





To—THE MILITARY SERVICE  
REGISTRATION BOARD.

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to transmit the accompanying application of

*Mr. Cornelius Brosnan*  
*Scartaghin, Farranfore, Co Kerry*

for investigation and certificate in accordance with Section 8 of the Army Pensions Act, 1932, and the Regulations made thereunder.

Date *6<sup>th</sup> Sept* 193*3*.

*[Signature]*

A.S. RUNAL



Forms to Capt. P. Brown  
Supply.

... Reg General for death Cert  
also to apply for death Cert as  
other evidence of date of death

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Sum to Capt. P. Brown

ED 10 <sup>6</sup>/<sub>36</sub>

Includes reminder to P. Browne & 4/2/36.

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MINUTE  
LETTER

Ref. No.

R.C. 2.

Drafted by

To.....  
(for approval)

Approved.....

To Typist

To.....

Room No.....  
(for signature)

Signed.....

To Registry (for dispatch)

After dispatch

To:



# Military Archives

II/RB/656

12 November, 1935.

A Chara,

I am desired by the Military Service Registration Board to state that, Mr. Con. Brosnan, Scartaglin, Farranfore, Co. Kerry, has made application, under the above Act, in respect of the death of his son, Thomas.

The Board will be grateful if you will state the full particulars of the circumstances under which deceased was killed, the nature and duration of his service, the nature of the military duty on which deceased was engaged when he met his death. Any further information you may have at your disposal will be appreciated.

A form for completion in the case is enclosed.

Mise, le meas,

*Hm*

RUNAI.

H. Murphy, Esq., Office of the Referee, Griffith Bks.

Captain P. Browne, Scartaglin, Farranfore, Co. Kerry.

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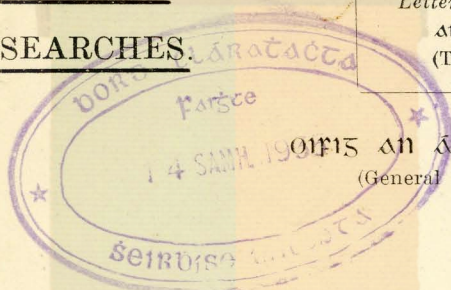
RECORDS.

SEARCHES.

Letters should be addressed to:  
AN t-ÁRḠ-CLÁRḠOÓIR  
(The Registrar-General).

REFERENCE  
No.

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AN ÁRḠ-CLÁRḠOÓRA  
(General Register Office),

ḠIS AN CUSTUIM  
(Custom House),

baile áḠa cḠat 5th November 1935  
(Dublin) C. 10.

A Capa,

In reply to your application enclosing remittance for of 7th inst.  
I have to inform you that an entry has been found of the Death (Ref. No. 2/658)  
of Thomas Brosnan (widower, labourer, aged 57 years) on  
21st September 1921 at Connors Lane, Lalee. An Entry has also  
been found of the Death of Thomas Brosnan (labourer's child  
aged 3 months) on 28th September 1925 at Lully, Castleisland, Lalee.  
Sealed Certified Cop of this entry will be transmitted to you  
on hearing from you that it is the case required, and on receipt of a  
Postal (or Money) Order in my favour for.....  
Balance of the Fee.

This form must accompany your reply.

Mire le mear,

m. Ó Dúnlain,

ÁRḠ-CLÁRḠOÓIR CONGANTA.

To The Secretary

Dept. of Defence,  
Griffiths Bks.,  
Dublin

27a (R).

(1925) L.8145. Wt.4228. D.38. 1,200. 1-35—F.P.G.24.



## Memorandum.

Reference No.

2/656

From

Department of Defence,  
(Military Service Registration Board),  
Griffith Barracks, Dublin.

Date, 7. 11. 35 193...

To, Colonel Grosnan, C.

Scartaghin

Tananogoe, R. Ken.

REFERENCE OR ENQUIRY

REPLY

ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1932.

Please furnish the following further particulars:—

Death Certificate of the late Thomas Grosnan. In the event of such Certificate being unobtainable, it will be necessary to furnish, a "In memoriam" card or receipt for undertakers expenses.

In memoriam card  
15 7 3  
7/11/35  
Dated 6 Dec 1923

1940  
Age

T. J. MARKHAM,

RUNAL.

[P.T.O.]



SAORSTÁT ÉIREANN.

NATIONAL ECONOMY FASTEN Envelope by gumming this Label across flap  
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Officer i/c. Stationery,  
Department of Defence,  
Parkgate.

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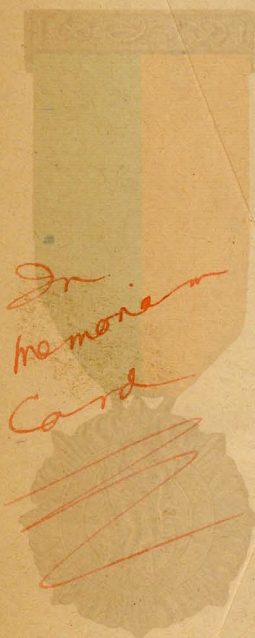
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# Military Archives



*In  
memoriam  
Card*



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O HOLY CROSS!



UNDER THY SHADOW  
I WILL REST

C. GOWAN

GALWAY



“ We have loved him in life, let us  
not forget him in death.—St. Ambrose.



## In Loving Memory

OF

**THOMAS BROSNAN,**

SCARTAGLIN,

WHO DIED

**On the 6th December, 1923,**

AGED 19 YEARS.

Dearly loved and deeply mourned.

On whose soul, Sweet Jesus, have  
mercy.

**R. I. P.**

O GENTLEST Heart of Jesus,  
ever present in the Blessed  
Sacrament, ever consumed with  
burning love for the poor captive  
souls in Purgatory, have mercy on  
the soul of Thy servant, Thomas,  
bring him from the shadows of exile  
to the bright home of Heaven, where  
we trust Thou and Thy Blessed  
Mother have woven for him a crown  
of unfading bliss. Amen.

'Tis hard to break the tender cord,  
When love has bound the heart;  
'Tis hard, so hard to speak the  
words—

Must we for ever part?

Dearest loved one, we have laid thee  
In the peaceful grave's embrace,  
But thy memory will be cherished  
'Till we see thy heavenly face.

O Immense Passion! O Profound  
Wounds! O Profusion of Blood!  
O Sweetness above all Sweetness!  
O Most Bitter Death! give him  
eternal rest. Amen.—400 days' In-  
dulgence.



# Military Archives

II.R.B.656.

25 February, 1936.

A Chara,

I am desired by the Military Service Registration Board to refer to my letter of 12th November, 1935, (a copy of which is enclosed), relative to the application of Mr. Con Brosnan, Scartaglin, Farranfore, in respect of the death of his son Thomas.

As the matter has now become very urgent, the Board will be very grateful if you will now furnish a reply.

A Form is enclosed for completion.

Mise, le meas,

*Jhu*  
RUNAí.

Captain P. Browne,  
Ballymullen Barracks,  
Tralee,  
Co. Kerry.  
KOL.

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BOORSTÁC ÉIREANN

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DÁIL ÉIREANN.

TIGH LAIGHEAN  
(Leinster House),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH  
(Dublin)

ap 20/36

The Secretary  
Army Pensions Bd.  
Dublin.

Dear Sir, I would be grateful

if you would expedite consideration of this case.  
Kindly see enclosed.

Yr Lving  
Fred Gurnley

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East End  
Rathmore  
April 27/1936

Dear Fred.

When I was  
back to see you Saturday  
evening Mr Con Brosnan  
of Scartaglin was down  
here at Rathmore. and  
he left this letter that  
you got. he left an  
account here to me, to write  
to you about his case



he has not got any  
further account since  
you got this letter.  
I am enclosing to you  
well Fred would you  
write to him about  
the case and let him  
know what they are  
likely to do in the  
matter. he have a  
lot of friends around  
Scantaglin. and I  
Believe they would  
work hard for you

if you could do anything  
for him in that case  
all things are very quite  
around her your Brother  
Joe is around and is  
feeling fine. write to  
Brother anyway and  
that will free me  
alright for fear he may  
think that I would not  
write to you about his  
claim.

I remain  
Your Old Friend  
Andrew Sheahan



THAN 21681  
(TELEPHONE)  
UIMHIR THAGARTHA  
(REFERENCE NO.)

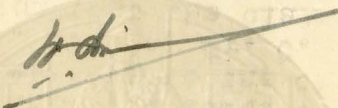
ROINN COSANTA,  
(DEPT. OF DEFENCE),  
GEATA NA PAIRCE,  
(PARKGATE),  
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.  
(DUBLIN).

23 October, 1935.

A Chara,

I am desired by Mr. Aiken to refer to your letter of the 7th instant relative to the claim under the Army Pensions Act, 1932 by Mr. C. Brosnan, Scartaglen, and to inform you that the claim is at present under investigation by the Military Service Registration Board. The Board have been requested to expedite the consideration of the claim, and a decision will be conveyed to Mr. Brosnan with the least possible delay.

Mise, le meas,

  
Rúnaí Aire.

F. Crowley, Esq., T.D.,  
Tigh Laighean,  
Baile Átha Cliath.

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Pensions Collection



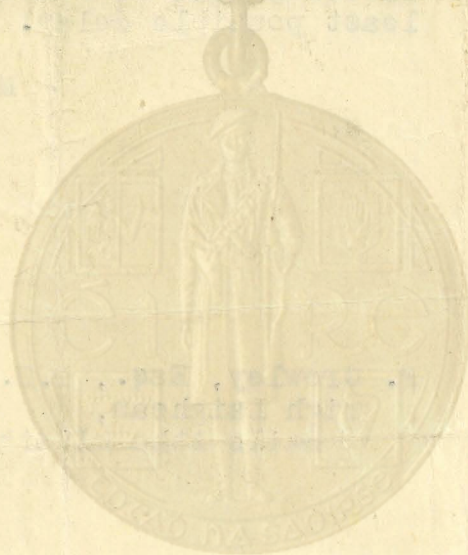
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(DEPT. OF DEFENCE),

GEATA NA PAIRCE,  
(PARKGATE),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.  
(DUBLIN).

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FORWARDED  
BY  
THE  
POST  
OFFICE  
GENERAL  
DELIVERY  
NO.



## Military Service Pensions Collection



Is Capt. Brown  
not stationed  
in Ballymally  
Rks. Tralee?

- Letter address RMR JMC  
to Ballymally Rks. 24/7/36.

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Mr. Turkhan

There is a special  
expedite down on this  
case.

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Send to m  
w P Browne

again

96/36

June 10 1936  
W.

Military Service  
Pensions Collection



Special

I Send Queries to  
all Offices mentioned  
in Claim, with  
covering note to  
each as follows:-

I beg to ~~ref~~ am  
desired by the  
M.D.B. to refer  
to the Claim etc.  
and to request  
a detailed  
Statement regarding  
the Circs. in which  
deceased was shot.

Was deceased on  
military duty on the  
occasion, & if so,  
What was the nature  
of that duty.

A form for particulars  
of deceased's full  
military service is enclosed

II B. 2. 10 days. Wm 28/8/31



# Military Archives

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29 August, 1936.

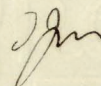
A Chara,

I am desired by the Military Service Registration Board to refer to the application of Mr. Cornelius Brosnan, Scartaglin, Farranfore, Co. Kerry, under the above Act, in respect of the death of his son, Thomas, and to request a detailed statement regarding the circumstances under which deceased was shot.

Was deceased on military duty on the occasion?  
If so, what was the nature of that duty?

A Form for particulars of deceased's full military service is enclosed.

Mise, le meas,



RUNAI.

Fred Crowley, Esq., T.D., Danesfort, Killarney.  
Captain Peter Browne, Ballymullen Bks., Tralee.

GH.

# Military Service Pensions Collection



Mr Markham

In this case you  
requested file like submitted  
upon if capt P. Browne  
did not reply.

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36.

Write Browne &  
Browley again  
enclosing forms  
state that a  
the decision in  
the case is held  
up pending reply

29<sup>th</sup>/36



# Military Archives

II/RB/656.

24 November, 1936.

A Chara,

I am desired by the Military Service Registration Board to refer to my communication of 29th August 1936, a copy of which is enclosed, and to state that a decision in this case is held up pending receipt of the information asked for therein.

A Form is enclosed for completion in the case.

Mise, le meas,

*Jm*

Runai.

Fred Crowley, Esq., T.D., Danesfort, Killarney.  
Captain Peter Browne, Ballymullen Barracks, Tralee.

# Military Service Pensions Collection



A.P. 51—4 (b).  
A.P. 52—7 (b).  
Wound.ROINN COSANTA.  
(Department of Defence.)

## MILITARY SERVICE REGISTRATION BOARD,

COLLINS BARRACKS,

DUBLIN,

Ref. No. *2/656**21/2/36*ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1932.

A CHARA,

An application has been made under the above Act by *Cornelius Brosnan*  
 ..... of *Scartaglin Farnham Co. Kerry*.  
 for an Allowance or Gratuity in respect of *Thomas Brosnan*.  
 who is stated to have been attached to your Command and whose death is stated to  
 have been due to service with *Oglaigh na hEireann*.  
 in the period *1920: 1923*.....

To enable them to deal with the application, the Board will be obliged if  
 you will furnish at the earliest moment replies to the queries set out overleaf.

I am to point out that, for the purposes herein, a person shall be deemed  
 to have been engaged in Military Service when, but only when, he was on duty as  
 a member of the organisation referred to, or was under arrest as a result of his  
 activities as such member, or being such member was evading capture or pursuit by  
 the armed forces of the British Government or of the Government of Saorstát Éireann  
 or of the Provisional Government or of the Government of Northern Ireland, or being  
 such member was detained in a prison or ship, or an internment camp or by order  
 of any of the said Governments.

Mise, le meas,

*Spradham*  
 .....  
 RUNAL.

To *Captain Peter Browne*.

*Ballymullen Bks*  
*Irish*.



QUERIES:

(1) Between what dates did deceased serve with your Command?

1918 to May 1923

(2) In what capacity did deceased serve?

Volunteer, Despatch Rider, in 1920 - '21.  
J.O in 1922 to May 1923.

(3) In what area was deceased engaged in Military Service?

Scartaglin Co. 1st Batt. Kerry II Bgele.

(4) Did the deceased receive a wound or injury while engaged in Military Service as defined? If so, please give the following particulars of such wound or injury:—

In or about the month of December 1923 deceased was taken from his home at night by military. His body was later found on the road-side dead. Lieut Gaffney who was in charge of the military was convicted by a Civil Court of the offence and executed in Dublin about 1924 or 25. Some more of the military party were sentenced to terms of imprisonment.

(a) Nature of wound or injury ...

(b) Date on which wound or injury was received ...

(c) Full circumstances in which wound or injury was received

(d) Particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the deceased which, in your opinion, should be taken into consideration in determining whether the wound or injury was attributable to Military Service ...

Deceased maybe said to have actively ceased being a volunteer at the date of his death. There was no misconduct on the part of deceased that would have led to his being shot as far as I know and the evidence at the time showed.

(5) Particulars of any other matter in support of the applicant's claim or otherwise, on which you desire to comment. ...

I understand the applicant was given some money from Public Funds at the time. This allowance was made on the grounds of deceased being a civilian. The applicant did not know that deceased was in the Volunteer in 1922 - 23. (that is at the time of his death)

(6) Date of death of deceased ...

(7) Have you personal knowledge of the facts of the case as set out by you above, or are your replies based on official reports, or on information otherwise received?

Personal knowledge and reports.

I declare above statements to be true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature Peter Browne

Organisation and Rank ofc 1st Batt. Kerry II  
1921 - 23.

Address Ballymullen Bks

Date 3-12-36

Tralee



## ROINN COSANTA.

(Department of Defence.)

## MILITARY SERVICE REGISTRATION BOARD,

COLLINS BARRACKS,

DUBLIN,

Ref. No. *2/656*........ *29*... *8*... *1936*..ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1932.

A CHARA,

An application has been made under the above Act by *Cornelius Brosnan*  
 ..... of *Scartaghlin Farnham Co Kerry*.  
 for an Allowance or Gratuity in respect of *his son (Thomas)*  
 who is stated to have been attached to your Command and whose death is stated to  
 have been due to service with *O'Leigh na Rixann*  
 in the period *1920 - 1923*.....

To enable them to deal with the application, the Board will be obliged if  
 you will furnish at the earliest moment replies to the queries set out overleaf.

I am to point out that, for the purposes herein, a person shall be deemed  
 to have been engaged in Military Service when, but only when, he was on duty as  
 a member of the organisation referred to, or was under arrest as a result of his  
 activities as such member, or being such member was evading capture or pursuit by  
 the armed forces of the British Government or of the Government of Saorstát Éireann  
 or of the Provisional Government or of the Government of Northern Ireland, or being  
 such member was detained in a prison or ship, or an internment camp or by order  
 of any of the said Governments.

Mise, le meas,

*J. J. O'Sullivan*RURAL. *A*To... *Fred Crowley Esq. T.O.*

*Dunestock*  
*Kilkenny*



# QUERIES:

(1) Between what dates did deceased serve with your Command?

(2) In what capacity did deceased serve?

(3) In what area was deceased engaged in Military Service?

(4) Did the deceased receive a wound or injury while engaged in Military Service as defined? If so, please give the following particulars of such wound or injury:—

(a) Nature of wound or injury ...

(b) Date on which wound or injury was received ...

(c) Full circumstances in which wound or injury was received

(d) Particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the deceased which, in your opinion, should be taken into consideration in determining whether the wound or injury was attributable to Military Service ...

(5) Particulars of any other matter in support of the applicant's claim or otherwise, on which you desire to comment. ...

(6) Date of death of deceased ...

(7) Have you personal knowledge of the facts of the case as set out by you above, or are your replies based on official reports, or on information otherwise received?

I declare above statements to be true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Date.....

Signature.....

Organisation and Rank.....

Address.....

1918-1919

as Dispatch Rider up to 1922. From 1922 to 1923 he acted as Co. Intelligence Officer

Scaragh Co. 1st Bn. Num 2

Deceased was killed by a party of military under Lieut Jeffery on or about Dec 1923 Taken from house in Scaragh village at night & found afterwards dead on the road about Dec 1923

He was a volunteer & had active service

Deceased was about 22 years of age when killed & was helping his father as a blacksmith. He was an only son & would now be his only support Dec 1923

Intimate acquaintance & reliable reports

J. H. Grouly T.D

I.O.

Donerfort

Kellane



ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1932.**SERVICE CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE MILITARY SERVICE REGISTRATION BOARD  
IN RESPECT OF A DECEASED PERSON ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN A MEMBER  
OF AN ORGANISATION TO WHICH PART II OF THE SAID ACT APPLIES.**

II/RB/656.

Reg. No. of Applicant..... Name of Applicant..... **Brosnan, Cornelius**  
 Address of Applicant..... **Scartaglin, Farranfore,**  
 ..... **Co. Kerry.**  
 Name of Deceased Person to whom Certificate relates..... **Brosnan, Thomas**  
 Late Address of Deceased person ... .. **Scartaglin, Farranfore,**  
 ..... **Co. Kerry.**  
 Relationship of Applicant to deceased ... .. **Father.**

WHEREAS an application for the grant of an allowance *or* gratuity in respect of the said deceased has been referred to us by the Minister for Defence under Section 8 of the Army Pensions Act, 1932 ;

NOW, We, the Military Service Registration Board, in pursuance of the said Section 8, hereby certify as follows :—

1. ~~The deceased was not at any time a member of any organisation to which Part II of the said Act applies.~~ *or*

**Oglaigh na h-Eireann (I.R.A.)**

The deceased was a member of.....  
 (State organisation or organisations of which deceased was a member.)

2. ~~The deceased was not engaged in military service within the meaning of Part II of the said Act.~~ *or*

The deceased was engaged in military service within the meaning of Part II of the said Act, and the following are particulars of such military service :—

Organisation or organisations of which deceased was a member	Particulars of military service—		
	(*) Period of service		Nature and extent of military service
	From	To	
Oglaigh na h-Eireann (Irish Republican Army)	1918	May, 1923.	Volunteer, Kerry No.2 Brigade.
Irish Volunteers ... ..	-	-	-
Irish Citizen Army ... ..	-	-	-
Fianna Eireann ... ..	-	-	-
Hibernian Rifles ... ..	-	-	-
Cumann na mBan ... ..	-	-	-

(\*) If the service was not continuous throughout, particulars of the period or periods of actual military service should be stated.

3. The deceased did not receive a wound or injury while engaged in military service. *or*

~~The deceased received a wound or injury while engaged in military service and the following are particulars of such wound or injury :—~~

- (a) Nature of wound or injury ... ..  
 (b) Date on which wound or injury was received ... ..



(c) Circumstances in which wound or injury was received

(d) Particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the deceased which in the opinion of the Board should be taken into consideration in determining whether the wound or injury was attributable to military service

4. The deceased did not contract any disease during his military service.

~~The deceased contracted a disease during his military service and the following are the particulars of such disease :—~~

(a) Nature of disease

(b) Actual conditions under which deceased performed his military service

(c) Particulars of any illness from which the deceased suffered during his military service

(d) Detailed report on the Applicant's statements to, in case the application is on Form A.P. 51, questions 4 D (i) and (ii) on that form, or in case the application is on Form A.P. 52, questions 7 D (i) and (ii) of that form.

(e) Full particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the deceased which in the opinion of the Board should be taken into consideration in determining whether the disease was attributable to military service.

5. Deceased died on the 6th day of December, 1923.

6. The deceased was not killed while engaged in military service.

~~The deceased was killed while engaged in military service and the following are the particulars of the date, place and manner of his death~~

7. \*

\* This paragraph will be used for certifying such other particulars in respect of the deceased as the Minister may request the Military Service Registration Board to ascertain and certify.

Signed E. O'Reilly Chairman  
M. Hilliard Member  
J. Wilcock Member  
of Military Service Registration Board.

Dated this 5th day of January, 1937.



# Military Archives

DP. 836

Brosnan, Mr., (Decd.)  
claim by, Cornelius Brosnan,  
Scartaglin,  
Farranfore,  
Co. Kerry.

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1 Same as 34/sp/ 31882

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