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The Secretary of
Department of Defence
Parkgate St.
Dublin

Dear Sir

I beg leave to make application for a
Form under the Connaught Rangers Pension Bill
Trusting Respectfully same will have your
Kind attention.

Yours
Hon Raul

Respectfully yours
John Dignan
St Mary's Hospital
Country House
Castletown

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(Telephone)

UIMHIR THAGARHA.
(Reference No.)

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ROINN COSANTA,
(DEPT. OF DEFENCE),
GEATA NA PAIRCE,
(PARKGATE),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(DUBLIN).

6th October 1936

CONNAUGHT RANGERS (PENSIONS) ACT, 1936.

A CHARA,

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to state that if you desire to make application for a pension, gratuity, or dependant's allowance under the terms of the Act, you should complete and return to this Department the enclosed form.

The latest date for making application is the 31st day of December, 1937.

Mise, le meas,

Tudor Macaigáin

RUNAL.

Mr. John Dignam
St. Mary's Hospital,
Castlebar

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CONNAUGHT RANGERS (PENSIONS) ACT, 1936.

Application to the Minister for Defence for a Service Pension or Gratuity under Sections 3 and 4 of the Act, and for a Wound or Disease Pension or a Gratuity under Sections 5 and 6 of the Act.

This form must be filled in by every person who seeks a Service Pension or Gratuity, or a Wound or Disease Pension or a Gratuity, and must be signed by him, and his signature witnessed. The completed form must reach the Minister for Defence BEFORE THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1937. In the event of an applicant being unable to write, he should affix his mark, such act being witnessed.

R.C.B.

FORM ISSUED
DATE 17 OCT 1936
INITIALS R.C.B.

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NAME (to be written in block capitals)

DIGNAN.
Surname.

JOHN.
Christian Names.

PRESENT ADDRESS

(to be written in block capitals)

ST MARYS HOSPITAL CO HOME CASTLEBAR

Age last Birthday

47 Last Birth day 20 November 1936

Nearest Gárda Síochána Station

Castlebar

Distance of nearest Railway Station from Residence.

Castlebar

Distance of nearest Bus Route from Residence.

Castlebar

Army Number and Rank at time of Mutiny

3824 + 32257 Com Ranger

NOTE.—Part I of this form must be filled in by all applicants for Pensions or Gratuities, and Part II by those applying for Disability Pensions or Gratuities. All statements will be carefully investigated, and Section 14 (I) imposes a summary penalty for any false declaration :—

“If any person, with a view to obtaining for himself or any other person a grant or payment of any pension, gratuity or dependant's allowance under this Act, makes, signs, or uses any declaration, application, or other written statement knowing the same to be false, shall be guilty of an offence under this Act, and shall be liable on summary conviction thereof to a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds, or, at the discretion of the Court, either to imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months or to both such fine and such imprisonment.”

PART I.— SERVICE PENSIONS OR GRATUITIES.

1. Were you a member of the 1st Battalion the Connaught Rangers?
- (a) When did you first join the 1st Battalion, the Connaught Rangers?
- (b) Had you previous service in the British Army, and, if so, give the dates of enlistment and discharge for each period of service
- (c) What was the date of your discharge from the 1st Battalion, the Connaught Rangers?
- (d) What was the reason of your discharge from the 1st Battalion, the Connaught Rangers?
- (e) What substantive rank did you hold in the 1st Battalion, the Connaught Rangers, at the date of the Mutiny?
- (1) If you held the substantive rank of Corporal, state the date on which you were appointed to such rank ...
- (2) If you held the substantive rank of Sergeant or substantive higher non-commissioned rank, state:
- (i) the date on which you were appointed to such rank
- (ii) the period during which you held the substantive rank of Corporal
- NOTE.—Official papers should be submitted in support of answers to the above questions.
2. Did you join in the Mutiny which took place in June and July, 1920, at Solon and Jullundur in India?
3. Were you sentenced for taking part in the Mutiny by the British General Court-martial which assembled in August, 1920 at Dagshai, in India?
- (a) What sentence was imposed upon you?
- (b) Where did you serve the sentence?
- (c) How much of the sentence did you serve?
- (d) When were you released from imprisonment?
4. Were you a married man at the date of the Mutiny? If so, give the date of your marriage, and the number of your children at the date of the Mutiny

PART II.—WOUND OR DISEASE PENSIONS OR WOUND GRATUITIES.

1. What is the nature of any wound or disease for which you now claim a Pension?

Heart Trouble

(a) When, where and in what circumstances was any such wound received or such disease contracted?

in 1920 June 16th

Jullundur Hospital

(b) Give the names of any persons who can corroborate your answers to (a)

John Flannery

Albert Dawson

Corpl. J. Flattery

2. If you are claiming in respect of Disease, state:

(a) On what grounds do you claim that the Disease is attributable to the Mutiny or to circumstances directly arising out of the Mutiny? Give facts and dates in detail.

Received in India

(b) Did you suffer from any illness during your Military Service? If so, give particulars, including treatment received

N.I.

(c) The Names and Addresses of your Employers since your discharge from the British Army

*Michael J. Flannery P.C.
Lullans & Sligo*

3. Were you at any time in receipt of a Pension or Gratuity in respect of a Wound received or Disease contracted in (a) the British Army, (b) the Gárda Síochána, (c) the National Army, (d) the Irish Volunteers or (e) any other source?

*I was in receipt
of 12/5 from the
British Army*

4. Give the Names and Addresses of any Hospitals where you have been treated for the Wound or Disease in respect of which you claim, and state the dates of Admission and Discharge

*Southampton
Hospital*

5. Prior to your enlistment in the British Army, did you suffer from any similar Wound or Disease? If so, give the Names and Addresses of any Hospitals in which you were treated

*admitted into Hospital
16th June at Jullundur
16th Sept 1920*

6. Give particulars of any period or periods of Unemployment since your Discharge from the British Army, and the cause of it (e.g. Trade Depression, Ill Health, etc.).

*N.I.
unemployed*

7. Have you at any time received any compensation from any person or body in respect of any accident, injury or disease? If so, state the amount of such compensation and give full particulars.

N.I.

8. If you have been treated at any Hospital since your discharge from the British Army give the names and Addresses of the Hospital or Hospitals, dates of admission or commencement of treatment, and the nature of the ailment for which you were treated

9. Give particulars of your health since your discharge from the British Army, furnishing in support:—

- (i) Medical Certificate.
- (ii) Certificates from Hospitals.
- (iii) Certificates from Employers as to time lost.

Signature (or Mark) of Applicant *Deegan John*

*Witness to Signature or (where applicant is unable to write) to Mark of applicant

Address of Witness *Castlebar*

Qualification *Physician*

Date *16th Oct 1936*

* 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.

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(DUBLIN).

11 MAR 1937

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to refer to your application under the Connaught Rangers (Pensions) Act, 1936, and to state that Section (2) of the Act defines a 'qualified person' as one who -

- (1) was a member of the 1st Battalion, the Connaught Rangers;
- (2) joined in the Mutiny; and
- (3) in consequence of so joining, was sentenced by the General Court-martial to death, penal servitude, or imprisonment for any term of not less than twelve months.

As, from the particulars shown on your form of application, you do not appear to be a qualified person, the Minister regrets he is unable to consider your application within the terms of the Act.

Mise, le meas,

J. H.
é/c. Rúnaí.

Mr. John Dignan

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