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Grace, James Joseph
3 Stanley's Cottages
Meskil Rd
Dublin

29 JAN 1935

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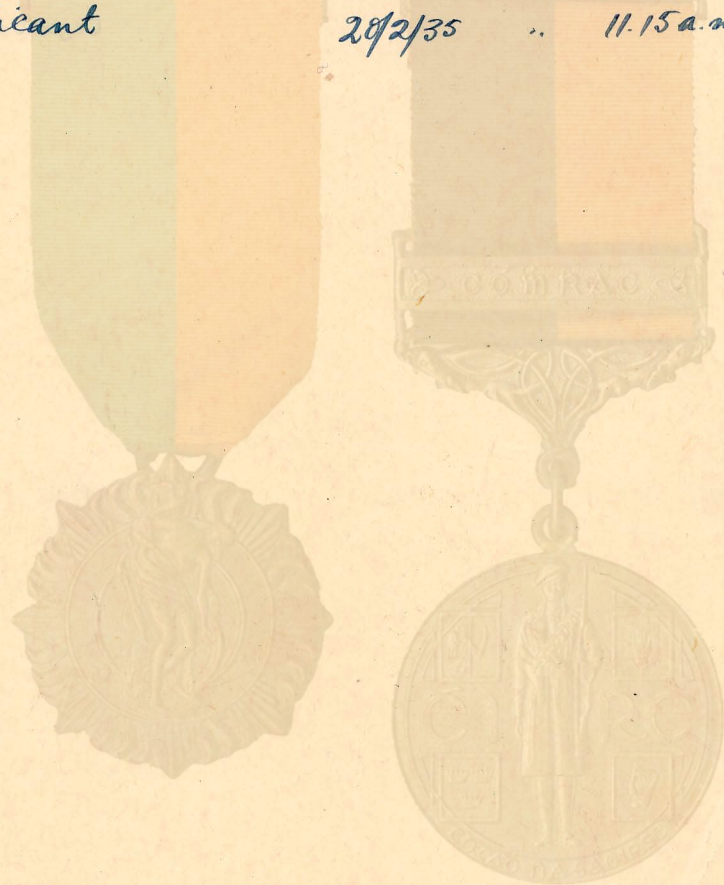
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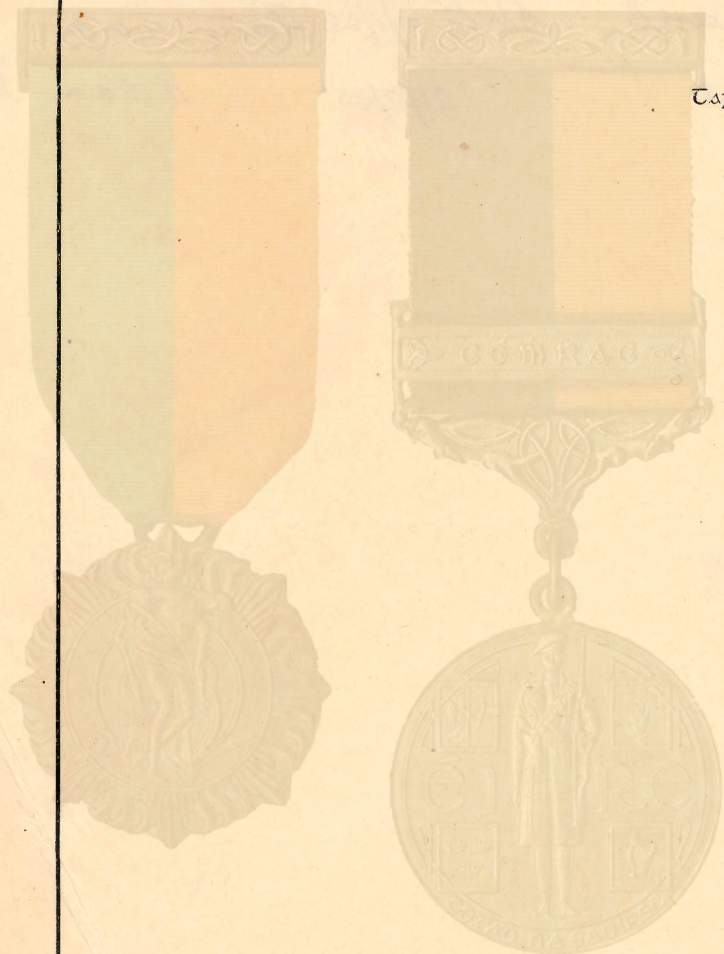
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Ref. No. 368 Applicant's Name Grace, James Jos. Address 3 Stanley's Cottages, Mespil Rd. Unit 123, Dublin 11/12/29 Chas. Batten. in Dublin Bn.
Dublin 11/12/29 Chas. Batten. in Staff.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	Remarks
Period	Service claimed	Active Service allowed	Equivalent for pension purposes.	
(1) 23/4/1916-30/4/1916	$\frac{23}{4} - \frac{29}{16}$	Full	4 yrs	
(2) (a) 1/4/16-22/4/17 (b) 30/4/16-31/3/17.	Full Period	$\frac{240}{358}$ of 1 yr	$\frac{120}{179}$ yr	
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	Full Period	$\frac{4}{7}$ of $\frac{1}{2}$ yr	$\frac{2}{7}$ of 1 yr.	
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	Full Period	$\frac{5}{7}$ of $\frac{1}{2}$ yr	$\frac{5}{14}$ of 1 yr.	
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	Full Period	$\frac{9}{16}$ of 1 yr.	$\frac{9}{32}$ of 1 yr.	
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	Full Period	$\frac{1}{2}$ of 2	$\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 yr.	confirms
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/22	Full Period	$\frac{1}{7}$ of 1 yr	$\frac{1}{7}$ of 1 yr.	1/12/29
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	Full Period	$\frac{1}{354}$	$\frac{1}{354}$ of 1 yr	2/12/29
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	Full Period	Full	2 yrs	
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	Full Period	Full	1 yr.	

Rank claimed on Staff Lieutenant (a) First critical date; 0. C. (b) Second critical date. 0. C.
Rank allowed: - Grade E John Mc Coy Grade F5 31/1/25
Signed: - John Mc Coy John Mc Coy 31/1/25
Total of column (d) 9 ²⁹/₅₀₀ years John Mc Coy

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Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 34 SP/693

Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee—368

To:

To:

THE REFEREE.

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

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

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

Grace James Joseph
3 Stanley's Cottages, Mespil Rd.,
for a Service Certificate. Dublin

Registered 14 3/35
Recorded 14 3/35

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

(SIGNED) J. K. O'CONNOR

Referee.

Date 18th Jan. 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

(2) 120/149 of Entire Period (3) 4/7 of Entire Period (4) 3/7 of Entire Period
(5) 91/366 of Entire Period (6) 1/6 of Entire Period (7) 1/4 of Entire Period
(8) 354/4 of Entire Period (9) ENTIRE PERIOD (10) ENTIRE PERIOD

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

9 29/100 years

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

(a) On first critical date Grade E. Para. 1(5) ✓

(b) On second critical date Grade E. Para. 1(5) ✓

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

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

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

B. C. M. 2.05

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? *In receipt of £50 per year*

Disability Pension, under Army Pensions Act, 1923. ✓

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.....

"C" Coy. Battr. III Dublin Brigade ✓

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

$\left(\frac{240}{358} \right) \times \frac{120}{179}$ of Entire Period ✓

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

$\frac{120}{179}$ 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.....

"C" Coy. Battr. III Dublin Brigade ✓
Interned at Frongoch from 29th April to Decr '16. ✓

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

$\frac{4}{7}$ of Entire Period ✓

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

$\frac{2}{4}$ of 1 year ✓

(3) State—

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

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

"C" Coy. Battr. III Dublin Brigade ✓

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

$\frac{5}{7}$ of Entire Period ✓

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

$\frac{5}{14}$ 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.....

"C" Coy. Battr. III Dublin Brigade ✓
Interned at Mountjoy & Belfast part April to ✓
part June, '18. ✓

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

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

$\frac{91}{366}$ of entire Period ✓

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

$\frac{91}{366}$ of 1 year ✓

(3) State—

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

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

1st Lieut.
C Coy. Batten III Dublin Brigade ✓

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

$\frac{6}{6}$ 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-Eireann,

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

Staff Lieut. N.C.O.s
3rd Battalion, Staff, Dublin Brigade
of Special Service classes ✓

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

$\frac{7}{7}$ of entire Period ✓

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

$\frac{1}{7}$ of 1 year ✓

(3) State—

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

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

3rd Batta. Staff, Dublin Brigade ✓
 o/c Special Service classes ✓

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

354 of Entire Period ✓

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

4
 354 of 1 year ✓

(3) State—

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

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

o/c F Coy. Column ✓
 3rd Batta. Staff, Dublin Brigade ✓

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

ENTIRE PERIOD ✓

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

2 years ✓

3) State—

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

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

Acting o/c F Coy ✓
 3rd Batta. Staff, Dublin Brigade ✓

16. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1923, AND ENDING ON THE 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1923.

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

ENTIRE PERIOD ✓

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

1 year. ✓

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.

Oglaigh na h-Eireann, ✓

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

Camp Hospital Staff. (No. 1 Camp, Barragh)
Prisoner from August, 1922 to Christmas 1923 ✓

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Mr Dooley

Please B.F. to me on ~~28~~ 26th inst.
also the file of Samuel Kavanagh, 8 Bishop's St.,
Dublin.

Cmndr.

23/2/35.

Attended to.

26/2/35

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OLD DUBLIN BRIGADE 1916-1923

Dublin 21st Feby. 1935

Secretary Pensions Board
Griffith Barracks

A Cork



James Grace of Mespil Road has written to say that the Referee would like a note from me as to the rank he held on the second Critical Date.

You are aware that George White was Captain of 'F' Coy. 3rd Batt. Grace was post lieutenant. White was with Flanagan in London when the Civil War started. I ordered Grace to carry on with the company.

James Grace was in charge of 'F' Coy on the second Critical date.

Joseph Plummer

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Memo

When under examination by the Referee
Mr. S. Donnelly undertook to notify Mr. J. O'Connor
to attend on 21st or 22nd inst. for examination before
the Referee relative to this application.

E. n. b.
27/2/35

The Secy. Mr. O'Connor
will attend at noon 26th inst.
and wishes also to discuss
the case of Seumas Kavanagh,
8, Bishop St., Dublin.

~~Mr. Seamus~~

Phone Mr. J. O'Connor at E. S. Board & inquire
whether Mr. S. Donnelly made the above arrangement with him.
If not ask can he attend on Tues. next - if so at what time.

E. n. b.
27/2/35

Enact.
23/2/35.

GRACE J J Easter Week 1916 When we arrived in vicinity of Mount Street Bridge Lieut M Malone sent myself P Rowe & Eml Byrne (two youths) to keep gates of Beggar Bush Bks under ^{cover} range of our rifles. The following posts were in process of being occupied Clanwilliam House Mission Hall & Schools Northumberland Rd. When these posts were taken over Lt Malone ordered us to take over post 25 Northumberland Rd. corner house This was about noon Easter Monday In the afternoon we had first conflict with G.R.'s Tuesday we were terribly bothered by sniping Today Lt Malone killed most troublesome sniper from house opposite. Wednesday about noon my sister brought us despatch stating about 500 enemy troops approaching from Blackrock Rd. Lt Malone had sent the two boys out with communications about midnight Tuesday Wednesday about 12.30 the main attack started on our posts About 3 afternoon our post was practically blasted by rifle fire & only for the assistance of direct fire in our support from Clanwilliam House we could

have been overwhelmed at once about 5 evening our post was heavily bombed. The British troops finally stormed our post about 8 evening by bombing. St Malone was killed still firing above hall stairs + I was driven to basement when opportunity occurred I kept firing from basement windows + stopped rush by fire through kitchen door about 8.30 basement subjected to rifle fire + bombed but by great luck I escaped through rear door into garden. Clanwilliam was then burning. Could not get through British cordon + being in uniform had to keep under cover by day but was finally captured within the enemy lines at about 8.30 on Saturday morning April 29th 1916 near Mount St bridge.

GRACE J J Supplement to original application
3 Stanley Cottages for military certificate form
mespik Rd

During the periods 1916 to 1919 paraded with
C Coy 3rd Battalion Dublin Brigade as lieutenant
(1917 to 1919) on numerous occasions as police, guards,
or escorts for Republican meetings, demonstrations etc
On many of these occasions we carried arms as ordered
Standing Order of C Coy Resist disarmament by use of your arms
Some additional incidents

1916 Transport guarding + storing of arms on many occasions
with Maher C Coy Longwood Ave Ruffe Lane + Camden
Row. Hunger strike + Ashpit strike Frongoch Camp
Armed conflict with British police near Trinity College
March 1916 after Mansion House meeting

1917 Carrying, guarding + storing of arms (shotguns etc)
with Doyle C Coy as raid expected on his house
Use your weapons to resist disarmament still C 3 officers orders

1917 to 1918 * (Anticonscription preparations No 2 C Coy
formed Training many recruits Given charge
of Baggot St Leeson St defence block) Whitehall
clash with British police Oct 1917 First Ticknock
clash with R I C patrol tried to prevent drilling
about March 1918 Armed police work Armagh
and Tyrone bye elections Spring of 1918 Transport
and guarding of rifles from Battalion temporary stores
under control of T Scully A Coy (Walsh's shop East
James's St) owing to danger of British police raid about
March 1918 Resist disarmament order still enforced in C 3

1918 to 1919. * (Insert above in brackets here)
In British police raid 41 York St
June 1918 Armed police work with C Coy E de Valera
reception March 1919 (Stationed near Mansion House)
police work Elections Dec 1918 Dick Coleman Armed
parade Glasnevin for funeral Dec 1918 C Coy
mobilized protection of 6 Harcourt St Nov 1918
Attack by British troops rioting in City

1918-1919 GHQ Armed Guard early 1919 O/C of
guard on premises 25 Parnell Square (Michael
Collins present) Special munitions work late
1918 Assembling + priming cylinder bombs at
3 Astors Quay ^{on reserve for Daily Guard Jan 1919}
C3 Arms order in force till Truce 1921

1919 to 1920 Continued Armed evasion of arrest
from Jan 1919 to June 1919 Mobilized with
C Coy to defend 6 Harcourt St. as British troops
from Portobello barracks broke out rioting + attacked
Sinn Féin HQ + Liberty Hall Shortly after shot
in Rathfarnham (Threatened Choked + ill-treated
while lying wounded on ground by R.I.C. who prevented
Ambulance from Rathmines rendering First Aid)

1920 to 1921 Volunteered for active duties owing
to increasing enemy activities Raided for in
several addresses shortly after
when I volunteered to return from sick leave to
active service in 1920 I was under hospital
treatment still being badly crippled (left leg
paralysis nerve severed by gunshot wounds) During
periods 1920 to 1922 while Training Officer on
3rd Battalion Training Staff I was still suffering
from effects of wounds but carried out duties
of supervision of Training etc as ordered despite
raids arrests + ambushes in vicinities of
training places Movements greatly hampered
by surgical steel splint + spring on limb
Attended Armed parade 3rd Battalion Autumn
1921 Near Roebuck Stillorgan
Attended Armed parade Dublin Brigade 1922
Smithfield
when Four Courts attacked although still

Crippled volunteered & was given charge of
7 Coy 3rd Battalion while regular Capt was on
leave

1921 to 1922 Acted as Deputy O/C Armed post
Masonic Hall Molesworth St May 1922
and on staff of Refugee (Belfast) post Kildare
St club to June 1922

Acted as O/C 7 Coy Column 3rd Battalion from
June 27th to July 3rd 1922

Some Column details

Approximately

Column strength 28th June 1922: 17 later 19 men

do do 29th - 30th June 1922: (including 2 officers)

do do Till July 2nd 1922: 35 men (including
3 officers)

After first day Arms for ^{about} only 15 men July 2

Equipment reduced to 1 bomb (defective) 5 .45

revolver ^{1.32 auto} 9 Auto parabellums 1 Mauser (Peter)

Ammunition About 100 rounds .45 about 60 rounds

Automatic and 3 rounds only (Peter) when evac-

uating Grand Canal line Stapleton 7 Coy &

myself secured some arms & Ammunition safely

but third man captured with spare am-

munition worked in reliefs of 16 or 17 men in turn

Some engagements & operations ^{from June 28th to July 2nd 1922}

June 28th 1922 (1) Engagement Camden St line

(2) do Grand Canal line

June 29th to 30th 1922 (3) Attempted relief of Four Courts

midnight Under fire from
snipers in trying to reach
positions

GRACE J J July 1 1922 (4)th failed to block cross roads
at Kevin St with lorry and trailer when Armoured
Car attacked our ^{HQ} post at York St Corner Had
no bomb to use on car at Cuffe St Corner

July 2 (5)th Holding posts on Grand Canal line
to this date till evacuation order

Posts held as bases in rotation from June 28th
to July 2nd from which we sent out Armed patrols
Tullamaine House, Eastwood Hotel, 52 Leeson St
28 Herbert Place and House near Wicklow St 29-30
June midnight relief Column base

Following are the reasons for my not being in con-
trol of B Coy after July 3rd

a) Was not ordered to resume control probably because
b) Geo White the regular Coy Captain had returned
to Dublin from leave and had his 1st + 2nd
Lieutenants to call on

c) probably because physically unfit for Column
work (left leg partially paralysed)
from wounds

d) Sooner than remain inactive in interval
reported to Staff Hospital with supply of medical
stores + (having had about 2 years previous
training medical nursing + first aid) was
attached to Dr Little's staff. During the odd
month I was on Dr Little's staff we received
information that Dr Little, Lemass, Grace, Kane
Leeson St Ambush. Shortly after I was warned
if Dr Little or myself left hospital we would be
caught by Squad posted near by

GRACE JJ Previous to this having arranged transport of wounded to Baginbun St Hospital I was arrested at Canal bridge barricade but owing to confusion of orders escaped. Returning from Vincent's Hospital to Dr Little I was arrested outside Staff Hospital Stephens Green and only released on strong protest from Mdm McBride. Shortly after I had to enter fire zone in vicinity of Connell St twice in connection with transport of injured to Jervis St Hospital. Afterwards brought injured men to Linden Blackrock I was raided for there but escaped to City and offered my services to Capt W Rowe operating the Column with Capt S Budds.

Owing to my lame condition however W Rowe refused to take me on any work requiring rapid movements. In the hope however that I might be of some service even rendering First Aid I kept in touch with Column from about August Bank Holiday Monday till about August 18 1922 when I was captured on return from funeral of Column member (Capt P White & couple men of C Coy had saved me from capture day before). The State Lieutenant in charge of patrol who captured me on Aston Quay intimated I was lucky to be ^{taken} by him as prisoner to Wellington Bks (He would be aware of course that certain group from Portobello Bks were alleged to be seeking for myself and four others). An indication of general state of health when captured is the fact that during 16 months internment to Dec 1923 I spent about 3 months in Mountjoy & Curragh General Hospitals and about 7 months in Camp hospital and after release was allowed treatment until 1926 in St Bricins Military Hospital for partial paralysis of left leg from bullet wound. Lost my post of wages clerk and Assistant Timekeeper in Port and Docks Board owing to participation in Civil War.

To the best of my recollection the incidents recorded herein with approximate dates are a partial record of my military service in Irish Volunteer later Irish Republican Army from August 1915 to December 1923 and are intended as a partial supplement to facts recorded in Application form dated Jan 4 1935 for Military Service Certificate.

James J. Grace
Formerly Staff Officer 3rd Battalion
Dublin Brigade I.R.A.

P.D. Short account of Easter week defence of post
25 in front of Mount Street bridge enclosed as
first half page attached herewith

J.J.G.

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SWORN STATEMENT made before the ADVISORY COMMITTEE by SIMON DONNELLY,
on 21st JANUARY, 1935, on behalf of J.J. GRACE. File No. 368.

- Q. Tell us what you know of Mr. Grace?
- A. He was out in 1916 in a post in 25, Northumberland Road. He escaped. He had continual service with "C" Coy., up to the time I left the Company, late in 1918.
- Q. Was he very active in 1917?
- A. Yes. Somewhere about the summer of 1918, or 1919, he was in a camp out in the mountains. He was wounded mysteriously. He got a disability pension.
- Q. To what extent did he train?
- A. He had special services in 1917-1918. When I was elected captain, he was elected 2nd Lieutenant, and was training.
- Q. How much time did he give to this training?
- A. Regular parade once a week, and week-end training up the country.
- Q. Was he the trainer of the company?
- A. He was one of the officers responsible for an amount of the training. He knew a great deal about military affairs.
- Q. Was he for some time in the ~~XXXXXX~~ Canadian Militia?
- A. He came to us about 1915, from America. He was a very highly strung type, and was a physical wreck after the Northumberland Road affair. There were only two men with him; ~~one Malone, was sent home.~~ He was wounded in 1919. He was of the opinion that he was wounded by the R.I.C., but my private opinion is that the wounding was accidental. He was in Baggot Street Hospital for three months. He suffered a lot after the wounding; his leg was very bad. We put him in charge of Special Services of the Battalion, lecturing the classes. Late in 1919, they were meeting and training under difficulties. He was supervising. A First Aid class in Camden Street was surprised by the Auxiliaries. They raided us, and arrested some of the men.
- Q. How did he rank?
- A. He was elected Lieutenant in 1917. When I went to the staff, he ~~XXXXXX~~ WAS elected 1st Lieutenant.
- Q. Would he be senior to Company Lieutenant? It is not provided for in the Act?
- A. He did hold commissioned rank on critical date, namely staff Lieutenant.
- Q. Was he definitely a 1st Lieutenant? of a company in which there were 100 men in 1919?
- A. They were about 100 strong - that would be correct. He had definite rank at that date.
- Q. Is he genuinely a post-Truce man? On account of his wounding, what would you define him?
- A. Up to the Truce he incurred great risks.
- Q. Did he keep this rank after or before his wounding?
- A. He was a 2nd Lieutenant at the time he was wounded. I think, when I left the company, he became 1st Lieutenant.

Q. Are you quite clear that he was 2nd Lieutenant when wounded?
A. I am not definitely clear.

Q. When did you leave the Company staff?
A. About the end of 1918 or early in 1919.

Q. Was the wounding in June, 1919?
A. Possibly in 1919.

Q. Assuming he was 2nd Lieutenant when wounded, what was the strength of the company?
A. It was fully 120 strong; average parade of 100 men - about twice a week. The remaining excused by leave, business, etc.

Q. How long was he 1st Lieutenant?
A. To near the Truce.

Q. Was he an inspector of Special Services?
A. The point is, he had been elected 1st Lieutenant, but was allocated to no job. After wounding, and release, he was put in charge of special services.

Q. During the period April, 1920 to 31st March, 1921, he claims he was O.C., Special Services Classes?
A. Well, he helped.

Q. He says he was inspector of Armed Patrols, but was not for the work.

A. On account of his disability, he was really a danger to the men, but, of course, he was very willing, and helped where, and when he could.

at the outbreak of the Civil War, Active Service Units were started up consisting of about 10 or 15 men. They operated wherever an opportunity presented itself.

SIGNATURE: Simon Donnelly.

SWORN BEFORE ME ON 19 day of February

Joseph K. O'Connor.
REFEREE.

STATEMENT MADE BEFORE THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY J.J. GRACE on

21st JANUARY, 1935.

FILE NO. 368.

- Q. In the period before the Rising you mention in your application that you were on Armed Guard?
- A. I was at No.2 Dawson Street. The actual date was ~~the Friday night~~ prior to 22nd. I was stationed in the hallway of No.2 Dawson Street, and on the stairs. It was an armed guard of "C" Company. *I am not sure of the date*
- Q. How long were you on it?
- A. One night.
- Q. What were you doing from 1st April to the Rebellion?
- A. I had the job of equipping myself; had to buy uniform, etc. I was Section Commander in "C" Coy., training in my own Section, ~~had to buy arms for the Company~~, and had to escort the ~~lad~~ who brought them *to & from Paradise St.*
- Q. What happened on Easter Sunday?
- A. Mobilisation was called off. We did not heed it, and assembled in Camden Row. About 9.30 o'clock on Monday morning word came we were to mobilise again. I was on the mobilisation of Earlsfort Terrace at about 10.30
- Q. Who was your officer?
- A. Michael Malone was my officer. Simon Donnelly was Lieutenant in the Company at the time.
- Q. When were you released?
- A. As far as I remember, on Christmas Eve, 1916.
- Q. In the period 1917 to 1918, you mention you were training N.C.Os., and men. How much did you do?
- A. I got some training in the Canadian Militia - general tactics, local reserves, rearguards, and Advance Guard. "C" Company got all that work to do, even during Peace work. I used teach N.C.O's how to do things. I taught musketry, the different training in drilling men, tactics, etc.
- Q. How much of your time was given to this?
- A. Practically all my time.
- Q. Had you not civilian employment at the time?
- A. I had got a temporary job, some time in 1917, as housing clerk in the Corporation, which terminated late in 1918, I think.
- Q. How many nights were you training?
- A. We always met on Thursday nights. There was an extra training night for N.C.Os., but I cannot remember exactly. Later on special classes became systematized, and I attended almost every night then. *Sometimes Sunday mornings at 44 York St.*
- Q. How many nights had you Volunteer duty?
- A. Sometimes four nights a week on Volunteer work. There were gas masks lectures on defence against gas. The first lecture on gas was given in 1918-1919, in 44, Parnell Square; No.144, Pearse Street also had lectures.

Q. What were your activities during the period commencing 1st April, ~~and extending to~~ 1st 1918, and ending 31st March, 1919?

A. Disarming police (R.I.C.) at Ticknock. They followed us up this period, on cycles. *not on this occasion* The Citizen Army attacked some of the R.I.C., who were following up. Patrols were all around Ticknock. Early that year they had sent up two police lorries to encircle the hills. We stopped them. Paddy Flanagan, Joe O'Connor, etc., with us. We slipped down, surrounded them, took their revolvers and batons, and tied them up. One escaped and warned the watchers, but we managed to get through the cordon.

Q. You were interned during this period?

A. I was charged over this drilling. I was in the Bridewell, Mountjoy, and Belfast Gaol. Eamon Fleming was camp O.C., during that period.

Q. From January 1919 to June, 1919, what were you doing?

A. *previous drilling March 1918.* In connection with the Ticknock affair, ~~fixers~~ five of us were identified. Myers, Flanagan, and myself were warned not to go near the Custom House, so we remained away from the Dail that week. I was nearly arrested several times.

Q. Had you civilian employment?

A. I was not in a job at the time. Fourteen of us temporary hands had been discharged from the Corporation. I got knocked over in Rathfarnham in June. I was on sick leave for the remainder of the period. In 1920 I came back under Joe O'Connor.

Q. In what scrap were you wounded?

A. We were being followed, and a shot knocked me on the ground.

Q. Did you get any compensation for that?

A. I have a Disability Pension.

Q. Have you a permanent pension? *Final*

A. Yes. 19s.3d., a week. Official award given in 1926.

Q. During period April, 1920 to March, 1921, you say you gave special services classes as staff Lieutenant. What did that mean?

A. I had charge of N.C.Os. Class again, but did not personally take it, except at odd times. I was sent to supervise musketry, and signalling, and First Aid, at 34, Camden Street. *and the place.*

Q. Was all this done at night-time?

A. Yes, in the evenings. There were a number of classes called off during Curfew. During the 8 o'clock Curfew, we found it very difficult to carry on. I supervised Musketry, First Aid, Signalling, ~~N.C.Os.~~ Amall Arms and Grenades, under Willie Rowe and Larry Nugent - 22 Drury Street.

Q. You were an inspector?

A. I was an inspector of patrols at one time. "D" Coy satisfied with the Area, so I used inspect, and rep. I could not stick it, on account of my wounded feet.

Q. Were you in any outside jobs?

A. Inspecting on patrol - armed patrols - to see that the working. *no patrols met* The reports were negative. Patrols were not getting near enough to line of communications of the They bucked up then, after my reports.

Q. Were you in any ambush during the period 1st April, 1921, to 11th July, 1921?

A. The night of the big ambush in Pearse Street that Fitzgerald was killed, I was in 144, Pearse Street supervising the Musketry lecture, etc. We managed to get out. Sean Quin warned us.

W. J. Kelly

Q. Were you in Drury Street? *As far as I am aware*

A. That was, I think, in May. "A" Coy., was detailed to guard the Area. There were several conflicts around the Area. We used lie low in a tailor's shop. *our usual place of instruction*

Q. Were you on constant Volunteer work during that period?

A. Yes. I kept in touch with the Battalion. Always went on classes to supervise when wanted - perhaps once or twice a week.

Q. Were these Battalion classes?

A. They were special service classes for the Battalion. *I had* ~~I had control over~~ the armoury. *Joe Martin had charge of that.* ~~I could go about munitions, and see about attendance.~~ Machine gun class was not under my control afterwards, except as to attendance. *until*

Q. What were you doing during the Truce period?

A. Carried on some classes - two companies, "F" Coy., and Coy. "F" under Geo. White; "H" under Matty Connolly.

Q. Where were you during the attack on the Four Courts?

A. I was placed in a bad position. I was on boycott. Mobilised for 41, York Street. "F" Coy. standing. White was on leave in London. I was told to take them. ~~Matty Connolly dismissed the company till~~ We dismissed at 12.30. I was told to stand-by. We took up arms again at the dismissal, and at 9 o'clock heard the explosion. There were about eighteen men in the Column, and I was placed in ~~were not all armed.~~ *Column increased to about*

made running from June.

Q. Were you on any ambush?

A. 28th was the first ambush. A lorry came and got it. A bomb was fired at it which stopped it yet it was able to proceed, but there was a man kept up from the lorry all the time. *mobilization from June*

Q. What other ambush were you in?

A. There was another engagement at Wilton Square Street and Baggot Street bridge, at 2.0 o'clock. After that different outposts were attacked, on Thursday. A party tried to engage the at Free State forces who were engaged with guns. We lost touch with "H" Coy. We got no further. Street. Had to ~~stay~~ stay round there.

taken as bases for patrols.

Q. When were you captured?

A. I was captured in August. Came back from with Willie Rowe; knocked around; offered Rowe's column. I was unfit for active work. *First Aid work.* *and offered my services as*

work

- Q. You were on the Battalion staff?
A. Yes, from some time in 1920. I was 1st Lieutenant in "C" Coy. up to the period 1918-1919, i.e., when wounded I was 1st Lieut. but I was never O.C., of the Company. Was staff Lieutenant on first critical date, and also on second critical date.
- Q. In what Company were you Lieutenant?
A. That was "C" Company - from Christmas, 1916, to March, 1917, I was second Lieutenant in "C" Company.
- Q. What was the strength of that Company?
A. It was very small, as we were organising. To the best of my knowledge, there were about 40 or 50 men up to March, 1917. we had that number on the roll.
- Q. Were you 1st Lieutenant then?
A. Not till the period 1918-1919. There were elections in 1918. Paddy Flanagan was Captain. I was elected 1st Lieutenant from 2nd Lieutenant, and held that rank in "C" Coy.
- Q. How many men in June 1918-1919?
A. About 100, or 120 on the list. Average number paraded would be about 100. Some were armed with revolvers *at parades in*

emscripton period at least 130 about 70 or 80 old members & about 60 or 70 recruits

SIGNATURE: James Joseph Green

SWORN BEFORE ME ON THE 19th DAY OF February 1935.

Joseph K. O'Connor
REFEREE.

Military Service
Pensions Collection

GH.



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). **GRACE JAMES JOSEPH.**
SURNAME. CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS (to be written in block capitals). **3 STANLEY'S COTTAGES
MESPILE ROAD 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? *Easter Sunday April 23rd 1916*
- (b) Unit or Units. *C Coy 3rd Batt Dublin Brigade I.V.*
- (c) Duration (giving dates) of service. *Above date till Capture 29th April 1916*
- (d) District or Districts in which active service was rendered. *Camden Row 23rd Mount Street Bridge Area 24th to 29th April 1916*
- (e) Officer Commanding in each instance. *Michael Malone S. Donnelly (killed)*
- (f) In what way do you claim that your service was active service. *Carried out all orders*
- (g) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the week. *Defended Outpost 25 Northumberland Rd*
- (h) Absence from duty and cause. *Captured 29th till fall 26th*
- (i) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Simon Donnelly</i>	<i>16 Arnott St S Rd Dublin</i>
<i>Tom Scully</i>	<i>13 Heaton Park Dublin</i>
<i>Joseph O'Connor</i>	<i>32 O'Donovan Rd S Rd Dublin</i>
<i>Col J J O'Connell</i>	<i>54 Q Parkgate St</i>

(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. *C Coy 3rd Batt Dublin Brigade I.V.*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service. *Full periods above*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered. *Dublin City + County + Internment Areas England + Wales*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance. *S. Donnelly Dublin Col J J O'Connell (Internment Area)*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *Training + Arming prior Easter 1916 Reorganizing C Coy 3rd as 2nd Lt under O.C. S. Donnelly 1917*
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period. *G HQ Armed guard 2 Dawson St Dublin prior 22 April 1916*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause. *Interned (Yrongoch Wales) etc from 29th April 1916 to Xmas 1916*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Col M O'Connell	54 Q Parkgate St
Simon Donnelly	16 Arnott St SCKd Dublin
Tom Scully	3 Keelson Park Dublin
Jos O'Connor	32 O'Donovan Rd off SCKd Dublin

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

(a) Unit or Units... C Coy 3rd Batt Dublin Brigade 1V

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... Full period above

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

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

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? Took part in all parades & activities of Coy & trained NCOs & men as 2nd Lt

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period Transport & guard of rifles from T Scully A Coy Batt store Armed police work Northern By Election

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Simon Donnelly	16 Arnott St SCKd Dublin
Tom Scully	3 Keelson PK Dublin
Jos O'Connor	32 O'Donovan Rd SCKd Dublin
Jimmy Doyle	1 Desmond St SCKd Dublin

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

(a) Unit or Units... C Coy 3rd Batt Dublin Brigade 8Rd.

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... Full period above

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

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

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? Took part in all Coy activities Trained NCOs & men as 1st Lt

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

*Disarming R.I.C. Tickenack, O/C
Guard on premises 75 Parnell Square S.H.Q. Council*

(g) Absence from duty and cause... *Interned Mountjoy Belfast
part April to part June 1918 (had O/C R. Fleming
Dept Finance)*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Simon Donnelly</i>	<i>16 Arnot St SCD Dublin</i>
<i>Tom Scully</i>	<i>3 Hezon Park Dublin</i>
<i>Joe O'Connor</i>	<i>32 O'Donovan Rd SCD Dublin</i>
<i>Jimmy Doyle</i>	<i>1 Desmond St SCD Dublin</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units... *C Coy 3rd Batt Dublin Bde I.R.A.*

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

Full period as above

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

Dublin City & County

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

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

in all Coy activities as I.R.A. when ordered

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

the period... *Armed evasion of arrest (from Jan 19)
to June 19 Defence 6 Harcourt St attacked British troops Portobello B.K.*

(g) Absence from duty and cause... *wounded hip + thigh June 19
under arrest part time sick leave rem period left leg
paralysed gunshot wounds*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Simon Donnelly</i>	<i>16 Arnot St SCD Dublin</i>
<i>Tom Scully</i>	<i>3 Hezon Park Dublin</i>
<i>Joe O'Connor</i>	<i>32 O'Donovan Rd SCD Dublin</i>
<i>Jimmy Doyle</i>	<i>1 Desmond St SCD Dublin</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units... *3rd Battalion Staff Dublin Bde I.R.A.*

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

Period Above

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

Dublin City & County

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

Joe O'Connor Batt Comd

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

Volunteered for active duties although still suffering from wounds

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

the period.....

Appointed O/C Special Service Classes as Staff Lieut. NCOs First Aid Signalling & Musketry & small Arms Classes. Temporary appointment also as Inspector Ambush patrols D Coy Area 3rd Batt

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

Nil

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Simon Connelly 16 Arncliffe St NCD Dublin

T. Scully 3 Keson Pl Dublin

Joe O'Connor 32 O'Donovan Rd SCD Dublin

Carry Nugent 67 Terenure Rd E Dublin

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

3rd Batt Staff Sub Bgde I.R.B.

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

Period above

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

Dublin City & County

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

Joe O'Connor Batt Comd

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

As O/C Special Service Classes supervised Training

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

the period.....

Attended Training parades despite crippled condition left leg + raids + Ambushes in vicinity of Drury St + Pearse St

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

Nil

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Simon Donnelly	16 Arnsht St. SCD Dublin
Larry Nugent	67 Terenure Rd E Dublin
Det Sgt Willie Rowe	Special Branch Garda
Joe O'Connor	32 O'Donovan Rd SCD Dublin

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

(a) Unit or Units... 3rd Batt Staff Sub Bde I.R.G.

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

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... Joe O'Connor Batt Comd

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

all orders from 3rd Staff Trained Truce Corps Deputy
of Armed Hosts in Masonic Hall May 1922

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

the period... of 7 Coy Col attempted relief of

Bourts (midnight 29 June to 2.30 am 30 June)

(g) Absence from duty and cause... None

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Simon Donnelly	16 Arnsht St SCD Dublin
Larry Nugent	67 Terenure Rd E Dublin
Det Sgt Willie Rowe	Special Branch Garda Dublin
Joe O'Connor	32 O'Donovan Rd SCD Dublin

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

(a) Unit or Units... 3rd Batt Staff Sub Bde I.R.G.

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... Full period as above

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... Dublin City & Co Kildare

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... Joe O'Connor Batt Comd

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

Carried out all staff orders received

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

Occupied various posts acting as O/C 4 Coy till July 3rd 1922

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

Captured August 1922 interned Wellington Bks. Mountjoy + No 1 Camp Tintown Curragh

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Simon Donnelly 16 Anson St SCD Dublin
 Sgt-Sgt Willie Rowe Special Branch Garda Dublin
 Larry Nugent 67 Terenure Rd E. Dublin
 Joe O'Connor 32 O'Donovan Rd SCD Dublin

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

Camp Hospital Staff

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

Period above

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

No 1 Camp Tintown Curragh Co. Kildare

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

A Hutt O/C P O'Donnell Dublin
 Hutt O/C B Fagan Rathmines

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

Carried out all Camp Staff Orders

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

Assisted Dr Johnston + B Fagan in work of controlling 6 Huts as Camp General Hospital

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

Interned as stated till Xmas 1923

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Simon Donnelly 16 Anson St SCD Dublin
 T Scully 3 Gerson Pl Dublin
 Joe O'Connor 32 O'Donovan Rd Dublin
 Tom Murphy Ballybeg Farranfore Kerry
 Capt Michael O'Hanlon Medical Services Curragh

PART II.

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

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

or

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

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

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

(b) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(2). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD COMPRISING:—

(a) period from 1st April, 1916, to 22nd April, 1916;

(b) period from 30th April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917.

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

.....

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

.....

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

.....

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

.....

(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 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.

Staff Lieutenant 3rd Batt
Dublin Brigade IRA as O/C
Special Service Classes

(b) On second critical date.

Staff Lieut 3rd Batt Dublin
Brigade (+ O/C 4 Coy Col 3rd Batt
from June 27th 1922 to July 3rd 1922)

References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Simon Donnelly 16 Arncliffe St SCD Dublin
Larry Nugent 67 Temple Rd E Dublin
Tom Scully 3 Leeson Pl Dublin
Jos O'Connor 32 Bonavan Rd SCD
Willie Rowe Special Branch Garda

- (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.

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- (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.

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(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.

Applied in 1924 for wound pension
under 1923 Act - Granted

Granted in 1926 final award
of 25% or £50 per year

(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

(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.....

(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.....

wound allowance from White
X funds for some time previous
to internment in 1922. Grant
stopped after internment

(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.....

nil

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

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

From 1920 found active service Condition extremely severe owing to crippled Condition of left leg (partial paralysis) nerve severed by gunshot but carried on as best I could. was still under treatment in 1926

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

James Joseph Grace

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

J. J. O'Donnell Colonel

Address of Witness.....*Portobello Barracks Dublin*

Qualification.....*Commissioned Officer serving in Defence Forces*

Date.....*June 4th 1934*

* 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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