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PENSIONS.

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(MINISTRY OF DEFENCE).

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(ARMY FINANCE OFFICE).

Register Number	From whom, number, and date	Officer or Soldier
P.B. 2/D/502		Name..... <i>Hurson Joseph</i>
		Rank..... <i>Lieut</i> Unit..... <i>7th</i>
		Army No..... Date of Death..... <i>4.7.22</i>
		Address..... <i>87 Unity St</i>
		<i>Belfast</i>
		Date of Discharge.....

Referred to	Date	Referred to	Date	Referred to	Date	Referred to	Date	Referred to	Date	Referred to	Date
<i>Mr Murphy</i>	<i>9/6/21</i>										
<i>Regy</i>	<i>10/6</i>										
<i>MR</i>	<i>10</i>										
<i>Mr Murphy</i>	<i>16/6/21</i>										
<i>Regy</i>	<i>15/7</i>										
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MINUTE SHEET.

M.S.B.
(Argumist).

Reference.....

1
Copy gal. recs. from Mrs. Colton 20/5/27

2
A.P. 6. to Mrs. Colton. E. enclosure from
A. 2d att. A. rec. 4. returned 10/6/27.

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A.P. 6. recd.

4
Letter to Mrs. Colton 22/6/27

5.
Reply from Mrs. Colton

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claim repeated 18/7/27.

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letter from claimant 20/7/27

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Reply sent 25/7/27.

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25th July,

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A Bhean Uasal,

With reference to your letter of the 19th instant, in connection with your claim in respect of the death of your son Joseph, I am directed by the Minister for Defence to refer you to my letter of the 12th instant, to which I regret I have nothing to add.

Mise, le meas,

Issued... 25/7/27...
Initials... Jm...

(Sgd.) J. J. H.

for ARMY FINANCE OFFICER.

Mrs. Ellen Colton,
87, Unity Street,
BELFAST.

JJH/CJ.

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Reference Number 87 Unity St
2/2/502. Belfast
19 July 1924
To the Army Service Officer.

20 JUL 1927
Dear Sir. In reply to your letter of
the 12th Inst. regarding my claim
in respect of my son. Deceased
Joseph Hudson. 5th Lieut A. Coy.
2nd Batt. Fiamma Re. Termini.

Belfast. Brigade in which you
state it is regretted that under
the circumstances no action can
be taken in the matter. I beg
to respectfully inform you that
in the first instance when I
received your form. I filled in
all particulars in every detail
regarding my case. I only left
one question unanswered

Travels. Whether I was
Paid under the Criminal Injuries
Ireland Act (1919 or 1920) I was in
Ignorance of that. and when you
sent me a letter asking about
same I said at Random Yes
in Reply to that Query. Well I
have since discovered that although
I am my deceased Son's Brother
and Sister are to be Victimized
owing to my Ignorance of the
Facts, such was not the Case
As I was Paid from the
Belfast Corporation through
the Ratepayers, and moreover
I am fully aware that truth
is best always, but
nevertheless its hard to
think that people who

who were never so much
Worried during all the hard
times in Belfast should be
able to benefit for little ~~things~~
contrasts. when I who lost a
son worthy of the name of
Irishman should be ignored
hoping you will reconsider
your Decision

Yours Respectfully

Geo Ellen Cotton



2/D/502.

12th July,

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A bhean uasal,

With reference to your claim under the Army Pensions Act, 1923, in respect of the death of your son, Joseph, I am directed by the Minister for Defence to inform you that, as you were awarded a sum of £100 in respect of a decree for compensation under the Criminal Injuries (Ireland Acts 1919 and 1920), your case cannot be considered under the terms of the Army Pensions Act, 1923.

In the circumstances, it is regretted that no action can be taken in the matter.

Issued... 12/7/27.
Initials... jm.

Mise, le meas,

(Sgd.) F. Egan
for Army Finance Officer.

Mrs. Ellen Colton,
87, Unity Street,
Belfast.

FE/EK.

2/D/502

87 Unity St
Belfast
23rd June 1927

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To the Army Finance Officer

Dear Sir. In Answer to your Communication of the 22nd June 27 which I have received. In reply to Question (A) I have to inform you that I was paid a Claim for 100£. on Behalf of my (deceased) Son Josephloysious Hurson under the Criminal Injuries Act (Ireland) 1919 or 1920.

In reply to Question (B) Before a Coroner (D. Graham) and Jury of Belfast. A Verdict of Wilful Murder against Person or Persons. Unknown was returned. and Claim was lodged in due Course. I stated the Circumstances when filling the Form. and only have to state. that I was in very great distress at the loss of my eldest son. and suffered from Neuritis and a Nervous Breakdown. from which I am sure I will scarcely ever recover. and had no work if I had been able to do it. I had no money and had a girl then not strong Mary Anna Hurson 19 years old and a Boy Matt 11 years. and Necessity compelled me to draw 5£ now and again. until I could not wait any longer for the Claim being paid. and as I stated in the form I had to dispose of it for 40£ with a Reduction of 2/5:15 for Counsel's & Solicitor's Fees. Making a total of 37£4.5. I may also add that I was informed that if I did not sell my Claim. I might get nothing. as there was a possibility of the Northern Government being defunct I thought when I was sorely in need of it. I was better to take a little. than lose all.

Respectfully Yours
Mrs Ellen Colton

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22nd June,

7.

A Bhean Uasal,

With reference to your claim under the Army Pensions Act, 1923, will you please furnish the following particulars respecting the sum of £100 which you state you received from the Belfast Corporation:-

- (a) Was the sum of £100 received as the result of a decree for compensation under the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Acts, 1919, or 1920?
- (b) Give full particulars of the circumstances in which it was received.

I enclose a franked addressed envelope for your reply.

Mise, le meas,

Agd J. Egan

for ARMY FINANCE OFFICER.

Mrs. Ellen Colton,
87, Unity Street,
BELFAST.

FE/CJ.

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14 JUN 1927

ST. PETER'S PRO-CATHEDRAL, BELFAST.



Baptism Certificate.

1913 Date of Birth 4th November 1913,

1913 Date of Baptism 8th November 1913,

Name of Child Mary Ann Hurson

Name of Father Matthew Hurson

Name of Mother Ellen Quinn

Sponsors { Catherine Rogan

Ceremony performed by Rev. D. Mullanaghan

I certify that the foregoing has been correctly
copied from the **Baptismal Register** of the above

Church this 13th day of June 1927

A. J. Gahan Sexton

ST. PETER'S PRO-CATHEDRAL, BELFAST.



Baptism Certificate.

1911 Date of Birth 22nd June 1911.

1911 Date of Baptism 27th June 1911.

Name of Child Matthias Hurson

Name of Father Matthew Hurson

Name of Mother Ellen Quinn

Sponsors { Isabella Rafferty

Ceremony performed by Rev. John J. White

I certify that the foregoing has been correctly
copied from the **Baptismal Register** of the above
Church this 13th day of June 1927

U. J. Graham Sexton



REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND

DEATHS IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

FEES :

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and Stamp 2 7

[No search fee is payable when Certified Copy
is required at time of registration.]

CERTIFIED COPY OF ENTRY IN THE REGISTER BOOK OF DEATHS.

Pursuant to 43 & 44 Vic., Cap. 13.

See also entry
no 398 #D.O.

24/2/07

DEATHS Registered in the District of			Urban No 3			in the Union of			in the County of		
No.	Date and Place of Death.	Name and Surname	Sex	Condition	Age last Birthday	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Certified Cause of Death and Duration of Illness	Signature, Qualification, and Residence of Informant	When Registered	Signature of Registrar	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	
352	19 22. Fourth July.	Joseph Aloysius Burson.	M. Bachelor		15. years.	Apprentice & S.W. to Cabinet maker.	Head. Laceration of Brain. Certified	Ellen Bolton. Mother. Present at death 87 Unity St	24th July.	A.D. Osborne Registrar	

I hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true Copy of the Entry No. 352 in the Register Book of Deaths in my Office.

Office, Supd. Registrar's Office, 61 Lisburn Road.

Date, 13th June 1907

Asst. Supd. Registrar of Births and Deaths, and Marriages,
for the District of BELFAST.

Making any alteration in this document constitutes an offence under the Forgery Act, 1913, and is punishable accordingly.



ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1923.

DEPENDANT'S ALLOWANCE OR GRATUITY.

STATEMENT OF CLAIM FOR AN ALLOWANCE OR GRATUITY BY
A DEPENDANT OR PARTIAL DEPENDANT OF A MEMBER OF
THE IRISH VOLUNTEERS OR IRISH CITIZEN ARMY, 1916, WHO
WAS KILLED BEFORE 1st APRIL, 1922, OR WHOSE DEATH IS
DUE SOLELY TO A WOUND RECEIVED BEFORE 1st APRIL, 1922,
WHILST PERFORMING HIS DUTY AS SUCH MEMBER.

NOTE.—This form is to be filled in by the Applicant in person in his
(or her) own words, and the form is to be signed by him (or her), and the
signature witnessed. In the event of the applicant being unable to write,
he (or she) should affix his (or her) mark, such act being witnessed.

NAME of APPLICANT (TO BE WRITTEN IN BLOCK CAPITALS.) *COLTON, ELLEN, MRS.*
(Surname) (Mr., Mrs., or Miss) (Christian Names)

Address *S. Y. Unity St Belfast*

Nearest Police or Civic Guard Station *Glenravel St Police Barracks Belfast*

Name of deceased Member *Joseph Aloysius Hurson*

Rank in { Irish Volunteers *Second Lieut*
Irish Citizen Army, 1916

Unit *A. Coy. 2. Battalion. Fianna Na. h. Eireann.*

Name and Rank of Commanding Officer *John Maguire. Quartermaster St Belfast*

Note.—Before answering any of the questions below, the applicant is to
note that the statements made will be checked by official records.

Section 12 (1) of the Act imposes a summary penalty for a false declaration.
“ If any person, with a view to obtaining a grant or payment of a pension, allow-
ance or gratuity 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, and shall be liable, on conviction under the Summary Jurisdiction Acts,
to a fine not exceeding five pounds.”

If the applicant is unable to read, the above notes should be read to him
(or her) by the witness.

1. State your relationship to the deceased.

Mother

2. State the date of your birth.

24/3/1884

(If you are the father of the deceased and claim to be over 60 years of age, your Birth Certificate must be forwarded.)

3. (a) When and where was the deceased killed? (Certificate of death must be attached.)

4/4/22 at Regent St Corner, Belfast

(b) If the deceased died as a result of refusing to take nourishment while detained in prison, or died by violence while a prisoner, give details of the date, place and circumstances.

no

4. If the deceased, whilst on active service, received in the course of duty a wound or injury which was the sole cause of his death subsequently, state:—

yes

(a) the nature of the wound or injury;

Gunshot Wound to Head Laceration of Brain

(b) the date upon which the wound or injury was received;

4th July. 1922

(c) the district in which it was received; and

Court Ward Area Belfast

(d) any other circumstances within your knowledge.

none

5. State whether the deceased was married.

no

6. Give the names and addresses of any hospitals the deceased was in, or doctors who attended him since the receipt of the wound or injury mentioned in your reply to above question 4.

Doctor C. Doherty Mater Hospital. Belfast

7. State whether you were at the date of the death of the deceased, wholly dependent on him. If not wholly dependent, state the extent to which you were dependent.

Depending on 10/- Per week.

8. (If the applicant is the brother or sister of the deceased, or the father of the deceased, and under 60 years of age) state whether, and if so, how far you are incapacitated by ill-health.

(Certificate from your doctor must be attached).

9. State whether any claim has been made, or is being made by you in respect of any other deceased member of the Forces.

no

10. State whether any decree for compensation under the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Acts, 1919 or 1920, has been made in respect of the death or the wound or injury mentioned in reply to above questions 3 or 4. If so, give full particulars.

Was granted a Claim for 100£. from Belfast Corporation. Had to dispose of it at 70£. Owing to Poverty and Pogram. with a Reduction of 15 Guineas for Counsel and Solicitors Fees. Making a Total of 54£. 5 Shillings.

11. State whether any compensation has been paid from or on behalf of any person alleged to be responsible for the Act which caused the death, wound or injury referred to in your reply to above questions 3 or 4. If so, give full particulars.

12. State whether in respect of the wound or injury mentioned in your answer to questions 3 or 4 above, any payment has been made by any Relief Organisation such as National Aid or White Cross Association. If so, give full particulars.

no

13. State whether deceased was at any time in receipt of a pension, allowance or gratuity in respect of injuries received or disability incurred in the course of service with any of the following Military or Police Forces:—

no

- (a) British. *no*
 (b) Australian. *no*
 (c) New Zealand. *no*
 (d) South African. *no*
 (e) Canadian. *no*
 (f) American (U.S.A.). *no*
 (g) Royal Irish Constabulary. *no*

14. Give particulars of any payments you have received from Army Funds since the death of deceased.

none

15. If you are supporting any children of the deceased, give particulars as follows:—

None. but his youngest Brother & Sister

(a) Where the deceased was an Officer:

*In Belfast Brigade 2nd Lieut. A. Coy.
2nd Battalion*

Full name of each son under 18.

Date of Birth.

Matthias Hurson

22/6/1911

Full name of each daughter under 21.

Date of Birth.

Mary Ann Hurson

4/11/1913

(Birth Certificates must be attached.)

(b) Where the deceased was a soldier:

*Member of Irish R. A. H. Firearm
at Belfast only*

Full name of each son under 16.

Date of Birth.

Matthias Hurson

22/6/1911

Full name of each daughter under 18.

Date of Birth.

May Ann Harrison

4/11/1913

(Birth Certificates must be attached.)

16. State amount expended within the past 12 months in educational fees on each of the children over 12 years and under 18 years mentioned in your reply to question 14.

Free Education with Exception of School Books, which have to be paid by Weekly Instalments (when the amount of 1/- Weekly not in a position to pay in full)

Name of Child.

£ s. d.

(Receipts for school fees should be attached.)

The above statement has been read over to me: I agree to it, and have nothing further to add.

Signed

Ellen E. O'Connor

Address

84 Unity St Belfast

Signed*

Joseph Byrne

Address

St Patrick's Lane all St Belfast

Qualification of Witness

Cath. Clergyman

Date

13th June 1927

* To be signed by one of the following:—

A Commissioned Officer serving in the Free State Army.

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 or a Divisional Magistrate.

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.

An Officer of the Civic Guard or Dublin Metropolitan Police not below the rank of Inspector or Station Sergeant.

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.

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Ref:-
2/11622

20th May, 1927.

Miss Hogan,
Secretary,
Irish White Cross (Winding-Up) Assen., (Incorp).,
86, St. Stephen's Green,
DUBLIN.

A Chara,

I enclose for such consideration as may be possible a copy of a communication received from Mrs. Colton, 87, Unity Street, Belfast, being an application from her for a grant from the funds of the Irish White Cross Association, in respect of the death of her son, Joseph. A copy of the enclosure which accompanied that letter is also attached.

Beir beannacht,

(Sgd) R.O'HEGARTY
RUNAIDHE AIRE.

A.F.O.

To consider as a claim under the A.P. Act and to return the original of the letter from "Officers and men of A.Coy. 2nd Btn., Fianna na h-Eireann" when writing to Mrs. Colton.

(Sgd) R.O'HEGARTY.

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(Copy)

87, Unity Street,
BELFAST.

17th May, 1927.

The Minister of Defence.

Sir,

As the mother of Joseph Hurson (deceased) who was a member of Fianna na hEireann from he was 12 years of age until he was shot on the 4th of July, 1922, at the age of 16 years, and died with the rank of 2nd. Lieut. "A" Company, 2nd. Battalion, Belfast Brigade, I desire to ask you if there are any funds to be distributed to the dependent sister who is delicate and brother of the said Joseph Hurson and if he had been spared he would have been a great help to both - being at the time of his death serving his time to the Cabinet Making. My reason for making this appeal is owing to the fact that several persons have already benefited by this Fund and I understand it comes from the *White* ~~the~~ Cross Funds, who sent the card to my son on the day he was buried and which I was allowed to draw for some weeks after his death.

Enclosed is a letter of sympathy I received from his Company at the time of his death (and which I cherish as my life) as proof of my statement. Trusting you will not let same be mislaid but return without fail.

Yours respectfully,

(Sgd). (Mrs) Colton,
formerly Mrs. Hurson.

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HEADQUARTERS,
"A" COMPANY,
2nd Battalion,
FIANNA NA h-EIREANN.

Dear Mrs. Colton,

We, the Officers and men of "A" Company, 2nd Battalion, Fianna na h-Eireann, desire to express our heartfelt sympathy for you in your sad bereavement. Your loss is our loss. You have lost a kind and devoted son and we have lost a true and brave comrade. Joe was a brave and cheerful Officer, always cool and fearless in the face of danger. He had always a kind word for everyone. He had a great love for his country and was always willing and eager to perform any deed, no matter how dangerous, to advance the cause of his country. Words cannot express our sorrow. We will always remember him as we saw him the night before he died, brave and cheerful - a true son of Ireland.

With the deepest sympathy,

From the Officers and Men of

"A" Company, 2nd. Battalion,

FIANNA NA h-EIREANN

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