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M.S.P./34/Referee

24634

An Uimhir as Roinn
Eile.

27/80

Power. William

31 Camac Park

Bluebell

Inchicore

Dublin

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W. Ryan

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B. F.

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M. O'Callaghan

23/4/37

P. A.

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W.A.C.

Ref. No. 24634 Applicant's Name Power Wm Address 31 Banac Park, Bluebell, Invercore.
 UNIT: (1) 4 Coy, 12 Bn. Dublin Bde. (ii) Seaforth Bn. I.R.A.

(a) PERIOD	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active Service Allowed	(d) Equivalent for Pension purposes.	REMARKS	
(1) 23/4/16 - 30/4/16	Full Period	Full	4 years		(7)
(2) (a) 1/4/16-22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16-31/3/17	Do.	$\frac{47}{358}$	$\frac{47}{358}$ yrs.	Finished. $\frac{29}{37}$	(8)
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	Do.	Nil	Nil		(9)
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	Do.	Do	Do		(10)
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	Do.	Do	Do		(11)
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	Nil.	/	/		(12)
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	Nil.	/	/	Confirmed	(13)
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	Nil.	/	/	2/4/37	(14)
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	Nil	/	/		(15)
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/3/23	Nil.	/	/		(16)

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

Rank claimed or
Rank allowed

Lieut.

Total of Column (d)

47
358 years

NAME: James Robinson John Mc Coy John Jordan

REF. No. 24634 APPLICANT'S NAME James William ADDRESS

UNIT

(a) PERIOD	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active service allowed	(d) Equivalent for Pension purposes	REMARKS
(1) 23/4/16				(7)
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17				(8)
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18				No change recommended. ²⁷ 10 33
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19				(10)
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20				(11)
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21				(12)
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21				Confined
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22				Ken
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23				4/11/37
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23				(13)
				(14)
				(15)
				(16)

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

Rank claimed on

Rank allowed

Total of Column (d)

SIGNED James William John Mackay John Jordan

Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 34 S.P./22509

To:

THE REFEREE.

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

Paver, William
31, Lamas Park, Bluebell, Inchicore
 for a Service Certificate. Dublin.

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

J. J. Morgan

Date. 29 MAY 1936Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee - 24634

To:

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

29th

13/11/37

(SIGNED) J. K. O'CONNOR

Referee.

Date. 10. 11. 37

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

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

① 47 ENTIRE PERIOD ③ nie ④ nie
 ② 358 ⑤ nie ⑥ nie ⑦ nie
 ⑧ nie ⑨ nie ⑩ nie

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

4 47/358 years

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

(a) On first critical date. Grade E. Para. 1 (6)

(b) On second critical date. Grade E. Para. 1 (6)

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

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

No

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

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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, Dist. IV, 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

47
358

ENTIRE PERIOD ✓

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

47
358

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, Btro. 15, Dublin Bde,
and Intermment.*

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, Btro. 15, 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

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, Btro. 15, 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.....

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

F Coy, Bde IV, Dublin Bde.

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

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.....

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

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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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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~~Mr. J. J. Robinson~~
Mr. Robinson
12/5/37

24634

31 Camac Park.

Gluebell

Inchicore, Co. Dublin.

May. 10th 1937.

The. Referee Griffith. Dist. Dublin.

Dear Sir:

In reference to my Appeal, I beg to state before you the personnel of F. Coy. IV Batt. in 1919. which I trust you will take into consideration when considering same. At a meeting of the officers at this period the following number were roached for. 151 of the two regular half-companies. 39. for the Glondalkin section. and 8. for the Tallaght section. Total 198. I am advised to inform the Board should any further information be necessary, the same can be had from, Mr. Sean Dowling. Mr. C. O'Byrne. and Mr. James Donnelly. Command, Vice Comm., and Captain of F Coy respectively. Trusting you will give this your kind consideration.

I beg to remain, dear Sir

Yours Truly.

Howard. Ref. No (34634)

Wm Power.

Ref. No.

24634

APPLICANT'S NAME

Power Special William

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Discussion with

Mr. Sean Bowling

Date. 24/10/37

appeal on Rank.
England

appeal on Rank

England

The left Co & went to ~~the~~ ^{the} L91 Sine (main fine)

As Le Lang at no service in 4919

The strength does not matter

Claim for Rank
is allowed

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

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

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

Appeal on 21 days notice

24634 Power William

Leave for discussion with Mr. J. Dowling on 12/5/37

Mr. Dowling is vouching for the list of songs supplied by applicant as correct.

A detailed statement of service to be supplied by applicant.

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Y. Geoffrey Keating R^a

Fairbrother Fields

To the Secretary U. S. P. Board

This is to certify

That Liam Power of 31 Canal Park Blue Bell Inchicore
joined F. Coy 4th Batta Irish Volunteers (Dublin Brigade)
at its formation

He participated in the Defence of Roddy St Brewery
and Marrowbone Lane Distillery during Easter week 1916
up to the surrender and was interned at Knutsford
He was dismissed from his employment at the G. S. Whisky
works Inchicore.

On his release he was most active in reorganising the
Coy and was elected 2nd Lieut early in 1917

He also organised Tallaght and Clonsilla Coy and
was promoted 1st Lieut F. Coy 1918 and was Officer in
charge of Billiting at Newtown Hamilton during the
South Armagh Election

He was continually on the run during 1918-1919 owing to
his activities.

He was arrested 3 times during the above period twice
at his home and once in Parliament St and escaped
on each occasion. His house was continually raided
by the R. I. C. during the above period. Owing to being
so badly wanted by British Forces it was deemed
advisable to have him transferred to Seaford Circle
of the I. R. B & I. R. A. Liverpool. His transfer took place
about May or June 1919 to the best of my recollection

Signed

Christopher Byrne

Late Vice Comdr

4th Batta Dublin Brigade

I. R. A.

21/4

Mr. Ryan 4/21/34
Mr. O'Connell 4/21/34
Mr. Robinson 4/21/34

21/4/37

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31 Camac Park.

Bluebell

Inchicore

April 21st 24.

To

The Referee Military Service Pension Act (1934)

Dear Sir:

I William Power of the above address
beg leave to Appeal against my recent Award under
the above Act. As I feel I have been harshly dealt
with as regards both Rank and Service. And
wish to make an Appeal against both. I shall
be in a position to lay further information
before the Board. with regards rank; at any
future hearing you deem fit to accord me.

Yours Sincerely,

Wm Power (Cert No 24634)

31 Camac Park

Bluebell

Inchicore.

The Referee Military Service Pension Board

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. 24634 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 yrs.
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17	ENTIRE PERIOD	4 yrs. 7 1/2 yrs.
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	Nil	Nil
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	Nil	Nil
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	Nil	Nil
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21		
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21		
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22		
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23		
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23		

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

" " " " 2nd " "..... E

TOTAL—4 3/4 years.

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 27th April 1937.

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,

W. H. Power
31, Leeson Place
Dublin
Inchicore

E. M. Burke
Rúnaí
SP 3464 5000 3-36 RC 2/40321

Checked
me 22/1/37.

SWORN STATEMENT OF WILLIAM POWER (File No. 24634)
MADE BEFORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON 18th DECR. 1936.

- Q. Any references ?
A. Hands in references.
- Q. When did you join ?
A. At the formation.
- Q. When did you leave ?
A. Septr. 1920.
- Q. What rank did you hold ?
A. 1st Lieut.
- Q. How long did you hold that rank ?
A. I held that rank from 1918.
- Q. Did you hold any rank in the Vols. Easter Week ?
A. Yes, 2nd Lieut.
- Q. When were you made 1st Lieut. ?
A. 1918.
- Q. How many were in the Coy. when you were made ~~2nd~~
Lieut. in Easter Week ?
A. 130 or 140 men.
- Q. When you were 1st Lieut. how many had you ?
A. Over 200.
- Q. What is your occupation ?
A. At that time I was machine man in the Inchicore Works.
- Q. Were you mobilised Easter Week ?
A. On Easter Sunday.
- Q. Where ?
A. I was sent to get the Clondalkin men, I was sent by Colbert.
- Q. He dismissed you then, did he ?
a. Yes. On Monday morning I was mobilised again by him. We went to Emerald Square and from there I went to Ardee St.
- Q. How long did you stay there ?
A. Until the following Wed. morning.
- Q. On Wed. morning what happened ?
A. We evacuated and joined the garrison at Marrowbone Lane until the general surrender I was there.
- Q. Did you surrender there ?
A. No, we all marched down and made a general surrender.

- Q. Were you deported ?
A. Yes and interned in Knutsford, was there several weeks and then released.
- Q. That would be in June ?
A. Yes.
- Q. What age were you then ?
A. 23.
- Q. Prior to Easter Week you were active with your Coy. ?
A. Yes.
- Q. Had you arms ?
A. I had a revolver and rifle - we bought those ourselves.
- Q. After Easter Week when you came back did you get in touch with the survivors.
A. I started getting them together.
- Q. When did the Coy. re-organise.
A. We started immediately getting the Coy. together, about Jan'y. 1917.
- Q. Coy. drills and parades, you attended all them ?
A. Yes, every night.
- Q. Any item of interest in the succeeding periods ?
A. I was arrested 3 times on account of my activities with the Clondalkin Coy. My house was raided every week.
- Q. Were you on the run ?
A. I was, all the time.
- Q. Why did you go on the run ?
A. Because I was raided, around the end of 1917 or early '18.
- Q. You were on duty with the Sth. Dublin ~~Army~~ ^{Army} ?
A. Yes.
- Q. You were 3 times arrested ?
A. Yes, I escaped on each occasion.
- Q. Did you escape before you were put in jail ?
A. Yes.
- Q. You were transferred to the I.R.A. in Liverpool ?
A. Yes.
- Q. That took place when, ?
A. 1919, May or June, the transfer was brought to me by Christy Byrne and Barney Mellowes. They told me I was to go over there and report.
- Q. Had you any other activities after that ?
A. Tom ~~Kerr~~ would vouch for me. Neil ~~Kerr~~ died.

Q. When you were in Liverpool were you able to do anything ?
A. Nothing extraordinary.

Q. What work were you at ?
A. Ship Scaler. I attended meetings but there was nothing much doing. I got one or two revolvers from ex soldiers there.

Q. Do you know Murtagh ?
A. Yes, he was 2nd Lieut. at Easter Week.

Q. He actually was the Lieut. ?
A. He was in charge of Blanchardstown.

Q. Murtagh was 1st Lieut. in 1916 - who was 2nd Lieut. of the Coy.
A. Christy Byrne.

Q. Where was Christy Byrne ?
A. He was at Emerald Square.

Q. Did he go into Marrowbone Lane ?
A. No, they marched down to Ardee St.

Q. What was Colbert doing at the time ?
A. He was Capt. of F. Coy.

Q. Where did he appoint you ?
A. Right in the house. He came and told me take that position - he said Murtagh was going in a different direction.

Q. Did Murtagh come out to Blanchardstown ?
A. He did, he lived out there.

Q. What did Colbert tell you ?
A. That he was to make me 2nd Lieut. and to get the brothers and the remainder of the boys out.

Q. He told you take charge of what ?
A. A full $\frac{1}{2}$ Coy. and bring them down. We joined him at Emerald Square.

Q. When you went to Emerald Square Christy Byrne was there, was he ?
A. Yes.

Q. How many men were in F. Coy. at the time ?
A. We had about 30 who participated in the Rebellion.

Q. How many men did you take down to Emerald Square ?
A. Practically all those.

Q. About 25 men ?
A. Roughly around that.

Q. What was the nominal strength of the Coy. - how many men did not turn out ?

A. Quite a few. I don't think we had half our men, and the Clondalkin men refused to go out.



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Q. You didn't mobilise the men you took charge of ?
A. The most of them - yes. Myself and my brothers.

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Referee R.15.

Organisation Records supplied by _____

show that applicant was

(a) did not serve on this date. 11.7.1921

Strength _____

(b) do. 1.7.1922.

Strength _____

N.B.

According to records furnished by C Byrne, who claims to have seen and Lt. of boy, Wm. Power (no address given) is shown as a member of 7. Coy, IV Batta, Dublin Regt. during Easter Week 1916. * L. Murtagh is shown as 1st. Lt. of boy.

Strength of 7. Coy : — 43 members

* Applicant confirms this, but states that the Capt., Con Colbert, sent L. Murtagh to Blanchardstown and instructed him (applicant) on E. Monday mng. to mobilise take charge of 2 Coy. & that he there & then made him 2nd Lt..

SIGNED: _____

mdc

17/12/26

mdc
18/12/26

Mr. Tuomey

31/12/36

31 Camac Park.

24634

Bluebell

Inchicore

Dec 30th

Dublin

To. The Secy Military Service Pension Fcl. (1934)

Dear Sir

I am forwarding on Additional Evidence, that I would like to have placed before the Board concerning services which I had in Liverpool. I was up before the Board on Friday the 18th inst. when I informed them I was seeking the necessary evidence concerning this period. They told me when I secured same I was to forward it on to you. And that you would have it placed before the Board of Referees. Trusting you can see your way to have this done at the your earliest convenience.

I beg to remain, dear Sir
Your obedient servant.
Wm. Dower

31 Camac Park.

Bluebell

Inchicore

Dublin

The National Estate Agency

Directors:

MICHAEL O'LAOGHAIRE

~~A. J. O'LAOGHAIRE~~

Telephone:

Dublin 43947.

47 LR. O'CONNELL STREET,

DUBLIN.

*Mr Twomey
ATBF
Chas. S.
31/12/36*

29th Dec. 1936

To whom it may concern,

This is to certify that

X Liam Power late 1st Lt + 7th Batta. Dublin
Brigade I.R.B. was transferred to
Liverpool I.R.B. about May 1919.
He had to lie low for some time
as he was on the run. But he
carried out any active Volunteer
duties etc and when the opportunity
arose he was sent to sea about
Sept 1920

Signed

I the best of my recollection the above
Statement is correct. *John O'Keefe*
Michael O'Laoghaire

Military Archives

Y Geoffrey Keating RA

To all whom It may concern

This is to certify that Liam Power of 31 Camac Park X
Blue Bell Inchicore 1st Depot F. Coy 4th Battalion Dublin
Brigade I. R. A. was transferred from the Con Boldest
Circle I. R. B to the Seaforth Circle Liverpool. In or about
May 1919

Signed
Christopher Byrne

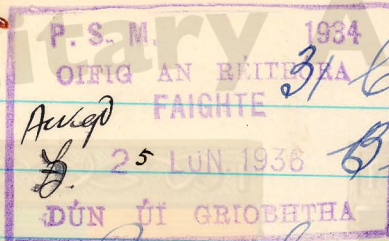
To my knowledge above statement is correct

H. B. Mallow
28/11/36.

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31 Camac Park.

Bluebell Inchicore

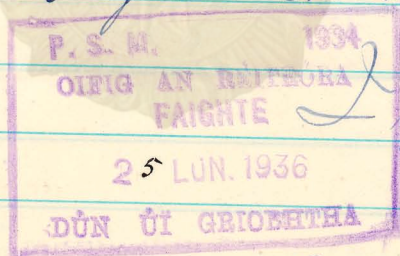
To: ¹
 Seamus Burke Esq. Secy. Pension Board (1934)
 Dear Sir

I sent into your Board an Application, for a Board under the Military Service Pension Act (1934). This Form was sent from New York U. S. A. on Dec. 1934. To which I rec^d the usual acknowledg^{mt}. Having back in this country in July of last year (1935) I immediately notified the Board of my change of address. Last December rec^d an additional Form. Thinking my original Form has been lost, or mislaid, or not in order. I filled up this Form and sent it in on -

In answer to which I received the usual Receipt. As my claim some six months ago along with many others, was sent to your Board by F. Roy IV Batt. Dublin Brigade.

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Exoneration of L. A. F. Society. And as much
if not practically all, of my former com-
rades' cases have been settled we are won-
dering what the delay in my case could
have been. As close on two years have now
elapsed since I made my first claim. I
have been advised by the London Executive
to write to you. And ask your assistance
in having the matter cleared up. I was a
Sergeant in F. Coy. IV Bn. during 1916
and gave continuous service up to 1921.
Sincerely hoping you will be kind enough
to use your interest in my case.



I beg to remain, dear Sir,
Your obedient servant
J. L. Power
31 Canal Park.
Dublin

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Ⓟ No record of application
under M.S.P. Act 1924.

ARMY No. 57461.

N.A.S. from Jan '25 to Jan 1927. Sold.

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27 NOV 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). POWER SURNAME. WILLIAM CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS (to be written in block capitals). 31. CAMAC. PARK. BLUEBELL.
INCHEGORE. 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.

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(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.

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(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.

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(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.....

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

.....

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(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.....

.....

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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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. *ALL THE WEEK*

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

(c) Duration (giving dates) of service. *Was mobilized on Monday morning of the week, by Capt. Colbert.*

(d) District or Districts in which active service was rendered. *Maribone Lane Distillery, & Watkin's Brewery, Grace Street.*

(e) Officer Commanding in each instance. *Capt. Colbert in Grace St. Capt. Murphy in Maribone Lane*

(f) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *Commended by Part of the Defence of both those positions*

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

In Maribone Lane was in charge of the Hand Grenade Section.

(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.
C. O'Byrne.	7 Geoffrey Keating Road. Fairbrothers Field Dublin.
Seamus Murphy.	Blackrock. Late City Commissioner.
Barney Mellows.	Co National Health Dept. Dublin Castle.

(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 IV BATT. Dublin Brigade*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *(a) Drilling and arming and preparing my men for Rising (b) After General Surrender was sent from Richmond Bks to Knutsford Detention Bks in England. After serving 2 months (approx) in Knutsford was released.*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *After serving 2 months (approx) in Knutsford was released.*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *C. O'Byrne, Capt Colbert executed.*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *Been in Gaol after Rebellion, on release, reorganizing the Company.*
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *Was continually being raided by the R.I.C. for my activities in organizing the Company, & also new Half Boys in Tallaght & Clonsilla.*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause... *Only while in Gaol.*
- (h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
C. O'Byrne.	7 Geoffrey Keating Road. Dublin.
Larry. Murtagh.	Lower Palmerstown Chapelizod.
Barney Mellows.	Co National Health Dept. Dublin Castle.

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

- (a) Unit or Units... *F. Coy IV BATT. Dublin Brigade*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *During this period gave continuous service.*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *Inchicore, Clonsilla & Tallaght.*

- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Capt. C. O'Byrne.*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... *Drilling*
organizing men in Inchicore, Tallaght, & Blandalkin.
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *Was arrested and escaped from the*
custody of the R.I.C. on three occasions.
- (g) Absence from duty and cause..... *Not. Absent*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>C. O'Byrne</i>	<i>7 Geoffrey Keating Road. Fairbrothers Field's</i>
<i>Larry Murtagh</i>	<i>Lower Palmertown Chapelzod.</i>
<i>Barney Mellows</i>	<i>National Health Dept. Dublin Castle.</i>

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

- (a) Unit or Units..... *F. Coy IV Batt. Dublin's Brigade*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *Continuous service for this*
period
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... *Inchicore,*
Tallaght & Blandalkin.
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Capt. C. O'Byrne.*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... *During to my*
activities was continually on the run. My house been continually
raided by the R.I.C.
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *Drilling 2 new Half Companies in*
Tallaght & Blandalkin. 4 nights a week. Still retaining
my Lieutenancy in F. Coy. Seeking Arms wherever possible
for my men.
- (g) Absence from duty and cause..... *Not. Absent.*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
B. O'Byrne	7 Geoffrey Keating Road Fairbrother's Field Dublin
Barney Mellowis	4 National Health Sect. Dublin Castle
Larry Murtuga	Lower Palmerstown Chapelizod.

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

- (a) Unit or Units..... *F. Coy. IV Bata. Dublin Brigade.*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *From 1st April 1919 to June 1919*
(approx.) gave service in Co Dublin after this period was transferred to
Liverpool England.
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... *Incheevra,*
Blondalken, and Liverpool England.
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Capt. O'Byrne, in Dublin, Neil Kerr*
in Liverpool
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?.....
was so badly wanted by the authorities, was transferred to Liverpool
by the I. R. B.
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *was while in Liverpool was instrumental in*
buying revolvers of ex-soldiers in the Dockyard for
the Seaford Branch. I. R. B.
- (g) Absence from duty and cause.....
not absent.
- (h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Neil Kerr	Ringend Dublin
Tom Kerr	" "
George Plunkett	- Liverpool

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

- (a) Unit or Units..... *Seaford Branch I. R. B.*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *About May of 1920 having no*
work in Liverpool was sent to Sea by the I. R. B. in Liverpool
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....
Liverpool England.
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Neil Kerr*

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

Owing to my activities was continually under surveillance of the authorities.

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

Owing to my work on board ship was not in a position to render any service.

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

Working on board ship

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Neil Kerr: King's Cross Dublin
Tom Kerr
George Plunkett: Liverpool

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

PART III.

GENERAL.

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS.

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

(a) On first critical date.

Lieutenant F. Coy IV Batt. Dublin Brigade
Carter week

(b) On second critical date.

References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

C. O'Byrne 7 Geoffrey Keating Road Fairbrothers Field Dublin
Barney Mellows % National Health Inst. Dublin Castle
Larry Murtagh Lower Palmerstown Chapelizod.

- (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.

I served in the National Army from 1925 to 1934.
I applied for a Military Service Certificate but was
refused, owing to the fact I was not in the Army
prior to 1934.

- (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.

(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.

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

If so, give details.....

no.

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.

For my part in the 1916 Rising I was dismissed from my employment as a machineman at the G.S. Rywoks at Inchicore. I had 2 years & 7 months of my time served. I have tried unsuccessfully to be re-instated. The uniform Rifle & Revolver I used in 1916. I bought at my own expense, costing (approx) £7. The Transfer from Dublin to the Liverpool Branch I.R.B. came from Michael Collins and was given to me by
Signature (or Mark) of Applicant.....
B. O'Brien & Barry Mellows. William Forster.

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

Patrick Clarke

Address of Witness.....

Balsa Siocana

James J. J. J. J.

Qualification.....

Sergeant, Balsa Siocana

Date.....

25th November 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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To: Mr. Seamus Burke Secty. Pension Board.
Dear Sir:

In Dec 1934. I forwarded to the
Minister for Defence. my Application from New York.
U.S.H. for a Military Service Certificate. Arriving
back in this Country in July 1935. I notified
the Board. In Dec '35 I recd. another Application
Form. Thinking perhaps that my first Form had
been mislaid or lost. I also filled that up.
and forwarded to your office. At present I
am unemployed. and as my services date
back prior to 1916. I would deem it a great
favour. if you could see your way to have
me called for a Board. as soon as possible.
Trusting this letter will receive your kind con-
sideration.

Yr. Obedt.

Lieut. Genl. H. J. P. Datt.
I. R. A.

I beg to remain
Yours truly
Wm Power.

