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Tá annro, leir

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An Uimhir as Roinn
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✓ Sheerin Thomas

50 Seville Place
Dublin

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Mr Barry

5/12/35

Mr Sweeney

5/12/35

B. J.

29/12/35
for R.O.

Mr. G. G. G.

12/12/35

Mr. G. G. G.

18/12/35

J. J. G.

15/1/36

P.A.

25/4/36

Mr. G. G. G.

2/10/36

Mr. G. G. G.

1/12/36

Ref. No.

2064

Applicant's Name

UNIT Q "F" Coy, 1st Bn, Puller Bde. Sherrin, Thomas

Address

50 Louisville Place, Puller.

Reference R. 3

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)		
PERIOD	Service claimed	Active Service allowed	Equivalent for pension purposes.		R E M A R K S
(1) 23/4/16 - 30/4/16	Full Period	4 yrs.	4 yrs.	-	(7)
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17	Full Period	$\frac{119}{179}$	$\frac{119}{179}$ yrs.	-	(8)
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	Full Period	/	/	-	(9)
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	Full Period	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{24}$ yrs.	-	(10)
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	Full Period	/	/	-	(11)
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	Full Period	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{3}$ yrs.	-	(12)
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	Full Period	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$ yrs.	-	(13)
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	Nil	/	/	-	(14)
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	Nil	/	/	-	(15)
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	Nil	/	/	-	(16)

(a) First critical date

(b) Second critical date

Rank claimed on

Rank allowed

Total of column (a)

353
5 500 years

SIGNED :-

Thomas RobinsonJohn ProctorJohn ProctorJohn Proctor

2064

23rd April 1936

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to your letter of the 29th February last and to return herewith, as requested, the three letters of reference which you submitted in support of your application under the Military Service Pensions Act 1934.

Mise, le meae,

E. J. J.

RUNA 1

Mr. Thomas Sheerin,
50 Seville Place,
DUBLIN.

*True copies of letters returned
on file.*

H. Cross

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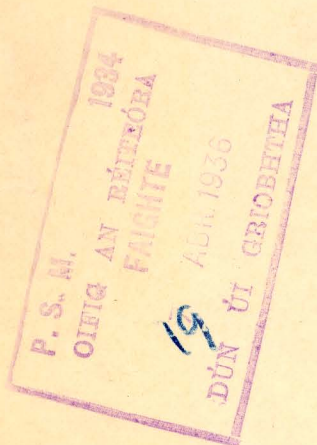
r. Thomas Sheerin

Tagairt 34 S.P. 2149.
M.S.P. 34/Reference 2064.

Rúnai
oifig an Ríeóir.

The following extract from a letter dated the 29th Jt.
is transmitted for your attention.

"I wish for return of letters of reference
which I gave to the Board on making my application."



[Signature]
6/4/36

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Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 34SP/2149

To:

THE REFEREE.

Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee-2064

To:

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

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

Sheerin Thomas,
50 Seville Place, Dublin.
for a Service Certificate.

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

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

Recorded
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(SIGNED) J. K. O'CONNOR

Referee.

Date. 26 FEB 1935

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:

(1) <u>Entire Period</u>	(2) <u>119 of Entire Period</u>	(3) <u>Nil</u>	(4) <u>12 of Entire Period</u>
(5) <u>Nil</u>	(6) <u>1/6 of Entire Period</u>	(7) <u>2/3 of Entire Period</u>	(8) <u>Nil</u>
(9) <u>Nil</u>	(10) <u>Nil</u>		
3. Total service for pension purposes as defined by Second Schedule of the Act.....
5 ³⁵³/₅₀₀ years
4. Grade or rank, quoting relevant paragraph of First Schedule under which allowed:—

(a) On first critical date. <u>Grade E</u>	<u>Para. 1(b)</u>
(b) On second critical date. <u>Grade D</u>	<u>Para. 1(4)(b)</u>
(c) Was applicant a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921..... <u>No</u>	
(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..... <u>No</u>	
or under sub-paragraph (m) of paragraph 4 of Rule I. of First Schedule, as a Medical Officer..... <u>No</u>	

L
O'Connor

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.....

"F" Coy, Battr. I, Dublin Bde.

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

$\frac{119}{179}$ of Entire Period

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

$\frac{119}{179}$ 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.....

"F" Coy, Battr. I, Dublin Bde.
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

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.....

"F" Coy, Battr. I, Dublin Bde.

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

$\frac{1}{12}$ of Entire Period

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

$\frac{1}{24}$ 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.....

"F" Coy, Battr. I, Dublin Bde.

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-Irlanda*

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

"F" Coy, Battr. I, 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

$\frac{1}{6}$ of Entire Period

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

$\frac{1}{3}$ of 1 year

- (3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces. *Oglaigh na h-Irlanda*

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

"F" Coy, Battr. I, 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

$\frac{2}{3}$ of Entire Period

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

$\frac{2}{3}$ of 1 year

(3) State—

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

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

Oglagh na h-Ireann
Company Captain
"F" Coy, Battr. 1, Dublin Bde, and,

Imprisonment.

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

nil

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

(3) State—

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

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

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

nil

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

3) State—

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

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

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

Nil
.....
.....

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

(3) State—

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

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

12/12/35

60 Cabra Drive

11-12-35

The Secretary
Military Office of Referee.

A Capp.

In reply to your 2064. re the case of Thomas Sheerin
50 Seville Place.

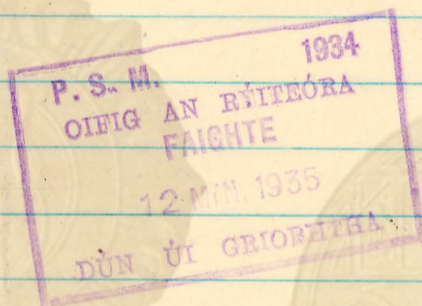
A) Sheerin held the rank of Captain on the day of his
arrest in May 1921

B The strength of F company at that time would be
about 125 men.

RH Holahan.

Off 1st Batt.

Dublin Brigade.



Noted on Records

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Organisation Records supplied by See note beneath.

show that applicant was

(a) See note. 11.7.21

Strength 112.

(b) Applicant was not serving on this date 1.7.22.

Strength —

Signed: _____

N. B.

On the list of Coy Officers submitted by P. H. Holahan, O/C 1st Battr. P. J. Ryan is shown as Capt. & Coy on 11/4/21, and on the Roll submitted by P. J. Ryan, Applicant is shown as Coy Capt, interned, on 11/7/21. From the evidence of P. H. Holahan, it would appear that Applicant was Coy Capt. prior to his arrest on 30/5/21.

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5/12/35.

2064

10th December 1935

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to the application of Thomas Sheerin, 50 Seville Place, Dublin, and to request you to be good enough to submit a statement setting out

- (a) particulars of rank held by this applicant on the date of his arrest in May 1921;
- (b) the strength of the unit concerned as on the same date.

I am to add that further consideration of this application has been deferred pending the receipt of the required information.

Mise, le meas,

E. J. L.
RUNAÍ

Mr. P. Holohan,
60, Cabme Drive ~~Old Cabra Road,~~
DUBLIN.

SWORN STATEMENT made before THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE on the
21.11.1935, on behalf of THOMAS SHEERIN (2064) by Mr.

Patrick Houlihan.

Q. What do you know about T. Sheerin?

A. He was one of the cream of that company.

Q. In Easter Week, he was in North King Street, and was released on 23rd December?

A. Yes, two days before the final release. At the final release, they arrived in on Christmas Morning.

Q. He rejoined his company then, and in the 4th Period, he says he was on the Collinstown Aerodrome raid?

A. That is right. He took a very active part in that. He was in the thick of it. We got 75 rifles, and umpteen rounds of ammunition, and got them all away safely.

Q. In the 6th Period, he had an attempted ambush on a troop train at Killester?

A. That is right. They sent on a dummy train in front, and that was the train they fired on. The other train was stopped back for half-an-hour. But it was a military engagement.

Q. He says he had a raid on Marks for gun-powder?

A. Yes.

Q. Was it a risky operation?

A. Yes, pretty risky.

Q. In the 7th Period, he says he was at the wrecking of a Telephone Exchange?

A. Yes, he was on each of these.

Q. He says he was a Company Captain from March, 1921?

A. Yes, he took my place, in 1921. He was on the Custom House job.

Q. He was arrested 30th May, and was in up to January, 1922?

A. Yes. He was sentenced to five years imprisonment. He was captured after the Custom House at a raid on his house. The 25th May was the Custom House.

Q. He was neutral in the Civil War:

A. Yes.

Q. He was a good lad?

A. Yes.

Q. He says he was Company Captain at the date of the Truce?

A. He was.

Q. Was he captain of the company when captured in May?

A. Yes.

Q. Would he be captain on 1st April, 1921?

A. He was Captain when I was made Commandant, in April, 1921. He would have over 60 men in his company at the time of his arrest, in May.

SWORN STATEMENT MADE BEFORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY THOMAS SHEERIN ON THE
1ST NOVEMBER, 1935 - NO. 2064.

- 1st Period
- Q. You fought in the Four Courts area?
A. In North King Street - at the junction of North King St. and Church Street.
- Q. Were you mobilised on Sunday?
A. I was.
- Q. The mobilisation was called off?
A. It was. We were told to remain in town.
- Q. When were you released?
A. At Christmas from Frongoch - on the 23rd December.
- Q. Had you been an officer before Easter Week?
A. No. I was a Volunteer in Easter Week.
- Q. Did you join the Company again?
A. I did on my return.
- 4th Period
- Q. Took part in a raid for arms at Collinstown Aerodrome. What part did you take in that?
A. I was one of the men that held up the soldiers in the hut and I was engaged in sawing the bar that held the rifles on the rack; others were engaged in tying up the soldiers.
- 5th Period
- Q. Mobilised for destruction of Income Tax Offices at Custom House?
A. That job was called off as there were a lot of military in charge and the thing was thought to be too big.
- 6th Period
- Q. Lying in wait to ambush troop train at Killester?
A. That was a 2nd Battn. Engineers job and I was mobilised for that by Paddy Drury because I was a man that could be got easily in the middle of the day. I lived in the 2nd Battn. area in Seville Place. It did not come off.
- Q. At hold up of munition train at Newcomen Bridge?
A. That was also a fiasco.
- Q. Raid of Marks, Capel St.
A. We got two little barrels of powder.
- Q. Raids on private houses?
A. Yes.
- Q. Were you working at this time?
A. I was working for myself. I ran a dairy business.
- 7th Period.
- Q. In charge of party at wrecking of Drumcondra Telephone Exchange?
A. Yes.
- Q. Belfast boycott raid on Albion Ltd.?
A. That was a Clothiers; we were taking the account books from the firm.
- Q. In charge of party at destruction of Dublin Custom House?
A. We were stationed at the corner of Gardiner St. and Beresford Place; we had a section of 12 and we were very little more than a diversion for the military when they came along there.

Q. Did you do any shooting?
A. Yes. We opened fire on the lorries. We were too far and too few to do any real damage.

Q. You were on out-post?
A. No. They arrived in such force that little could be done, because almost simultaneously with the lorries an armoured car came from Talbot St. direction.

Q. You were arrested shortly after?
A. On the following Wednesday.

Q. And sentenced to 5 years. You were released on the 12th January, 1922?
A. Yes.

Q. You took no part in the civil war?
A. No.

Q. You were a Company Captain?
A. I was appointed Coy. Capt. in March when Paddy Houlihan went in charge of the Battn. He was Captain of my Coy. He was made O.C. of the Battn. and I became O.C. of the Company in March 1921.

Q. You were O.C. of the Company when arrested?
A. I was.

Q. Who replaced you?
A. P.J. Ryan.

Q. What was the strength of the Company when you were arrested?
A. We had about 80 odd on the role, but a lot of them were in jail. A big section were caught in Lourdes House in the previous November and were in Ballykinlar.

Q. Have you any references?
A. I have a letter from Fionan Lynch for Easter Week, and one from Maurice Collins, he was also with me in Easter Week. I have a letter from Paddy Holohan.

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SWORN STATEMENT OF JOHN WILLIAMS ON BEHALF OF THOMAS SHEERIN
(FILE NO. 2064) MADE BEFORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE
1st NOVEMBER, 1935.

4th period

Q. You know this man?

A. Yes. He was with me in King Street. He was a Section Commander - then he was made O.C. of the Company in 1921.

Q. Did he take part in the raid on Collinstown Aerodrome?

A. He was there. I was picked for it and I knew exactly who was going on it. I would have gone but my eldest brother died that night.

Q. Before Easter Week he was active - he mobilised for the Custom House affair?

A. Yes - I had to bring in the stuff and bring it down to him on the Tuesday. That was the Tuesday before the Custom House affair. He was arrested shortly after that. He should have been at Battalion Council that Monday night. There was an order for the stuff that was not used to be gathered. The Quartermaster gave me the information. When I came down the Tans were there.

Q. You don't know any of the others who were up to-day?

A. No.

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True. COPY.

C. J. J.

65 Parnell Street,
DUBLIN, C.9.

29.10.35

The Sec.
Military Service Pensions Board Bd.

I hereby certiy that Thomas Sheerin fought with
me at North King St. during Easter Week 1916. We
both were engaged defended Reilly's Public House until
Saturday morning when we received orders to evacuate
We then were ordered to the Four Courts until surrender.

Sgd. Maurice Collins.

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True COPY.

Quas
H.

174 Oxmantown Road,
DUBLIN.

30, October 1935

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The bearer, Thomas Sheerin, was a member of F. Coy. of the 1st Battalion, Dublin Brigade, and he took part in all the activities of same, including 1916 Rising; attack on Custom House; raid on Collinstown, and on my appointment as O/C. of the Battalion he was appointed Captain - a position he held up to his arrest in May 1921 when he was sentenced to five years' imprisonment. If necessary I am prepared to appear before the Court to establish his claim for service.

Sgd. P. H. Holohan

O/C. 1st Battalion,
Dublin Bde.

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*Quar.
H.*

DAIL FIREANN,
TIGH LAIGHEAN,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH.

31st October 1935

The Bearer, Tom Sheerin, served in my Company, F/Coy. 1st Battalion, Dublin Brigade, during the Rising of 1916. He was in some of the hottest fighting in the Rising - North King St. - and continued with us up to our surrender on the Saturday evening of Easter Week.

Sheerin was a Volunteer of outstanding merit, diligent in attending his parades and always willing to undertake a "job". As a consequence he subsequently captained F. Coy. but during the rising he served as a Volunteer.

He was of course taken at the surrender and interned in Frongoch.

Sgd. Fionan Lynch, T.D.

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DEPT. OF DEFENCE
RECEIVED M.S.P./34/1.
16 FEB 1935

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). SHEERIN THOMAS.
SURNAME. CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS. 50 SEVILLE PLACE
(to be written in block capitals). 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 ?.....
- (b) Unit or Units.....
- (c) Duration (giving dates) of service.....
- (d) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....
- (e) Officer Commanding in each instance.....
- (f) In what way do you claim that your service was active service.....
- (g) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the week.....
- (h) Absence from duty and cause.....
- (i) References who can testify as to your statements above :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(2). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD COMPRISING—

- (a) period from 1st April, 1916, to 22nd April, 1916, and
- (b) period from 30th April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917.

- (a) Unit or Units.....
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service.....
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ?.....
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....
- (g) Absence from duty and cause.....

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

PART II.

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

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

or

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

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

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

(b) Unit or Units... *F. Coy. 1st. Batt. Dublin Brigade*

(c) Duration (giving dates) of service... *During whole week from 23rd until surrender 29th.*

(d) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *North King St & Church St (Four Courts Area).*

(e) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Fionain Lynch T.D.*

(f) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?... *Being under arms throughout the week.*

(g) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the week... *Was engaged erecting barricades fortifying houses, & subsequently defending same against the British Forces.*

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

* 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.
<i>Monain Lynch B.L. T.D.</i>	<i>Leinster House Dublin</i>
<i>John Sholeadie</i>	<i>19 Inverness Rd Fairview "</i>
<i>Maurice Collins</i>	<i>65 Parnell St Dublin</i>

(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... *F. Coy. 1st Batt. Dublin Brigade*

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

Whole of both Periods

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *Dublin North City*
Wandsworth Prison + Frongoch Internment Camp.

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... (a) *Monain Lynch*, (b) *M.W. O'Reilly*
+ Michael Staines (Senator)

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

(a) Attendance at parades. (b) Internment.

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

(g) Absence from duty and cause... *Interned from surrender of Easter*
Week at Wandsworth Prison until June 27th and in Frongoch
until Dec 23rd 1916.

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Monain Lynch B.L. T.D.</i>	<i>Leinster House Dublin</i>
<i>Sean Byrne</i>	<i>131 Larkfield Grove Kimmage "</i>
<i>Maurice Gibbons</i>	<i>8 Blessington Place Dublin</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units... *F. Coy. 1st Batt. Dublin Brigade*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *Whole Period*

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

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

Liam Archer (Colonel) + ^{now in}
Frank M^c Cabe (U.S.A.)

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

Being a section commander, regular attendee at all parades

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

Was one of uniformed firing party at funeral of J. Norton of Swords, who died following imprisonment. — Took part at funeral of Comdt. T. Ashe carrying arms.

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

Not absent.

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Colonel Liam Archer	Army H.Q. Parkgate Dublin
John S O'Connor (Solicitor)	7 Up. Ormond Quay "
Sean Byrne	131 Larkfield Grove Kimmage Dublin

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

(a) Unit or Units..... F. Coy 1st Batt. Dublin Brigade

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

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

North City + County.

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... Frank M^c Cabe (Now in U.S.A.)

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

section commander, mobilizing + regular attendance.

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

Was one of party who took part in raid for arms at Collins/Town Aerodrome Mar 1919.

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Patrick Holahan	174 Oxmantown Rd N.C. Rd. Dublin
John S. O'Connor	7 Up. Ormond Quay Dublin

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

(a) Unit or Units... F Coy. 1st Batt. Dublin Brigade

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

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

North City

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... John S. O'Connor & P.K. Holahan

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

Being a section commander, regular attendance.

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... Mobilized for destruction of Income Tax

office at Custom House - job called off.

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
John S. O'Connor (Solitary)	7 Up. Ormond Quay Dublin
Patrick Holahan	174 Oxmantown Rd N.C. Rd "

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

(a) Unit or Units... F Coy. 1st Batt. Dublin Brigade

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

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... North City & County

Dublin

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... Patrick Holahan & Thomas

Sheerin (present Applicant)

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *In constant touch with Coy. Company Council frequently held at my House Beame O/c Coy. in March (50 Seville Place)*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *One of party lying in wait to ambush Troop Train at Kildist, failed owing to land mine not exploding. - At hold up of Munition Train at Newcomen Bridge - Raid on Marks Chapel St for gun powder. - Raid on Porro's House*

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Patrick Drury	21 Marino PK. Av Dublin
Patrick Lawson	35 Luis Rd Kilmainham "
Patrick Holahan	174 Oremantown Rd N.C. Rd "

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

(a) Unit or Units... *F. Coy. 1st Batt. Dublin Brigade*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *Whole Period*

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Thomas Sheerin (present Applicant) + P.J. Ryan*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?... *Being O/c of Coy.*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *In charge of party at wrecking of Drumcondra Telephone Exchange (April). - Belfast Boycott Raid on Albion Rd Abbey St for 9/c Books. - In charge of party at destruction of Dublin Custom House (May).*

(g) Absence from duty and cause... *Arrested May 30th, Court martialled & sentenced to 5 years P.S. released Jan 12th 1922.*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Patrick Holahan (Comdt.)	174 Oremantown Rd N.C. Rd
John Nolan	12 Seville Terrace N. Strand Dublin
David Byrne	Glenhall, Finglas Co. Dublin

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.

Volunteer (Rank E.)

(b) On second critical date.

Was a Company Captain, the company at this date being not less than sixty in strength (Rank D.)

References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Patrick Holahan

*174 Oscmantown Rd N.C.Rd
Dublin*

P.J. Ryan

*14 O'Connell Av. Berkleigh Rd
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.

Did not apply.

(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.

X

- (g) As an Officer of any Local Authority.
 (h) In any other employment.

If so, give details.....

NOTE.—You will subsequently have to furnish any further particulars and to submit any evidence which the Minister for Defence, or the Referee appointed under the Military Service Pensions Act, or any person or persons duly authorised by them may require in connection with this application for a Service certificate. In this connection attention is directed to the fact that Section 8 (4) of the Act prescribes that the onus of proof shall rest on the applicant.

Careful consideration will be given to any documentary evidence which you may wish to submit herewith. You may also at your discretion write hereunder a statement of any additional information which you consider may be of assistance in determining your application.

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

Thomas Sheerin

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

Patrick H. Holahan

Address of Witness.....

174 Gormanstown Road

Dublin

Qualification

Peace Commissioner City & Co. Dublin

Date.....

15 February 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.

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