6th 1924, impounded in Newbridge & Harepark.

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

John Ballanan M.L. Bank Grafton St.

Frank Dowling B.D.S. Dublin

Seumas Fitzgerald - M.P. (Senator)



## 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.

*Private, G. Co 1st Batt Dublin Brigade*

(b) On second critical date.

*Private G. Co 4th Batt Dublin Brigade*

References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*John Dowling, Baggot St. Dublin*

*John McMartin, Sol. Nenagh*

*Frank Dowling, Cork, Dublin*

*Frank Henderson, Dublin*

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

*No*

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

*No*



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

Army Pensions Act, 1923.

Army Pensions Act, 1927.

Army Pensions Act, 1932.

If so, with what result.

*No*

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

certificate

*No*

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

*No*

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

*No*

(8). Are you in receipt of any pension in respect of service :—

- (a) As a member of the Civil Service.
- (b) As a member of the Garda Síochána.
- (c) As a member of any other Police Force.
- (d) As a member of the Prisons Service.
- (e) As a National School Teacher.
- (f) As a Secondary School Teacher.

*No.*



- (g) As an Officer of any Local Authority. *No*  
 (h) In any other employment. *No*

If so, give details.....

*Nil.*

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.

*With regard to rank at 1st & 2nd critical dates, I would point out that in June 1921 I was Captain of 2 Co 2nd Batt with 65 men. This Co. was divided into 2 (Horth & Baldoke) on approx 1st July 1921.*

*In 1916, from approx 1st April, I had the rank of staff lieut. on the staff of Joseph Plunkett as director of wireless communications, and had the same rank as Rory O'Connor's staff up to 1918.*

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

*Fergus J. O'Reilly*

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

*[Signature]*

Address of Witness.....

*39. Dawson St Dublin*

Qualification.....

*None*

Date.....

*31.10.35*

\* 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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Have available  
for examination on Monday  
next.

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30/11/37



6 Jan 1937.

Mr Teyssot Kelly was a member of the Irish Volunteers from 1913 and fought in the the SPO Easter week, being then attached to HQ. After the negotiation he was attached again to HQ Engineering Staff and became attached to the 4th Bn. 3 Coy. Engrs in 1920. In February '21 he was below in Cork and was aff. to. Capt. of the 4th Bn. Engrs. In July '21 he returned below in Cork and was reported 3 Coy. 4th Bn. and he was mentioned in 1922. He was captured about Dec '22 and interned for the duration.

Mr Kelly was an active and enthusiastic S.R.A. man during both campaigns being part in all major adventures as well as being particularly valuable because of his knowledge of engineering. There must be pleasure in bringing to his service

John Dwyer



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OLD DUBLIN BRIGADE 1916-1923

2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion

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The Secretary  
Office of the Referee.

Dublin 4-12-1937.

Fergus O'Kelly took part in the Rising  
of 1916 in G.P.O. area.

In February 1921 Commandant Eavis  
appointed him Captain of Howth & Maldoyle  
Companies and he continued in that  
post until about beginning of July 1921.

He took part in the Civil War  
under O'Connell IV and was  
arrested in December 1922 and interned  
until 1924.

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SUMMARY ON CASE OF FRANCIS FERGUS O'KELLY - F.N.14627

HEARD ON THE 6th DECEMBER, 1937.

Joined 1913.

1st period

Easter Sunday - mobilised in Larkfield. 'Stood to'.  
Spent the night at home.

Monday - Mobilised at Beresford Place, and went from there to the G.P.O. Was sent from the G.P.O. to take charge of the Wireless School. Sent out some wireless messages. Was in the Wireless School until Wednesday, and then returned to the G.P.O. In the G.P.O. for the remainder of the week. Surrendered at Moore Street and spent Saturday night at The Rotunda.

2(a) "

He was a student in the National University (College of Science), and for the first few weeks in April was constantly at Larkfield with the Plunketts. His particular work was wireless. During Holy Week he spent from 12 to 16 hours a day in the camp trying to get in touch with the 'Aud'.

2(b).

" Was attached to Rory O'Connor's staff specialising in wireless. Gave two to four nights a week on this work.

4th " " "

The same as in 3.

5th period

Left Headquarters staff at the end of 1919 and became attached to "G" Company, 4th Battalion. Armed patrols regularly. Was mobilised for a raid on the B. & I. Shipping Offices, Rogerson's Quay. The raid was called off. He was mobilised for this in view of his knowledge of wireless.

6th period

Armed patrols. Had to leave his 'digs' and come to Haroldscross where the Battalion O.C. and the Company Captain also stayed. While here manufacturing bombs. About December or January was one of a party that attacked a lorry of military at Terenure crossroad. The man with him threw a bomb and he fired one shot. Fire returned. Lay in ambush several times, but not under fire.

In February, 1921, he went to Howth and organised a company there, and was appointed Company Captain.

7th period

Organising Howth company. Purchased about 12 Receivers and Transmitters from soldiers. Fitted up some Wireless Stations and carried out a test in Barton's in Co. Wicklow. He states that at some date shortly before the Truce the company was split.

8th period

Did some work in connection with Wireless Stations, and carried out the usual activities. When Lever Brothers' was occupied he was again in the city and attached to "G" Company, the 4th Battalion. Spent some nights in Lever Brothers. When the Four Courts was attacked he was mobilised and in the Thomas Street area.

Continued.



(2)

Summary

9th period

5/9

Did some sniping in Thomas Street area until after the O'Connell Street firing. He was now working with Mr. MacEntee, and did some work in connection with a tunnel into Mountjoy. He was also mobilised for two abortive attempts to take Baldonnell. He prepared plans for tunnelling, etc, and was arrested on the 6th of December, and interned.

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10th period

Interned.

Released 6th March, 1924.

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SWORN STATEMENT OF FRANCIS FERGUS O'KELLY - F.N. 14627 -  
MADE BEFORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE 6th DECEMBER, 1937.

Q. Have you any references with you?

A. Yes.

Q. You say in 1916 and up to 1918 you were a Lieutenant - a Staff Lieutenant?

A. Yes.

Q. In G.H.Q.?

A. Yes. I was on Joe Plunkett's staff before and during the Rebellion, and then I was attached to Rory O'Connor.

Q. You were Captain of "G" Company, 2nd Battalion?

A. Yes.

Q. Appointed about February, 1921?

A. I was in "G" Company, 4th Battalion first.

Q. When were you appointed Captain of the "G" company?

A. I was a Private in "G" Company. I was appointed Captain of "G" Company, 2nd Battalion about February, 1921.

Q. And you held that rank until the Company was divided into two - approximately the 1st of July?

A. Yes.

Q. Was it before or after that date - Was it before the Four Courts?

A. It was July, 1921. It was just before the Truce.

Q. It was before the Truce?

A. Yes - a very short time before it.

Q. What rank did you hold after the division of the company?

A. I am doubtful about that because the Truce came on immediately. I was only informed of the division of the company almost the day of the Truce. Immediately after the Truce things were very slack. I presume I carried on unattached as a Captain. When the hostilities started again towards June, 1922, I rejoined the 4th Battalion and moved into Dublin from Howth. I had been resident in Howth up to May, 1921, until the death of my father. I rejoined the 4th Battalion, as I was in that area - in Rathmines. I was on active service before the Four Courts' attack.

Q. When did you join the volunteers?

A. In 1913, at The Rotunda.

Q. Were you mobilised on Easter Sunday?

A. Yes. I turned out.

Q. Did you 'stand to'?

A. Yes.

Q. At home?

A. No. I was mobilised with Jack Plunkett's brother. I came down to Mountjoy to the Nursing Home.

1st period



(2)

Q. When were you mobilised?

A. I was mobilised on Sunday at Larkfield, dismissed and 'stood to'.

Q. Did you spend Sunday night at home?

A. Yes.

Q. On Monday were you mobilised?

A. Yes, for Beresford Place.

Q. Where did you go from Beresford Place?

A. We moved to the G.P.O. under George Plunkett.

Q. When did you get in there?

A. At 12.10 I would say.

Q. Did you spend Monday in the G.P.O.?

A. On Monday evening I was sent across to the Wireless School to take possession.

Q. That was still in the G.P.O. garrison?

A. Yes.

Q. You took charge of the Wireless School?

A. Yes. The apparatus was dismantled. I fitted up the apparatus and sent out communications.

Q. Where were you on Monday night?

A. Attached to the G.P.O. garrison in the Wireless station.

Q. Where were you on Tuesday?

A. I was there also.

Q. And on Wednesday?

A. I went back to the G.P.O.

Q. And stayed there?

A. No, I had to come back again to the Wireless School and tried to get more of the apparatus out of it until it was shifted down. I am doubtful about whether it was Wednesday or Thursday. I spent the rest of the time in the G.P.O. until we evacuated it. We evacuated it on Thursday night.

Q. You were never sent out of the G.P.O. garrison area during that time?

A. No.

Q. To where did you go out?

A. Into Moore Street. I was surrendered along with the general company.

Q. Where did you spend Saturday night?

A. At the Rotunda Plot with Willie Pearse.

2nd period

Q. For these three weeks were you doing anything special?

A. Yes. About four weeks before the Rebellion I was called on by Joe Plunkett who said he wanted me to do special work with regard to wireless, and before doing any of that he initiated me into the I.R.B. I was then attached to his staff in Larkfield, and I was doing work along with Con Keating and the other was Dahy Bourke.

There were three of us there - wireless men.



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Q. Were you there day and night?

A. Some nights I was there.

Q. Were you there all day?

A. Practically. I was there a good deal, sometimes at night, because I remember doing sentry at night. We were trying to get into communication with the 'Aud' at the time.

Q. Would you spend much time in that Camp for three weeks prior to it. In Holy Week were you all the time there?

A. I would say I was 12 to 16 hours a day in Holy Week.

Q. Would you be the same for the other two weeks?

A. No, a few hours every day for the first two weeks. Joe Plunkett seemed to be very anxious to get messages.

Q. You were then interned, were you?

A. I was first in Stafford and then Frongoch.

Q. When were you released?

A. On the 1st August, 1916, or the 31st of July.

Q. Did you join up after that?

A. Yes, but naturally not immediately. In 1917 I rejoined immediately.

3rd period

Q. You were on the staff of Rory O'Connor?

A. Yes.

Q. In charge of Wireless communications?

A. Yes.

Q. Were you engaged in a normal capacity at this time?

A. Yes, I was a student until the end of 1918, which gave me a lot of free time.

Q. Would you have given much time while you were a student to this work of wireless and on the staff - was it mostly of a general nature?

A. Up to 1918 it was a case of attending meetings with Rory O'Connor and some of the staff men, and trying to get information done with regard to sections of wireless apparatus. It was rather desultory. There were a lot of defects.

Q. Would you have given every night of the week to that?

A. No. Perhaps two to four nights a week.

4th period

Q. You had the same type of work.

5th period

Q. You were in "G" Company, 4th Battalion?

A. Yes. I cannot remember the date I transferred - near the end of 1919.

Q. You left Headquarters?

A. Yes.

Q. And you became attached to "G" Company?

A. Yes.



(4)

Q. Armed patrols. Would you have armed patrols at that time - up to the first three months of 1920?

A. I could not definitely state when it began. I am sure we had when I joined. I knew these armed patrols were going on.

Q. How often would you go out on these armed patrols when you started approximately?

A. There was an armed patrol every night for a week, and half of the company did the same area for the following week. I think it was week on and week off.

Q. Ammunition raid on B. and I. Offices, Rogerson's Quay?

A. That is right.

Q. Were you on that raid?

A. Yes. I was still keeping in touch with Plunkett.

Q. Were you armed on that occasion?

A. Yes.

Q. Were you inside?

A. Yes. I had instructions that when we would board the steamer I was to dismantle the wireless apparatus. We did not board the steamer at all. It was held up at dock.

Q. It did not come off?

A. No. At 8 o'clock we were disbanded.

Q. Manufacture of bombs - did you do that?

A. I did that in the 4th Battalion. My 'digs' in Crumlin were raided twice and I had to leave them. I went to Haroldscross.

6th period

Q. What happened on November 21st?

A. I was in this place, and the Company Captain and Battalion Commandant came to the same place, and it became Battalion Headquarters, and there was a lot of manufacturing of bombs carried out there.

Q. Where was this?

A. In Haroldscross Road. There was a great scattering then on the 21st November. My 'digs' had been raided about a month before that.

Q. Various ambushes in Rathgar and Rathmines. What was the first ambush you were in?

A. At Terenure Crossroads.

Q. About when would that have been?

A. It is hard to say.

Q. It was about December or January?

A. Yes.

Q. What did ye ambush there?

A. We ambushed a lorry of military which stopped at the Police Station.

Q. Were you armed on that occasion?

A. Yes, with a Colt Automatic. I was one of the few who really got a shot at it.



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Q. You fired at it?

A. Yes.

Q. How far were you from it when you fired?

A. The width of the road. I was on the foot path.

Q. How many shots did you fire?

A. I only had time to fire one. The beside me through a bomb which exploded.

Q. What was the next one?

A. I do not think we came into actual contact with them any more after that.

Q. You were laying in ambush?

A. Yes, several times, but we did not actually come under fire.

Q. In November, 1921 had you to go down to Howth?

A. Yes.

Q. You had no scrap there?

A. No. It was organising the company. It was hard work.

Q. For about five or six months before 'Bloody Sunday' what were you mainly doing. Were you continually active at that time?

A. Yes, I was active the whole time.

Q. Were you making bombs during that summer?

A. I doubt it - it was mostly armed patrols.

7th period

Q. You were still in Howth - Company O.C.?

A. Yes.

Q. You were organising the company?

A. Yes. There had been a small company in Baldoyle and a small company in Howth, and Tom Ennis combined the two and asked me to take charge.

Q. Had you armed patrols?

A. No, but we had revolver practices. I tried to organise an armed patrol but I had not enough arms.

Q. Getting in touch with enemy soldiers for purchase of wireless apparatus?

A. Yes; that was while keeping in touch with Rory O'Connor.

Q. Were you able to purchase any?

A. Yes.

Q. What did you purchase exactly?

A. A Naval Aircraft, wireless transmitter and receiver.

Q. Did you get many?

A. About half a dozen of each. We fitted up a couple of stations. We tested one of them.

Q. This was going on up to the Truce?

A. Yes, in fact after the Truce.

Q. Were you working at your ordinary business during the day?

A. Yes. I was never out of work.



8th period

Q. When the Truce came you were still in Howth?  
A. Yes.

Q. It was just prior to the Truce the company was divided in two?

A. Yes. There were 65 altogether.

Q. In the Truce period you had just the ordinary activities?

A. Just keeping in touch with the company and doing anything practicable.

Q. Getting up these stations?

A. The wireless stations - we did some of that work. We fitted up a station at St. Enda's - that was mostly to test.

Q. That was mostly in the evenings?

A. Yes.

Q. You were at your normal occupation?

A. Yes. My normal occupation was shift work in the Pigeon House, and I often had days. That was another reason why I had to transfer back to "G" Company. That would be night work. I was not able to attend Battalion Councils and that.

Q. In the civil war what happened?

A. I rejoined the 4th Battalion, "G" Company. I was living in Rathmines. I was under arms before the attack on the Four Courts. We occupied Lever Brothers' Building on the Quay.

Q. Were you there?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you spend all your time in Lever Brothers?

A. The occupation was divided up amongst a few companies in the Battalion, and we took a couple of days and nights - about 24 hours there. It was a week or so before the attack on the Four Courts.

Q. When the attack on the Four Courts came off where were you?

A. In Marrowbone Lane. We went down to the Distillery.

Q. Had you any fight there?

A. We had sniping - I had not much myself. We had sniping and scouting and that kind of thing, but no actual conflict with the troops.

Q. After the fall of the Four Courts and fight in O'Connell Street what did you do - did you go back to your work?

A. Yes. I made another change then. I was on tunnels with Sean MacEntee and he was arrested. The two of us got a job to make a tunnel into Mountjoy, and when he was doing his turn he was found. When he was arrested I had all the business to look after.

Q. So you would not have much to do at that period?

A. Not much, except in the way of plans and things like that about tunnels into gaols.

9th period

*War in Lever Bros. - line of 4 Courts attack*



(7)

Q. Abortive attacks at Baldonnell Aerodrome?

A. Yes, I was out on that. I was mobilised by the 4th Battalion again. I was out two nights at Baldonnell. We were going to capture the whole place.

Q. Did you give much of your time to making that tunnel?

A. No, it was found almost immediately.

Q. Were you out the night of the Bridges?

A. No, my brother was arrested that night.

Q. You were arrested on the 6th of December?

A. Yes. They captured an officer of the Engineers and I think they got some stuff about me.

Q. Were you arrested at home?

A. Not exactly, I was on a tram going down to my office. My office was raided.

Q. You were interned untio the 6th of March, 1924?

A. Yes - 15 months.

Q. From where were you released?

A. From Harepark. I was arrested by an old member of the 4th Battalion - Dan Brien.

Q. Where were you a student at that time?

A. In the National University in the College of Science. I used to do a few odd jobs there of casting keys.

Q. Are you on the 'Roll of Honour' for Easter Week?

A. Yes. I was under arms all the time.

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Organisation Records supplied by Frank Henderson

show that applicant was

\* (a) Capt. C. W. 2nd Battr. Dublin Bde. <sup>11/4/21</sup> 11.7.1921.

Strength No will to hand.

(b) - 1.7.1922.

Strength -

\* Brian McElilly is shown as Capt. 11/7/21

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For Discussion with Mr Sean Dowling Date 5/4/38

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The Secretary  
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With reference to my application  
for military service pension under  
the 1934 Act and in support of my  
claim for rank, apart from my  
captaincy of the Howth Co in the 2nd battn  
I beg to submit the following:

1. As Lieut. attached to Joe Plunkett's  
staff in Easter week 1916 I was solely  
responsible for wireless communications  
and had been introduced into the I.R.B.  
shortly before Easter 1916 specially for that  
purpose. I set up and operated the  
transmitting station in the ~~Chelers~~ School  
O'Connell St during Easter week and  
communicated the news of the Rising  
abroad.

2. On reorganisation after Easter week  
I was attached in the same capacity to  
the staff of Rory O'Connor (D.E.) and



2 Continued to act with him until the attack on the Four Courts in 1922, even while actively engaged with 'G' Co. Batten 4 and the Heath Co Batten 2.

3. Shortly before the time I established negotiations with the British & Baldouneil for the purchasing of wireless receiving and transmitting sets. I set up a receiving station in the city (Dublin) and was able to intercept enemy messages which were decoded by S/D Collins. I also set up, & after the time, a transmitting station at 'St. Enda's'. These receiving & transmitting sets were the first valve sets ever seen in this country.

4. In addition to these activities I carried out experiments in communication by using the Post Office trunk telephone lines and field telephone sets, and also developed a method of communicating by means of the Dublin city electric lighting cables. By means of this system I was



able to communicate with the  
garrison in the Four Courts during  
the attack.

5 The staff duties mentioned above  
were carried out in addition to  
the Company activities which  
are set out in my application  
form from 1915 to March 1924 and  
I submit that they constitute  
sufficient evidence to support  
my claim for rank above that  
of the volunteer.

W m r k  
C m e a r

Fergus J. O'Kelly

P.S. I attach letter from John Plunkett  
corroborating my statements above.  
J. Plunkett was also attached to his  
brother's staff & to Henry O'Connor's and  
was conversant with the work I was doing  
F. O'Kelly



Towahon it may  
be known.

22, ELGIN ROAD,

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I confirm that, to my personal knowledge, Fergus O'Kelly was in Easter Week 1916 attached to the Staff of my brother, Colonel Joseph Plunkett, as lieutenant, and was put by him in complete charge of wireless communications during the Easter Week operations. After the reorganisation Fergus O'Kelly was attached to the Staff of Colonel General Roy O'Connor, Director of Engineering, in the same capacity and with the same rank: four to Plunkett.

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(1)	<p>See note  Mon - 8 P.M. unless School will be  Wed - 8 P.M.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">} E. W. Finishes  with Henderson</p>	
(2)	<p>getting in touch with <u>Aug.</u> [already assumed by others]</p>	
(3)	✓	
(4)	✓ <u>Infy. Bomb (up)</u>	
(5)	✓	
(1/6)	<p>g. of 4th. (pm. 4 P.M.)  <u>Patrols.</u> m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[17] [What p. in drawing pr. (6)]  " " " " (9)  " " " " (10)</p>	
(6)	<p>✓ <u>Howth Coy. orgd.</u>  Collected electrical equipment</p>	
(1/2)	verified (7)	
(7)		
(2/2)	<p><u>Wireless.</u> g. of the 4th</p>	
(8)		
(5/4)	<p><u>Shipping in Thomas St.</u>  <u>Plans etc.</u></p>	
(9)	<p>Blair p. Rank. In drawing  Released of Capt. <del>to</del> inefficient  Sent to Howth to org. (not much good) <u>Capt.</u>  <u>Wireless test</u>  <u>Capt. Howth will find by 1st June</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">[2] g. of wireless <u>Rank</u> of both done  per. Sean Dowling</p>	
(10)		

## OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

(a) First Critical Date..... (b) Second Critical Date.....

## RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

Date.....



MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934.

Form R.18.

Ref. No. 14627

APPLICANT'S NAME O'Kelly, Francis Fergus

For Discussion with Mr Sean Dowling

Date 19/9/38

PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE	(2)19/9/38	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
(1)	ld of Rep 14/10/38		
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			
(7)	(This shortly before the Duce) Roy O'Connor asked her to carry out a booklet. He was a personal friend of Roy's. Carried out various lists see his evidence		
(8)	was lucky to find out during Ambassador in June 38		
(9)			
(10)			

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

(a) First Critical Date (b) Second Critical Date

RESULT OF DISCUSSION. Rule 4



REF. No. 14624

APPLICANT'S NAME

O'Kelly, Francis

ADDRESS

26, Castle Ave., Clontarf, Dublin.

UNIT

(i) G. Coy. 2nd Bn. Dublin P.M.  
(ii) G. Coy. 4th Bn. Dublin P.M.

(a) PERIOD	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active service allowed	(d) Equivalent for Pension purposes	REMARKS
(1) 23/4/16 - 30/4/16	Full period.	Full.	4 yrs.	
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17	do. ?	107 358	107 358 yrs.	E.W. finished with Mr. F. Henderson 16/6/38
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	do.			
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	do.			Hold for Mr. F. Henderson as 69
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	do.			16 38
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	do.	1/4.	1/2 yrs.	Used for F. Henderson
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	do.	1/2.	1/2 yrs.	do. Period 7.
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	do.	1/2.	1/2 yrs.	Period 7 finished 16/6/38
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	do.	5/9.	1 7/9 yrs.	Finished 19/10/38.
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	do.	Full.	1 yrs.	Conf 208 21-10-38

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

Rank claimed on

Rank allowed

E.

D Rule 4

Total of Column (d)

91

100 yrs.

John Jordan

SIGNED - Laurence Robinson

J. M. O'Leary



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. 14697 ..... 193...

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	ENTIRE PERIOD	1/4
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 } (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17 }	ENTIRE PERIOD	1/4
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18		1/4
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19		1/4
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20		1/4
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	ENTIRE PERIOD	1/4
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	ENTIRE PERIOD	1/4
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	ENTIRE PERIOD	1/4
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	ENTIRE PERIOD	1/4
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	ENTIRE PERIOD	1

TOTAL— 7 1/4 years.

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

" " " 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 11th Nov 1935

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



14627

26 Castle Avenue  
 Clontarf

25th Oct 1938

The Secretary  
 Office of Referee  
 Griffith Barracks

Ref No. 14627

D. C. C. A.

Mr. Twomey  
 Mr. T. J. Doyle  
 Clontarf 26/10/38

I wish to acknowledge yours of 24th Oct notifying me of the findings of the Referee in respect of my application for Military Service Pension, and to state that I do not desire to submit any additional evidence or to ask for a revision of the findings of the Referee.

I would suggest that there will therefore be no necessity for the Referee to wait till Nov. 14th before making his report to the Minister for Defence, and would be much obliged if this report could be forwarded at his early convenience.

I Ch. R. M. J. Doyle  
 I Ch. R. M. J. Doyle  
 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100



# Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 345P/15673

Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee - 14627

To:

To:

THE REFEREE.

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

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

I submit herunder my report in this case.

O'Kelly, Fergus Francis,  
26 Castle Avenue, Blontarf,  
for a Service Certificate. Dublin

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

J. J. Morgan

(SIGNED) T. UA. DÓMHNAILL

Date

22 NOV 1935

Date

4. 11. 38

Referee.

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

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

- ② *107/358* of *ENTIRE PERIOD* ③ *no* ④ *no*  
⑤ *no* ⑥ *1/4* of *ENTIRE PERIOD* ⑦ *1/2* of *ENTIRE PERIOD*  
⑧ *1/2* of *ENTIRE PERIOD* ⑨ *5/9* of *ENTIRE PERIOD* ⑩ *ENTIRE PERIOD*

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

*7 9/100 years*

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

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

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

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

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

*no*

or under sub-paragraph (m) of paragraph 4 of Rule I. of First Schedule, as a Medical Officer. *no*

*10*



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

*no*

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

*no*

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

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

*ENTIRE PERIOD*

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

*4 years*

- (3) State—

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

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

*G.A.R. Staff*

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

*107*

*358*

*ENTIRE PERIOD*

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

*107*

*358*

*of 1 year*



(3) State—

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

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

*G. A. R. Staff, and,  
Internment, and,*

*B Coy, B Co. II, Dublin D Co.*

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

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

*nil*

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

(3) State—

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

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

*G. A. R. Staff*

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

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

*nil*

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

(3) State—

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

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

*G. A. R. Staff, and,  
"G" Coy, B Co. II, Dublin D Co.*



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

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

*nil*

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

(3) State—

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

*Oglaigh na h-Eireann,*

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

*"G" Coy., Btro. IV, Dublin Bde.*

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

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

*1/4 of* ENTIRE PERIOD

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

*1/2 of 1 year*

(3) State—

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

*Oglaigh na h-Eireann,*

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

*"G" Coy., Btro. IV, Dublin Bde. and,  
"G" Coy., Btro. II, Dublin Bde.*

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

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

*1/2 of* ENTIRE PERIOD

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

*1/2 of 1 year*



(3) State—

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

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

"G" Coy, Btro. II, Dublin Bde.

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

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

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

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

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

(3) State—

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

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

"G" Coy, Btro. II, Dublin Bde, and  
"G" Coy, Btro. IV, Dublin Bde.

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

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

 $\frac{5}{9}$  of ENTIRE PERIOD

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

 $\frac{1}{9}$  years

(3) State—

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

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

"G" Coy, Btro. IV, Dublin 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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M.S.P./34/R/- 14627

Mr. Robinson,  
Office of the Referee.

Relative to the application  
of Mr. Fergus Francis O'Kelly, 26, Castle  
Ave., Clontarf, Dublin, would you  
please state what form of the  
applicant's surname appears on  
pages 1 and 16 of the form of  
application (M.S.P./34/1).

W. Cahilly

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