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Fó-Roinn.

NÁ CUIRTEAR ÉANTUAIRISC AR AN GCLÚDACH SO.

Tá annso, leis,

An Uimhir.

An Gnó.

I/RB/1962

**An Uimhir ag Roinn
Eile.**

Rowan William J
Grangeoman Mental Hospital
Dublin

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ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1932.

**SERVICE CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE MILITARY SERVICE REGISTRATION BOARD
IN RESPECT OF A LIVING PERSON ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF
AN ORGANISATION TO WHICH PART II OF THE SAID ACT APPLIES.**

Registered No. of Applicant... I./R.B./1962.Name of Applicant... Rownan, William F.Address of Applicant... Grangegorman Mental Hospital,
Dublin.

WHEREAS an application for the grant of a pension or gratuity to the said applicant has been referred to us by the Minister for Defence under Section 8 of the Army Pensions Act, 1932;

NOW, We, the Military Service Registration Board, in pursuance of the said Section 8, hereby certify as follows:—

1. ~~The applicant was not at any time a member of any organisation to which Part II of the said Act applies.~~

The applicant was a member of Oglaigh na h-Eireann (I.R.A.)

(State organisation or organisations of which applicant was a member.)

2. ~~The applicant was not engaged in military service within the meaning of Part II of the said Act.~~

The applicant was engaged in military service within the meaning of Part II of the said Act, and the following are particulars of such military service:—

Organisation or organisations of which applicant was a member	Particulars of military service		
	(*) Period of service		Nature and extent of military service
	From	To	
Oglaigh na h-Eireann (Irish Republican Army)	1916	1923	Served as Volunteer, Dublin Brigade.
Irish Volunteers ...	-	-	-
Irish Citizen Army ...	-	-	-
Fianna Eireann ...	-	-	-
Hibernian Rifles ...	-	-	-
Cumann na mBan ...	-	-	-

(*) If the service was not continuous throughout, particulars of the period or periods of actual military service should be stated.

3. The applicant did not receive a wound or injury while engaged in military service.

~~The applicant received a wound or injury while engaged in military service and the following are particulars of such wound or injury:—~~

(a) Nature of wound or injury -

(b) Date on which wound or injury was received -

- (c) Circumstances in which wound or injury was
received
(d) Particulars of any negligence or misconduct
on the part of the applicant which in the
opinion of the Board should be taken into con-
sideration in determining whether the wound
or injury was attributable to military service

4. ~~The applicant did not contract any disease during his military service.~~

The applicant contracted a disease during his military service and the following are the particulars of such disease:—

- (a) Nature of disease **Neurasthenia.**
(b) Actual conditions under which applicant **Applicant was on Active Service,**
performed his military service **and was imprisoned.**

- (c) Particulars of any illness from which the **Nervous Debility.**
applicant suffered during his military
service

- (d) Detailed report on the applicant's state-
ments in reply to questions 3 D (i) and (ii)
in the application of the applicant
(e) Full particulars of any negligence or mis-
conduct on the part of the applicant which in
the opinion of the Board should be taken into
consideration in determining whether the
disease was attributable to military service.

His Commanding Officers testify that applicant was one of the garrison who defended Clanwilliam House, Mount Street Bridge during Easter Week, 1916; from that time he appeared to be nervous, and could not be utilised for active service, but was detailed for Intelligence work. He was medically attended while interned in 1923, and was then a complete nervous wreck.

Nil.

5. *

* This paragraph will be used for certifying such other particulars in respect of the applicant as the Minister may request the Military Service Registration Board to ascertain and certify.

Signed..... *C. A. Mackay* Chairman }
..... *Michael Hilliard* Member } of
..... *Jasaidy* Member } Military
Service
Registration
Board.

Dated this..... *9th* day of..... **March,** 1934.

R O I N N C O S A N T A.
(Department of Defence.)

A.P.50 - 4.

Copy.

Military Service Registration Board,
Collins Barracks,
D u b l i n.

Ref.No. I/1962.

19. 10. '33.

ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1932.

A Chara,

An application having been made under the above Act by
William Rownan, of 29, Patrick St., Dublin,
for a Penson or Gratuity in respect of Military Service, and it having
been stated therein that in the period 1923,
said applicant was under treatment in your Hospital, it is requested
that you will be good enough to give the particulars asked for
hereunder to enable the Board to deal with the application.

Mise, le meas,

T.J.MARKHAM.

To: Dr. Cooney,

RUNAI.

46, Lr.Leeson St. Hospital,
Dublin.

.....
Queries.

- (1) Was applicant under treatment in the period stated above or in any
other period? Yes.
If so,
(2) From what disease or disability was applicant suffering?
Nervous Debility. This man was a complete wreck.
(3) On what date and in what condition was applicant finally discharged?
Was transferred to another internment Camp and since lost
sight.

I declare above statements to be true to the best of my knowledgo,
information and belief.

Signature: A.F. COONEY.

Superioress)
Matron)
Superintendent)

Date) 30. 10. '33.

NOTE: No part of this form is to be detached; it is to be returned
complete to the Military Service Registration Board. An
addressed envelope, which need not be stamped, is enclosed
for your reply.

1/1962

29 Patrick St

Dublin

26. JAN. 1934

Sir

I hope this letter will receive your immediate attention as you will see its a very sad case.

I am writing on behalf of my brother William Rownan who is at present in Grange Gorman Mental Home, also his wife & 3 children

My brother has done great service for his country from about 1914 up to 1923, also been deported to

her landlady to get
out, so this is a sad
case for this man's
wife & children to be
put out on the street
without a roof over their
head.

His case was put
forward some time ago
to you from the Noel
Lemass Bureau, and
his case was receiving
immediate consideration,
but something will ~~be~~
have to be done immediately
to save his wife &
children from being
~~too~~ left on the streets

²/₁ to England in 1916 after
being fighting in Blauvelt
House, Mount St Bridge also
was interned for his
activities in the Civil
War, also during the Black
and Tans

Since been sent
to Grange Gorman Mental
Home, his wife had to
go to look for work,
and what she is earning
is not much, and only
able to exist,

She is now billed
to pay £12 back rent
which she is not able
to meet, she has
already received a
Solicitor's letter from

✓ I hope this letter
will receive your attention
immediately as this man's
wife & 3 children will
be evicted. I hope you
will give this letter
your kindest consideration,

Thomas Rowan

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Yrs I/R/B/1962.

16 Arnot St
L. C. Road.
Dublin
1/12/33.

A Chada,

To acknowledge your letter of the 30th ult, re application for pension on behalf of William Rowan. 29 Patrick St. Dublin

I am not in a position to state that he was beaten by British soldiers in Kilmuckinham in 1916, but, as he was captured in the vicinity of Clan-williams House, from which the British Troops were severely punished during the attack on Mount St Bridge & Rowan having escaped from the burning building, it is safe to assume that he was not treated very gently.

From that time the man appealed to me to be a nervous wreck so much so that during the Black & Tan period, he was detailed to an auxiliary unit, his nervous condition making it undesirable that he should be compelled to continually operate with his unit, thus well meaning action on the part of his officer, seemed to have a bad effect on the fellow & he was then detailed for intelligence work & such like.

I regret, however, to inform you that I have just been told that the poor fellow has been lodged in Grange German Asylum, if this be true, then his application I believe is one worthy of very sympathetic consideration.

I believe he is married & there are two or three young members of the family. From my knowledge of this case I am satisfied it is a deserving & urgent one.

J. Donnelly.

O/C C. Co. 3rd Batt. Dublin
Easter 1916.
(Rowan's Unit.)

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I./R.B./1962.

30th November, 1933.

A Chara,

With reference to the Query Form which was addressed you on the 11th ultimo relative to the application, under above Act, received from William Rownan, 29, Patrick Street, Dublin, I am directed by the Military Service Registration Board to state that as applicant states he received an injury to arm, right thumb and left eye, the result of a beating received from British Troops at Kilmainham in 1916, your observations, etc., as to above statements will be very much appreciated with a view to facilitating and expediting the investigation of the application.

Mise, le meas,

J. Markham

Runai.

S.J. Donnelly, Esq.,
105, South Circular Road,
Dublin.

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29 Patrick St

Dublin

24/10/33

1/1962



L Capt

I am sending on
the copies of medical
certificates. I have made
inquiries about but there
is no records and
Dr Garland is dead
about dates

Yrs respectfully

Wm Rowan.

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I./R.B./1962.

9 October, 1933.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Military Service Registration Board to refer to the enclosed copies of Medical Certificates submitted by you in support of your application under the above Act, and to request that you will be good enough to submit the originals, and it will help considerably the investigation of your application if you will have the dates of medical attention inserted thereon. I am to add that if you will be good enough to call at Black Hall Street Dispensary, the record of Dr. Garland's attendance on you in 1918 may be available. If so, kindly submit an extract together with the documents mentioned above.

Mise, le meas,

Runai.

William Rownan, Esq.,
29, Patrick Street,
Dublin.

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Copy.

Dublin Union Dispensary.

24. 6. '33.

I saw W. Rownan, 29, Patrick Street, in February
of this year, 1933. He was treated for Neurasthenia.

(Signed) - JAMES DEVANEY.

Copy of Certificate.

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Copy.

14, Thomas St.,
Dublin.

3. 6. '33.

Certify William Rownan, 29, Patrick St.,
is suffering with neurasthenia. His condition
in my opinion is due to injuries sustained during
his service with the Irish Republican Army.

(Signed) JAMES LYNCH. M.B.

Copy of Certificate.

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Copy.

25, High St.,

Dublin, W.1.

26. 6. '33.

To certify that William Rownan, 29 Patrick St.,
has attended me on various occasions. He is
suffering from neurasthenia, due, in my opinion,
to ill-treatment received during his incarceration
in prison. In my opinion his disability amounts
to about 60/-%

(Sogmed) - J. HANNIGAN.

Physician & Surgeon.

Copy of Certificate.

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(Department of Defence.)

MILITARY SERVICE REGISTRATION BOARD,

COLLINS BARRACKS,

DUBLIN,

Ref. No. 1/196211. 10 33.ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1932.

A CHAIR.

An application has been made under the above Act by William
Ronan of 29 Latock St Dublin for
 a Pension or Gratuity in respect of disease stated to have been contracted by him/her
 as a result of Military Service with O'Leigh Na h-Oireann
 in the period 1916-1923

Your name having been given as Commanding Officer in the period covered
 by the application, the Board will be obliged if you will facilitate them in dealing
 with the claim by replying, without delay, to the queries set out overleaf.

I am to point out that, for the purposes herein, a person shall be deemed
 to have been engaged in Military Service when, but only when, he was on duty as
 a member of the organisation referred to, or was under arrest as a result of his
 activities as such member, or being such member was evading capture or pursuit by
 the armed forces of the British Government or of the Government of Saorstát Éireann
 or of the Provisional Government or of the Government of Northern Ireland, or being
 such member was detained in a prison or ship, or an internment camp by or by order
 of any of the said Governments.

Mise, le meas,

J. J. Markham
 RUNAL.

To

Simon Donnelly Esq.
196 Pearse St.
Dublin

QUERIES

- (1) Between what dates did applicant serve with your Command?
- (2) In what capacity did applicant serve?
- (3) In what area was applicant engaged in Military Service?
- (4) Did applicant contract any disease during his Military Service as defined? If so, please give the following particulars:—
- (a) Nature of the disease ...
- (b) Actual conditions under which applicant performed his Military Service. A detailed statement of the actual conditions (with dates) under which applicant served, should be given.
- (c) Particulars of any illness from which the applicant suffered during his Military Service. (A detailed statement, with dates should be given.)
- (d) Full particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the applicant which, in your opinion, should be taken into consideration in determining whether the disease was attributable to Military Service ...
- (5) Particulars of any other matter in support of the applicant's claim or otherwise, on which you desire to comment. ...
- (6) Have you personal knowledge of the facts of the case as set out by you above, or are your replies based on official reports, or on information otherwise received?

1914-'16. 1917 to about 1920. Was then transferred to Engineering unit.
Private

One of the garrison who defended against the British during Easter Week 1916. Was in Clonmillan Barracks during the British onslaught on post. 4 of his comrades was killed in this post.

I am of the opinion that his nerves were seriously affected by his experience in Easter Week.
Don't know.

Volunteer soldier of the I. R. A.
Was not to my knowledge on whole time duty at any time.
After 1916, he always appeared to be in a very nervous state.

Don't know I am.

I also know that he was very badly ill treated by C. I. D. things during the 1922 fight.

1916 episode is known to me personally as his then C. 1922 affair I relied on authentic sources.

I declare above statements to be true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Date 17/10/33

Signature

Organisation and Rank

Address

J. Donnelly

C. C. Co 3rd Bn 1916-18.

Post. apt. 1918 - Feb '21

Chief of Republican Police Feb '21 to Army apt.

105 S. C. Road. Portobello Dublin.

Mr Barry
Please bring this
to the Board
14.10.33

835

1 Swifts Row

Le Ormond Quay

14.10.33

Dear Doc.

Re claim for Disability
Pension of Mr. Rowan 29
Patrick st. This man happens
~~to be~~ to be one of the few
survivors of blanchellian House
Mount st. Bridge. (1916). He
has been prominently identified
with the I.R.A. from 1916 to 1923.
and as a consequence, he is in
my opinion a complete nervous
wreck, and a really generous case,
for the kind consideration of your
Board.
Truly Yours
Grove White

29 Patrick St
Dublin

S Capt A

In reply to attached

- (1) I was injured in right arm in 1916
- (2) I was treated for Phneumonia by Dr Garland Blackhaer St Dispensary ^{Chine}
- (3) I was ^{treated} by prisoner M ⁽¹⁹¹⁸⁾ now Dr Cooney Leeson St
- (4) as a result of ill treatment received in prison in 1923 at the hands of G.S. I am from loss of memory and nervous breakdown and nervous breakdown and cannot recollect clearly what doctors attended me in release

Wm Rowntree

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE,
MILITARY SERVICE REGISTRATION BOARD,
COLLINS BARRACKS,
DUBLIN.

Ref. No. *1/1962**Very Urgent**11. 10. 33*ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1932.

A CHARA,

With reference to your application for Pension, Allowance or Gratuity under the above Act, I am directed by the Military Service Registration Board to request that you will furnish the following further particulars which are required in connection with the consideration of the matter:—

1) Kindly say which Arm was injured in 1916. (2) on your release in 1916 were you medically treated up to 1923 if so kindly submit medical evidence (3) Were you medically treated ^{while a prisoner} after arrest in 1923. (4) Were you medically treated after release in 1923 if so kindly submit Medical evidence. on receipt of the above information your case will be urgently attended to

Mise, le meas,

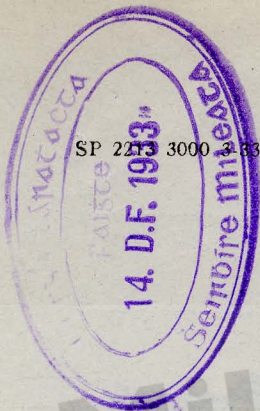
To *W. Rowan Esq.*

T. J. MARKHAM,

RUNAL

*29 Patrick St**Dublin*

An addressed envelope, which need not be stamped, is enclosed for your reply.



SP 2273 3000 233 RC 2/33178

A.P. 50—3 (1).
Disease.

ROINN COSANTA.
(Department of Defence.)

MILITARY SERVICE REGISTRATION BOARD,

COLLINS BARRACKS,

DUBLIN,

Ref. No. 1/1962.

11. 10. 33.

ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1932.

A CHARA,

An application has been made under the above Act by William Rowman of 29 Patrick St. Dublin for a Pension or Gratuity in respect of disease stated to have been contracted by him/her as a result of Military Service with O'Garra Na h-Eireann in the period 1916 - 1923.

Your name having been given as Commanding Officer in the period covered by the application, the Board will be obliged if you will facilitate them in dealing with the claim by replying, without delay, to the queries set out overleaf.

I am to point out that, for the purposes herein, a person shall be deemed to have been engaged in Military Service when, but only when, he was on duty as a member of the organisation referred to, or was under arrest as a result of his activities as such member, or being such member was evading capture or pursuit by the armed forces of the British Government or of the Government of Saorstát Éireann or of the Provisional Government or of the Government of Northern Ireland, or being such member was detained in a prison or ship, or an internment camp by or by order of any of the said Governments.

- 1) Applicant claims for Nervous & mental disability the result stated by him to be due to a beating in Kilmacshannon in 1916 & in 1923. Mise, le meas,
- 2) He states his Arm, Right thumb & left eye was injured in 1916.
- 3) He gives a Rutherford as ofc.

To J O'Connor Esq.
32 O'Donovan Rd.

D C O'Donovan

J. J. Markham
RURAL

QUERIES:

(1) Between what dates did applicant serve with your Command?

1916 / 23

(2) In what capacity did applicant serve?

Volunteer

(3) In what area was applicant engaged in Military Service?

3rd Battalion D/Brigade I

(4) Did applicant contract any disease during his Military Service as defined? If so, please give the following particulars:—

Yes

(a) Nature of the disease ...

Nervous breakdown

(b) Actual conditions under which applicant performed his Military Service. A detailed statement of the actual conditions (with dates) under which applicant served, should be given.

Out in 1916 and after

(c) Particulars of any illness from which the applicant suffered during his Military Service. (A detailed statement, with dates should be given.)

(d) Full particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the applicant which, in your opinion, should be taken into consideration in determining whether the disease was attributable to Military Service ...

(5) Particulars of any other matter in support of the applicant's claim or otherwise, on which you desire to comment. ...

I know the man since 1916 and cannot remember any misconduct

(6) Have you personal knowledge of the facts of the case as set out by you above, or are your replies based on official reports, or on information otherwise received?

Personal knowledge and reports

I declare above statements to be true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature

Joseph Thomas

Organisation and Rank

Commandant I.R.G.

Address

320 Danorum Road

Dublin

Date

13th Dec 83

Military Archives

To—THE MILITARY SERVICE
REGISTRATION BOARD.

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to transmit the accompanying application of

William J. Kewnan

29 Patrick St Dublin

for investigation and certificate in accordance with Section 8 of the Army Pensions Act, 1932, and the Regulations made thereunder.

Date, *✓ Oct* 193*3*.

[Signature]
A.S. RUNAL.

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Tagairt.....

Memo

1) Connor. Written

2) App asked which arm was injured. (2) if
med healed after 1946-1973 if also healed after
1923.

11/11/10.

Memo

1) For Cooney. Written

2) Copies of med Certs submitted, retd +
originals asked for

11/19/10.

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