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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 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 KILROY MICHAEL
block capitals). SURNAME. CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS NEWPORT MAYO
(to be written in
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 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, ¹⁹¹⁶
from what date in that week? *yes mobilized under arms Easter Monday,*
- (b) Unit or Units... *Newport Co.*
- (c) Duration (giving dates) of service... *continuous until Sunday night 30th April 1916*
- (d) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *West Mayo. See Daniel Figgis Book on Volunteer movement for reference of our activities*
- (e) Officer Commanding in each instance... *no officer. I assumed command*
- (f) In what way do you claim that your service was active service... *Occupied post previously prepared with food & arms in commanding position over R.I. to Donnybrook, Roads & Bridges, & held same for the week*
- (g) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the week... *Kept up communications with outlying Co. areas (see Figgis book referred to above)*
- (h) Absence from duty and cause... *no absence*
- (i) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Ned Moane T.D. Carraboun Westport
Mr Luke Sheridan Castlebar
Mr Michael W. Moran, C.E.O. Vocational Education, Kimerick

(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... *Newport Co.*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *continuous attention to organization*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *Mayo Co.*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Lucas Batt. D.C. & representatives & bounty organization*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *Intensive organization entailing a considerable amount of time*
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *attended to distribution & carrying out of all orders issued, both ordinary & special*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause... *no absence*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Mr Joseph Mc Bride ex Brigadier Mallow Cottage, Westport
 boundt Mr. Mc Hugh Free State Army.
 Richard Walsh T.D. Balla Mayo

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

(a) Unit or Units..... Mayo Brigade

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

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... Mr Joseph Mc Bride Brigadier

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? Intensive
 organization, drilling, training, perfecting communications, arms
 repairing & equipping. I was Brigade Q.M.

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during
 the period. Great activity in connection with anti-conscription
 campaign. General organization & special public Parades

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... No absence

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Mr Joseph Mc Bride ex Brigadier, Mallow Cottage, Westport
 boundt Mr. Mc Hugh, Free State Army
 R. Walsh T.D. ex adj Mayo Brigade & representative on executive council

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

(a) Unit or Units..... Mayo Brigade

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

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... Mr Joseph Mc Bride Brigadier

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? As Brigade Q.M.
 I carried out all orders issued by G.H.Q. within my power,
 including finance collection securing of arms, special
 training classes &c

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

Raido for arms, explosives & ammunition and care of same afterwards. Training in general

(g) Absence from duty and cause...

no absence

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*Mr Joseph Mc Bride ex Brigadier, mallow cottage Westport.
Comdt ml Mc Hugh, Free State Army*

Mr R. Walsh T.D. ex Brigade adj & rep. on national Executive

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

(a) Unit or Units...

Mayo Brigade

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

Full Period

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

Mayo County

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance...

Mr Joseph Mc Bride mallow cottage

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

By constant attention to organization & details as A.M. of the Brigade

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

continuous organizing work & arming as Brigade A.M.

(g) Absence from duty and cause...

no absence except a period of illness in 1920

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*Mr Joseph Mc Bride ex Brigadier mallow cottage Westport.
Comdt ml Mc Hugh, Free State Army*

Mr R. Walsh T.D. ex adj. and rep. on national Executive, Balla

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

(a) Unit or Units...

No. 1. Brigade (West Mayo)

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

continuous service organizing left home in Oct 1920 and organised an A.S.U.

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

Brigade area

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Mr T Derrig early in this period. I became Brigade O.C. later.*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *Was in almost constant charge of the A.S.U. & saw to the Brigade organization in general.*

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

the period. *Training, arming & equipping still went on. Two attempts at attack were made on Brown forces - One in Louisburgh, and one at Broagh Patrick.*

(g) Absence from duty and cause... *no absence*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Edward Moane T.D. ^{ex} Vice Brigadier, Carrabawn Westport.

John Gibbons ex adj. Brigade Dublin

Dr Madden Westport now of Baggot St Dublin

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

(a) Unit or Units... *No 1 Brigade West Mayo*

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

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

Brigade area

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Myself as Brigadier responsible to J.H. A*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *Continuously in charge of A.S.U. & Brigade organization*

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

the period. *Fights with Brown forces ~~and~~ at Westport twice Carrakenidy twice Newport three times, Kilmeena, Skindagh, Islandeady, Camaslay, Glanislone, (Burrischool Bridge attempted)*

(g) Absence from duty and cause... *no absence*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Eduard Moane T.D. ex Vice Brigadier, barrabaun Westport
 John Connolly ex Batt O.B., no 8 Nowell Terrace, ~~England~~ ^{England}
 Dr Madden ~~hair hills Lane 1420~~ Baggot St Dublin

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

(a) Unit or Units..... ~~West Mayo Brigade~~ *From Nov 1921 4th Western Div*

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

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... *The Western half of Co. Galway, West & North Mayo & a small portion of Sligo. Attended at executive meetings & H.Q. of Western representatives.*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *myself under J. H. A.*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... *Full time service as Div. O.B.*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *Several Training camps established. kept permanent H.Q. staff. Intensive Training.*

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... *no absence*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Eduard Moane T.D. ex Vice Brigadier, barrabaun, Westport.
 Dr Macken Div. Adj. 327 Nort. C. Rd Dublin
 Dr Madden Baggot St Dublin

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *4th Western Div. Later Western command*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *Whole time from 1st July 1922 until arrested 24th Nov 1922 during an engagement at newport.*

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... *Counaught and at J. H. A.*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *myself under J. H. A.*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... *Was whole time officer as Div. O.B. & later as command O.B. carried out intensive training. Established explosive & grenade factories. Turned out & equipped four A.S.U. in Mayo two in Galway. Also a number in Sligo & Roscommon.*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *Fights at Tubbercurry, Ballina, Glencore*

Glenamoy, Newport Islandeady, Bachelar Clifden and others too numerous to mention

(g) Absence from duty and cause... *not absent until captured by Free State Troops on 24th Nov 1922*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Edward Moore T.D. ex Brigadier Barrabawn Westport
Dr Madden ex Command Adj. Bagginst Dublin
John Gibbons Div Adj. Dublin

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

(a) Unit or Units... *was imprisoned in Bachelar, Athlone, Mountjoy.*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *imprisoned during full period from 24th Nov 1922 until 11th May 1924*

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Was O.C. ^{prisoners} in Mountjoy Prison*

(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... *Imprisonment*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Mr Richard Walsh T.D. Balla Mayo
Mr Thomas Derrig Minister for Education
Mr Mark Killilea T.D. Ballinamore Bridge Co Galway.

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.

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(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.....

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

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

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

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

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

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* 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.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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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.....

(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.

Rank B. as O.C. West Mayo Brigade
and Brigade Active Service Unit

(b) On second critical date.

Rank A. as O.C. 4th Western Div.
and Western Representative on the National
Executive

References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Mr Edward Moane T.D. ex Brigadier	Barraclough Westport
Mr Richard Walsh T.D. Balla Mayo	
Mr Joseph McBride mallow cottage	Westport
Dr Madden	20 Lower Baggot St. Dublin

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

never served in National Army

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

Did not apply.

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

Army Pensions Act, 1923.
Army Pensions Act, 1927.
Army Pensions Act, 1932.

If so, with what result.

Did not apply.

(5). Have you applied for, or are you in receipt of Unemployment Assistance under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1933 ? If so, quote the number of your qualification certificate.....*no*

(6). Were you a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921 ? If so, give the dates between which you served.....*no.*

(7). Are you now, or were you at any time during the period for which you claim service, in receipt of any remuneration, or allowance payable out of public moneys, whether provided by the Oireachtas or out of the Central Fund, or by means of the poor rate or any other rate imposed by a local authority, state details.....*nothing with the exception of my Dail allowance as T. D. of £ 360*

(8). Are you in receipt of any pension in respect of service :—

- (a) As a member of the Civil Service.
- (b) As a member of the Garda Síochána.
- (c) As a member of any other Police Force.
- (d) As a member of the Prisons Service.
- (e) As a National School Teacher.
- (f) As a Secondary School Teacher.

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

If so, give details.....

no

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

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

Was in constant touch with Sean McDermot since about 1911 pushing sale of "Irish Freedom". Paid £20 for Brother John & myself for arms, about the time of the landing of arms at Larn 1914 to Joseph Mc Bride to be forwarded to his brother John Mc Bride. We arranged to armour-plate a car on Thursday of 1916 (Easter week) to enable us reach Dublin & help operations there. On Friday morning we got the news of a gunboat shelling the city, which caused us to desist for the time

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

Michael Kilroy

Newport Mayo

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

Ronan Sheehy Sgt. 1816

Address of Witness.....

Landasutehana

Newport we report Co. Mayo.

Qualification.....

Sgt. 1816 Landasutehana.

Date.....

18th January 1935

* Witness must be one of the following :—

- A Commissioned Officer serving in the Defence Forces.
- A Permanent Civil Servant (active or retired) whose salary is or was not less than £200 and on a scale rising to not less than £300.
- A District Justice.
- A Peace Commissioner.
- A Barrister-at-Law, a Solicitor, or a Commissioner for Oaths.
- A Minister of Religion (denomination to be stated).
- A Registered Physician or Surgeon.
- Managers, Secretaries, Chief Cashiers and Accountants of Banks, and Officials in charge of Branch Banks.
- A Member of the Garda Síochána.
- A Postmaster or Postmistress in actual charge of a Post Office.
- Head Teachers of Secondary or National Schools.
- A Secretary of a Registered Friendly Society.
- A Notary Public.
- A Consul-General.
- A Consul.
- A Vice-Consul.

APPENDIX.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

RULES FOR DETERMINING NOTIONAL GRADES OF RANK IN THE FORCES HELD BY PERSONS SERVING IN THE FORCES.

1.—(1) Any person who at any date was either Chief of Staff, Deputy Chief of Staff, Adjutant General, a Divisional Officer Commanding, or Quartermaster General shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank A.

(2) Any person who at any date was either—

- (a) a General Headquarters Officer acting as Director of any one of the following services, namely Organisation, Intelligence, Engineering and Munitions, or
- (b) a Brigade Officer Commanding whose brigade was at that date not less than one thousand in strength,

shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank B.

(3) Any person who at any date was either—

- (a) a Brigade Officer Commanding whose brigade at that date was less than one thousand in strength, or
- (b) a Divisional Vice Officer Commanding, or
- (c) a Divisional Adjutant, or
- (d) a Divisional Quartermaster, or
- (e) a Battalion Commandant whose battalion was at that date not less than three hundred in strength, or
- (f) a Brigade Vice Officer Commanding whose brigade was at that date not less than one thousand in strength, or
- (g) a Brigade Adjutant whose brigade was at that date not less than one thousand in strength, or
- (h) a Brigade Quartermaster whose brigade was at that date not less than one thousand in strength, or
- (i) a Column Commander whose column was at that date not less than thirty in strength, or
- (j) a General Headquarters Officer who at that date was acting as Director of Medical Services, or
- (k) a General Headquarters Officer who at that date was acting as Director of any Service, other than that of Medical Services, or one of the Services mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) of the immediately preceding paragraph,

shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank C.

(4) A person who at any date—

- (a) was a Battalion Commandant whose battalion at that date was less than three hundred in strength, or
- (b) was a Company Captain whose company at that date was not less than sixty in strength, or
- (c) was, at that date, a Captain on the General Headquarters Staff or on a Divisional Staff, or
- (d) was, in the case of a company which at that date was not less than one hundred and twenty in strength, where the company had at that date one Lieutenant only, such Lieutenant or, where the company had at that date two Lieutenants only, one or other of such Lieutenants, or, where the company had at that date three or more Lieutenants, one or other of the two Lieutenants who were at that date respectively second and third in command, or
- (e) was, in the case of a company which at that date was less than one hundred and twenty in strength but not less than one hundred in strength, where such company had at that date one Lieutenant only, such Lieutenant or where such company had at that date two or more Lieutenants, the Lieutenant who was at that date second in command, or
- (f) was a Brigade Officer, other than a Brigade Officer who is deemed by virtue of paragraph (2) or (3) of this Rule to have held at that date either Rank B or Rank C, or
- (g) was a Battalion Vice Officer Commanding whose battalion at that date was not less than one hundred in strength, or
- (h) was a Battalion Adjutant whose battalion was at that date not less than one hundred in strength, or
- (i) was a Battalion Quartermaster whose battalion was at that date not less than one hundred in strength, or

- (j) was a General Headquarters Officer other than a General Headquarters Officer who was at that date acting as a Director of any Service, or
- (k) was a Divisional Officer other than a Divisional Officer Commanding, a Divisional Vice Officer Commanding, a Divisional Adjutant or a Divisional Quartermaster, or
- (l) was a Column Commander whose column at that date was less than thirty in strength, or
- (m) was a Medical Officer other than a General Headquarters Officer who at that date was acting as Director of Medical Services,

shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank D.

- (5) Any person who complies with the following conditions, namely :—

- (a) was at any date an officer, and
- (b) is not deemed by virtue of any of the preceding paragraphs of this Rule to have held at that date any grade of rank,

shall be deemed for the purposes of this Act to have held at that date Rank E.

- (6) Any person who at any date held the rank of non-commissioned officer or private shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank E.

- (7) None of the foregoing provisions of this Rule shall apply to any person who at any date was a member of Fianna Eireann or of Cumann na mBan and was not at any date a member of Oglagh na hEireann (Irish Republican Army) or of the Irish Volunteers, and in lieu thereof the following provisions shall have effect in relation to any such person, that is to say :—

- (a) any person who at any date :—

- (i) was a member of the headquarters staff or executive of Fianna Eireann or Cumann na mBan, or
- (ii) was an officer of Fianna Eireann or Cumann na mBan commanding one hundred members or more of either of those bodies, or
- (iii) was an officer of Fianna Eireann or Cumann na mBan senior to an officer of either of those bodies commanding one hundred members or more of either of those bodies,

shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank D, and

- (b) any person who at any date was a member of Fianna Eireann or Cumann na mBan and who is not deemed by virtue of the foregoing sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph to have held Rank D, shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank E.

2. Where an officer whose grade of rank at any date is, under Rule I of this Schedule, to be determined both by his actual rank in the Forces and the strength of the unit to which he belonged at that date, and such officer is, at that date, absent from duty by reason of imprisonment on account of his activities as a member of the Forces, the following provisions shall, for the purposes of the said Rule I, have effect in relation to such officer, that is to say :—

- (a) such officer shall be deemed to have held at that date the actual rank in the Forces which he held at the date of his arrest, and
- (b) such unit shall be deemed to be at that date at the same strength as it was at the time of his arrest.

3. Where the case of any person does not fall within the provisions of Rule I of this Schedule, the Referee may determine the particular grade of rank which such person is to be deemed to have held on any date, and in so determining the Referee shall have regard to the following matters, that is to say :—

- (a) the appointment held by such person,
- (b) the services performed by such person,
- (c) the principles of grading set forth in the said Rule I.

4. Where any person, whose case at a particular date falls within the provisions of Rule I of this Schedule, was, at that date, engaged in service of a special character, the Referee may, in making his report under this Act in relation to the grade of rank held by such person on such date, report that the grade of rank held by him on such date is a grade of rank higher than the grade which, but for this Rule, would be the grade of rank held by him on that date.

DEFINITION OF THE FIRST AND SECOND CRITICAL DATES.

1. In the case of a person who served in the Forces during the period commencing on the 1st day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923,

The expression "the first critical date" means the 11th day of July, 1921; and the expression "the second critical date" means:—

(a) in the case of a person who served in the Forces on the 1st day of July, 1922, the 1st day of July, 1922 and

(b) in the case of a person who did not serve in the Forces on the 1st day of July, 1922, but who served in the Forces at any time during the period commencing on the 2nd day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923, the date during that period on which such person first served in the Forces.

2. In the case of a person who did not serve in the Forces during the period commencing on the 1st day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923, but who has either:—

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

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

the expression "the first critical date" shall be construed as meaning the date during the said week, or if he did not serve during the said week, during the said period, on which he first served in the Forces in such week or such period (as the case may be), and

the expression "the second critical date" shall be construed as meaning the earliest date in the period between the first critical date in respect of such person, and the 12th day of July, 1921, on which such person held his highest rank in such last-mentioned period in the Forces.

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SWORN STATEMENT MADE BEFORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY MICHAEL KILROY

ON THE 19TH JANUARY, 1935 - NO. 839.

Q. In Easter Week you say you occupied some post opposite the Barracks? Do you want to add anything to that?

A. There was no actual fighting but the fact of what took place meant a lot of preliminary organisation and work. I mentioned in my application that in 1913 we paid as much as £20 for arms because we took the National Movement very seriously. I was for years before that in other organisations, for instance, we had the Hibernians. We disagreed with their outlook later and we started the American Alliance Hibernians. That was as early as 1909. I mentioned Mr. Darrel Figgis's book as a reference. The only mistake in that book is that it was not me but my brother who went to him. We are coach builders and the bunch of men in my house decided to construct an armoured car. Being so isolated as we were we thought it better to reach Dublin and thought it was unlikely that they would have another armoured car IN Dublin. That was towards the end of the week and on the Friday morning we got very serious news re the gun boats. We decided to wait a while and every morning brought us worse news. My brother used to meet the train every morning to get the news. On Sunday evening we were brought the news from Castlebar to "dump" arms. We had a job to get out all the stuff we had in the town without being seen. In my opinion that was more effective than those who got themselves imprisoned. I was able to be more useful afterwards.

Q. From the 1st April 1917 to March '18 you were evidently a Brigade Q.M.?

A. I cannot swear I was on that date but very early on the Mayo Brigade was formed. I was Q.M. from the time it started. I would say that would be about the 1st November.

Q. From that date you were expensively engaged in building up again?

A. Yes. We had battalions formed since about the January before that.

Q. Who was Brigade O.C.?

A. Joseph MacBride.

Q. You had some raids for arms from April 1918 to March 1919 and you were training classes? What classes?

A. McMahon was down there. I attended classes myself with MacBride in Westport. ~~We had them continually.~~

Q. Where had you the raids for explosives?

A. Carey's of Newport - a wholesale house, principally blasting powder we got.

Q. You had no fighting to get it?

A. No.

Q. What about ammunition?

A. We got some there and in various other places.

Q. You had no fighting?

A. No.

Q. You were ill in 1920? How long did that last?

A. It lasted about a month.

Q. In the period 1st April 1920 to the 31st March 1921 you formed an A.S.U. in Mayo?

A. Yes.

Q. How many Battalions were in the Brigade at that time?

A. There would be at least four. There were four Brigades from 1918.

Q. You were constantly on this work?

A. Yes. I left home in October 1920 and was engaged on this job all the time without exception.

Q. How many were in the Column in your Brigade?

A. I would say about 45.

Q. Who was in command of the A.S.U.?

A. I was in command of the Brigade A.S.U.

Q. You broke up into Battalion columns?

A. We did not, but they were a good while operating on their own.

Q. How many in each Battalion would be on whole-time active service?

A. I could not say definitely. There were about 45 in the A.S.U. It comprised Louisburgh, Westport and Newport, and *bashtel*

Q. In the 8th period was Mayo a Divisional Area? *Oct or Nov. 1921* *Yes the Division was formed in*

A. There were two Brigades in Galway, East and West Connemara. There was a portion of Sligo in with us.

Q. What would have been the strength of your Brigade at the Truce?

A. I thought I would have a photograph with me to show you. It was taken at the funeral of a fellow who was shot accidentally immediately after the Truce. All in the photograph were Volunteers - there would be about 5,000 in it.

Q. What would be the strength of Ned Moane's Brigade?

A. It would be at least 2,000.

Q. You were arrested in November 1922. Were you in the whole time up to 1923?

A. I escaped on the 11th May 1924.

Q. How did you manage to escape?

A. I got assistance.

Q. Were you 'on the loose' again up to the end?
A. I was 'on the run' all the time after coming out.

Q. Had you a bad time of it when you came out?
A. Yes. There was one incident which happened on the last Sunday in July. It was the day of a Pilgrimage, and I was staying out the country. A friend of mine thought the military were very busy and became suspicious, so he got a fellow with a breadvan to come out with a message. When the military saw the breadvan leaving town they suspected something, and came out after ~~us~~, but just as they arrived my wife was leaving by the front door, and that seemed to put them off the scent. I managed to escape by jumping into a patch of potatoes at the back of the house, and although they searched for me they did not get me.

(Signed) Michael Kilroy

Sworn before me on 26th February 1935

Joseph K. O'Connor.
R E F E R E E.

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DÁIL ÉIREANN,

TIGH LAIGHEAN
(Leinster House),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
(Dublin).

Medlicott, St-
Newport-
Mayo-
19-2-35

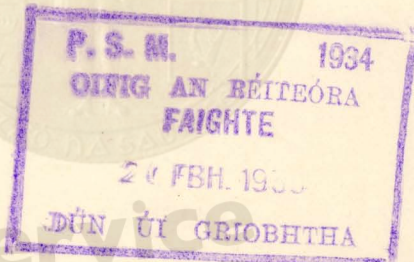
The Sec.

Michael is in bed with a bad cold
& will not be able to call as
arranged.

Yrs sincerely
(Mrs.) A. Kilroy

File
839

11.30 A.M.



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TOSAIRT

Mr. Sweeney

Ask letter beneath & ask Mr. Kirby to
notify me as soon as he is available to attend here.

E. 2-6

21/2/35.

Mr. Grotty,

For attention and then pass file to
Mr. Dooley to B.F. until Rep is received.

Attended to
JL 21/2/35

Chas. S.
21/2/35.

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21st February 1935

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to acknowledge the receipt of Mrs. Kilroy's letter of the 19th instant and to request you to notify me as soon as you will be available to attend here with reference to your application under the above Act.

Mise, le meas,

E. ne burca

RÚNAÍ.

Michael Kilroy, Esq., T.D.,
Medlicott St.,
Newport,
CO. MAYO.

NMCG.

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DÁIL ÉIREANN

*The Secretary
Office of the Referee
Griffith Baracks
South Circular Rd.,
Dublin.*

DÁIL ÉIREANN.

~~TIGH LAIGHEAN
(Leinster House),~~

~~BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
(Dublin).~~

*Newport
Mayo
22.2.35*

Sir,

your letter reference no. 839 to hand this morning. I hope to get to City D.V. next week + will phone you as already arranged before I go across so as to have you appoint an hour when you can meet me.

*Yours truly
M Kilroy*



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Ref. No. 839

Applicant's Name Gilroy, Michael

Address Newport, Co. Mayo

(1) Newport Coy.
(2) Mayo Brigade
(3) No. 16 Brigaded (West Mayo)
Unit (4) 4th Western Division.

(a) Period	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active Service allowed	(d) Equivalent for pension purposes.	Remarks
(1) 23/4/1916-30/4/1916	Full Period	Nil	Nil	
(2) (a) 1/4/16-22/1/17 (b) 30/4/16-31/3/17.	Full Period	Nil	Nil	
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	Full Period	Full	1/2 of 1 year	
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	Full Period	Full	1/2 of 1 year	
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	Full Period	Full	1 year	
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	Full Period	Full Period 2 3/4 of 2 yrs 3 3/4	2 3/4 years.	
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/22	Full Period	Full	1 year	
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/3/22	Full Period	Full	1 year	
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	Full Period	Full	2 years	
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	Full Period	Full	1 year	

(a) First critical date; Rank B (b) Second critical date. Rank A

Rank claimed on Rank B
Rank allowed: - Rank A

Signed: - John Mc Coy

Total of column (d) 9 years

Lm. Fitzgerald

3/1/35

Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 34 SP/967

Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee-839.

To : THE REFEREE.

To : THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

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

Milroy, Michael, T.D.
Newport, Co. Mayo.
for a Service Certificate.

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

Report transmitted to G.D.A. 1-18

Registered 10/3/35
Recorded 2/3/35

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

(SIGNED) J. K. O'CONNOR

Referee.

Date.....

Date.....

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

2. If so, total actual service in the different service periods, as established. (1) Nil (2) Nil

(3) ENTIRE PERIOD	(4) ENTIRE PERIOD	(5) ENTIRE PERIOD
(6) ENTIRE PERIOD	(7) ENTIRE PERIOD	(8) ENTIRE PERIOD
(9) ENTIRE PERIOD	(10) ENTIRE PERIOD	

3. Total service for pension purposes as defined by Second Schedule of the Act. 9 years

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

(a) On first critical date. Grade B. Para. 1(2)(b)

(b) On second critical date. Grade A. Para. 1(1)

(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

H. Craig
S.M.

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? *£360 annual allowance as T.D.* ✓

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

nil

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

(3) State—

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

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

Newport Coy.

Assumed command as there was no officer. ✓

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

nil

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

(3) State—

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

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant..... *Battn. O/C.* ✓

..... *Newport Coy.* ✓

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

..... *ENTIRE PERIOD* ✓

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

..... *$\frac{1}{2}$ 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..... *Brigade Q. M.* ✓

..... *Mayo 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

..... *ENTIRE PERIOD* ✓

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

..... *$\frac{1}{2}$ 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..... *Brigade Q. M.* ✓

..... *Mayo Brigade* ✓

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

.....
 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.....

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

.....
Mayo Brigade

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

Brigade Q. 4.

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

.....
 ENTIRE PERIOD

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

.....
2 years

- (3) State—

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

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

.....
No. 1 Brigade (West Mayo)
Became Brigade Q. 4 during this period.

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

in charge of A.S.U.

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

.....
 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.....

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

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,
Brigade o/c.
No. 1 Brigade West Mayo.
In charge of A.S. U.

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

.....
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.....

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

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,
Divisional o/c.
West Mayo Brigade, and
4th Western Division from Nov. 1921

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—

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

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

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,
Div. o/c. & Command o/c.
4th W. Div. later Western Command.
Equipped several Active Service Units.

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.....

Imprisoned until 11th May, 1924. ✓
O/C of prisoners in Mountjoy.

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