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# Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

## APPLICATION TO THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE FOR A SERVICE CERTIFICATE.

This form must be filled in by every person who seeks a Service Certificate, and must be signed by him, and his signature witnessed. The completed form must reach the Minister for Defence on or before the 31st December, 1936. 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). SWEENEY (FERGUS) BRIDGET  
SURNAME. CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS (to be written in block capitals). 16506 MARQUIS AVE.  
CLEVELAND, OHIO, U.S.A.

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 ?.....

(b) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

(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, and

(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.

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

(a) Unit or Units... *4th Western Div West-Map*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *Approximately from April 1. 1917 continuously to April 24<sup>th</sup> 1925*

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

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

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?... *Procuring food shelter transportation by boat to members of I.R.A. + dispatch rider.*

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

(g) Absence from duty and cause... *no*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*Larry McGovern. Newfield Tier near Newport  
Dr. Madden. Westport Map  
Michael Kilroy Newport Map*

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

(a) Unit or Units... *4th Western Div West Map*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *In service continuously*

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

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

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?... *Procuring food + shelter for I.R.A. transportation dispatch rider.*

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

(g) Absence from duty and cause... *no*.....

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Brian Corrigan</i>	<i>Achill Island Mayo</i>
<i>John Feighan then living near Westport Mayo</i>	<i>Westport Mayo</i>
<i>Mr. Madden</i>	<i>Westport Mayo</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units... *4th western Div West Mayo*.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *In service continuously*.....

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *M Comd. Michael Kilroy*.....

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

*Procuring food + shelter in my home for J.R.A.*

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

(g) Absence from duty and cause... *no*.....

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Joe Baker</i>	<i>Westport Co Mayo</i>
<i>Johnny Gibbons</i>	<i>Westport Co Mayo</i>
<i>Mrs. Michael Kilroy</i>	<i>Newport Co Mayo</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units... *4th western Div West Mayo*.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *Services continuously*.....

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

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

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

*Giving food & shelter transportation, & dispatches*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period. *help Bung employed as maid*

*helped secure firearms from Wilford Lodge & Rossey Rossina House Newport Mayo*

(g) Absence from duty and cause. *no*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>John Connally</i>	<i>Shreloggy Mayo</i>
<i>Peter Mcbounald</i>	<i>Jeemen Co Galway</i>
<i>Edward Moan</i>	<i>Westport Co Mayo</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units. *4th Western Bn West Mayo*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service. *Services continuously*

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

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

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

*Giving food shelter transportation running dispatches*

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

(g) Absence from duty and cause. *no*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Br: Madden	Westport - Mayo
Michael Kibroy	Newport Mayo
Joe Baker	Westport Mayo

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

(a) Unit or Units... 4th western div West Mayo

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

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... Comm. Michael Kibroy

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?... Food shelter transportation etc -

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

(g) Absence from duty and cause... no

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Br: Madden	Westport Mayo
Michael Kibroy	Newport Mayo
John Connolly	Shrillogy Westport

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

(a) Unit or Units... 4th western div

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

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... Comm. Michael Kibroy

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?... Food shelter transportation, dispatch rider

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

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... *no*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Michael Gibroy</i>	<i>Newport May</i>
<i>Dr. Madden</i>	<i>Westport May</i>
<i>Joe Baker</i>	<i>Westport May</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *4<sup>th</sup> Western Div West May*

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

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Comm: Gibroy*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... *Food shelter, Transportation ect -*

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

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... *no*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>John Connally</i>	<i>Shreloggy Newport May</i>
<i>Dr. Madden</i>	<i>Westport May</i>
<i>Michael Gibroy</i>	<i>Newport May</i>

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.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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(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.....

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(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.....

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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(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.....

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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(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.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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PART III.

GENERAL.

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS.

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

(a) On first critical date.

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(b) On second critical date.

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References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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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.

..... No  
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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.

..... No  
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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.

*No*

(5). Have you applied for, or are you in receipt of Unemployment Assistance under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1933 ? If so, quote the number of your qualification certificate .....

*No*

(6). Were you a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921 ? If so, give the dates between which you served.....

*Was then Cumann na mBan worker*

(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.....

*No*

(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.

*No*  
*No*  
*No*  
*No*  
*No*  
*No*

- (g) As an Officer of any Local Authority. *No*  
 (h) In any other employment. *No*

If so, give details.....

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.

*May I refer you to  
 Commander Michael Kirby J. R.  
 Newport Co Mayo*

*BRIDGET FERGUS SWEENEY*  
 Signature (or Mark) of Applicant *Bridget Fergus Sweeney*

\* Witness to signature or (where applicant is unable to write) to mark of applicant. *Nora A. Mac Sweeney*

Address of Witness..... *165-06 Marquis Ave  
 Cleveland Ohio*

Qualification *Attorney at law*

Date *Dec 18th 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.

## 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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Cleveland

~~37483 ARB<sup>24</sup> Ohio~~

Dec. 18th 1936

Tigh Laughan  
Leinster House  
Dublin

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find my application for military Pension which I hope I have filled properly.

I am also enclosing a letter which I got from Dr. Madden + also one which I got from Commander M. K. Brooy when I was leaving Ireland. I am sending them as a reference + hope they will help + will appreciate it very much if you will return them to me.

Respectfully Yours.

Bridget Fergus Sweeney.

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24th April '25

This is to express my very deep appreciation of the numerous kindnesses & services rendered by Miss B. Fergus to the Irish Republican Army during the last five years. To the constant attention & readiness of Miss Fergus's household during the very trying times of the past few years, practically every man on active service with the 4th Western Division can testify, & for this we feel deeply indebted to the whole Fergus family.

While regretting the departure of Miss Fergus from her native country, I wish her the best of good luck.

Signed,

John A. Madden, M.P., J.D.

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Newport  
Mayo

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The beaver Miss Bridgie Fergus, Ardagh,  
Newport, Mayo, has been an ardent  
supporter of the Irish Republican Movement  
for many years past and has rendered  
most valuable service here in Ireland

Michael Kilroy. T.D.



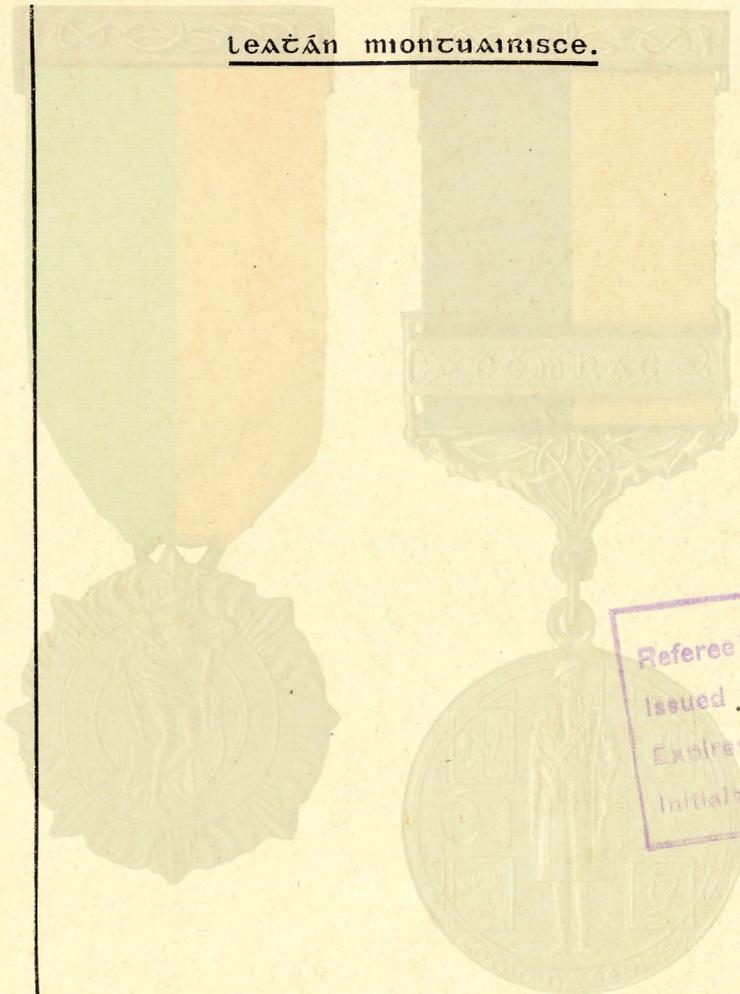
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Referee R. 19  
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Referee R.16.

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

Ref. No.....

*Issued 1/31/1938*  
*ccx*

A CHARA,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to your application under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934, and to state that it has been decided to give you an opportunity of amplifying the statements contained in your application form, I am accordingly to request you to submit a detailed statement, setting out for each period in respect of which you claim to have served, the length of time spent in actual military work together with particulars of any—

- (1) military operations, or
- (2) engagements, or
- (3) other services rendered with the Forces,

and indicating in respect of each incident—

- (a) the actual part you took therein—for instance, in the case of an attack on enemy forces or an enemy post, whether you actually took part in the attack or if you did not actually take such part, whether you were helping by blocking roads or by occupying an outpost ;
- (b) where it took place ;
- (c) the approximate date ; and
- (d) the names of two available officers who can verify your statements.

These details are necessary for the guidance of the Referee in fixing for each period, the length of pensionable service (if any) to which you are entitled in accordance with the provisions of the Second Schedule of the Act, and the Referee will be glad of the fullest possible details so that he may be in a position to do full justice to your claim.

I am to add that it would enable a more expeditious disposal of your application if you were to communicate with some of the former officers under whom or with whom you served, and ask them to submit statements regarding the details of your service of which they have personal knowledge.

Full consideration will be given to your own and any statements received on your behalf by the Referee and Advisory Committee before reporting on your application.

In case you do not desire to add anything to the statements set out in your application form, you are requested to reply stating so without delay.

Is mise,

MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934.

Form R. 18.

Ref. No. 51100

APPLICANT'S NAME

*Looney Budget (Mrs)*

For Discussion with

*Miss Kelly & Moane*

Date

*19/4/40*

PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
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(2)		
(3)	<i>he appeals</i>	
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
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(10)		

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

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

**RESULT OF DISCUSSION.**

Date.....

*mas 11/2/43*

M.S.P./34/2.

# Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 34 S.P./52507.

Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee—.....5-1100.

To :  
THE REFEREE.

To :  
THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to transmit for report in accordance with Section 8 and the Regulations made under the Act the accompanying application of

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

*Sweeney Bridget (Mrs.) (nee Regus)*  
*165.06. Marquis Ave. Cleveland Ohio*  
for a Service Certificate.

U. S. A.

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

(SIGNED) T. U. DÓMHNAILL  
REJECTED  
21 JUL 1947  
Referee.

*Wally*  
Date.....31 MAY 1937.....

Date.....

1. Is the Applicant a person to whom the Act applies ?.....
2. If so, total actual service in the different service periods, as established.....  
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3. Total service for pension purposes as defined by Second Schedule of the Act.....
4. Grade or rank, quoting relevant paragraph of First Schedule under which allowed : —
  - (a) On first critical date.....
  - (b) On second critical date.....
  - (c) Was applicant a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921.....
  - (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  
.....  
or under sub-paragraph (m) of paragraph 4 of Rule I. of First Schedule, as a Medical Officer.....

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

(1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction  
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(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act.....  
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(3) State—

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

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

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

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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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,

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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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

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

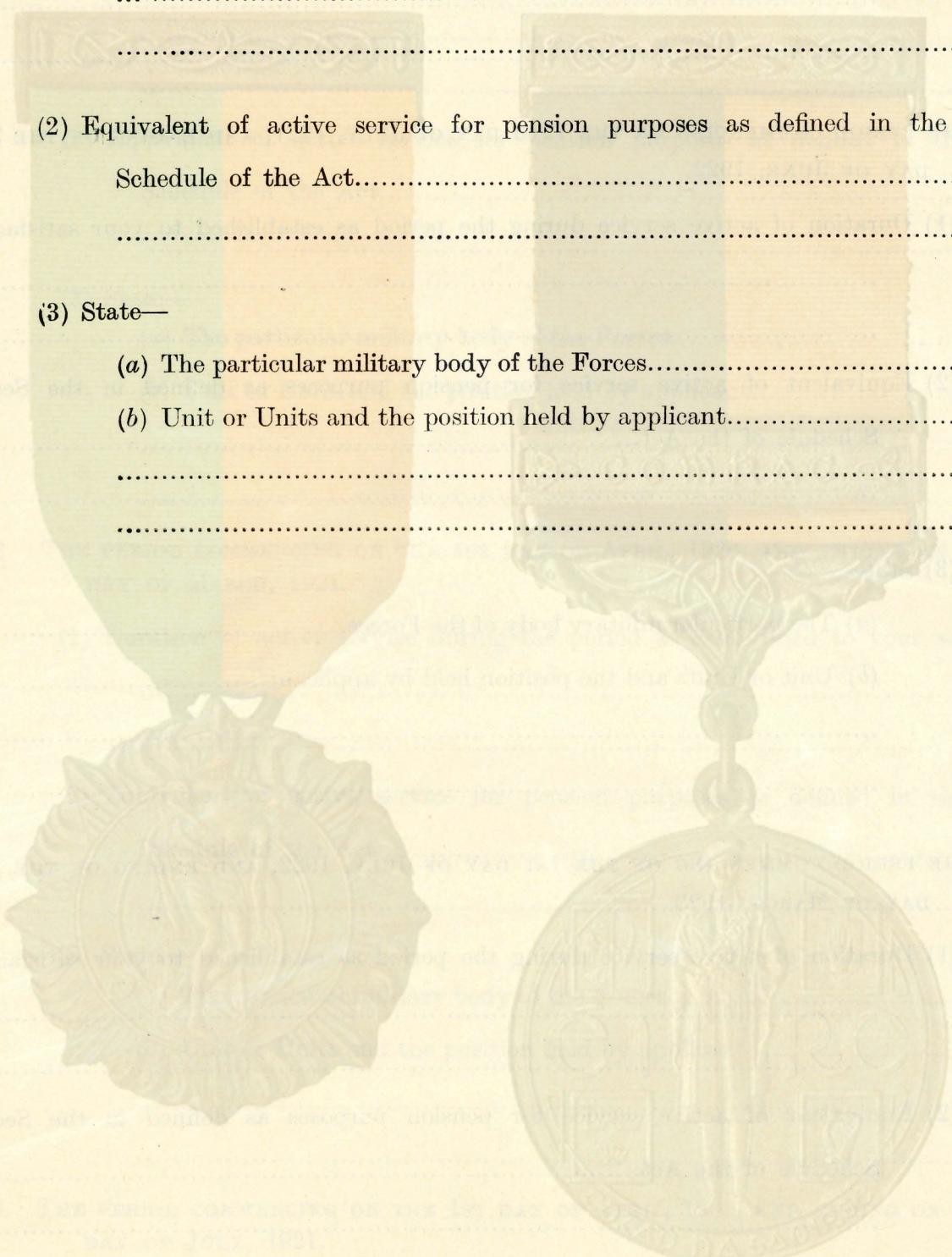
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(3) State—

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

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

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(a) PERIOD	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active service allowed	(d) Equivalent for Pension purposes	REMARKS
(1) 23/4/16 - 30/4/16				(7)
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17				(8)
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(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19				(10)
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(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21				(12)
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21				(13)
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22				(14)
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23				(15)
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23				(16)

ACT DOES NOT  
APPEAR TO APPLY

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

Rank claimed on.....

Rank allowed .....

Total of Column (d).....

SIGNED—.....

*J. McEvoy*

*John Jordan*

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REF. No. 51100 APPLICANT'S NAME Sweeney Budget ADDRESS .....

UNIT West Mayo. (Cranham)

(a) PERIOD	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active service allowed	(d) Equivalent for Pension purposes	REMARKS
(1) 23/4/16 — 30/4/16	/			(7)
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(5) 1/4/19 — 31/3/20	- do -			(11)
(6) 1/4/20 — 31/3/21	- do -			(12)
(7) 1/4/21 — 11/7/21	- do -			(13)
(8) 12/7/21 — 30/6/22	- do -			(14)
(9) 1/7/22 — 31/3/23	- do -			(15)
(10) 1/4/23 — 30/9/23	- do -			(16)

ACT DOES NOT  
23.11.46  
APPEAR TO APPLY

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

Rank claimed on .....

Rank allowed ..... Total of Column (d) .....

SIGNED Sean W. Moran James .....

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