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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
block capitals).

CLINCH
SURNAME.

PATRICK JOSEPH
CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS.....

(to be written in
block capitals).

"ST. ENDAS," DUBLIN ROAD
SUTTON, CO. DUBLIN

NOTE.—Before answering the questions below, the applicant is requested to note that :

- (a) This form is divided into three parts. Part I. is to be completed where the applicant had, in addition to the required pre-Truce Service, Service in the Forces in the period commencing the 1st July, 1922. Part II. is to be completed where the applicant's qualifying service in the Forces was pre-Truce only. Only one of those two parts is to be completed by any one applicant. Part III. is of general application and should be completed by all applicants.
- (b) Before completing particulars as to rank the applicant should read carefully the First Schedule to the Act and also the definitions of the expressions "first critical date" and "second critical date" which are appended to this form for the information of applicants. He should then complete his replies to the questions in the terms of Rules 1 and 2 of the First Schedule which are applicable to his case, e.g. :—

was "a Divisional Adjutant" or

was "a Battalion Quartermaster whose Battalion was (at the critical date) not less than one hundred in strength," or

was "an officer of Fianna Eireann commanding one hundred members or more."

If applicant's case falls within either Rule 3 or Rule 4 of the First Schedule full particulars of the claim as required by those Rules should be given, if necessary, in a separate statement.

- (c) All statements made in this application will be carefully investigated, and satisfactory evidence must be forthcoming on request to substantiate each and every statement made.
- (d) "If any person with a view to obtaining either for himself or any other person a grant or payment of a pension under this Act, makes, signs, or uses any declaration, application or other written statement knowing the same to be false, such person shall be guilty of an offence under this section and shall be liable on summary conviction thereof to a fine not exceeding £25 (twenty-five pounds) or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or at the discretion of the Court to both such fine and imprisonment." (Sec. 19 (1) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934).

- (e) "If any person so convicted as aforesaid is in receipt of a pension obtained by reason of such false declaration, application, or other written statement he shall forfeit such pension as from the date of such conviction." (Sec. 19 (2) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934).

If the applicant is unable to read, the above note should be read to him by the witness.

SERVICE IN THE FORCES, THAT IS IN THE FOLLOWING MILITARY BODIES, OGLAIGH NA h-EIREANN (IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY) OR IN THE IRISH VOLUNTEERS OR IN THE IRISH CITIZEN ARMY OR IN FIANNA EIREANN OR IN THE HIBERNIAN RIFLES OR IN CUMANN NA mBAN.

For each of the periods set out in Parts I. and II. in which you claim to have rendered active service, state the name of the unit or units, name and address of the O/C., the names and addresses of three reputable references who can verify your service.

The following circumstances shall not be deemed to constitute a breach in the continuity of service:—

- (a) Absence from duty following arrest, imprisonment, internment, or deportation under the Defence of the Realm Act, 1914, the Restoration of Order in Ireland Act, 1920, or any regulations made thereunder;
- (b) Absence from duty following arrest, imprisonment, or penal servitude in respect of sedition, treason or treason felony prior to 11th July, 1921;
- (c) Absence from duty by reason of duties necessitating such absence undertaken at the instance of or on behalf of the Cabinet of the First Dail Eireann or of the Second Dail Eireann;
- (d) Absence from duty while under arrest, as a result of activities as a member of the Forces.

If you claim to have been absent from duty under these conditions, give particulars of the circumstances with respect to each such period of absence, and state its duration.

PART I.

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANTS WHO HAD PRE AND POST TRUCE SERVICE IN THE FORCES* AS FOLLOWS:—

- (a) who served in the Forces at any time during the week commencing on the 23rd day of April, 1916,
- or
- (b) who served in the Forces continuously during either of the following periods, the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1920, and ending on the 31st day of March, 1921,
- or
- (c) the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1921, and ending on the 11th day of July, 1921,

and in addition

who served in the Forces at any time during the period commencing on the 1st day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923.

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

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

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

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

(b) Unit or Units. Kimmage Unit

(c) Duration (giving dates) of service. During entire week

(d) District or Districts in which active service was rendered. General Post Office Area.

(e) Officer Commanding in each instance. George Plunkett, Cpt. Leo Henderson, Lieut. Frank Thornton (Capt)

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

Service during week of Rebellion. I was wounded in
Moore Lane on evacuation of G.P.O. Wound received in breast arm.

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

(h) Absence from duty and cause. none

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<u>Leo Henderson;</u>	<u>Accountant, South Dublin Union</u>
<u>Frank Thornton;</u>	<u>New Island, near G. Dawson St Dublin</u>
<u>Seamus Robinson;</u>	<u>Reinolds House</u>

(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. Kimmage Unit

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service. 1st April 1916 to 22nd April 1916.

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered. Kimmage Camp
Services: Making ammunition & preparing for Easter Week Rebellion

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance. George Plunkett; Frank Thornton

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

Services: Making ammunition & Interned from
30th April 1916 to January 1917

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period. Training Services: Making ammunition
& preparing for Easter week Rebellion. Interned
from 30th April 1916 to January 1917.

(g) Absence from duty and cause. None. saved capture by British
forces & Internment until January 1917.

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Frank Thornton : New Ireland Assurance Co. Dawson St. Dublin.
 Senator Seamus Robinson : Leinster House, Dublin

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

(a) Unit or Units..... Killanny Coy. attached to Louth Batta.
 Co. Monaghan North

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... 1st April 1917 to 31st March

1918

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

& District

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

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

Services & organising Services forming Companies

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

the period..... Training Services & organisation Services
 Despatch work.

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Frank Thornton (Staff. Capt. G. H. B.) - New Ireland Assurance Co. Dawson St. Dublin
 Jas. J. Kelly, Rogerstown, Ardee, Co. Louth

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

(a) Unit or Units..... Killanny Coy. & North Louth Battalion (to 31st Dec. 1918)

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... 1st April 1918 to 31st March 1919

March 1919.

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... Killanny & Districts
 in North Louth & South Monaghan; Navan & Districts, Co. of Meath.

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... Self (Batta. adjutant) North Louth

Patrick Longhorne, Coy. G. Navan

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

Training Services; organisation Services; Election Services
 E. Navan (Ar. Griffith). S. Armagh (Dr. Macfarlan) and
 General Election. Louth Monaghan. 1918.

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period. *Training Services; organisation Services*

Religion Services + anti-Consumption Services

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Frank Thornton: New Ireland Assoc. Co. Dawson St. Dublin

Patrick Longhron: Market Square, Navan.

Sean Baylon: Dunboyne, Co. Meath

Henry Kelly: Rogerstown - Craze

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

(a) Unit or Units. *Navan Coy. 6th B. Btn. Meath Brigade.*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service. *1st April 1919 to 31st March 1920*

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered. *Navan & District Co. of Meath*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance. *Patrick Longhron - Battalion O.C.*

Sean Baylon - Brigade O.C.

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *Training & Organisation Services; I was attached to Battalion & Brigade Staff*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period. *Training & Organisation Services as Brigade Staff Captain*

Participation in attack on Lisnallan (Dillon's bridge) Barracks

General Services - my premises were rendezvous for officers etc.

(g) Absence from duty and cause. *None - Save capture by British forces*

P.P. in March 1920. Imprisonment in Mountjoy Prison, on Hunger Strike for 16 days, on release in Water Hospital for 14 days.

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Patrick Longhron: Market Square, Navan

Sean Baylon: Dunboyne, Co. Meath

Dr. Frank J. Longhron: Market Sq. Navan.

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

(a) Unit or Units. *Meath Brigade*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service. *1st April 1920 to 31st March 1921*

- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *Navan & generally in Co. Meath*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Sean Boylan*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?... *Services on Brigade Staff, Training & organising etc.*
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *Brigade & Battalion organisation & Training Services.*

- (g) Absence from duty and cause... *None - (Save that in addition to my Military Service, I also was chairman of North Meath Republican Court & Meath Co. Council) - 4 weeks in Vincent's Hospital - Extraction of Bullet accidentally received during Rep. Dick's activities*
- (h) References who can testify as to your statements above:

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Sean Boylan</i>	<i>Dunboyne, Co. Meath</i>
<i>Patrick Loughran</i>	<i>Market Sq., Navan</i>
<i>J. R. Huffy</i>	<i>Fairview, Navan.</i>

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

- (a) Unit or Units... *Meath Brigade*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *1st April 1921 to 11th July 1921*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *Co. Meath*

- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Sean Boylan*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?... *owing to continued raids by British Forces I had to "go on the run"*
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *"on the run" evading capture by British Forces.*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause... *None - Save as shown*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Sean Baylon	Dunboyne, Co. Meath
James Hilliard	Batterstown, Navon.
Patrick Kelly, 20.	Johnstown, Navon

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

(a) Unit or Units... Meath Brigade

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... 12th July 1921 to 31st December 1921

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

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

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?... Training Services: Republican Courts & Co. Council Services

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... Training Services: Republican Court & County Council Services as chairman

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Sean Baylon	Dunboyne, Co. Meath
Patrick Kelly	Johnstown, Navon.
Ernie	Fairview, Navon.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

(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.:—

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

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

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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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:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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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:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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PART III.

GENERAL.

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS.

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

(a) On first critical date.

Staff Captain

(b) On second critical date.

Staff Captain

References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Sean Baylan	Dunboyne Co. Meath.
Patrick Longhron	Marked Sq. Navan
J. R. Duffly	Fairview, Navan
Frank Thornton	New Ireland Assoc. Co. Dawson 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.

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 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.....

Sergeant in Garda Síochána

(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. at present serving as*
Sergeant in Garda Síochána

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. X

In addition to the foregoing, I was a member of the I.R.B. from 1914 was for a time attached to the 'Circle' of which the late Michael Mallin was 'Centre'. I also directed the operations of the Rep. Police in R. Meath - notably the Clinton Case in which the Murderer was arrested, found guilty & executed. During his my activities I got heavily in debt, my business being perforce neglected and eventually I had to close it down.

Signature (or Mark) of Applicant. X *Patrick J. Blunck*

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

Address of Witness..... *Howth Garda Station Co Dublin*

Qualification..... *Sergeant I/c Garda Síochána*

Date..... *1-5-1935*

* 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 "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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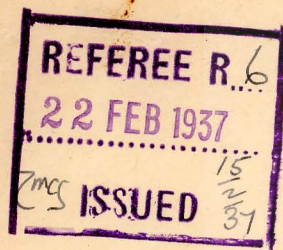
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The Secretary
Military Service Pensions
Dept

I certify that Mr J. J. Lynch
was attached to the Heath Brigade with the rank
of Captain. He took part in the attack on
Fisnallan R I & Barracks in November 1919.
in which one of the R I & was seriously wounded.
He was also engaged in Intelligence and Police
work. In April 1920 he was arrested by Military
and imprisoned in Mountjoy. He was on Hunger
Strike for sixteen days and was released and taken
to the Mater Hospital. After he recuperated he
returned to his Unit and started to investigate
a series of Murder and Robbery cases which had
taken place. As a result a number of Persons
were arrested and convicted, one man being executed
for the crime of Murder. In this case the R I &

assisted the Undersecretary and advised him to
leave the country. This work spread over the
entire year. On instructions from David
Graham I ordered him to become a Member of
the Health Board, of which Body he was
appointed Chairman, and presided over its
meetings which were held in different parts of
the country including Dublin up to the Free
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Sean Boylan

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ASST. MANAGER'S OFFICE.

The Secretary,
Military Service Pensions Board,
Griffith Barracks,
Dublin.

20th February, 1937.

re: Application P.J. Clinch, St. Enda's, Dublin Rd., Sutton.

A Chara,

This is to certify that Patrick J. Clinch was a member of "B" Company, Liverpool, volunteer^{of this boy} prior to 1916, that he reported under instruction to the Company at Larkfield, Kimmage early in 1916 and took part in the Insurrection. He was one of the party under my control which was stationed at A.O.H., American Alliance Hall, North Frederick Street, which reported under instruction to Liberty Hall on Easter Monday morning. This party was divided up, and with others Patrick Clinch took part in the occupation of the G.P.O. He was sent with a small party to hold an outpost at Annesley Bridge, Fairview, early on Monday and held that position until its evacuation on Wednesday, when he returned to the G.P.O. In the evacuation of the G.P.O. he was wounded. Subsequent to the Surrender he was deported to Frongoch Camp.

On his return from Frongoch he returned home to his native County and on my arrival there subsequent to my release in 1917 he was one of the first to assist me in the re-organisation of the North Louth Battalion. He was then Captain of his own Company in Killany, Co. Louth, and gave me great assistance in carrying out my re-organisation programme. He subsequently became Adjutant of the North Louth Battalion. In January 1919 he was transferred to the Meath Brigade area, and his main job was organisation, training and intelligence. In addition to his volunteer work in that period he was a very active worker in organising the Sinn Féin branches. He remained very active in the Meath area on intelligence and general organising work, right up to the Truce.

If there is any further information the Board may require in this man's case I will be only too happy to give it.

Is mise,

Harry Johnston Late M. O. Intelligence

102A Angier Street,

DUBLIN.

21st February 1939.

Mr Patrick J. Clinch of St. Enda's, Dublin Road, Sutton, Dublin, who is an applicant for a Military Service Pension, was a member of the Irish Volunteers from the inception in Liverpool.

He arrived in the Larkfield Garrison Camp in Kimmage, Dublin, early in 1916 where he was engaged in the various duties incidental to the Garrison - guards, defence work, marches, training and he also assisted in the manufacture of munitions. His various duties were always performed most zealously.

He was transferred to the Garrison in the A. Q. H. (American Alliance) Hall in 28 North Frederick Street, where he was appointed Adjutant at the Election of Officers, which was held under the supervision of Mr Bulmer Hobson - Secretary of the Irish Volunteers. After his transfer to Nth. Fredk. St. he was in constant touch with his comrades in the Larkfield Garrison.

He took part in the Easter Week operations in the G. P. O. Area where I met him frequently.

During the evacuation in to Moore Street he was wounded through the breast and upper arm and we retired to a disused stable, where, with Liam Daly and another wounded Volunteer First Aid attention was given. The wounded men with about ten others were then in charge of Mr Sean McEntee and occupied the stable during Friday night and Saturday morning.

I was with him at the Surrender.

He was deported on Sunday night and I again met him in the Camp at Frongoch where we were both detained until Christ-mass Week in 1916.

Martin Gleeson.

MARTIN GLEESON.
Member of the Kimmage Garrison
from end of January to Easter
Monday 1916.

To:-
The Referee
and
Military Service Pensions (1934) Board.

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SWORN STATEMENT MADE BEFORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BY PATRICK JOSEPH CLINCH, ON 22ND FEBRUARY, 1937.-

(REF. 8800).

Q. When did you join the Vols.?

A. Early in 1914.

Q. What Coy. did you join?

A. Liverpool.

Q. I see you were in various other Coy.s as well later on?

A. Yes, I was.

Q. You were brought from Liverpool to form part of the Kimmage Unit?

A. Yes.

2nd Period.

Q. When was that?

A. Jan. 1916.

Q. Were ~~in~~ you in Kimmage all the time?

A. No, I was transferred from Kimmage to 28 Nth. Fredk. St. There was another Unit there.

Q. Was that before the Rising?

A. Yes, about a month previous.

Q. Was that in March?

A. Yes.

Q. So you were in Kimmage from Jan. to March?

A. Thereabouts.

Q. Were you in Nth Fredk. St., when the Rising occurred?

A. I was.

1st Period.

Q. Mobilised?

A. I was mobilised in Nth. Fredk. St. for Liberty Hall.

~~On Sunday xxx Easter xxx Sunday~~

Q. When?

A. On Sunday $\frac{3}{4}$ Easter Sunday.

Q. Did you go to Liberty Hall?

A. I did.

Q. Get any instructions there?

A. I reported on Easter Monday and I remained there till some time in the evening.

Q. You were mobilised on Sunday?

A. That was cancelled as far as I can remember.

Q. You were standing to where?

A. In Fredk. St., until Monday morning.

Q. On Monday where did you go?

A. To Liberty Hall.

Q. Did you remain there?

A. I remained there until sometime in the evening. And then we were ordered to report to the G.P.O. on the evening of Monday.

Q. Did you go to the Post Office?

A. Yes.

Q. Who did you report to?

A. We went in a body under Frank ~~Anderson~~ ^{Thornton}. He was Capt. He was in charge of Liberty Hall. When we went to the Post Office, Commdt. Connolly came out and selected a small number - I suppose about a dozen or so - under Capt. Craig and ~~were~~ we were sent to Annesley Bridge.

Q. Was that on Monday also?

A. That was on Monday evening. I was there Monday, Tuesday until Wednesday evening, all the time.

Q. On Wednesday what happened?

A. We were ordered to report back to the Post Office and we came back along with the other unit which was up at Ballybough Bridge under Frank ~~Henderson~~. He was Capt. Both units came back to the G.P.O.

Q. What happened to you then?

A. I was sent to occupy McDowell's Jewellery shop which overlooked Moore Street, with Leo Henderson.

Q. That was Wed. evening?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you remain there?

A. We remained there.

Q. Till when?

A. Until the evacuation.

Q. When was that?

A. Friday evening.

Q. Did you leave it then?

A. I left. I was out with the first, with the Ó Rahilly. We were ordered to try and make our way as best we could to join up with the Four ~~Courts~~ Courts Unit, but we could not get any further than the Moore St. area.

Q. You say in your form Moore Lane?

A. Yes, some lane off Moore St.

Q. What happened then?

A. About a dozen of us - four of us wounded - we got into an old stable at the rere of Moore Lane - some of those lanes.

Q. Were you captured or did you surrender?

A. We surrendered in O'Connell St.

Q. Your wound did not interfere with you?

A. They wanted me to go to hospital but I refused to go.

Q. Where were you wounded?

A. Breast and arm. I got it dressed and when I was in Moore ~~St~~ Lane and then in the Red Cross and the Richmond Bks.

Q. You were taken to Richmond Bks.?

A. From O'Connell St, we were sent to the Square in frong of the Rotunda and the next day brought to Richmond Bks.

Q. Deported?

A. Deported the same evening to Stafford. I was there for

Q. some time - it was about six months. I was sent to Frongoch and I was there until the general release at Xmas.

Q. You say Jan. 1917, on your form?

A. Well, it was somewhere around the end of December.

Q. Did you come back to Dublin then?

A. Yes, we all came back to Dublin.

Q. Did you have any more contact with the organisation when you came back?

A. Well, we were kept in Mrs. Pearse's place up in Ranelagh, Collingswood House, in a party.

Q. Were you long there?

A. I was there for a few weeks. And then I went home.

2nd Period.

Q. Liverpool?

A. No, Co. Louth. I was only working in Liverpool. My home was in Louth - Killanny.

Q. That would be some time in April?

A. It would be some time in the early part of the year.

Q. Were you joined up with the Killanny Coy.?

A. No, there was no organisation of any kind down there. Frank Thornton came down and he and I organised a Coy. in my place and then we organised the Louth Batt.

Q. This Killanny Coy. was organised by you?

A. It was.

Q. Did you do any other organising work there?

A. I organised a Coy. in Louth and a Coy. in ~~Shannon~~ ^{Emmiskeen}. And I helped in a Coy. in Carrickmacross. You see, our place was bordering the two Counties.

Q. You are claiming rank as a Staff Capt.?

A. Yes.

Q. When did you get that rank?

A. Well, I was Adjutant of the Louth Batt. when I was in Louth. Then I transferred over to Meath.

Q. You had no rank in Easter Week?

A. No.

Q. You were made Staff Capt. some time later on?

A. In Navan.

Q. When was that?

A. That would be in 1919.

Q. What Staff was this?

A. Under Meath Bde.

Q. Which Meath Bde.?

A. It was Bde. Capt. It was Sean Boylan's staff.

Q. You do not know what Bde. it was.

A. No, Meath Bde.

Q. Was there only one?

A. I think there was.

Q.

- Q. What was your job?
A. My place was in Navan and I did practically all the work for that area. Any orders that came for Sean Boylan came to me and I carried them out.
- Q. General work was it?
A. Clerical work, Intelligence work and police work and everything connected with it.
- Q. Up to that you had been engaging in the usual Coy. activities drilling and training?
A. Yes.
- Q. ~~Did~~ this organisation work start ~~at~~ soon after you went back?
A. ~~to~~ Practically the first thing I did was to form a Coy. ~~and~~ of Sinn Fein and from that the Volunteer Coy. You see there ~~would~~ ~~be~~ was no organisation of any political or any other kind- ~~as it was~~ an A.O.H. stronghold around that area.
- Q. You were engaged in this up till you got the job of Staff Capt.?
A. Yes.

5th Period.

- Q. In the 5th Period you got your job of Staff Capt. - you say you participated in the attack on Lismullen (Dillonsbridge) Bks. - When was that?
A. I think it was in Nov. 1919. It was one of the first big attacks in Ireland I think.
- Q. What part did you take in it?
A. Will, as a matter of fact it was not very well carried out because we were rather green at the time. It was not at all very successful. There was one of the policemen wounded.
- Q. Were you armed?
A. I was.
- Q. What had you?
A. A revolver, Webley.
- Q. Did you use it?
A. I did.
- Q. Get within range?
A. Yes, there was one of the policemen shot and a man in the eye. He lost his eye but we did not take the Bks. There was one of our men arrested afterwards. He left his ~~by~~ bicycle after him.
- Q. He was traced down to the bicycle?
A. He was.
- Q. You say your premises was a rendez-vous for Officers?
A. Yes.
- Q. ~~When was it?~~ What was it?
A. A tobacconist's ~~shop~~ It was called the Sinn Fein Shop, ~~Lookin~~ St.(?), in Navan. It was raided and partially wrecked in 1920. There was a bomb thrown thro' the plate glass window in the front. I got some compensation for that.
- Q. You were captured by the Brit. forces in March, 1920 - how did that happen?
A. I suppose on account of activities. They reformed the Republican Courts at that time and I was one of the District Judges and we had several big cases and that brought me into the limelight.

Ludlow →

- Q. Were you armed?
A. I was in bed - about 3 o'clock in the morning.
- Q. Were you tried?
A. No, I was charged and I was brought to Mountjoy in a lorry.
- Q. On hunger strike there for 16 days?
A. Yes.
- Q. You got out to the Mater Hospital and there for 14 days?
A. Yes.
- Q. How long were you in prison up there?
A. I was only 16 days - the hunger strike just started when I arrived the next day. Peadar Clancy was in charge of it.
- Q. Was it after this you went back again to Navan?
A. Yes I went back to Navan.

6th Period.

- Q. And during the next period you were Chairman of the Nth. Meath Republican Court and of the Meath County Council and you were four weeks in Vincent's for extraction of bullet accidentally received during Republican Police activities?
A. Yes.
- Q. Had you no more ~~bur~~ brushes with the police or military during this period?
A. Not during that period.
- Q. Were you doing Bde. work still?
A. Yes.
- Q. Still with your unit and training it?
A. Yes.
- Q. This attack at Lismullen under Boylan's orders?
A. Yes, Boylan gave me that order.
- Q. Was there no military activity in the district during this Black & Tan time?
A. Yes, there was very little. It was mostly police work.
- Q. It was during this time your shop was bombed?
A. It was sometime in 1920.

7th Period.

- Q. You had to go on the run in the 7th Period?
A. Yes I was in Dublin at Vincent's and I was coming back and I met a friend of mine. He showed me the Evening Herald - several arrests in Navan and my place was raided looking for me. So I did not go back. My assistant was arrested and the shop closed. I put another man in and he was arrested. I had to get a girl to manage the shop - a member of the Cumann an mBan, Miss McNally.
- Q. Were you long on the run?- ~~about 3 months~~
A. Until the Truce.
- Q. About 3 months or so?
A. I think it would be longer than that.
- Q. What was the nature of the police work that you were doing?

A. I was in charge of the Clinton murder case. It was I investigated that under Boylan's order. That was a very troublesome case - three or four months engaged on that - Culminated in the deportation of 3 or 4 and the execution of one - Carolan.

Q. Was it done by the I.R.A.?

A. It was.

Q. You carried out the investigation?

A. I did, and the arrest.

Q. Whom did you arrest?

A. I arrested about half a dozen altogether in connection with this murder. It was a land murder. It was away in the other end of Meath - away in the Cavan end - and there were several big robberies around Navan.

Q. Was it during the Truce principally?

A. No, it was done in 1919 and 1920, after the formation of the Republican Courts.

Q. You had no actual fight with the Black & Tans or military during 6 and 7th Periods?

A. No.

8th Period.

Q. Were you able to go home when the Truce came?

A. I was, yes.

Q. You say - training services - did you have to go to any camp?

A. No, we did not have any camp.

Q. Was the Coy. active?

A. It was active. I was still doing the police work.

Q. Were you attached to it?

A. I was.

Q. What became of the Bde. work? Were you still at that?

A. Partly. I used to go down. Also I used to go down in connection with the Courts work.

Q. Were you living in Dublin?

A. Yes. I could not appear down.

Q. When the Truce came you only had occasional contact with the Bde. staff?

A. Yes, previous to the Truce.

Q. At the date of the Truce were you in Dublin?

A. Yes.

Q. Had you anything to do with the Bde. at all in Dublin then?

A. No, not in Dublin.

Q. You were really not attached to anything then?

A. Well, I was all the time doing the work as far as I could.

Q. Were you in contact with anyone in Dublin here, with any of the H.Q. people?

A. I was. Most of what I was doing in Dublin was in connection with the Local Govt. part of the affair.

Q. That was a Chairman of the Meath County Council - did you still hold that?

A. I was still holding that. They were not able to hold meetings in Meath. They used to hold them in the South Dublin Union. We had trouble over the Secretary. He would not act. We had to dismiss him and appoint a new Sec.

Q. Did you transmit the orders of the Dáil Local Govt. ~~Committee~~ Committee in relation to Meath, of which you were Chairman, while you were in Dublin?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you send the orders down to ~~Navan~~ Navan?

A. Yes, I was in touch with H.Q. here.

Q. You got the orders?

A. Yes.

Q. Were you doing that right thro' the Truce?

A. Yes. I attended all the meetings, presided at them during the Truce and also at all the Republican Courts near Navan and Oldcastle.

Q. What work of a military nature were you doing during the Truce?

A. There was not very much work of a military nature during that period.

Q. No camp?

A. No.

Q. You did not go to any Bks.?

A. Yes, down in Collins(R).

Q. You did not go into the garrison of any Bksl?

A. No.

Q. Did the Meath Bde. function at all during the Truce?

A. Yes, it did.

Q. When did you drop out of the organisation?

A. You see, I ~~did~~ had to give up the business in Navan. I lost a lot of money in that. And that paid all the expenses while I was away.

Q. When did you join the Garda Siochana?

A. I joined that in 1923 and I was heavily in debt when I joined it.

Q. You took no part in the Civil War?

A. No. I had to resign in 1926 out of the Guards thro' being in debt over the losses I sustained. I was two years out of the Gds. I re-joined again. I had the rank of Superintendent and I had to resign.

Q. You took no active part whatever in the Civil War?

A. No, not an active part. The only thing I did. I had two men stopping with me that had escaped out of jail ~~with the Guards~~ and somebody reported the matter. That was the reason I really resigned when I resigned. I had two Navan men who escaped out of Dundalk. They came up to me and I kept them. I was in the Guards at the time. Somebody reported it.

Q. When was that?

A. During the Civil War.

Q. You were not in the Gds. then?

A. During the latter end of it. The Civil War was not over in 1923.

Q. Who were the men?

A. Patrick Keating and Tom Clarke of Navan.

Q. They escaped from Dundalk?

A. ~~With Aiken~~ When Aiken captured Dundalk Bks., he freed the prisoners. They could not go back to Navan or to Dublin and then came to me so I put them up.

Q. You were then in the Gds.?

A. Not when they came. But they were with me when I joined the Gds. and for some time afterwards.

Q. And this was reported three years afterwards?

A. No. They came to me in May, 1922 - after the attack in Dundalk - and then they were tailors and I had a business in Thomas St., and I gave them employment and kept them as well, lodged them as well, and they were with me for over 12 months, stopping and working with me. I carried on the business for some time after I joined the Gds., trying to get clear.

Q. You think that was used in evidence against you?

A. Yes, I was told by a person who would have known.

Q. Do you think you have told us everything you want to tell us?

A. I could tell you a lot of things, but I do not know whether it would be of any use or not.

Q. After becoming Chairman of the Meath County Council, were you still keeping up your military work?

A. Yes.

Q. You kept on this work until you had to go on the run?

A. Yes.

Q. Had you a shop in Dublin then?

A. No, in Navan. After the Truce I started the shop in Dublin.

Q. Was most of the work you got to do from Boylan because there was not a very strong organisation down there?

A. No.

Q. That work took about a year according to Boylan?

A. I was very busy for that year with robbery cases and that murder case.

Q. Were there many robbery cases?

A. Yes, several big robberies.

Q. After Easter Week activities, the attack at Lismullen appears to have been the only occasion you had a scrap with the Crown Forces?

A. That was the only actual.

Q. You were engaged in various jobs beside the Courts?

A. Yes. We were working all the time. As a matter of fact nearly all the time I was, it was full time, because I had not time for anything else. I had so many different jobs. I was Chairman of the Co. Council, Vice-Chairman of the Rural Council, Vice Chairman of the Council. I was on the Board, the Trim Board. I was doing police work in the Dail Courts and ~~the~~ in the I.R.B. as well. It was a full time job and had to pay a man in the ~~shop~~ shop all

the time. Night and day.

Q. You took up this Local Govt. work on instructions?

A. I did, certainly, because I could neither afford it. It was
a rather expensive, going from one place to another. I
never got any expenses. I paid everything myself and am
paying it yet. I am still paying off the old debt.

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Mr Twomey
A.B.F.

Clues
3/2/57

8800

S. Egan

Dublin Rd.

Kewst.

2. 3. 57.

Dear Sir.

Application for Pension - Ref No 8800.

With reference to my interview
before the Board on Monday 22nd ult.
I attach hereto a further reference as to
my Service, which I have just
received - It may assist you in
dealing with my claim.

Yours faithfully

O. J. Lynch

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AN UAIMH, (NAVAN),
CO. MEATH.

REFCE...../.....

YOURS.....

To all whom it may concern

Mr. Patrick J. Lynch to my intimate knowledge during the years 1919, 1920, 1921 and up to June 1922 was actively associated with and participated in the following Irish Republican activities in Meath.

Dinn Tein: Member of Navan Lunn and directing much of the activities of the movement in Navan and district. His business premises being the rendezvous for Republicans.

J. R. A. Brigade Staff Captain - Meath Brigade - as may be well certified by appropriate officers.

Republican Courts: He was chairman of the North Meath Republican District Courts and took a leading part in the organisation and maintenance of the Courts.

Republican Police: He was in charge of Police activities, particularly prior to formal organisation of the Police, and as such was responsible for detection of criminals and their arrest in charges of Murder, Robbery etc. He took a leading part in organisation of the Police.

Local Government: as chairman of the Meath Co. Council 1920-22, he was responsible for directing the work of the Council as a Republican Council and generally directed local government work in the area.

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Meetings of the Council "on the run" in Meath and in Dublin were arranged by him, and during that difficult time he was primarily responsible for the maintenance and guidance of local government administration in Meath.

During the Civil War 1922 Mr. Blinch assisted the Republican forces by housing and feeding I.R.A. men.

Mr. Blinch's losses by his Services are well-known. His business premises in Navan where he carried on a good Confectionery, Fruit & Book Shop etc. became recognised as H.Q. or meeting place for Republicans and were much availed of in that respect. As a result, and resulting from his own prominence and activities, his Shop was continually raided and the business destroyed.

Signed: Thomas Duffy.

Navan
2nd May 1937

8800. P. J. Clinch.

This man's E. Week service is alright.

I doubt very much his Staff Captaincy obtained in 1919. He was not sure even of the name of the Brigade. During the 5th Pd. he had one barracks attack, Lismullen, in which he used his revolver. Thereafter his work appears to have been more political & later on Court work & police duties claimed his time. He had no fighting whatever in 6 + 7th Pd. - during most of this time he was in Dublin as chairman of the Meath C. C. Even when in Dublin he appears not to have had any contact with G. H. Q. or the I.R.A. people here. He ran a tobacconist's shop in Navan in which he employed a man later ago, till the place was wrecked by the Tans. This was sometime in 1920, and I am of opinion that his activities in the military sphere ceased then.

I happen to remember the time this man was obliged to relinquish his job as Supp. of the G. S.

The reason for it was financial embarrassment, due to the fact that his business in Thomas St. Dublin, which was run in his wife's name, became bankrupt, and, under the Regulations, he could not keep his job. I think it about that the tale of the Tailors, which happened 2 years earlier had anything to do with his resignation.

I think it reasonable to assume that when this man's place was broken up in Navan he started the business in Dublin - he had to live that was his means of livelihood. Probably the Dublin business, which was run by his wife was different from his own (an outfitter's - he was a tobacco-rist) had been started earlier. His activities thereafter lie, apparently, outside the I.R.A.

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25-3-37.

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Principal On is *over the service as they for Police work*
 Ref. No. **8800** APPLICANT'S NAME **Blanche Pat H Joseph** *25/10/37*
 For Discussion with *Mr. Frank Henderson* Date *26/7/37*

PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
	<i>June 1944</i>	
(1) 130	<i>Jan 16 - Came to Kemmaje unit in Liverpool 179 - 28 Wt Research Unit to a unit there this a month before the rising Sunday - Monday (Chelmsford Hall) there to R P O sent to Annesley Road & then Tuesday & Wednesday & then back to R P O. Left Friday & left to Moore St Sunnyside & OConnell St. Release 16</i>	
(5)	<i>Says have left Capt in Havan in 1919. "Any orders for Sean Doyle came to me & I carried them" claim to be in attack in his muller Mth in Nov 19 revolver - used it & one Police shot & a man in the eye not will carried out & not at all success full one of his men ordered upwards - He left his bicycle after him.</i>	
(6)	<i>Has a tobacco shop in Havan - a meeting place - "The Semi Irish Shop" & credited by Dan in 1920 has a District Judge of the Rep. Court - & was arrested in March 1920 - 16 days in (Hunger Strike)</i>	
(7)	<i>(6) Chairman of Rep. Court (Wt West) & 1 the health Co. Council 4 weeks in Vincents for extract of bullet accidentally need day Rep. Police activities no more reports - no activity in Area & Dan the except Police work</i>	
(8)	<i>(7) In with Vincents in (7) (see above) on the way to Vincents (only not so back as ship landed in Havan)</i>	
(9)	<i>Says he was one month in the Clinton murder Carl & Lupton the arrest (this in 1920) (started a sketch) & South Bde - day Co.</i>	
(10)	<i>(8) Living in Dublin in 1923 - had Council work - James Garrahan in 1923 - had Recall of the report & had to resign</i>	

Mr. Frank Henderson
 OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—
 (a) First Critical Date *claims "left Capt"* (b) Second Critical Date *same*
 RESULT OF DISCUSSION. *Does not state
 which Bde
 holds for merit* *Frank Henderson
 does not know anything
 of his service
 Date*

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Ref. No. 8800 APPLICANT'S NAME CLINCH PATRICK JOSEPH
For Discussion with MR FRANK THORNTON Date 11/1/37

PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

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

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

Ref. No. 8800 APPLICANT'S NAME Blinch. Patk. Joseph
For Discussion with Messrs Waly & Early Date 10/1/38

PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

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

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

Date.....

Ref. No. 8800 Applicant's Name Blanch Patrick Joseph Address St. Endas, Dublin Rd., Sutton Co. Dublin
 UNIT: Shinnagee Coy. (iii) Kild Coy. N. South Br. (iii) Navan Coy. 6th Bn. Meath Bde.
12-13 Batt. Bde. - Bde.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	REMARKS
PERIOD	Service claimed	Active Service Allowed	Equivalent for Pension purposes.	
(1) 23/4/16 - 30/4/16	Full Period	Full	4 yrs.	Finished with 7. Henderson. Periods 1 & 2. $\frac{24}{12}$
(2) (a) 1/4/16-22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16-21/3/17	do.	$\frac{130}{179}$	$\frac{130}{179}$ yrs.	(8) $\frac{37}{12}$
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	do.	Nil	Nil	(9)
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	do.	do.	do.	(10)
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	do.	do.	do.	(11) $\frac{10}{37}$
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	do.	do.	do.	(12)
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/4/21	do.	do.	do.	(13)
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	27/21-Dec-1921	Nil	Nil	(14) Conf. 9/11 2/2/38
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	Nil	Nil	Nil	(15)
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/3/23	Nil	Nil	Nil	(16)

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

Staff Captain

Staff Captain

Total of Column (a)

130

179

Signed: James McElroy

John Jordan

Referee R.17.

OIFIG AN RÉITEÓRA,

(OFFICE OF THE REFEREE),

BEAIRICÍ UÍ GRÍOBHTHA,

(GRIFFITH BARRACKS),

CUAR-BHÓTHAR THEAS,

(SOUTH CIRCULAR ROAD),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.

(DUBLIN).

Ref. No. 8800

1930

A CHARA,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to your application under the terms of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934, and in accordance with the provisions of Statutory Rules and Orders 1936, No. 61, I am to notify you that on the evidence submitted, the findings of the Referee in respect of your application are as follows:—

Service Period	Duration of Active Service during each period, as established to the satisfaction of the Referee.	Appropriate pensionable service....Years.
(1) Week commencing 23/4/16	ENTIRE PERIOD	1
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17	ENTIRE PERIOD	1 1/2
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	1 1/2	1 1/2
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	1 1/2	1 1/2
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	1 1/2	1 1/2
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	1 1/2	1 1/2
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	1 1/2	1 1/2
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	1 1/2	1 1/2
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23		
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23		

TOTAL—13 1/2 years.

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

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

I am also to inform you that if you desire to submit any additional evidence or to make any representations with a view to the revision of these findings, such evidence or representations must be submitted in writing to the

Referee and must reach this office not later than 2nd March 1930.

The Referee will give full consideration to any evidence or representations so submitted, and after such consideration will make his report to the Minister for Defence. If no additional evidence or representation is furnished before the date indicated, the Referee will thereupon make his report to the Minister.

I am to add that the report of the Referee, when made, will, subject as mentioned in Section 9 of the Act, become final and conclusive and binding on all persons and tribunals whatsoever.

Mise, le meas,

E. M. Burke

Rúnaí

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Services during 1917-22 were far more important and more deserving of recognition than those rendered during 1916. On my release from Frongoch I returned home to Co Louth and gave whole time services in organising work, at my own expense of course. The same applies to Meath. The British considering my activities sufficiently dangerous to have me arrested shortly after my arrival and the people of Meath appreciated them to the extent that although I was a complete stranger, they elected me on the County and Rural Councils in 1920 and was Chairman and Vice Chairman of these bodies for 3 years.

During my sojourn in Kanan I was always regarded as being in charge of all I.R.A. matters affecting the area & always acting directly under orders from Headquarters.

In proof of my statements I could produce hundreds of witnesses but

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as I have already furnished a Certificate from the Officer who was at the time in Charge of the Contingent. Brig. Shewan Baylan Dumborgar. a man with a National record record to none, testifying to my rank and services, I cannot understand how it is I have been turned down. It is not fair to me and it is not fair to Mr. Baylan. I think an explanation should be forthcoming.

I will give an example of how unfair and ridiculous the whole thing is. One of the Assistants in my Shop in Navan was arrested by B & I. (after I was compelled to leave Navan to avoid arrest) and was interned in Ballykinlar. He joined the National Army on its formation and was demobbed about 10 yrs ago with a gratuity, and a pension of £122 per year. He was simply a Private in the IRA who never lost

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a sacrifice anything yet today
he is enjoying a comfortable pension.
And how do I stand. I have lost my
time, my money & my business and
I am still paying off debts contracted
in those years. And then I am told my
services are valued at "Nil".

Well if that is correct, I will be very
much interested to see how some of my
comrades will fare out. A few have
done very well so far.

From a monetary point of view I cannot
hope to gain much as the State will in my
case deduct 1/2 to half the amount awarded.
nevertheless I would ardently like to see
that my services receive due recognition.
Accordingly I would request that further consideration
be given to the matter.

I have been somewhat rushed in making this
appeal as I was on holiday during the past month
& did not receive your communication until this morning.
Yours faithfully
P. J. Clinch

Appeal on

Ref. No. 8800

APPLICANT'S NAME

Blinch Patrick J.

For Discussion with

M. F. Henderson

Date

23/3/38

PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
(1)	Holds for Mealt (Kawan) for Pn - three times the than I week	
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

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

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

Ref. No. 8800. APPLICANT'S NAME Clinch Patrick J
 Discussion with Messrs Loughran, O'Connell etc Date 7 April 1938

PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
(1)		
(2)		
(3)	<p>on appeal <u>12th 7/16/</u> allowed</p>	
(4)		
(5)		
(6)	<p>no military service in Commonwealth Per Officers { Disappeared when first shot was fired at Lismullan (1918) not aware of any police work.</p>	
(7)	<p>Per Officers Left home Area 10 months before the 1918</p>	
(8)	<p>Per Officers was consulted in Navan by Officers coming into the town - has in prison for 16 days & his shop has been closed</p>	
(9)		
(10)		

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

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

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

REF. No. 88000APPLICANT'S NAME Blanch, Richard

ADDRESS.....

UNIT.....

(a) PERIOD	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active service allowed	(d) Equivalent for Pension purposes	REMARKS
(1) 23/4/16 - 30/4/16	ENTIRE PERIOD	Full	4 years	No change in $\frac{23}{3}$ $\frac{23}{38}$
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17	ENTIRE PERIOD	$\frac{130}{179}$	$\frac{130}{179}$ year	
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	ENTIRE PERIOD	/	/	
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	ENTIRE PERIOD	/	/	
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	ENTIRE PERIOD	/	/	Held for Navy Paymaster 2.3 $\frac{2.3}{38}$
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	ENTIRE PERIOD	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$ year	Finished 7/4/38
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	ENTIRE PERIOD	/	/	
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	12/21 - 7/12/21	/	/	
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	/	/	/	Conf. 12/21
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	/	/	/	20/4/38

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

Rank claimed on.....

Staff Capt. Staff Capt.

Rank allowed.....

Total of Column (d) 4 1000 years - 1SIGNED—Scammas RobinsonStaff Capt. John Jordan

Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 34 S.P./...9241

Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee...8800

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

Glinch, Patrick Joseph
"St. Enda's" Dublin Road, Sutton,
for a Service Certificate.

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

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

1.9.38

29/4/38

(SIGNED) J. K. O'CONNOR

Referee.

Date...26. 7. 35

Date...27. 4. 38

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

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

130
179 *7* *ENTIRE PERIOD* *3* *nil* *4* *nil*
5 *nil* *6* *1/12* *ENTIRE PERIOD* *7* *nil*
8 *nil* *9* *nil* *10* *nil*

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

4 893/1000 *4 130/1000* *years*

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

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

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

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

(d) Does applicant's case fall under either of the following sub-paragraphs, and, if so, which, viz., sub-paragraph (j) of paragraph 3 of Rule I. of First Schedule *no*
or under sub-paragraph (m) of paragraph 4 of Rule I. of First Schedule, as a Medical Officer. *no*

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5. Does the applicant state in his application whether he is at present in receipt of any remuneration, pension or allowance payable out of public moneys whether provided by the Oireachtas or out of the Central Fund or by means of the poor rate or any other rate imposed by a local authority *Sergeant, Garda Síochána*

6. Does the applicant state in his application whether he applied for or is in receipt of unemployment assistance under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1933? If so, quote the number of his qualification certificate if given by him.....
no

7. THE WEEK COMMENCING ON THE 23RD DAY OF APRIL, 1916.

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

ENTIRE PERIOD

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

4 years

(3) State—

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

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

Kinnage Garrison

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

130

179

ENTIRE PERIOD

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

130

179

of 1 year

(3) State—

- (a) The particular military body of the Forces..... *Irish Volunteers*
- (b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.....
Himmage Garrison,
and Internment

9 THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1917, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1918.

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

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

(3) State—

- (a) The particular military body of the Forces..... *Irish Volunteers*
- (b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.....
Killanny Coy, South Bn.

10. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1918, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1919.

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

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

(3) State—

- (a) The particular military body of the Forces..... *Irish Volunteers*
- (b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.....
with South Bn. and
Navan Coy, Bn. V, Meath Bde.

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

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

nil

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

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

Navan Coy, Bk. V, Meath D.C.

12. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1920, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1921.

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

nil

1/2 of ENTIRE PERIOD

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

1/6 of 1 year

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

Meath D.C.

13. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1921, AND ENDING ON THE 11TH DAY OF JULY, 1921.

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

nil

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

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces..... Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

meath Bde.

14. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 12TH DAY OF JULY, 1921, AND ENDING ON THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 1922.

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

nil

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

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces..... Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

Meath Bde.

15. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF JULY, 1922, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1923.

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

nil

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

(3) State—

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

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

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

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

nil

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

(3) State—

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

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

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