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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).

**HARRIS**  
SURNAME.

**THOMAS**  
CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS (to be written in block capitals).

**CARASH NAAS**  
**G. KILDARE**

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. The 23rd.*

(b) Unit or Units... *With Maynooth Coy. Irish Volunteers.*

(c) Duration (giving dates) of service... *From 23rd until surrender on 29th.*

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

*4 P.O. Parliament Street & Henry Street Dublin.*

(e) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Captain Tom Byrne and Lieut O'Kelly.*

(f) In what way do you claim that your service was active service... *I obeyed mobilization orders and carried out all orders received during the week.*

(g) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the week... *Assisted Captain Byrne & Lieut O'Kelly in their effort to mobilize volunteers on Easter Sunday, marched to Dublin.*

(h) Absence from duty and cause... *With Maynooth Company. Took part in Rising. Was wounded at evacuation of 4 P.O.*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*Captain Tom Byrne. Larnister House, Dublin*  
*& Lieut O'Kelly. London*  
*Daniel Buckley (Governor General)*

(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... *Caragh Company Irish Volunteers*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *From 1st April until 22nd April*  
*30th April until 31st March 1917.*

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *Caragh and Prosperous Districts.*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Lt E O'Kelly*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *I was responsible for establishing and maintaining I.V. organization in area.*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *Procured arms, Held Company parades.*

*Received instructions on April 29th to be in readiness to take part in Rising at short notice.*

(g) Absence from duty and cause... *Was taken prisoner on 29th April 1916 and held prisoner in Dublin Castle Hospital for about three months. Interned in Frongoch for a short period. Incapacitated for remainder of period owing to wound not healing properly.*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Captain Tom Byrne	Leinster House Dublin
Dr Edward O'Kelly	30 Oakley square, London W.W.1
Samuel Buckley	Governor General

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

- (a) Unit or Units... *Prosperous Company Irish Volunteers*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *Prosperous Company was organized by me about Sept 1917. I also formed Companies in Limahoe and Clongorey about this time*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *Prosperous, Limahoe, Clongorey and Caragh Districts*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *By devoting time and energy to organization of Volunteers in areas stated above*
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *Procured Rifle and ammunition and instructed Volunteers under my Command.*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause... *not absent*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Senator M. Staines	Mem. Q. M. G. Irish Volunteers
Yeardis O'Sullivan	then Adjutant-General Irish Volunteers

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

- (a) Unit or Units... *North Kildare Battalion Irish Volunteers*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *full period I cannot remember actual date*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *Prosperous, Caragh, Limahoe and Clane areas*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Commandant Colgan B.M.O.C.*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *I maintained the existence of Volunteer Organization in above districts*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *Procured Arms Instructed Volunteers maintained lines of communication etc.*

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*Senator M. Staine*

*Lieut. Col. C. Sullivan J. &*

*Patrick Colgan Commandant National Army*

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

(a) Unit or Units...

*North Kildare Battalion*

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

*Full period*

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

*Prosperous Caragh, Fintona and Clane Districts*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance

*Commandant Colgan Batt C/C*

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

*I maintained the existence of Volunteer organization in above mentioned districts*

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

*Procured arms, Instructed Volunteers assumed responsibility for maintenance of ordnance evacuated by R.F.C.*

(g) Absence from duty and cause...

*not absent*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*Lieut. Col. C. Sullivan J. &*

*Senator M. Staine*

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

(a) Unit or Units...

*Kildare II Battalion*

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

*Full Period*

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered *North Kildare*  
*Castledermot & Carlow*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance *Myself*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *I was*  
*principally occupied at volunteer duties*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during  
the period *Had demolition of vacant R.I.C.*

*huts in area carried out. Mobilized*  
*volunteers and took them to Castledermot about June 17th 1920*  
*to cooperate in capture of R.I.C. barracks under command of O'Connell's*  
*Brigade. Quinlan Captain Mc Mahon in organization of Ball*  
*took part in R.I.C. ambush at Kell, Co. Kildare August 20th 1920*

(g) Absence from duty and cause *Interned from Nov 22nd 1920*  
*until Treaty was signed*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*Mr. Peader Mc Mahon, Secretary, Department of Defence*  
*710 Leinster Gardens, London W.C.2.*

*Mr. Samuel O'Hegarty, then Director of Organization*  
*Mr. Sean Keenan, then Governor, Mountjoy Prison*

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service *Was Interned at Ballyhenlar*  
*during this period.*

(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.
Mr. Peadar Mc Mahon	Secretary of Department of Defence
Mr. Gearoid C. Sullivan	

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

- (a) Unit or Units... *7th Brigade, 1st Eastern Division*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *Full period*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *Kildare & Offaly*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *A. Cooney O/C 1st Eastern Division*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *At the split in 1922 I took charge of the 7th Brigade area and reorganised the Brigade*
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *Took part in capture of Divisional HQ at Dunboyne Co. Meath*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause... *Was interned from beginning of period until signing of Treaty in December*
- (h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Mr. A. Cooney	
Mr. M. Price	
Seán Lemass, P.M.	Minister for Industry & Commerce

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

- (a) Unit or Units... *7th Brigade 1st Eastern Division*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *Interned at Curragh Camp and Newbridge from date of attack on Four Courts until Oct 14th 1922*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *North Kildare*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Myself*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *All my time was devoted to military duties*

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

*Directed escape from Newbridge Internment Camp on Oct. 14th 1922. Mobilized all available men in Brigade area and took them to Hazelhatch to cooperate in attack on Baldonnel aerodrome on instructions from H.Q. in mid November 1922.*

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

*Not absent*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*Mr. Seamus O'Donovan*  
*Mr. Patrick Mullaney M. J. Balla, Co Mayo*  
*Mr. Larry O'Brien Private Secretary to Minister for Industry & Commerce*

(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.

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(1). \* ACTIVE SERVICE AT ANY TIME DURING WEEK COMMENCING ON 23RD APRIL, 1916.

(a) Did you render active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916? If so, from what date in that week.....

(b) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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(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.

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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.....

(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 ?.....

(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 ?.....

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

(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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## PART III.

## GENERAL.

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS.

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

(a) On first critical date.

Rank C. Battalion Commandant whose  
Battalion was not less than three hundred  
in strength.

(b) On second critical date.

Rank C. Brigade Officer commanding  
whose brigade was less than one thousand  
in strength.

References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Georoid C Sullivan 74 Fernside House.  
Dr Andy Cooney  
Seamus C. Hegarty

- (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.

*Yes. I was awarded a gratuity of £75-  
under Army Pensions act 1932*

(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.....

*As a deputy for Co. Kildare in Tail Eireann  
I receive the allowance payable to a deputy*

(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.....

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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.....

*Thomas Harris*

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

*Michael Duffey. Capt.*

Address of Witness.....

*Mr. Donagh Bhs.  
Curragh Camp.*

Qualification.....

*Army Officer.*

Date.....

*October 9th 1935*

\* Witness must be one of the following :—

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

## APPENDIX.

## FIRST SCHEDULE.

## RULES FOR DETERMINING NOTIONAL GRADES OF RANK IN THE FORCES HELD BY PERSONS SERVING IN THE FORCES.

1.—(1) Any person who at any date was either Chief of Staff, Deputy Chief of Staff, Adjutant General, a Divisional Officer Commanding, or Quartermaster General shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank A.

(2) Any person who at any date was either—

- (a) a General Headquarters Officer acting as Director of any one of the following services, namely Organisation, Intelligence, Engineering and Munitions, or
- (b) a Brigade Officer Commanding whose brigade was at that date not less than one thousand in strength,

shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank B.

(3) Any person who at any date was either—

- (a) a Brigade Officer Commanding whose brigade at that date was less than one thousand in strength, or
- (b) a Divisional Vice Officer Commanding, or
- (c) a Divisional Adjutant, or
- (d) a Divisional Quartermaster, or
- (e) a Battalion Commandant whose battalion was at that date not less than three hundred in strength, or
- (f) a Brigade Vice Officer Commanding whose brigade was at that date not less than one thousand in strength, or
- (g) a Brigade Adjutant whose brigade was at that date not less than one thousand in strength, or
- (h) a Brigade Quartermaster whose brigade was at that date not less than one thousand in strength, or
- (i) a Column Commander whose column was at that date not less than thirty in strength, or
- (j) a General Headquarters Officer who at that date was acting as Director of Medical Services, or
- (k) a General Headquarters Officer who at that date was acting as Director of any Service, other than that of Medical Services, or one of the Services mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) of the immediately preceding paragraph,

shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank C.

(4) A person who at any date—

- (a) was a Battalion Commandant whose battalion at that date was less than three hundred in strength, or
- (b) was a Company Captain whose company at that date was not less than sixty in strength, or
- (c) was, at that date, a Captain on the General Headquarters Staff or on a Divisional Staff, or
- (d) was, in the case of a company which at that date was not less than one hundred and twenty in strength, where the company had at that date one Lieutenant only, such Lieutenant or, where the company had at that date two Lieutenants only, one or other of such Lieutenants, or, where the company had at that date three or more Lieutenants, one or other of the two Lieutenants who were at that date respectively second and third in command, or
- (e) was, in the case of a company which at that date was less than one hundred and twenty in strength but not less than one hundred in strength, where such company had at that date one Lieutenant only, such Lieutenant or where such company had at that date two or more Lieutenants, the Lieutenant who was at that date second in command, or
- (f) was a Brigade Officer, other than a Brigade Officer who is deemed by virtue of paragraph (2) or (3) of this Rule to have held at that date either Rank B or Rank C, or
- (g) was a Battalion Vice Officer Commanding whose battalion at that date was not less than one hundred in strength, or
- (h) was a Battalion Adjutant whose battalion was at that date not less than one hundred in strength, or
- (i) was a Battalion Quartermaster whose battalion was at that date not less than one hundred in strength, or

- (j) was a General Headquarters Officer other than a General Headquarters Officer who was at that date acting as a Director of any Service, or
- (k) was a Divisional Officer other than a Divisional Officer Commanding, a Divisional Vice Officer Commanding, a Divisional Adjutant or a Divisional Quartermaster, or
- (l) was a Column Commander whose column at that date was less than thirty in strength, or
- (m) was a Medical Officer other than a General Headquarters Officer who at that date was acting as Director of Medical Services,

shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank D.

(5) Any person who complies with the following conditions, namely :—

- (a) was at any date an officer, and
- (b) is not deemed by virtue of any of the preceding paragraphs of this Rule to have held at that date any grade of rank,

shall be deemed for the purposes of this Act to have held at that date Rank E.

(6) Any person who at any date held the rank of non-commissioned officer or private shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank E.

(7) None of the foregoing provisions of this Rule shall apply to any person who at any date was a member of Fianna Eireann or of Cumann na mBan and was not at any date a member of Oglagh na hEireann (Irish Republican Army) or of the Irish Volunteers, and in lieu thereof the following provisions shall have effect in relation to any such person, that is to say :—

(a) any person who at any date :—

- (i) was a member of the headquarters staff or executive of Fianna Eireann or Cumann na mBan, or
- (ii) was an officer of Fianna Eireann or Cumann na mBan commanding one hundred members or more of either of those bodies, or
- (iii) was an officer of Fianna Eireann or Cumann na mBan senior to an officer of either of those bodies commanding one hundred members or more of either of those bodies,

shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank D, and

- (b) any person who at any date was a member of Fianna Eireann or Cumann na mBan and who is not deemed by virtue of the foregoing sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph to have held Rank D, shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank E.

2. Where an officer whose grade of rank at any date is, under Rule I of this Schedule, to be determined both by his actual rank in the Forces and the strength of the unit to which he belonged at that date, and such officer is, at that date, absent from duty by reason of imprisonment on account of his activities as a member of the Forces, the following provisions shall, for the purposes of the said Rule I, have effect in relation to such officer, that is to say :—

- (a) such officer shall be deemed to have held at that date the actual rank in the Forces which he held at the date of his arrest, and
- (b) such unit shall be deemed to be at that date at the same strength as it was at the time of his arrest.

3. Where the case of any person does not fall within the provisions of Rule I of this Schedule, the Referee may determine the particular grade of rank which such person is to be deemed to have held on any date, and in so determining the Referee shall have regard to the following matters, that is to say :—

- (a) the appointment held by such person,
- (b) the services performed by such person,
- (c) the principles of grading set forth in the said Rule I.

4. Where any person, whose case at a particular date falls within the provisions of Rule I of this Schedule, was, at that date, engaged in service of a special character, the Referee may, in making his report under this Act in relation to the grade of rank held by such person on such date, report that the grade of rank held by him on such date is a grade of rank higher than the grade which, but for this Rule, would be the grade of rank held by him on that date.

#### DEFINITION OF THE FIRST AND SECOND CRITICAL DATES.

1. In the case of a person who served in the Forces during the period commencing on the 1st day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923,

The expression "the first critical date" means the 11th day of July, 1921; and the expression "the second critical date" means :—

- (a) in the case of a person who served in the Forces on the 1st day of July, 1922, the 1st day of July, 1922 and
- (b) in the case of a person who did not serve in the Forces on the 1st day of July, 1922, but who served in the Forces at any time during the period commencing on the 2nd day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923, the date during that period on which such person first served in the Forces.

2. In the case of a person who did not serve in the Forces during the period commencing on the 1st day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923, but who has either :—

- (a) served in the Forces at any time during the week commencing on the 23rd day of April, 1916, or
- (b) served in the Forces continuously during the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1921, and ending on the 11th day of July, 1921,

the expression "the first critical date" shall be construed as meaning the date during the said week, or if he did not serve during the said week, during the said period, on which he first served in the Forces in such week or such period (as the case may be), and

the expression "the second critical date" shall be construed as meaning the earliest date in the period between the first critical date in respect of such person, and the 12th day of July, 1921, on which such person held his highest rank in such last-mentioned period in the Forces.

Military Service  
Pensions Collection

I resigned Command of Brigade  
area about February 1923. I  
remained on the run until arrested  
about September 1923. During  
this period I assisted in  
collecting funds for the  
alleviation of distress  
amongst volunteer dependants  
in Brigade area. I was again  
arrested and interned about September 1923  
Thomas Harris  
Oct 9th 1935

Military Service  
Pensions Collection

To a person unacquainted with conditions in  
Co Kildare it is difficult to realise the time  
and amount of labour necessary to create  
and maintain a volunteer organization.  
This county contained larger British garrisons  
than any other in Ireland, consequently more  
of the inhabitants benefited by the British  
occupation than elsewhere. In addition due  
to the development of labour and farmer  
organizations a great deal of tension and  
bitterness existed and whereas senior officers  
elsewhere could to a great extent leave the  
company officers to look after their respective  
companies I had to keep in constant touch  
with each unit in order to avoid any friction  
and to smooth out matters where friction  
crept in. It was entirely due to the fact that  
I devoted practically all my time from the  
moment I recovered from the wound received  
during Easter Week 1916 to the organization of my  
area that it was possible to have an organization  
in the later years when it was required. I can  
claim that the G.H.Q. Intelligence staff received  
more secret police codes and enemy information from  
my area than elsewhere.

Thomas Harris  
Oct 24, 1935.

Award Certificate

No.....50/APB/348. A.P. 24.  
X. 27.

Any further Communications on this subject should be addressed to— and the above number quoted.

AN ROINN COSANTA,  
(DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE),  
BRAINNSE PINSEAN AN AIRM,  
(ARMY PENSIONS BRANCH),  
GEATA NA PAIRCE,  
(PARKGATE),  
BAILE ATHA CLIATH.  
(DUBLIN).

22 January, 1934.

I am directed to inform you that your application for a wound pension ~~disability~~ or gratuity has been considered by the Army Pensions Board, and to state that the Minister for Defence has approved of the Board's recommendation of an Award, as shewn below.

*Padraic Macneil*  
RUNAL.

\*To..... Thomas Harris, Esq., T.D.,  
Caragh, Naas,  
Co. Kildare.

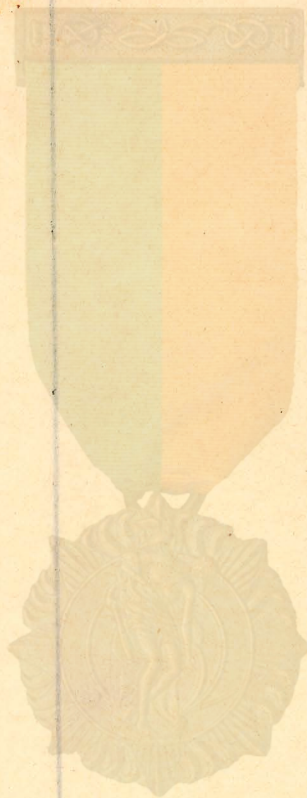
RATE PER	RATE PER	FROM	TO	REMARKS
SELF	FURTHER PENSION AS A MARRIED MAN			
£ s. d.	£ s. d.			
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(Seventy-five Pounds).				
(Gratuity).				

N.B.—This Certificate is no security whatever for debt. It should be carefully preserved, as it will be of the greatest assistance to you when completing the Pension Draft which will be sent to you.

\*In the event of the death of the person to whom this Form is addressed, the person who notifies the death to the local Registrar of Deaths should deliver this Form and any other Pension papers held by deceased, to him, and will receive from him the sum of one shilling for so doing.

R. FEREE R. 6  
10 MAR 1936  
- 4 MAR 1936  
ISSUED *sen*

# Military Archives



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Referee R.15.

Organisation Records supplied by 4<sup>th</sup> Bde. Committee.

show that applicant was

(a) o/c North Kildare (2<sup>nd</sup>) Bn (Interned). 11.7.21

Strength Over 300.

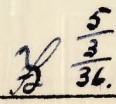
(b) o/c 4<sup>th</sup> Bde. 1<sup>st</sup> Eastern Div. (Interned) 1.7.22.

Strength Under 1000

N.B.

(a) Mr. Smyth, is shown as o/c Kildare Bn  
on 11/4/21.

(b) Patrick Brennan is shown as o/c 4<sup>th</sup> Bde on  
1/4/22.

Signed:  5/3/36.

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DOORSCÚL Éireann

DÁIL ÉIREANN.

TIGH LAIGHEAN  
(Leinster House),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH  
(Dublin).

9/3/36

Army Service Pensions Board.

This is to certify that Mr.  
Thomas Harris J.D. served under me during Easter  
Week 1916.

I informed him on the Thursday previous  
to the rising of what was to take place and he  
remained with me making preparations for the  
event in which he was extremely useful.

He then accompanied the Maynooth  
contingent on their march to Dublin and served  
under me in the G. P. O. and Parliament St.  
He was an exemplary soldier.

L. Byrne

Captain of the Guard  
Leinster House

From the GOVERNOR,

Mountjoy PRISON, Dublin

To

9-3-1936

This is to certify that during 1919 and 1920 Mr. Thomas Harris T.D. was, to my intimate personal knowledge, the most active and important Volunteer Officer in North Kildare. He was O.C. of the 2nd North Kildare Battalion — which functioned directly under G.H.Q. — until his arrest and internment in November 1920. He organised and took part in every activity in his area, and

Co-operated in operations outside his own area. He assisted Lt.-General Pearse Mac Mahon in organising and recruiting in North Kildare in 1920 when an efficient and active Battalion was organised under very difficult conditions.

He also took an active part in the Civil War operations on the Republican side and was interned for some months in Newbridge Detention Camp (where I was Deputy Governor) until his escape in October 1922.

Sam O'Brien  
(Base Commandant  
O'Connell Barracks)

1611<sup>3</sup>

Memo

Gen. Mac Mahon. Sec. Dept. of  
Defence phoned me <sup>today</sup> to say that  
if necessary he is prepared to  
attend & give evidence in the  
case of J. Harris J. D. & Jas. Harris  
I informed him that the report in  
the latter case had already  
issued. If the necessity for  
further evidence shd. arise he  
will attend. if reqd.

E. S. L.

9/3/36

Mr. Lacey

Attach to the file of ~~J. Harris~~  
J. Harris J. D. & have a copy put on  
J. Harris' file

E. S. L.

9/3/36

SWORN STATEMENT made before THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE on the

9th MARCH, 1936, by THOMAS HARRIS (16113.)

Q. Have you references?

A. Yes. I did not find it convenient to get all the references.

1st Period: Q. You were mobilised on Sunday?

A. Yes.

Q. What did you do on Monday?

A. I was going about all day on Sunday; I went through North Kildare with Captain Byrne, and Lieutenant O'Kelly. We stayed in Newbridge on Sunday night, and started out on Monday morning to take supplies of explosives on to Bodenstown - to the railway near Bodenstown where we expected the people to turn up for Bodenstown. We were to meet at twelve. We were there at twelve on Monday, and we remained for a considerable time - it should have been more than a hour, or maybe it was two hours, and nobody turned up except Captain Byrne, and Lieutenant O'Kelly, and myself. So then we started to be doubtful as to whether the Rising was called off again when nobody turned up. We went on from there to Maynooth. We got into Maynooth in the evening time. There was great excitement there. In a little while, we got the Maynooth Company together. Donal Buckley was in Dublin, and came back. We started from there, and marched into Dublin.

Q. When did you arrive in Dublin?

A. We got into Glasnevin some time about the middle of the night, and stayed in the Cemetery.

Q. Was that Monday night or Tuesday morning?

A. Yes. We remained in the cemetery. We did not know what was the exact position outside, or whether we were in a bad Area or not. We waited till morning, when Captain Byrne found that the way was open to the Post Office, so we marched down to the Post Office.

Q. That was on the Tuesday?

A. Yes. The cemetery was open probably at about eight o'clock, and we probably got into the Post Office after an hour. It took us about an hour to march down.

Q. Were you in the Post Office for the surrender?

A. We were only half-an-hour in the Post Office when we were sent down to Parliament Street. I think there were three or four men along with our number sent to Parliament Street. (near the Exchange Hotel.)

Q. Did you see any men in occupation of the Evening Mail office?

A. No. My position there was, we went in a back street, into an inner alley at the back of Parliament Street. We came along. There was a door with glass panels, and two or three men broke their way in, with picks, and they broke the door in, and twelve or fourteen were sent up on the top. I was instructed to barricade the place behind Shortall's shop - it was a hardware place with sheets of wallpaper in the front window. The men went up on the roof, and I was ordered to barricade the place behind. Sean Milroy was with us. I heard plenty of shooting all the time. We held that, and

Then Captain Byrne gave me instructions that if anyone came along to hold that position.

Q. You were wounded?

A. Yes, at the evacuation of the Post Office.

Q. When did you go back to the G.P.O.?

A. Captain Byrne went out that evening, and told us we would have to get out of there. He went out by the back of the "Mail" office, and saw the military there, so he said we would have to clear out.

Q. That was Tuesday evening?

A. Yes, we went back to the G.P.O. then.

Q. You were wounded at the evacuation of the G.P.O.?

A. I was. I was in the G.P.O. all the week - I did several things in it.

Q. Were you in it on Friday?

A. It was Friday evening the G.P.O. was evacuated, I think. It seemed all like one long day to me, with no sleep, etc.

Q. You surrendered?

A. The wounded prisoners were all put along on the side of the footpath in Moore Street, on the Surrender. The main body marched away, and after a while we were carried down by the British and taken to the Castle Hospital. I was there till some time about August, I think.

Q. You were released then?

A. I was taken over to Frongoch then. I spent a few days in Kilmainham Gaol, before I was sent to Frongoch. I was brought up to London and taken before the Advisory Board which was set up there at the time.

Q. When were you released?

A. Some time late in August. All the wounded prisoners were released about then - Cathal Brugha, etc., was released at that time too, I think.

2nd Period: Q. What activities had you in the three weeks before the Rising?

A. In October, about 1914, I became aware there was a Republican Organisation, and I joined the I.R.B. I was in the Gaelic League previously. I did not altogether agree with the I.R.B. Then the Provisional Committee was set up in that period, and I supported it. Then I went away for a time, and in October, 1915, Lieutenant O'Kelly was organising in the county, and I got into the Organisation of a Company in Carragh. There were twelve or sixteen men in it. We drilled them, and I used go down to Maynooth and drill the Maynooth Company. About the Spy Wednesday previous to Easter Week, I got a dispatch to meet Lieutenant O'Kelly in Newbridge. I met Captain Byrne and himself. They told me the Rising would take place at any time, and to be in readiness so I, of course, was expecting it to take place, and I was waiting about. They told me actually what they were going to do. It was their intention to blow up bridge in Sallins, to mobilise the Kildare men there, and get on from there to Dublin.

Q. What did you do then?

A. On Easter Sunday morning, I went to have a look at the Railway, and the country around. When I came back I found that Captain Byrne had been there, and gone again. I was not long there when Lieutenant O'Kelly came along and told me about the countermanding order of McNeill. He took me along with him to look for Captain Byrne. We followed him around the ~~xxxxx~~ county, and got him after a while. We did not know what to do then, whether to believe the countermanding order or not. We were in Naas when a dispatch came. It was the second order, that the Rising was to be on the next day, so I went with Lieutenant O'Kelly back to our own Areas and saw the men. Then we went to Rathangan, and back to Newbridge ~~xxxx~~ where we stayed that night, and got from there on.

Q. How many days were you fully occupied for the three weeks before the Rebellion - was it three or four days?

A. When I came back I ~~xxx~~ gave my whole thought to the thing.

Q. Were you a week fully employed?

A. I would not say I was a week fully employed.

Q. Would you say four days?

A. I would.

3rd Period: Q. When you came back from Frongoch you were devoting your time and energy to the organization of Volunteers in Prosperous, Timahoe, Clongorey, and Caragh Districts?

A. Yes. When I came back, I was pretty well run down. I had lost a good deal of blood during the time, and I had to go into hospital again some time in December with my foot. I was wounded in the foot.

Q. How long were you in hospital after your release?

A. I went into Kildare Hospital. I was lying up for a while before I went in. My foot was opened again; it did not heal; it had started to run, and they scraped the bone. I did not stay in hospital any longer than I could. Perhaps a fortnight. I went through the operation and left it again and went home.

Q. You were a couple of weeks in hospital?

A. Yes.

Q. Were you laid up after you left hospital?

A. I was just able to limp about a bit, but could not walk much.

Q. You would be a few months before you were fit again?

A. I would.

Q. Then you were doing the usual organisation, procuring rifles and ammunition, etc. Had you any rank then in 1917?

A. At that time we affiliated the Companies of Volunteers - it was the Irish Volunteers we called ourselves at that time. Not a very long time elapsed till I got in touch with Staines who was the Quartermaster at the time, I think. I got in contact with him to find out what was doing. Previous to 1916, we never had Battalion Organization e it was just a few Companies. But I got in touch with him in Headquarters. We carried on our company for some time. We affiliated the companies then. The first man who came

down/

down to set up the Battalion for us was Lieutenant O'Kelly, who was with us previous to 1916.

Q. What time was that approximately?

A. It would be about the middle of 1917, as well as I remember, and I was elected - we carried out an election of the different companies. Colgan was elected Commandant, and I was elected Vice-Commandant at that time.

4th Period: Q. You procured arms, instructed Volunteers, etc. - you had the usual routine work?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you spend much of your time on that reorganisation work? You were able to carry on your job at the same time?

A. I did not carry on at my job - it was a pretty difficult Area to go on with - I had a certain man at my job - more or less left our job to the men, and did the other thing myself. I did a little of course.

Q. You were farming?

A. Yes. There were many things on the farms neglected owing to Volunteer activities.

Q. Would you be half time on Volunteer work in 1918-19?

A. The position is that more of my thought was given to the development of the Volunteer Movement than it was to the other thing. It had first claim on me - that is the way I felt. A man may be on his farm but his heart may not be in his work.

5th Period: Q. You maintained order in the Area evacuated by the R.I.C.: Did the R.I.C. evacuate the Barracks before the end of March, 1920?

A. They did, I am sure.

Q. Do you remember the general order to burn the barracks? Were they out of the Barracks in your Area long before that?

A. They were. They cleared out of every Barracks except Robertstown Barracks.

6th Period: Q. You demolished vacant R.I.C. Barracks in the Area, mobilised the Volunteers, and took them to Castledermot about June 17th; was that in 1921?

A. That was in 1920, I think.

Q. Your brother thought it might be in May, 1921?

A. No, some time in 1920.

Q. You assisted Captain McMahon in organisation of the Battalion, and took part in R.I.C. ambush at Kill, Co. Kildare, on 20th August, 1920, and you were interned from November 22nd, 1920; when were you full-time in the 6th Period? When did you go ~~home~~ "on the run?"

A. I never really went "on the run." Kildare was a difficult county in which to go "on the run." You would be more noticeable "on the run" than at home. The only chance one had was to appear as normal as you could.

Q. You were released in December, 1921, the General Release, I suppose?

A. Yes.

Q. When did you become Battalion Commandant?

A. I made an appeal to Headquarters that one Battalion was too unyieldy, and it was not working right in the county, and that we would do better if we had a second Battalion. Mr. McMahon came down to organise the Area, and the Southern part of North Kildare was formed into the second Battalion, in June or July, 1920, and I became Battalion Commandant then.

7th Period: Q. You were interned in this period?

A. Yes.

8th Period: Q. Were you full-time on military work from the time of your release to the start of the Civil War?

A. Yes. I just lived at home, and had a look at things, etc.

9th Period: Q. You escaped from Newbridge on October 14th, 1922, you mobilised all available men in the Brigade Area and took them to Hazelhatch to co-operate attack on Baldonnell Aerodrome; when were you arrested the second time?

A. I was arrested before the night of the Four Courts attack. I was on my way into Naas the morning of the attack, and I passed the barracks. I did not know anything till I was pulled off my bicycle. I was kept there till my escape on the 14th October.

Q. That is from Newbridge?

A. Yes.

Q. You were to co-operate in the Baldonnell thing?

A. Yes.

Q. The Dublin crowd let you down in that?

A. Yes.

Q. What were you doing after mid-November till your arrest again?

A. The Area had become impossible. I saw that. Most of those men were taken a few days afterwards and executed, and I was nominally a Brigade O.C. there at the time. I wrote out a report of what I thought the position was - that it was hopeless, and that I would resign my rank as Brigade O.C., and would carry on in the ordinary way. I wanted to bring it home that the position was hopeless. I remained "on the run" all during the period. I did not surrender. I was arrested then.

Q. You say you were arrested in September - was it with your brother?

A. No. I was arrested ~~then~~ during the elections.

Q. How long were you kept in?

A. About a month. There were some papers had to be signed in connection with elections. I asked for a parole, and they let me out. When I got out, I went around, and looked after the dependants of the prisoners who were in.

Q. You were Brigade Commandant at the start of the Civil War?

A. Yes. I was appointed Brigade Commandant about February or March, about the time we took over the Divisional H.Q.

Q. You were Battalion O.C. on first date, and Brigade O.C. on 2nd date?

A. Yes.

MR. RICHARD HARRIS GIVING EVIDENCE BEFORE ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE ON BEHALF OF THOMAS HARRIS (NO. 16113) ON  
2nd JULY, 1936.

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Q. He is getting all Easter Week and his imprisonment.  
He is getting about  $10\frac{1}{4}$  years, and Brigade Commandant's  
rank -

A. That is alright.  
in

Q. Nothing/the periods 1918 and 1919 or the early part of  
1920; 2/3 of 6 and all the rest down to 7/9 of 9 and all  
the 10th period -  $10\frac{1}{4}$  years.  
Activities read -

9th Period.

A. It was impossible to carry on.

Q. There is a note here to see General P. McMahon in  
connection with periods 3, 4 and 5. I think we had better  
see him - hold for McMahon. (Write to McMahon about his  
services).

LM.

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Ref. No. 16113 Applicant's name Harris, Thomas Address Baragh, Maas, de, Wildare.  
 UNIT: (1) Maynooth Coy. (2) Caragh Coy. (3) Prospers Coy. (4) Wildare Batt. (5) Wildare Batt.  
 (6) 7th Bde, St. Eastern Div.

(a) PERIOD	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active Service allowed	(d) Equivalent for Pension purposes	REMARKS	
(1) 23/4/16 - 30/4/16.	23 1/4 15 1/16	23 1/4 15 1/16	4 yrs.	Gen. P. MacMahon.	(7)
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17	Full Period	17 64/79	17 64/79	4 days in E.M. for P.M. 3.4.5. etc.	(8)
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18.	9 1/4 to 3/18	1 1/2	1 1/4 yrs.	3.4.5. 2 36.	(9)
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	Full Period	1 1/2	1 1/4 yrs.	Gen. Belgians etc.	(10)
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20.	Full Period	1 1/2	1 1/2 yrs.		(11)
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	Full Period	1 2/3	1 3/4 yrs.	36.	(12)
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	Full Period	2 1/2	1 yrs.		(13)
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	Full Period	2 1/2	1 yrs.		(14)
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	Full Period	2 1/2	1 5/9		(15)
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23.	Full Period	2 1/2	1 yrs.		(16)

(b) Second critical date

1123

Total of Column (a)

11 500 years

(a) First critical date

Rank claimed on -  
Rank allowed -

SIGNED: James Robinson John McCoy

8.4.23

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. 16113 ..... 31 JUL 1936.

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.
(1) Week commencing 23/4/16	ENTIRE PERIOD	4 years
(2) (a) 1/4/16 – 22/4/16 } (b) 30/4/16 – 31/3/17 }	<sup>64</sup> 179 of ENTIRE PERIOD	<sup>64</sup> 179 of 1 year
(3) 1/4/17 – 31/3/18	<sup>1</sup> 2 of ENTIRE PERIOD	<sup>1</sup> 4 of 1 year
(4) 1/4/18 – 31/3/19	<sup>1</sup> 2 of ENTIRE PERIOD	<sup>1</sup> 4 of 1 year
(5) 1/4/19 – 31/3/20	<sup>1</sup> 2 of ENTIRE PERIOD	<sup>1</sup> 2 of 1 year
(6) 1/4/20 – 31/3/21	<sup>2</sup> 3 of ENTIRE PERIOD	<sup>1</sup> 3 years
(7) 1/4/21 – 11/7/21	ENTIRE PERIOD	1 year
(8) 12/7/21 – 30/6/22	ENTIRE PERIOD	1 year
(9) 1/7/22 – 31/3/23	<sup>7</sup> 9 of ENTIRE PERIOD	<sup>1</sup> 9 years
(10) 1/4/23 – 30/9/23	ENTIRE PERIOD	1 year
TOTAL—		<sup>11</sup> 500 years.

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

“ “ “ “ 2nd “ “ ..... C

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 24 AUG 1936.

The Referee will give full consideration to any evidence or representations so submitted, and after such consideration will make his report to the Minister. 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,

E. M. Burke

Rúndaí.

# Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 34SP/16780

Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee - 16113

To:

To:

THE REFEREE.

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

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

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

Harris, Thomas  
Baragh, Naas, Co. Kildare  
for a Service Certificate.

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

(SIGNED) J. K. O'CONNOR

8 SEP 1936

J. Morgan

Referee.

Date.....

Date.....

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

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

② <i>6 1/2</i> of ENTIRE PERIOD	③ <i>1/2</i> of ENTIRE PERIOD	④ <i>1/2</i> of ENTIRE PERIOD
⑤ <i>1/2</i> of ENTIRE PERIOD	⑥ <i>3 1/2</i> of ENTIRE PERIOD	⑦ ENTIRE PERIOD
⑧ ENTIRE PERIOD	⑨ <i>1/2</i> of ENTIRE PERIOD	⑩ ENTIRE PERIOD

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

*11 123*  
*500 years*

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

(a) On first critical date. *Grade C. Para. 1(3)(e)*(b) On second critical date. *Grade C. Para. 1(3)(a)*(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

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

*6. Allen*

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 ?.....

*Teacra Data* ✓

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.....

*Maynooth Coy.*

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

~~64~~

*179*

ENTIRE PERIOD

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

~~64~~

*179*

*of 1 year* ✓

## (3) State—

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

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

*Baragh bay*  
*and Internment*

## 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

*1/2* of ENTIRE PERIOD

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

*1/4* 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

*Prosperous bay*

## 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

*1/2* of ENTIRE PERIOD

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

*1/4* 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

*North Kildare Battn*

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

$\frac{1}{2}$  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.....

North Kildare Battalion

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

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

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

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

1  $\frac{1}{3}$  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.....

Battalion ofc  
North Kildare Battalion,  
and Internment

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

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

ENTIRE PERIOD

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

1 year

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces..... Oglaigh na h-Eireann,(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant. Battn. r/c ✓North Kildare Battn.  
Intermed.

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

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

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

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

..... 1 year ✓

(3) State—

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

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

Interment, a.d.,  
7th Bde, 1st Eastern Division

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

.....  $\frac{4}{9}$  of ENTIRE PERIOD  
.....

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

.....  $1\frac{5}{9}$  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. Bde. r/c ✓7th Bde, 1st Eastern Division

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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..... and Interservice.  
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