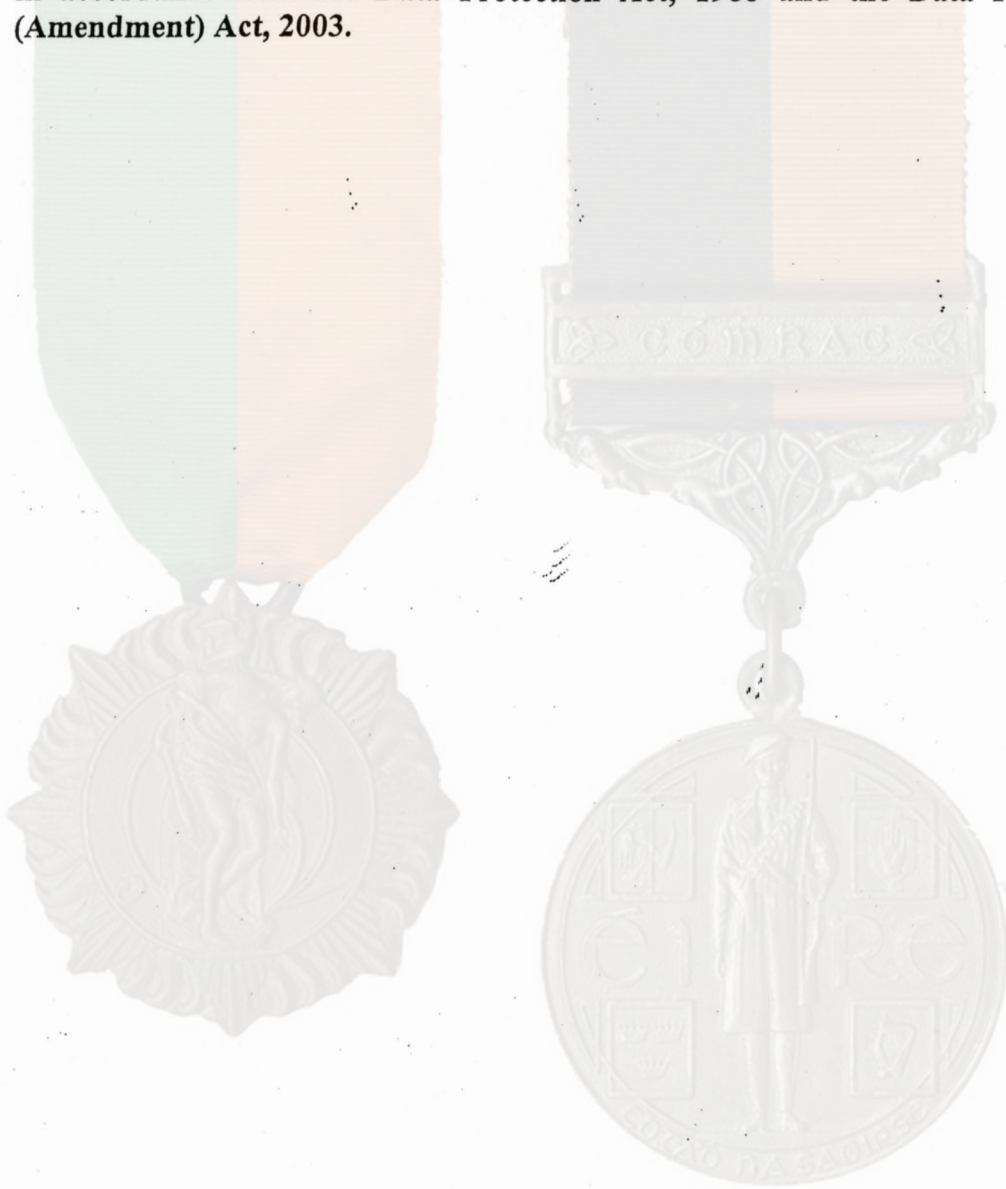


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ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1934.

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).

McDONNELL PETER J.

PETER J. McDONNELL

SURNAME.

CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS.....

(to be written in
block capitals).

NEW LINE

GALWAY.

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?..... *Heard of rising on Tuesday of Easter Week*
- (b) Unit or Units..... *Was Coy. Capt. Leenane. Tried to get men to mobilise could only get one man to turn out. Had 3 revolvers, double barrel gun + 12 rifle with*
- (c) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *about 200 yds away for each. Could get no definite information as to fighting. was waiting to get word from Salway. On Saturday*
- (d) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... *I cycled 30 miles to Chawport with 3 revolvers to join other men. I joined up with M.C. + John Kilmy, Jas Alton + Lomuch. They (was deceased) + Mc William Moran.*
- (e) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Was under no command.*
- (f) In what way do you claim that your service was active service..... *I did not do any active fighting for the simple reason that I got no opportunity during my activities at the time. I was refused an extension*
- (g) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the week..... *to holding of land on estate then being divided by G.D.B. + have not got an extension since.*
- (h) Absence from duty and cause..... *None*
- (i) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

..... *Michael Kilmy L.D. Chawport Co Mayo.*

.....

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(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..... *Leenane Company*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *Joined the Volunteers November 1913. + was Coy. Capt. since Feb. 1914. kept company going all the time till the Desmond split. Then formed Coy of Mahonian Rifles*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... *+ drilled regularly. + had Rifle practice with .22 rifle*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Struck to for active service Easter Week + cycled to Chawport to join up with men there*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... *afterwards was for a time on the run from arrest as District Inspector + forced H.I.C. came to Leenane*
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *from Clifden to arrest me. Afterwards reorganised Coy. + had it in being when Michael Staines came round on tour of reorganisation after release from Gaol. in July 1917*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause.....

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

..... Michael Kelly J.D. Newport Co Mayo.

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

- (a) Unit or Units..... *Lenane Coy. & Battalion*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *Full time. Coy. Capt until September 18 17. Appointed Battn Command. Sept.*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... *Lenane, Kevoyle, Meam, Rossmuck, Carron, & Lettermore*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Seamus Murphy, Bde Gc*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... *Recruiting, organising, & training Coys. in areas above named. Organising and supporting for Conscription Campaign, & attending meetings*
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *in Kiliullui, Carranmore & Lettermore for organisation in support of Campaign*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause..... *None*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

..... Michael Kelly J.D. Newport

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

- (a) Unit or Units..... *Lenane Battn*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *Full period*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... *Lenane, Kevoyle, Carranmore, Meam, Rossmuck, Lettermore, Carron, & Limerick*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Seamus Murphy (Actg Bde Gc)*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... *Was practically continuously engaged in organising & training Battn. Collection of Arms & Munitions making of pipes & handles, & casting heavy shot for short guns. Made 48 pipes & fitted them with handles. Purchased & collected gun cartridges & loading same. & intensive organisation for campaign against Conscription. etc*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *No armed operations, except as stated above organizing & training all over Kattu area, attending fortnightly Kde meetings in Salway*

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Michael Kelly J.D. Newport, Co Mayo.

Senator Padraic O'Maille

Seamus Murphy Cdy Kde of Salway (now in Dublin)

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

(a) Unit or Units... *Leenane Kattu Area*

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

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *Leenane Battalion area.*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Seamus Murphy Cdy of Salway Kde*

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

organisation & training work in the Battalion Area, was on run most of this time & could not sleep at home since 1918.

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

the period... *No armed operations, preparing for active campaign collection of arms etc. attending Kde Council meeting, a Salway*

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Michael Kelly J.D. Newport, Mayo.

Senator Padraic O'Maille, Heath.

Seamus Murphy Cdy Kde of Salway (now in Dublin)

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

(a) Unit or Units... *Leenane Kattu & West Connemara Kde*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *Leenane Kattu up to 1/1/1920. Was appointed Cdy West Connemara Kde 1/1/1920.*

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

Kathu + West Connemara Bde Area

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Seamus Murphy + Richard Mulledy*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *Instruction of Income Tax Works, Easter 1920, + training collection of money for arms. Hauls on hedges for arms. Paid H.S. & Co in November 1920 & 1921 for arms.*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *Was raided for Sept 1920 by British Cruiser landing force*

at Leenane. was on active service organising + preparing for armed operations. Went to Dublin Nov. 1920 for arms, again in December 1920 was arrested + imprisoned in Dublin. Keen on one work. Mobilised as S. M. for active service 10th March 1921. Was in action

(g) Absence from duty and cause... *on armed R.I.C. patrol in Clifden*

16th March 1921. 2 enemy casualties, arms + ammunition captured.

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Sergeant Anthony P.D. Clifden Connemara

John Lohan Leenane Connemara

John King Donadea Kilasacka Connemara

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

(a) Unit or Units... *West Connemara Bde. R.I.C.*

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

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *West Connemara Bde Area.*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Self + Colonel J.C.*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *Was on active service with Column during whole period.*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *Attack on R.I.C. patrol 5.4.21. Intentional engagement*

23.4.21 + encounter with large armed force of R.I.C. Military. Owing to heavy expenditure of ammunition in this engagement, + great delay in getting further supplies, prevented the carrying out of important operations

(g) Absence from duty and cause... *Blamed in Clifden area. At this engagement one R.I.C. man killed + 2 wounded. The arrival of 13 horses + 2 armoured cars of reinforcements prevented capturing of original party of 21 R.I.C.*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Gerald Berthly J.D. Clifden Connemara
John Lohan Bename Connemara
Jim King Donadea Kilaosh Co. Kildare

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

- (a) Unit or Units..... West Connemara Bde. & 4th Western Division
(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... West Connemara Bde until March 1922
Appointed Div. Vice. Comdnt March 1922.
(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... West Connemara
& 4th Western Div. area
(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... Michael Kilroy J.D.
(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... Organising
Bde. Training camps & training and generally
(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during
the period..... No armed operation. Engaged full time
as Bde. J.C. & Div. Vice. J.C. on organisation & training
(g) Absence from duty and cause..... None

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Michael Kilroy J.D. Newport Co. Mayo.
J. Lohan Bename Co. Galway
Dr. J. A. Madden. Dr. Baginott St. Dublin

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

- (a) Unit or Units..... 4th Western Division
(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... Full period
(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... 4th Western
Divisional Area
(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... Michael Kilroy J.D.
(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... Was on
Active Service with Active Service Units during whole period

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

the period. *Attack on rail posts in Cloughport & Castlebar
destruction of enemy communications. Capture of 3 military posts in
Clifden Oct. '22. All day fight with large Round up force at Cloughport*

(g) Absence from duty and cause. *November '22. Fight with round up
force at Belphu. December 1922. + several other engagements*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*Michael Kilroy J.D. Cloughport Co Mayo
John Graham Lennane Co Galway
Dr J. A. Madden Dr. Baginbun Dublun*

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

(a) Unit or Units. *4th Western Division*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service. *Full period on active service
until captured on 24th May 1923.*

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered. *4th Western Division
Salway Gaol. + Burreagh Camps.*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance. *Michael Kilroy J.D.*

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

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during
the period. *Was on active service until captured 24th May 1923.*

*Imprisoned in Salway Gaol. Lintown + Monaghan Camps. until
12th July 1924. when released. Arrested + sentenced to death*

(g) Absence from duty and cause. *Commuted to penal servitude.
None*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*Michael Kilroy J.D. Cloughport Co Mayo
John Graham Lennane Connemara
Gerald Bartley J.D. Clifden Connemara*

PART II.

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

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

or

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

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

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

(b) Unit or Units.....

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

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

.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

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

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

PART III.

GENERAL.

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS.

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

(a) On first critical date.

..... *Brigade Cpl. West Conmemora Bde*

.....

.....

(b) On second critical date.

..... *Divisional Deputy Commandant*

.....

.....

References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

..... *Michael Mulcahy J.D.* *Dublin, for 1st period*

..... *Michael Gilroy J.D.* *Knockport Mayo 2nd period*

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(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.

..... *N/A*

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

..... *N/A*

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.....

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

Army Pensions Act, 1923.

Army Pensions Act, 1927.

Army Pensions Act, 1932.

If so, with what result.

N/O

(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

N/O

(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.....

N/O

(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.....

Am presently Army Officer.

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

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

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

If so, give details..... *NO.*

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

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

Joined Volunteers in November 1913. was appointed Coy Capt. July 1914. had company organised at Renmore + regularly drilled. Early in 1914. paid to Headquarters for rifle accompanied McElaney to Dublin for arms. Nov. 1914. Bought 2 revolvers + ammunition. Spent a week in Irish Volunteer Big Camp in Salter's Mountain district Sept 1915. Officer in charge. Col. J. J. O'Donnell. Going to Redmond's Plot. Wks. fell away in my area. I then organised a Coy of Hebronian Rifles. + had a drill + rifle practice with 22. rifle weekly. In 1920. a destroyer was ordered specially to proceed from Cobh to the Killary, with military to arrest men just got out of house before raid.

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

J. J. O'Donnell
New Line, Galway.

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

Seán McMaolcaia Captain

Address of Witness.....

*Renmore military Bks
 Galway.*

Qualification.....

An officer of the Defence Forces.

Date.....

30th March 1935

* Witness must be one of the following:—

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

APPENDIX.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(4) A person who at any date—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) any person who at any date:—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DEFINITION OF THE FIRST AND SECOND CRITICAL DATES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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12th April 1935

A Chara,

Enclosed herewith are copies of circular letters which are being issued to each Brigade, Battalion and Company O/C. with a view to building up records of the I.R.A. organisation. I was speaking about them on the 'phone this morning to Gerald Bartley and arranged with him to send you these copies as I understand he intends going to Galway (tomorrow) Saturday to see you regarding the Connemara applications.

I presume you received your notification for Tuesday next.

Mise, le meas,

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RÚNAÍ.

Captain P.J. McDonnell,
New Line,
GALWAY.

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SWORN STATEMENT MADE BEFORE THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY

PETER J. McDONNELL - File No. 3420 - 16th APRIL, 1935.

1st Period.

Q. You had no fighting in Easter Week?
A. No.

2nd Period.

Q. Usual activities, drilling and organising?
A. Yes.

3rd Period.

Q. You were appointed ^{Batt.} ~~Brigade~~ Commandant in September 1917?
A. Yes, that is the approximate date.

4th Period.

Q. Anything else in this period except what is on your form?
A. I was organising the whole Battalion area. I had to go to Galway once a fortnight to attend Brigade Council meetings. We had open drilling.

5th Period.

Q. You did not sleep at home since 1918?
A. No.

6th Period.

Q. You were still Battalion O/C. in this period?
A. About November 1920 I was appointed Brigade O/C.

Q. Was it a ~~Connemara~~ Connemara Brigade?
A. Yes, West Connemara Brigade, it was split in two, East and West, I was in charge of one - West.

Q. Destruction of Income Tax Books?
A. It was a general order.

Q. Raid on lodges for arms?
A. Yes, they were occupied by Englishmen who used often leave stuff after them. We got shot guns and ammunition, a .45 revolver and some rifle ammunition.

Q. Money collected by the Volunteers for arms in November 1920, you collected the area for Arms Funds?
A. Yes.

Q. Did you get £120 worth of arms?
A. We paid £120 to G.H.Q. for arms. On the first occasion we got 2 rifles. I had to carry them on my shoulder from Blessington to the Broadstone and brought them to Galway, we also got 100 rounds of ammunition.

I went to Clifden on the 15th March. We had scouts in the town and we got information that there was a patrol of six, but we lost our way in the mountain. The patrol had returned to the Barracks by the time we got to the town.

Q. You had a column formed in March 1921?

A. Yes, it was mobilised on the 10th March.

Q. How many Income Tax places did you raid?

A. One. We did the Leenana area. Gerald Bartley did the Clifden area.

Q. Ambush at Mounterown?

A. We fought for 13 hours. A force of police came to capture us, they did not succeed.

7th Period.

Q. What happened in Screbe?

A. One policeman wounded. We got 2 rifles and 3 revolvers.

8th Period.

Q. Were you appointed Divisional Vice O/C. on the formation of the Division.

A. No. The day the Division was formed my name was down. Owen O'Duffy said for the present they would not make the appointment. It was about March I actually took up duty as Vice O/C. of the Division.

Q. You were full time active service during the Truce?

A. Yes.

9th Period.

Q. You were full time during that period?

A. Yes.

10th Period.

Q. You were arrested on the 24th May 1923 and released on the 12th July 1924?

A. Yes.

Q. On the 1st Critical date you were Brigade O/C. and on the 2nd Critical date you were Divisional Vice O/C.

A. Yes.

Q. What was the strength of your Brigade the day of the Truce?

A. About 1,400.

Q. Did you get a lot of recruits during the Truce?

A. Yes, between 1,400 and 1,600. West Connemara was between 1,100 and 1,200

Q. How many Brigades were in the Division?

A. Five Brigades first, later on I was given another Brigade. Before I was captured we had six Brigades.

- Q. Did your Brigade include Cussharigen/ in 1921?
A. No. My Brigade was North Connemara and Rosmuck. I came as far as Oughterard. We had Rosmuck and all the Islands. Just beyond Costello was in the East Connemara Brigade.
- Q. You made two journeys to Dublin in 1920 for arms?
A. I got notification to report to G.H.Q. on the 10th November. It was the 11th when I got the notification, I got to Dublin on the 12th and reported on the 13th. I went again about the first week in December.

Sworn before me on _____

R E F E R E E.

CB.

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SWORN STATEMENT MADE BEFORE THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY

PETER J. McDONNELL, NEW LINE, GALWAY, on behalf of

John King (No. 3136)
Joseph Corbett (No. 2890)
Patrick O'Toole (No. 3051)
Michael Lyden (No. 2969)
Patrick Coyne (No. 3141)
Mark Lacey (No. 2964)

They were instructed to mobilise for active service. When we were going to Dublin we thought to get a fair share of rifles. We had one service rifle, a Howth rifle, a Mauzer rifle, a few rounds of ammunition and some single shot Martini, and those with the shot guns were all we had. A certain number had to go and fight or else wait for the Tans to pick them up. It was most dangerous to live at home. We took out the men who were most sought after.

King and Corbett were doing scout work and acting as guides at Clifden. When we were attacking the patrol they had our rifles doing guard and covering the Barracks to keep the Police in. There were two policemen shot.

On the 15th March we were about 6 miles from Clifden. The place was full of R.I.C. and Tans. They got the stuff and brought it to us. They broke bridges and cut trees. After the Column went out the R.I.C. had a cage lorry in Clifden. We were a week waiting for it. We tried to get them out. King and Colbert were working on one road; Coyne and Lacey were working on another road; Flaherty used to be with them sometimes. We got Coyle and Lacey to do a little operations around that road to bring them out on the Letterfrack road, we were waiting to ambush them.

These fellows, although not armed, were active. It was known they were away from home and they were constantly being raided for. It was not their fault that we had not sufficient arms. They were more use to us in their own districts than out with the Column.

They were in Camps for training.

Sworn before me on _____

R E F E R E E.

TAGAIRT

Mr. Sweeney

Have we any detailed information yet
regarding the strength of W. Connemara Bde. ? If not
ask Mr. Dooley to B.D. what records we have & seek.

E. - 6

6/5/35.

Mr. Dooley Have we any information re
W. Connemara Bde. ?

Encl

6/5/35.

West Connemara Bde.

No detailed records
as to strength up
to date.

ED.

Mr. Sweeney,

attended to

ED 6/5/35.

MSP/34/3420.

R.O. 618.

3rd July 1935.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to enclose for your information copies of circulars which are being issued respectively to Battalion and Company Officers according as their names and present addresses become available.

Perhaps you will be good enough to furnish the necessary particulars as per circular A for the Battalion staffs of the West Connemara Brigade. Up to date the information required for Battn. I and Company staffs has been received for Battalions II and III. With reference to circular B, Company Rolls have been received for Battn. II - Carraroe Coy. Battn. III - "F" Company.

The delay in furnishing the details necessary to complete the records of the organisation of the West Connemara Brigade is seriously hampering the Referee and Advisory Committee in dealing with applications from this Brigade. In this connection I am to request you to be good enough to arrange that the outstanding details are furnished at the earliest possible date. I am also to add for your information that the final decision upon your application for a Military Service Pension is deferred pending receipt of the foregoing particulars.

In case there should be any delay in compiling the Rolls of companies it would facilitate the Referee if you were to supply a list showing the strength of each of these as on 11th July 1921 and 1st July 1922.

Mise, le meas,

ter J. McDonnell,

RÚNAÍ.

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Newcastle.
Galway.
27/2/36.

To.
Secretary.
Service Pensions Board.
Griffith Barracks.
Dublin.

1934
FAIGHTE
2 MAR 1936
DÚN UÍ GEIOBHETHA

Achara,

When I was before the Pensions Board on the 11th. inst.
I was informed that I was being awarded 8 years Service, for
Pension purposes.

I cannot accept this ruling and hold that I am entitled
to 9 years service.

I am not so much concerned about the extra years pension
as I am about the Record of Service.

I know men who have been awarded 9 years, who have much
shorter service in the Volunteers than what I have, and who
have at all times held lower rank than what I did.

Is mise le meas.

P.J. McDonnell Capt.
P.J. McDonnell.

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SWORN STATEMENT MADE BEFORE THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY

MICHAEL KILROY, on behalf of PETER J. McDONNELL - No.3420.

9th JUNE, 1936.

- Q. Neither Gerald Bartley nor Peter McDonnell are satisfied. The whole trouble is, Ned Moane got nine years, he was continuously in jail up to 1920. Peter McDonnell and Gerald Bartley were here and they think they should be entitled to as much as Ned Moane. Ned Moane would not have got as much only for his imprisonment.
- A. Peter McDonnell would have service second to none. For instance it must be something very much to his credit that Headquarters had reached the stage whereby they decided to let Connemara go. As a last resource somebody asked McDonnell to organise it when everybody else had failed. The results of the fighting in both periods show how successfully it was done. Surely he can claim complete loss of time in the different periods. He had men from all over the area in his A.S.U. Several had tried organising that part of the country and failed, and it was looked on as a hinderland.
- Q. Jim King says he heard Gerald Bartley was getting over 8 years and he, himself, is getting over 6. He said he was as good as Gerald Bartley?
- A. I was not in direct touch with them, but I always looked on King and Bartley as being about the same, whether the length of service would be the same I would not know.
- Q. ~~Will~~ We will hold this case over and discuss it again before you leave?
- A. Yes.

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SWORN STATEMENT made before THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE on the
9th JUNE, 1936, by MR. M. KILROY, T.D., on behalf of:-

PETER J. McDONNELL. (3420).

- Q. Compare P.J. McDonnell with Ned Moane. P.J. McDonnell is claiming for Easter Week. We can pass that. In the 3rd Period, Ned Moane gets all that, and Peter McDonnell gets half. McDonnell was in gaol October, or November, 1916, and again in January, 1917.
- A. He spent most of his time in gaol. They had the habit of picking up some men at the time.
- Q. He spent three months in gaol in the 3rd Period, and got the whole period. Ned Moane rendered service in Leenane, Renvyle, etc.
- A. That is through Connemara.
- Q. Peter McDonnell was recruiting, organising, and training the Companies, etc., and attending Meetings in Kilmullin, etc. We gave him half, and Moane got the full period.
- A. I was explaining to you gentlemen earlier that Connemara is a difficult place to handle, and people who attempted to handle it previously had thrown it up. McDonnell took it over at an early period and made a splendid success of it.
- Q. Are you saying he spent all his time at it?
- A. I am just trying to prove that.
- Q. What job had he that time?
- A. He was working for himself at the Coachbuilding trade.
- Q. He seems to have been fairly well off, and was able to spend his time at it?
- A. Yes. The point is he made time to do the job, and do it well. There was no corner where he had not men. He started about 1913, and was since all his time in the Organisation.
- Q. He did more than Moane, you say, as far as actual work is concerned?
- A. In the sense that he was Brigadier, and had that Area to look after.
- Q. What rank was Moane in the same period?
- A. He was Vice-Brigadier. I was Brigadier.
- Q. Your area was much more active than Peter McDonnell's?
- A. They had a lot of operations.
- Q. We are speaking of the organisation in 1918?
- A. They had a good share of operations in Connemara. Clifden was raided a couple of times, and there were some serious shootings, and some splendid operations.
- Q. On 5th April, 1921, he had Screebe - Was he Brigadier all this time?
- A. Yes.

Q. He had planned operation in Clifden?

A. If you look up anything that was done in Connemara previously, you will find they had given up the Area as a bad job, and when all else failed they asked him to do something with it. He was a native, and had that advantage.

Q. And he was a man of some standing?

A. Well, you have results from him anyway, and it was a mountainous district where communications were most difficult.

Q. Half of three, and half of four; Moane got all three and all four; Moane gets all five, and six and seven in full - nine years for him; Peter got only half of five. In the 5th Period, Moane claims absent from duty as a result of imprisonment.

A. At the time he was up, an applicant made his own case; now if we find~~ing~~ them doing that, we help ~~them~~ to make their cases for them.

Q. He is entitled to nine years. He never got any official notification of it.

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Referee R.15.

Organisation Records supplied by Applicant. & P.V. Bantley.


show that applicant was

(a) o/c West Kennermara Brigade. 11.7.21

Strength Over 1000.

(b) Vice o/c 4th Western Division. 1.7.22.

Strength —

Signed:  22/6/26.

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Ref. No. 3420 Applicant's Name Mc Donnell, Peter J. Address New Line, Galway. Unit (4) 4th Western Division

(1) Leenane Boy
 (2) Leenane Ballyn.
 (3) West Comeragh A.S.U.

(a) Period	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active Service allowed	(d) Equivalent for pension purposes.	Remarks
(1) 23/4/1916-30/4/1916	?			
(2) (a) 1/4/16-22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16-31/3/17.	Full Period			Compare with Red Book Held. for. Br. Kilbray. $\frac{11}{2} \times \frac{1}{36}$
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	Full Period	1 Full.	1 No $\frac{1}{2}$ yrs.	1 Full.
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	Full Period	1 Full	1 No $\frac{1}{2}$ yrs.	1 Full.
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	Full Period	1 Full	1 No $\frac{1}{2}$ yrs.	1 Full.
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	Full Period	Full	2 yrs	1 Full.
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/22	Full Period	Full	1 yr	1 Full.
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/3/22	Full Period	Full	1 yr	1 Full.
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	Full Period	Full	2 yrs	1 Full.
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	Full Period	Full	1 yr	1 Full.

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

Rank claimed on Brigade o/c
 Rank allowed: - 3

Signed: - Seymour Robinson John Mc Donnell

Total of column (d) 9 yrs
11/4/23 11/4/23

Referee R.17.

OIFIG AN RĒITEÓRA,
(OFFICE OF THE REFEREE),
BEAIRICÍ UÍ GRÍOBHTHA,
(GRIFFITH BARRACKS),
CUAR-BHÓTHAR THEAS,
(SOUTH CIRCULAR ROAD),
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(DUBLIN).

Ref. No. 3420

27 JUN 1936.

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.
(1) Week commencing 23/1/16		
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17	nil	nil
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	ENTIRE PERIOD	1/2 of 1 year
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	ENTIRE PERIOD	1/2 of 1 year
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	ENTIRE PERIOD	1 year
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	ENTIRE PERIOD	2 years
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	ENTIRE PERIOD	1 year
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	ENTIRE PERIOD	1 year
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	ENTIRE PERIOD	2 years
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	ENTIRE PERIOD	1 year

Grade of rank on 1st critical date..... B
" " " " 2nd " "..... C
TOTAL—..... 9 years.

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 20 JUL 1936.

The Referee will give full consideration to any evidence or representations so submitted, and after such consideration will make his report to the Minister. 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. ne bucca
Rúnáí.

Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. *34SP/3976*Ref. No. *M.S.P./34/Referee - 3420*

To:

THE REFEREE.

P. S. M. 1934
OIFIG AN BÉITEORA
FAIGHTE

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

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

McDonnell Peter J
New hine Galway
for a Service Certificate.

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

J. J. Morgan

(SIGNED) J. K. O'CONNOR

Referee.

Date.....

8 APR 1935

Date.....

1. Is the Applicant a person to whom the Act applies? *Yes*2. If so, total actual service in the different service periods, as established *0.00*

<i>2.00</i> ✓	③ ENTIRE PERIOD	④ ENTIRE PERIOD
⑤ ENTIRE PERIOD	⑥ ENTIRE PERIOD	⑦ ENTIRE PERIOD
⑧ ENTIRE PERIOD	⑨ ENTIRE PERIOD	⑩ ENTIRE PERIOD ✓

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

9 years ✓

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

(a) On first critical date *Grade B Para. 1(2)(b)* ✓(b) On second critical date *Grade C Para. 1(3)(b)* ✓(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? *Officer in the Irish Free*

State Army

6. Does the applicant state in his application whether he applied for or is in receipt of unemployment assistance under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1933? If so, quote the number of his qualification certificate if given by him.

no

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

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

nil

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

(3) State—

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

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

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8. THE PERIOD COMPRISING :—

(a) THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1916, AND ENDING ON THE 22ND DAY OF APRIL, 1916, and

(b) THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 1916, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1917.

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

nil

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

(3) State—

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

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

..... *Leenane Coy, Galway Bde.*

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

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

.....
ENTIRE PERIOD
.....

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

..... *$\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 year* ✓

(3) State—

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

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

..... *Leenane Coy, Galway Bde.*

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

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

.....
ENTIRE PERIOD
.....

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

..... *$\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 year* ✓

(3) State—

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

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

..... *Leenane Coy, Batta. I, West Connemara 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

ENTIRE PERIOD

(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.....

Battr. 1, West Connamara Bde.

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

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

ENTIRE PERIOD

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

(3) State—

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

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

West Connamara Bde.

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

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

ENTIRE PERIOD

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

(3) State—

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

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

..... West Connemara Bde,

..... and A.S.U.

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

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

..... ENTIRE PERIOD

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

..... 1 year

(3) State—

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

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

..... West Connemara Bde, and,

..... 4th Western Div.

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

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

..... ENTIRE PERIOD

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

..... 2 years

3) State—

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

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

..... 4th Western Division,

..... and A.S.U.

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

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

.....
ENTIRE PERIOD
.....

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

1 year ✓

(3) State—

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

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

*4th Western Division,
and Internment.*

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I am in receipt of Certificate of Service granting me 9 years Service in the Forces, and wish to inform you that I am satisfied with it.

I take it that the grade B. is the Rank that will count.

Is mise le meas mor.

P.J. McDonnell Captain.
P.J. McDonnell. A.A.O.

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