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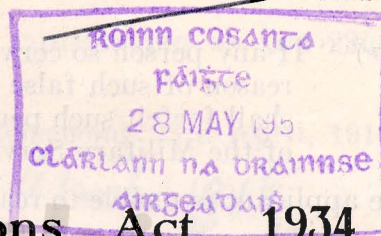
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Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

APPLICATION TO THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE FOR A SERVICE CERTIFICATE.

This form must be filled in by every person who seeks a Service Certificate, and must be signed by him and his signature witnessed. The completed form must reach the Minister for Defence on or before the 7th June, 1951. In the event of an applicant being unable to write, he should affix his mark, such act being witnessed.

NAME (to be written in GEORGE IRVINE GEORGE
block capitals). SURNAME CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS 19 WHITE HALL ROAD 90 Meers Banigan Boinn
(to be written in TERENURE DUBLIN 31st Andrew Street
block capitals).

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 the Acts, 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? *23rd April 1916*
- (b) Unit or Units. *B. Co. 4th Batt. Dublin Bde.*
- (c) Duration (giving dates) of service. *Fought in S.D. U. (S.E.R. gate) till captured*
- (d) District or Districts in which active service was rendered. *4th Batt District Dublin Bde.*
- (e) Officer Commanding in each instance. *Command. Cammoun Ceannt*
- (f) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *O.C. in charge of outpost as in (c) above*
- (g) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the week. *Refer to (c) & (f) above*
- (h) Absence from duty and cause. *Not absent.*
- (i) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>N. P. Corrigan</i>	<i>17 Greenpark Rathgar</i>
<i>T. J. Boylan</i>	<i>54 Frankfort Avenue</i>
<i>Sean O'Shaughnessy</i>	<i>96 K. Gillan Rathgar Rd. Capel 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. *B. Co. 4th Batt Dublin Bde.*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service. *(a) 1st April 1916 - 22nd April 1916*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered. *4th Batt Area Dublin Bde.*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance. *Command. Cammoun Ceannt*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *Capt in charge of Company. Signalling Officer 4th Batt*
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period. *active training and other essential service as ordered by Civil Government*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause. *None.*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
W. P. Corrigan	17 Greenpark Rathgar
T. J. Boylan	54 Frankfort Ave. Rathgar Rd.
Sean O'Shaughnessy	C/o McQuillan Capel St Dublin

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

(a) Unit or Units. B. Co. 4th Batt still transferred to 1st Batt. in Jan. 18.

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service. In prison until end of June 1917

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

4th Batt Area.

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance. Liam Clarke

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? That it was essential service as ordered by Civil Government of Repulse

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

(g) Absence from duty and cause. none

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
W. P. Corrigan	17 Greenpark Rathgar
T. J. Boylan	54 Frankfort Ave. Rathgar Rd.
Sean O'Shaughnessy	C/o McQuillan Capel St Dublin

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

(a) Unit or Units. 1st Batt. Dublin Bde I.R.A.

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

1st Apr. 1918 — 31st Mar. 1919

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

1st. Batt. Area.

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance. Commandf. Tom. Byrne

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

Inspecting and maintaining Batt. Service in armoured machine gun, Signalling, 1st aid classes + visiting the different companies

answer to (e).

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period. *That it was essential service as*

ordered by the Civil Government of the Republic

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Commandt Tom Byrne</i>	<i>67 Old Cabra Rd. Dublin</i>
<i>Sean O'Neill</i>	<i>609 N.C.R. Dublin</i>
<i>Patrick Kelly</i>	<i>Fire station Tara St "</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units. *1st Batt. Dubl. Bde. I.R.A.*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service. *whole period*

1st Apr. 1919 — 31st Mar. 1920

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

1st Batt. Area.

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance. *Commandt. Tom Byrne*

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

it was essential service as ordered by the Civil Govt. of the Republic

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period. *Inspecting and maintaining essential*

Batt. services

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Commandt. Tom Byrne</i>	<i>67 Old Cabra Rd. Dublin</i>
<i>Sean O'Neill</i>	<i>609 N.C.R. Dublin</i>
<i>Patrick Kelly</i>	<i>Fire station Tara St Dublin</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units. *1st Batt. Dublin Bde. Area*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service. *1st Apr. 1920 — 31st Mar. 1921*

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

1st Batt. Dublin Bde. area

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

Commandt. P. Holahan

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

That it was essential service as ordered by the Civil Govt of the Republic

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

during the period..... Inspecting & keeping at full strength essential service of Battalion

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

About a fortnight end of Oct & beginning of November in Mountjoy Prison.

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Patk Kelly

Fire Station Tara St. Dublin

Thomas Merrigan

58. Brandon Rd. Drimnagh

Oscar Traynor

14 Sollymount Ave. Clontarf, Dublin

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

1st Batt Dublin Bde. I R. A

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

1st April 1921 - 11 July 1921

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

1st Batt Dublin Bde. area

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

Commandt. P. Holahan

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

That it was essential service as ordered by the Government of the Republic

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

during the period..... Inspecting & keeping at full strength essential service of Batt.

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

None.

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Oscar Traynor T.D.	14 Dollymount Ave. Clontarf
Patk Kelly	Fire Station Tara St Dublin
Tom. Merrigan	58 Bandon Rd. Drinagh 11

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

(a) Unit or Units..... 1st Batt. Dublin Bde. T.R.A.

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

12th July 1921 — 30th June 1922

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

1st Batt. Dublin Bde. Area.

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

Colmndt P. Holohan

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

That it was essential service as ordered by the Civil Govt. of Republic

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

during the period. Inspecting & maintaining essential

service of Batt. Military Camp at Mullhuddart

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

None

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Oscar Traynor T.D.	14 Dollymount Ave Clontarf
Patk. Kelly	Fire Station Tara St Dublin
Sean O'Neill	Coq M.C.R Dublin

(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?.....

See over

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

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

Prisoner of War.

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

PART II.

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

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

or

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

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

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

(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.* :—

Oghlaigh 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.

(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.

O/C B. Co. 4 Batt until Jan. 1918

(b) On second critical date.

V.C. 1st Batt from Jan 1918
until Xmas 1922

References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

T. J. Boylen
Sean O'Neill

54 Frankfort Ave
609 N. R. Dublin Rathgar

(2). Did you serve in the National Army as well as in the Forces on the 1st July, 1922, or on any subsequent date. If so, did you apply for a certificate of military service under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, and, if so, with what result? If you did not so apply, give your reasons for not doing so.

No.

(3). If you did not serve in both the National Army and the Forces on the 1st, July, 1922, or on any subsequent date—state whether you applied for a Certificate of Military Service under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, and, if so, with what result.

No.

(4). Did you apply for a wound or disability pension under any of the following Acts? :—

Army Pensions Act, 1923.

Army Pensions Act, 1927.

Army Pensions Act, 1932.

If so, with what result.

no

(5). Have you applied for, or are 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, or of the Headquarters Staff of Oglagh na hEireann, or a member of the Intelligence Branch of any of the bodies which constitute the Forces? 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.

*In receipt of Pension from the
City of Dublin Vocational Committee
£32.8 18-0*

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 Acts, 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 shall 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.

*I joined the I.V. at the meeting in Potarda, Dublin
in Nov. 1913, as a result of action taken by the Dublin Central
Board, I.R.B. I was one of the stewards at the meeting. Took part
in the gun running at Howth & Kilcock. Condemned to death
in 1916, commuted to 10 yrs. P.S. Reported back for duty in June 1917 & served*

Signature (or Mark) of Applicant

*George Irvine in I.R.A. until
Xmas. 1922*

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

Address of Witness

*W. Houghlin
Notary Public
38 Cadogan St Dublin*

Qualification

Date

* 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 a 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 with 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 subparagraph (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 or 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 1 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 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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DÁIL ÉIREANN

TIGH LAIGHEAN
(Leinster House)

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
(Dublin).

22nd November, 1950

This note is to testify to the fact that Mr George Irvine was to my personal knowledge Vice Commandant of the 1st Battalion, Dublin Brigade, I.R.A., during the years 1918 to 1922. During these years he carried out the duties pertaining to his rank in a most satisfactory manner. His services were continuously available throughout this period.

Signed,
Des O'Leary
C/O Dublin Brigade
1920/1922.

Military Archives

109 Enniskillen Rd

Drumagh

13th May 1951

Dear George

Regarding your membership of the I. R. B. I can certify that you were a member of the organisation for several years prior to 1916. I am afraid I cannot remember the year when you became a member but as you were elected to the Dublin Centre Board (Dublin Executive) about 1911 and delegate to the Leinster Council some time about the date of the formation of the Irish Volunteers your work with the

(2)
organisation must date back to 1908 or 1909
probably earlier. I am aware that from
the respective dates of your appointments
to the Dublin Board and Leinster Council
you served continuously up to 1922
on both Bodies.

Yours Sincerely

Gregory Murphy

Military Service
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19 Whitehall Road
Terenure, Dublin

To the Minister of Defence.

A Cara,

I did not put in a claim for pension in 1937 and following years, as I was in receipt of a yearly salary from the Dublin Vocational Committee of over £500 a year, including ~~imbursements~~ and cost of living maintenance, for the last few years before I was retired.

I was retired in 1947, when I received a yearly pension of £328. 18. 0, on which I find it increasingly difficult to live.

Yours

Seamus Ó h-Éilíamóin

(G. Irvine)

9 Brendan Road,

Donnybrook, Dublin

10th April 1951

This is to certify that Mr.
George Irvine has been well known
to me as an active member of the
military movement for many years.
He was associated with the various
pro-Irish Volunteer national
societies and was a prominent
member of the Irish Republican
Brotherhood from long before 1914.
He was a member of the Dublin
Centres Board throughout the
period from 1914 to 1921, and
was also one of the Leinster
Council during portion of that
period

Liam MacCarthy

I. R. B. Service

I joined the Teeling Circle of the I. R. B. in 1908. A new ~~new~~ Circle, the Mangen, ~~was~~ formed from the Teelings in 1910 and I was one of those drafted into it.

After the differences arose in the I. R. B. in 1911, on the resignation of the Mangani Centre I was elected in his place, and became Secretary of the Dublin Centres' Board in 1912 and continued in this position until the Rising in 1916.

When I returned in June 1917, I was reinstated as Centre and continued as such until Xmas 1922. I also took up my duties again as Secretary of the Centres' Board.

I was made a member of the Lenister Council in 1915, and remained a member until Xmas 1922.

George Irvine

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19 Whitehall Road

Terenure Dublin

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Dear Sean,

I said I would let you know when I sent my pension claim in. I posted it yesterday.

The reason for its being so late is that I was ill (not quite recovered yet indeed) since Feb. last.

all the best.

Yours Sincerely
J. V. Moran

Mr. Moran — You might be able to exhibit this as the affidavit is in poor circumstances
29/5/51 J. V. Moran Coland



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TASAIRC.....



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I should be glad if this
 man's claim could be expedited. He is in bad health
 and was a novelty in the movement being a teacher
 in the Diocesan Schools in Inlesworth Co. He has
 1916 service.

Liamonáin
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IRVINE, GEO.

Mr William Connellan,
(Messrs. Connellan Connellan)
3 ST. ANDREW ST.,
DUBLIN,

requests that correspondence
for George Irvine be addressed
c/o his address.

L. L. Burke.

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20/9/51

EVIDENCE GIVEN BEFORE THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE on 21:9:1951

by GEORGE IRVINE (61665).

Present: Messrs. Gill, O'Grady, Mulvihill, Col. Brennan.

Applicant identifies signature on his Application Form.

Mr. Gill:

Q. Is this your first application?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you claim active service during Easter Week?

A. Yes.

Q. Tell the Committee about your service during that week?

A. We were a very short time in the post because we were surrounded.

Q. What post were you in?

A. In the South Circular Road gate of the South Dublin Union.

Q. Were you in charge there?

A. Yes.

Q. Of how many men?

A. About nine. Comdt. Ceannt took over men from me.

Q. What day during Easter Week did you go into the Union?

A. Monday.

Q. Did you mobilise on Sunday?

A. No; the order was cancelled.

Q. Did you hold any rank in the Company at the time?

A. I was Captain.

Q. About how many men were in the Company?

A. About 60.

Q. Did you serve all during Easter Week in the S.D.U.?

A. No; we were surrounded on Monday evening. The Company had fallen out. It was "D" Company. We altered the position and it left us open to attack at the gate, and they surrounded us on Monday evening. They were actually up at the door, firing point blank into our place. A man was killed beside me - got it through the eye - and when I saw there was no hope I asked the men to surrender and they agreed.

Q. You were captured on Monday evening?

A. Yes. I was sentenced to death - commuted to Penal S.

Q. You were imprisoned up to what time?

A. I was sent to Portland. I was released in June, 1917.

Q. Tell us about your active service from your release up to the Truce.

A. I reported to Cathal Brugha when I came back. He was Vice-Comdt. of the 4th Btn. He sent me word he was not then in that position but to send on my letter.

Q. The Company was reorganised then?

A. It was only reorganising and that in 1917 and not much work in it. Early in 1918, I was appointed Vice-Comdt. of the 1st Btn.

Q. You state in your form you were appointed in January, 1918.

A. January, 1918 - Vice.Comdt., 1st Btn.

Q. And you held that rank up to when?

A. Until 1922, the Civil War.

Q. Can you give the Committee some detail as to what work you did as Vice-Comdt. from January, 1918 up to the Truce?

A. I was in charge of all the special classes and visited them during the week - always had to visit the Companies.

Q. During 1918, 1919 and 1920 what were you doing in this respect?

A. I was just inspecting the classes and visiting the Companies.

Q. Where were the classes held?

A. In 44, Parnell Sq. some of them were, and Dominick St.

Q. What sort of classes were they?

A. Machine-gun classes, signalling classes, First Aid classes, all the special classes of the Btn.

Q. Do you remember when did the special classes begin?

A. I started looking after them in 1918.

Q. Had you any job in civil life at the time?

A. Yes; I was a Teacher at the time.

Q. Apart from the classes and visiting the Companies, did you engage in any other activity before the Truce?

A. No - that was my whole work.

Q. Who was the Comdt. at the time?

A. Paddy Holohan. First of all, Tom Boyle. I do not know when Holohan came on.

Q. In his own application, Holohan stated he was appointed Comdt. on 2nd March, 1921.

A. Yes.

Q. What class of work were you doing in those few months before the Truce?

A. The same class of work. It took all my time when I was free in the evening to get around all the companies.

Q. How many companies were in the Btn.?

A. 13, I think, finally.

8th Period:

Q. During the Truce, what work were you doing?

A. We had a camp in Mulhuddert and I was looking after that, visiting it every day.

Q. Is there anything else during the Truce?

A. No - that is all I had to do.

Q. Had you any organisation work to do?

A. -

Q. When did you cease to hold the rank of Vice-Comdt.?
A. Christmas, 1922.

Q. Were you out in the Civil War at any time?
A. Yes.

Q. Give the Committee some information about that?
Were you in any post when the Civil War began?

A. Yes - I forget the name of the house - I cannot remember.
Perhaps, it was Bolton St. then.

Q. You were in Bolton St. when the Civil War began?
A. Yes.

Q. Did you take part in any fighting there?
A. No.

Q. Were you captured there?
A. Yes.

Q. How long were you interned?
A. Until Christmas, 1922.

Q. You were released at Christmas, 1922?
A. Yes.

Q. How long in all were you in gaol?
A. From July until Christmas - from the surrender until Xmas.

Q. How did you happen to get out in Christmas, 1922?
A. I signed the form.

Q. Do you say you held the rank of Vice-Comdt. when the Civil War began, i.e., 1st July, 1922?
A. Yes.

Q. Vice-Comdt. of the 1st Battn.?
A. Yes.

Q. Do you know Phil Leddy?
A. Yes.

Q. Did he get any rank?
A. He was Captain. He used attend the Btn. meetings.

Q. Can you remember what date in July you were captured in the Civil War?
A. I cannot remember - after the fall of the Four Courts.

Q. Was it long after?
A. No - because I remember we could see the Four Courts burning when we marched out.

Q. I have a record from the Battn. which shows Phil Leddy as having held the rank of Vice-Comdt. on 1st July, 1922.
A. I was captured shortly after the Four Courts - a couple of days after.

Q. Give us some idea of your work during the Truce period: you mentioned the camp in Mulhuddert.
A. Yes.

Q. Is there anything else?

A. No - looking after the camps.

Q. The camps broke up before Christmas, 1921. What were you doing as Vice-Comdt. between that and the date of the Civil War?

A. -

Q. Were you in the taking over of any Bks. from the British?

A. No.

Q. Did you serve in any I.R.A. post or Bks.?

A. We went on with the work in the Battn. as usual. And, then there were several meetings and that.

Q. The time of the split, had you any particular trouble about getting the companies organised?

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A. Yes - the work of the Btn. was going on.

Q. Were you doing something similar - supervising classes, etc.?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you devote much time to that in 1922?

A. Yes.

Mr. Gill: Q. Had you ever occasion to engage in an attack on the British Forces?

A. No.

Q. Have you any idea when the armed patrols began in Dublin in your Btn. area and how they operated?

A. The Comdt. would look after that. The Company attended and waited. It was tedious.

Col. Brennan: Q. But they were not called out?

A. No.

Q. You were a member of the I.R.B. and Leinster Council?

A. Yes.

Mr. Gill:

A note has been taken of your evidence which will be put before the Referee when he resumes duty. In the meanwhile you may, if you wish, send in a statement in elaboration of what you said to-day, and the Referee will consider all the facts before coming to any decision on your case.

Q. What age are you, Mr. Irvine?

A. 74 years of age.

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REFREREE R. 3.

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to Messrs Kerrigan & Corrigan, 3 St. Andrew St., Dublin
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M.S.P. 34/2A.

Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Reference No.....	Applicant's Name.....	Address.....	Is the applicant a person to whom the Act applies?	
			Rank or Grade allowed.	Relevant paragraph of First Schedule.
PERIOD	Particular military body or bodies in which active service was rendered.	Duration of active service established to the satisfaction of the Referee.	Equivalent for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act.	
(1) 23/4/16 - 29/4/16	IRISH VOLUNTEERS	4 years period	4 year(s)	1st critical date.....
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17	"	period	1 year	2nd critical date.....
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	"	period	1 year	Was the applicant a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive at any time prior to 11th July, 1921?
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	"	period	1 year	Does applicant's case fall under—
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	Oglaigh na h-Eireann	period	1 year	(a) sub-para. (j) of para. 3 of Rule I of the First Schedule?
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	"	period	2 year(s)	(b) sub-para. (m) of para. 4 of Rule I of the First Schedule?
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	"	period	1 year	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
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	"	period	1 year
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	"	period	13 year(s)
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	"	period	1 year
TOTAL ...			12 1/2 year(s)
To THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.				
I submit hereon my report in this case.				
Date.....				
Referee.....				

To THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

I submit hereon my report in this case.

Date.....

Referee.....

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