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*Connolly Rose Anne (Mrs)
nurses cottage, Tourmakeady, Mayo*

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REF. No. 55472 APPLICANT'S NAME Bonnolly, Rose Anne (Mrs) ADDRESS Nurses bottage, Lourmakady, Mayo
 UNIT Bellmullet Cuaibuan, North-West Mayo Bdo.

(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)
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18			(9)
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	<i>Full listed.</i>			(10)
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	<i>do.</i>			(11)
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	<i>do.</i>			(12)
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	<i>do.</i>			(13)
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	<i>do.</i>			(14)
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	<i>do.</i>			(15)
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	<i>do.</i>			(16)

ACT DOES NOT
 APPEAR TO APPLY

CONFIRMED
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 19 MAY 1941

Referee R. 30
 Issued 25 SEP 1941
 Expires 17 OCT 1941
 Initials APB.

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

Rank claimed on Bn. Staff Capt Bdo. C. M. 990.

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

SIGNED Sumner Robinson

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Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 34 S.P./56449

Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee—55472

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

Connolly, Rose Anne (Mrs)
Nurses Cottage, Tourmakeady
for a Service Certificate. Co. Mayo.

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

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

J. J. Morgan

REJECTION
11 JAN 1938
Referee.

Date.....
11 JAN 1938

Date.....

1. Is the Applicant a person to whom the Act applies?..... *No*
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
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or under sub-paragraph (m) of paragraph 4 of Rule I. of First Schedule, as a Medical Officer.....

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.....

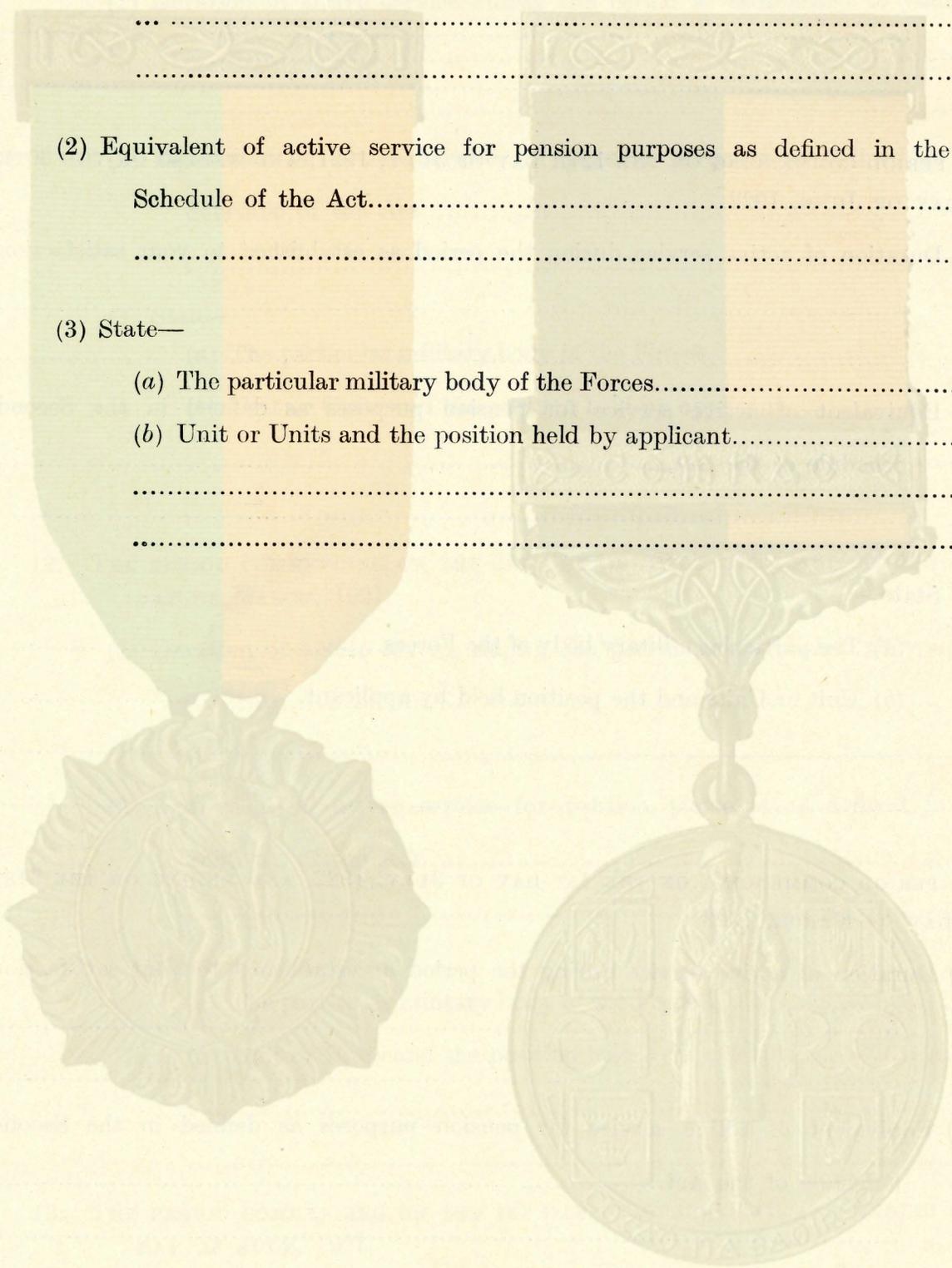
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(3) State—

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

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

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55472 Mrs. ROSE ANNE CONNOLLY.

Act does not apply.

See Summary of Evidence.

The Verifying Officers were not before the
Committee.

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20th November, 1940.

PM/KMF

MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934.

Form R.18.

Ref. No. 55472

APPLICANT'S NAME *Bonnelly Rose Anne (Mrs)*

For Discussion with.....

Date.....

PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
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OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

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

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

Date.....

Mrs. Rose Anne Connolly.

7th October, 1939.

Ref. No. 55472.

(4) Joined Cumann na mBan in Belmullet in 1918.

Usual activities.

When some political prisoners ^{were} held in the local bks., she took in meals to them twice a day for 3 days and also brought out messages.

(5) Usual.

Collected funds.

Organised dances, etc.

Collected Dail Eireann Loan.

On a few occasions she met officers who came into the district and directed them where they wished to go.

(6) & (7) Usual C. na mB. activities.

Collected funds.

Sent parcels to prisoners.

Watched and reported enemy movements.

Met officers coming into the district and directed them where they wished to go.

For about 6 mths. before the truce her business address was used as a cover for important despatches coming from Bde. H.Q. The local Batt. officers usually called for these despatches, but on occasions, appct. had to bring the despatches to them a short distance.

Claims that she was generally active during the periods.

(8) Usual activities.

Helped the Vols. when they were in the local training camp.

Made collections.

Attended meetings.

Sent parcels to prisoners.

(9) & (10) Usual activities.

She was appointed Bde. Sec. for the I.R.P.D.F. at the beginning of the civil war.

Organised collections and distributed funds to dependants regularly. In all she distributed about £600. The dependents usually called to her place of business.

Procured four or five hundred rds. of rifle ammunition from 3 or 4 friendly F.S. soldiers who called at the shop. Took this ammunition to her home which was about 8 mls. from Belmullet, and passed it on to the Vols. later.

15th Sept. 1922, three I.R.A. officers were in the shop when appct. observed a large party of F.S. soldiers outside. She warned the I.R.A. officers and helped them to escape through the back.

Watched and reported enemy movements.

Carried despatches a few times a week, distance of about a mile outside the town.

Collected funds.

Sent parcels to prisoners.

Attended the Divisional meetings at Newport. Had to travel a distance of 40 miles.

Continued usual C. na mB. activities and acted as Bde. Sec. for the I.R.P.D.F. until the prisoners were released from jail.

LM/BH


Sworn Statement Made Before Advisory Committee By
Mrs. ROSE ANNE CONNOLLY, on 7th October, 1939. (Ref. 55472)

Q Have you any refs.?
A Just one. I have not any from my Batt. Officers, but I will send them on anytime you want them.
(Hands in ref.)

Q About what time did you join Cumann na mBan?

A About 1918 I started.

4th/

Q Did you take part in all the usual meetings?

A Yes. We had prisoners in the Barrack. They were political prisoners. They were not really active service. I used to take in meals to them that time, and I used to take out despatches.

Q In Belmullet there were prisoners?

A Yes.

Q How often did you take them in meals?~~or~~

A About twice a day for three days, and I took out despatches on my return.

Q And did you pass on the despatches?

A Yes.

Q That wd. be the only exceptional thing that year?

A Yes.

Q And did you help to resist conscription?

A Yes.

5th/

Q 1919 were you still attending your meetings and that?

A Yes.

Q First aid lectures and that kind of thing. Did you collect funds?

A Yes.

Q How used you collect them in 1919?

A By dances.

Q You did not have any house to house collections that time?

A No, not that time.

Q Did you help to collect the Dáil Eireann Loan too?

A Yes.

Q 1919 you say you met officers?

A From Bde. H.Q.

Q. There was no Hq. there?

A Prominent officers - and directed them through the area.

Q How often did you do that in 1919?

A Two or 3 times.

Q Directed them to where they wanted to go?

A Yes.

Q Did you receive and deliver any despatches in 1919?

A No, not in 1919 I think.

Q You were not a District Nurse that time?

A No, I was not. I was at business then.

6th & 7th/

Q In the Black and Tan time did you attend all the usual meetings and that?

A Yes.

Q Did you collect funds?

A Yes, and sent parcels to prisoners.

Q Did you attend first aid classes?

A I did not attend first aid classes.

Q Did you make equipment and that for the Vols.?

A No, I did not.

Q Did you watch and report enemy movements?

A Yes.

Q Sent parcels to prisoners?

A Yes.

Q During the Tan time did you meet any officers and direct them?

A Yes, I did.

- Q How often did you do that?
A Ten or 12 times, and I took despatches.
Q Who wd. these officers be?
A Bde. officers - Anthony Curran. He was Divisional Q.M. during the civil war time too. Anthony Farrell. At election time there were some Dublin men but I forget their names now.
A Was your place of business used as a covering address for important despatches?
A Yes. My name was used.
Q Where wd. these despatches come from?
A From Bde. H.Q. to the Batt.
Q What wd. you do with them?
A I used to deliver them myself personally. Most of them to the Batt. Officers.
Q ~~Who~~ Wd. the Vols. call for them to you?
A Yes. If they did not call in time I used to deliver them myself.
Q How often wd. you deliver them?
A Perhaps once a week.
Q How far wd. you have to go with them?
A Not far, just to the Batt. officer in the town.
Q Are these the kinds of activities you had in the Tan time?
A Yes.
Q There is nothing else you can think of?
A No, not in the Tan time.
Q Were these despatches come to your business address for a long period during the Tan time?
A Not very long - about six months.
Q Were you active all the time until the truce?
A Yes, all the time until the truce.
- 8th/
Q During the truce did you help the Vols. in the training camps?
A ~~Yes~~ Yes.
Q What was that?
A Getting food.
Q How many camps - one camp?
A One camp, yes.
Q Did you continue with your collections and things?
A Yes.
Q Attending your meetings?
A Yes.
Q Sending parcels to prisoners and all that?
A Yes.
Q That would be generally the type of activity you had in the truce?
A Yes.
Q Yr. house wd. not be used for despatches that time?
A No. I was Bde. Sec. for the I.R.P.D.F.
Q. During the Truce?
A Yes - when it was formed - that was during the truce.
Q About what time were you made Sec. for that?
A It was towards the beginning of the civil war. I met Miss Brady from H.Q.
Q. Who apptd. you as Sec. to that Fund?
A The local officers., the Bde. Officers.
- 9th/
Q When the civil war broke out you were down in Belmullet?
A Yes.
Q And did you carry out all the usual C. na mB. activities - meetings and that?
A Yes, I did.
Q Procuring ammunition from the enemy?
A Yes.
Q What quantity of ammunition?
A Four or five hundred rounds of rifle ammunition.

- Q From whom did you get that?
A From F.S. soldiers who used to be in the shop. I worked in the publichouse.
Q Was it from one soldier?
A No, from different soldiers..
Q From how many?
A Three or four. It was delivered to the officers.
Q Did the Vols. call to you for that stuff?
A No. I took it home to my own place at home.
Q And did they call on you there?
A Yes.
Q How far had you to go to take it home?
A 8 miles.
Q In small quantities?
A Yes. I brought it in an attaché case.
Q Obstructed the F.S. soldiers from capturing some officers on the 15th Sept. 1922?
A Yes. There were three officers in my place at the time. They were sitting in a room.
Q Was this in the shop?
A Yes. They were just waiting to have tea. I just saw the F.S. officers outside - about 200 of them; and I just went in and told the fellows. And I opened the door and let them out the back. And I let the F.S. soldiers into the hall and let them upstairs first, just the put them off the track.
Q That was just on one occasion?
A Yes.
Q Did you watch and report the F.S. movements generally?
A Yes.
Q Did you carry any despatches?
A Yes.
Q How often wd. you carry them?
A A few times a week that time.
Q How far wd. you take them?
A About a mile of the town and I used to get them sent on.
Q As Secretary of the Dependents' Fund did you do much in the way of collecting and distributing money?
A Yes. We got about £500 pounds for the Bde. altogether; and I distributed that; and I let the Bde. officers know each individual that got it, along with my Committee.
Q Was it done anyway regularly?
A Once a week to the very observing cases. I used to mee t them in the shop mostly, or else, go round if they did not come to the shop.
Q They wd. call fairly regularly once a week?
A Yes.
Q Did you send parcels to prisoners and that, too?
A Yes. And I attended meetings at Newport. It was a long distance - 40 miles from Belmullet.
Q Cumann na mBan meetings?
A Yes, and I.R.P.D.F. meetings.
Q How often did you attend those?
A Twice.
Q Does that cover generally the type of activities you had in the civil war?
A That is about all now really.
Q How long did you keep active?
A The whole time, to the Cease Fire. When the men came out of jail.
Q Did you act as Secretary of the Bde. I.R.P.D.F. until all the men came out of jail?
A Yes.
(Appct. advised regarding refs.)

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Newport,

Co. Mayo.

9th Sept. 1939.

To:

The Referree,
Military Pensions Board,
Griffith Barracks,
DUBLIN.

Sir,

I certify that Mrs. Rose Anne Connolly has been a very active worker in the National Movement from an early period.

She was the centre of the Cumann-na-mBam in the town of Belmullet since 1918, where she worked most energetically to further the National Cause. She was the recipient for a prolonged period of most despatches sent to the I.R.A. in Erris from the North & West Mayo Brigades. She had often to deliver those herself.

After the Cease Fire Order she represented Erris for the distribution of the I.R.P.D. Fund in Erris, which she attended to very faithfully. This entailed a lot of travelling to Divisional H.Q. at Newport, a distance of 40 miles.

Signed:

Michael Kilroy

Late O.C. Western Command.

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17 JAN. 1938

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, 1937. 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).....**CONNOLLY**.....**ROSE ANNE**.....(MRS)
SURNAME. CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS.....**NURSE'S COTTAGE**.....
(to be written in block capitals).....**TOURMAKEDY CO. MAYO**.....

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.....

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(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.....

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

(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, and

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

(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.....

(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.....

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Belmullet Co Mayo*

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

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

Belmullet + Barrow of Ernis

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *M. Henry Batt Comdt*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ?..... *perfecting the organisation of the I.R.A. to resist conscription + to fight for Ireland's freedom.*

- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *receiving despatches + having same delivered safely*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause... *None*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>M. Henry</i>	<i>Shragh Bunahowen P.O. Ballina</i>
<i>M. Cavelle</i>	<i>Belmullet. (The Canal)</i>
<i>J. Kilroy</i>	<i>Poolacoppes Belmullet.</i>

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

- (a) Unit or Units... *Belmullet.*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *Whole Period*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *Borony of Erris M. Henry Batt Comdt*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *M. Henry Batt. Comdt*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? ... *being a member of cumann na mban*
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *collecting funds for Mail Ewean + equipment for J.R.A.*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause... *None*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Michael Henry</i>	<i>Shragh Bunahowen P.O. Ballina</i>
<i>Mrs M. Kilroy</i>	<i>Newport. Co Mayo.</i>
<i>M. Cavelle</i>	<i>Belmullet.</i>

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

- (a) Unit or Units... *Belmullet.*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *Whole Period*

- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... *Belmullet*
 + *Barony of Erris*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *M. Cavell Batt Comdt*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... *actively assisting the volunteers to carry out their duties*
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *collecting funds to assist the volunteers + prisoners and helping to perfect the organisation by finding out any information to assist the volunteers to carry on the fight*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause.....
None

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Michael Kilroy</i>	<i>Newport Mayo</i>
<i>J. Derrig</i>	<i>Lieut O.C. 4th Western Command</i>
<i>M. Cavell</i>	<i>Minister for Education Waul Geasin</i>
	<i>The Canal Belmullet. Batt Comdt.</i>

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

- (a) Unit or Units..... *Belmullet*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *whole period*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....
Barony of Erris
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *M. Cavell Batt Comdt*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... *actively engaged in finding out the movements of the enemy in general*
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *Using my place of business for covering address of important despatches, assisting Brigade officers + officers from G. H. Q. to get in touch with officers of the battalion*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause.....
None

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
A. Farrell	Corraumore Ballina Now in U.S.A.
J. Ruane	Ballina
J. Munnely	J. D. Barnatra Ballina

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

(a) Unit or Units..... Belmullet Co

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

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... M. Leavelle Batt Comdt.

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... organising & assisting the volunteers and men in camps

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... Used my place of business as Head quarters for J.R.A.

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
B. Hegarty	Capt General O.C. Cahordane Ballina
A. Farrell	Vice Brigade Comdt- Now in U.S.A.
M. Mangan	Brigade Q.M. Glenhest. Newport Mayo

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

(a) Unit or Units..... Belmullet

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

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... Belmullet Barony of Erris + Newport

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... Captam S. Gaughan

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... actively engaged in helping the J.R.A.

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period. *Procured ammunition from the enemy and obstructed F.S. troops from capturing a number of I.R.A. officers on Sept 15th 1922.*

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

None

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Seamus Gaughan (Capt.)</i>	<i>Renmore Bks. Galway</i>
<i>M. Henry</i>	<i>Shragh Bunahowen P.O. Ballina</i>
<i>J. Munnely</i>	<i>T.D. Barnatra Ballina</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Belmullet - 4 Brigade Area*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *Whole Period*

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... *Belmullet, Ballycroy, Achill + Newport.*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Seamus Gaughan*

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

working for the organisation

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period. *Procuring ammunition from the enemy and intelligence for I.R.A. distributed I.R.A.P.D.F. for Brigade area and*

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Seamus Gaughan (Capt.)</i>	<i>Renmore Bks. Galway</i>
<i>M. Henry</i>	<i>Shragh Bunahowen P.O. Ballina</i>
<i>B. Hegarty</i>	<i>Corrorkel Cahordan Ballina</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.....

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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.

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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.....

(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.....

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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.

(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.....

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(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.

Battalion Staff Captain
for Intelligence

(b) On second critical date.

Acting Q. M. for Brigade
and intelligence officers (Staff)

References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
B. Hegarty	Barrowkeel Cahordan Ballina
A. Farrell	Now in U.S.A.
M. Henry	Shraagh Bunahaven P.O. Ballina
M. Kidroy	Newport, Gate O.C. 4 th Western Command

(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

(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

(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.....

None

(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.....

No

a member of Cumann na mBan

(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 a district nurse under Mayo B.O.H
at a salary of £50 per annum

(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

(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.

I promptly carried out all duties entrusted to me by the officers & men of the Brigade and incl. executive Cuman-na-mbarr officers and escorted them to safe resorts through the Brigade area

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

Mrs Rose Anne Connolly

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

Thomas Larkin

Address of Witness.....

Tournakeady
Co Mayo

Qualification.....

Postmaster

Date.....

16th December 1937

*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:—

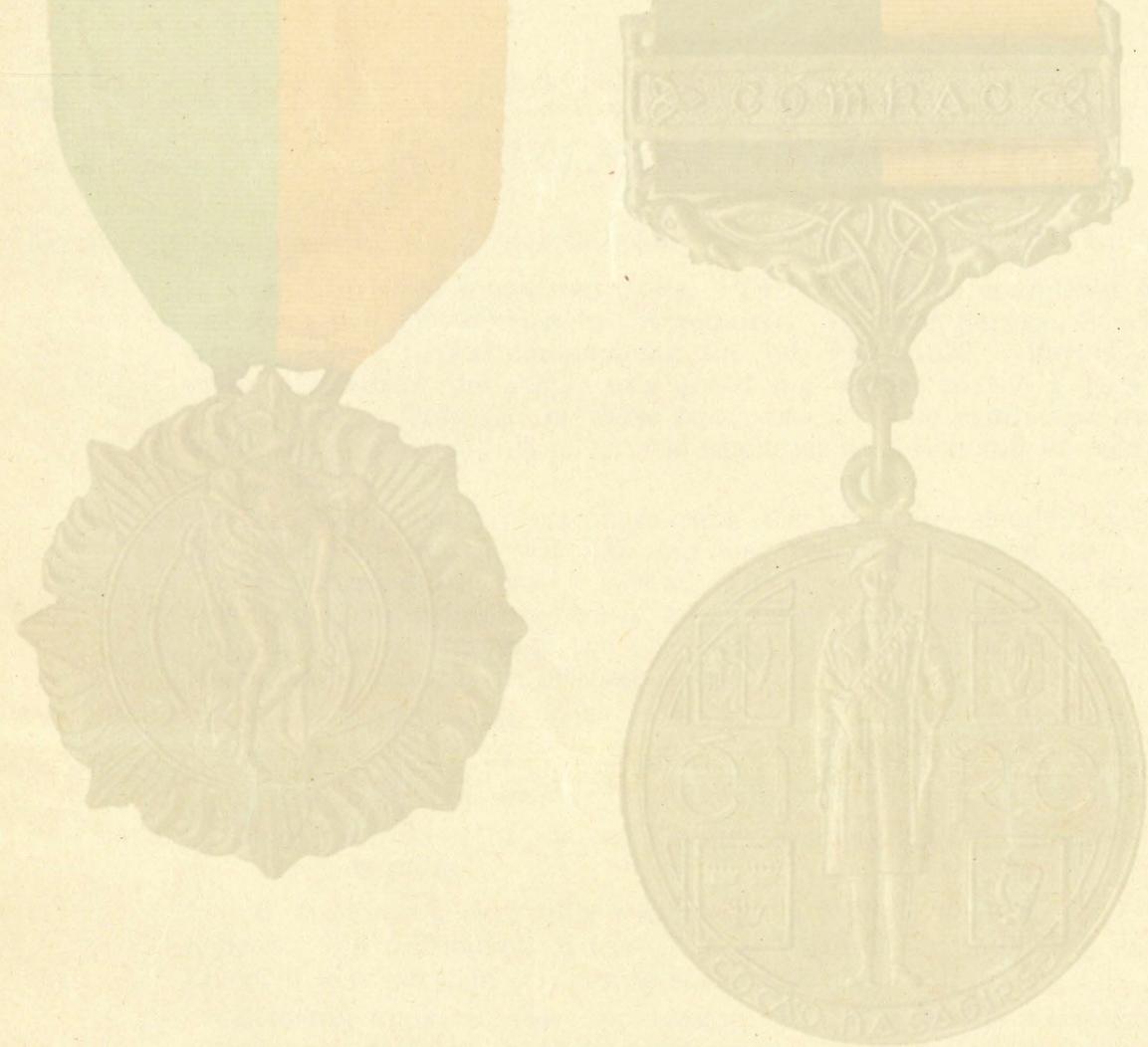
- (a) in the case of a person who served in the Forces on the 1st day of July, 1922, the 1st day of July, 1922 and
- (b) in the case of a person who did not serve in the Forces on the 1st day of July, 1922, but who served in the Forces at any time during the period commencing on the 2nd day of July, 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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