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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 signature witnessed, on or before the 31st day of December, 1935. In the event of an applicant being unable to write he should affix his mark, such act being witnessed.

NAME (to be written in block capitals). COONEY.....JOHN.....
SURNAME. CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS.....NEWANTRIM ST. CASTLEBAR.....
(to be written in block capitals). CO. MAYO. IRELAND.....

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 FIREANN 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..... *Bastlebar Coy Irish Volunteers*(c) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *23 To 30 April*(d) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... *Bastlebar Company area*(e) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *John Hoban*(f) In what way do you claim that your service was active service..... *Standing too obeying orders*(g) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the week..... *Standing too*

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>John Hoban</i>	<i>Lucker St Bastlebar</i>
<i>James Chambers</i>	<i>Maryland Bastlebar</i>
<i>John Chambers</i>	<i>Newentum St Bastlebar</i>

(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..... *Bastlebar Company*(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *continuous*(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... *Bastlebar Company area*(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *John Hoban*

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

Service at night(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *Secret Drilling Procuring**arms and Preparing for a Soldiers career*

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
James Chambers	Maryland Castlebar
John Hoban	Tucker St. Castlebar
John Chambers	Newantrum St. Castlebar

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

(a) Unit or Units..... Castlebar Company

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

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

Company area

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

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

all Night obeying orders

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

the period..... attempted Rescue of Prisoners

Preparing for conscription

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
James Chambers	Maryland Castlebar
John Hoban	Tucker St. Castlebar
John Chambers	Newantrum St. Castlebar

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

(a) Unit or Units..... Castlebar No 1. Co. Irish Volunteers

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

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

area

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

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

activity I could not carry on my civilian occupation

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *Getting supply of Petrol for General Raids for arms seizure of Rate Books Etc.*

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>James Chambers</i>	<i>Maryland Castlebar</i>
<i>John Chambers</i>	<i>Newantrum St. Castlebar</i>
<i>Philip Hoban</i>	<i>Linenhall St. Castlebar</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units... *Castlebar No 1. Company I.R.A*

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

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *Castlebar Company area*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *John Chambers*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?.. *obeying orders of officer and Procuring ammunition from British Soldiers*

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

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>James Chambers</i>	<i>Maryland Castlebar</i>
<i>John Chambers</i>	<i>Newantrum St. Castlebar</i>
<i>Philip Hoban</i>	<i>Linenhall St. Castlebar</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units... *active service unit in Castlebar Town*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *1st April to 31st March*

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

Battlebar Battalion area Patrick Jordan

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Patrick Jordan*

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

active service unit

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

the period... *Laying for ambush in Glenisland of R.I.C.*

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

James Chambers Maryland Battlebar

Dr. J. A. Madden Dublin

John Chambers Newantrim St. Battlebar

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

(a) Unit or Units... *Battlebar active service unit*

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

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

Brigade area

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

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

operations

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

the period... *Laying for ambush at Islandeady*

Meaneen Bridge Westport Relieving Commandant

McGuire at Tourmakeady Laying in ambush at Brackloon

Westport Erriff Lemanah Capture of Westport town

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

Took Part in Kilmeeua fight 19 May also at

Shirdagh Newport

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Michael Kibioy	Commandant Newport
Dr. J. A. Madden	
John Chambers	Newantrum St. Castlebar

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Castlebar Company*.....

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

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *John Chambers*.....

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... *Continuous service in I.R.A.*.....

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *Taking over of Military Barracks and Jail*.....

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
James Chambers	Batt. Commandant Maryland Castlebar
John Chambers	Capt. Newantrum St. Castlebar
James Hughes	Capt. Newantrum St. Castlebar

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Castlebar Company I.R.A.*.....

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

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *John Chambers*.....

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... *Continuous service in I.R.A.*.....

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *attack on Castlebar in September captured In October*

(g) Absence from duty and cause... *captured By Free State soldiers and interned in Esthane Mountjoy and Yintown No. 1 Curragh*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>James Chambers</i>	<i>Maryland Castlebar</i>
<i>John Chambers</i>	<i>Newantrum St Castlebar</i>
<i>James Hughes</i>	<i>Newantrum St Castlebar</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units... *Yintown No. 1 Curragh*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *Paddy Mays Ballinrobe 1st April 1923 to 30 September 1923*

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *Interned Yintown No. 1 Curragh*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Paddy Mays Ballinrobe*

(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... *Interned*

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>James Chambers</i>	<i>Maryland Castlebar</i>
<i>John Chambers</i>	<i>Newantrum St Castlebar</i>
<i>James Hughes</i>	<i>Newantrum St Castlebar</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.....

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(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.....

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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.

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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.....

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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 :—

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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.....

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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 ?.....

(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.

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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:—

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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.

Rank D
First Lieut No. 1 Coy Beestlebar
Strength of Coy about 70

(b) On second critical date.

Rank D
First Lieut No. 1 Coy
Strength about 85

References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
James Chambers	Maryland Beestlebar
John Chambers	Newantrum St Beestlebar
James Hughes	Newantrum St Beestlebar
Richard Walsh	T. D. Bella

(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

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(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.....

No

(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

Military Service

(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.

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

If so, give details.....

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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 joined the Irish Volunteers in 1914. Served in the Castlebar Co. I helped to organize the Castlebar Co. I was placed in charge of drilling sections of men. In 1916 I answered the call and during the proceeding years I had several clashes with the R.I.C. sent making ammunition for A.S.U. until I took arms when fighting started. I fought up to the guage all the above statements can be certified on oath fought on Republican side 1922 to 1923.

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

Newantrim St. Castlebar captured side returned to Dec. 1923

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

M. Moran

Address of Witness.....

Hill House

Castlebar Co Mayo

Qualification.....

Registered Physician Surgeon

Date.....

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* 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.

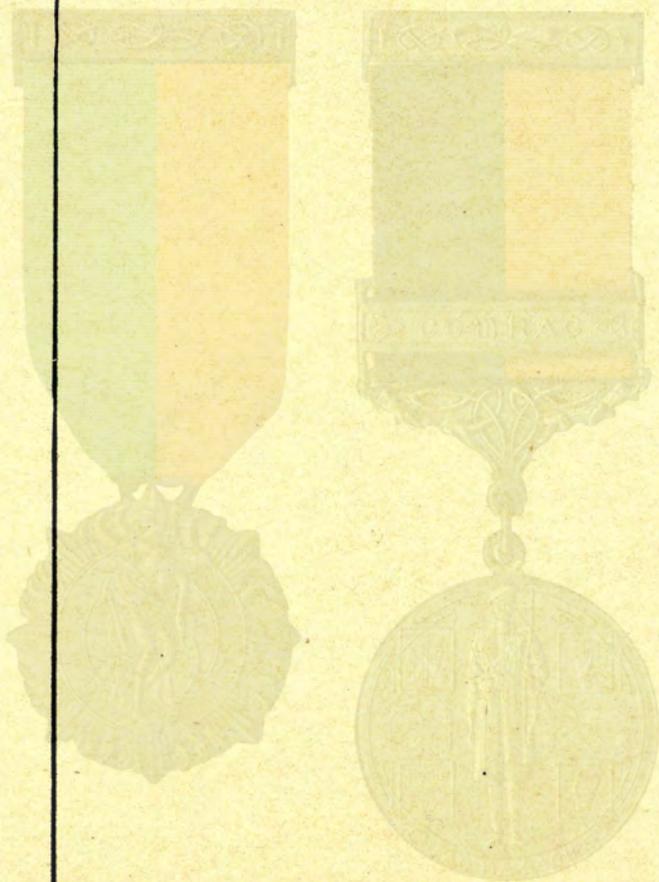
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show that applicant was

(a) * Coy. 1st. Linc. A. Coy, 1st Batta West Mayo Bde 11.7.1921

Strength 98 & 2 Killed 1921 per Coy. Capt. 98 (certified).

(b) * do. 1.7.1922

Strength 89 (certified).

N.B. * Gas Gasin was acting 1st. Linc during absence of applicant
with flying column

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Signed: MSB

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WEST MAYO BRIGADE OLD I. R. A. ASSOCIATION.

25th May, 1937.

This is to certify that John Cooney of Newantrim St, Castlebar joined the Irish Volunteers in 1915. He was standing to during 1916 awaiting orders in connection with Easter Week rising. He took an active part in organisation work. During 1918 he was very active during the campaign against conscription and also at the General Elections held that year.

He also took part in all raids for-arms & ammunition; raids on Solicitors' offices; raids for Rate Books, etc, and also did duty preventing people from attending British Courts. He was instrumental in procuring arms and ammunition from enemy forces.

During the year 1920 his house was raided several times and as a result he was unable to sleep at home during that time.

He joined the A.S.X U. at its inception and took part in Major engagements at Kilmeena and elsewhere up to the date of the Truce on 11th July, 1921.

During the Truce he was engaged in Training Camps, and was at the taking over of the Barracks and Jaol from the British Forces. He was quartered in the Jaol up to the time of the Civil War. On the outbreak of Civil War he again joined the Column and took part with same until his capture and internment.

Signed James Chambers
O.C. 1st Battalion, West Mayo Brigade.

Michael Kilroy

Late O.C. Western Command

Emourne J.D. Late O.C. West Mayo

SUMMARY of EVIDENCE given by JOHN COONEY. (10709).

28th May, 1937.

He is a qualifying case.

He had good activities in Period 6: two major engagements in Period 7.

Relatively good Civil War activity.

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SWORN STATEMENT made before THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE on
28.5.1937, by JOHN COONEY. File No.10709.

Q. When did you join?

A. In 1915.

Q. When were you appointed 1st Lieutenant - how long before the Truce?

A. It was very long, when the Company was formed.

Q. You had no fighting in Easter Week?

A. No; we were standing to.

Q. Were you arrested after Easter Week?

A. No.

1st, 2nd, 3rd
& 4th Periods:

Q. You had the usual Company activities?

A. Yes.

5th Period:

Q. It was the same?

A. Yes.

Q. You seized the Rate Books, etc.?

A. Yes.

Q. You got a supply of petrol for raids for arms?

A. Yes.

Q. Where did you get the petrol?

A. In 1920, we procured arms from the British Forces, from British soldiers. We were in touch with them.

Q. Had you something to with this?

A. I had. We got revolvers and rifles. There was a chap e named Hughes with me in that.

Q. Were you in touch with him?

A. Yes; I used to take the arms away. He was Battalion
Q. M.

Q. Did you get in touch with the soldiers?

A. Yes. I could give you the name of the soldiers if necessary.

Q. How many rifles were you connected with?

A. Twenty revolvers and ten or 12 rounds of ammunition for them, and thousands of rounds of .303 ammunition.

Q. During what period did you get this?

A. It started very early in 1920 - I had to clear out of my house then - it was smashed up.

Q. When was the finish of your contact with the soldiers?

A. It is hard for me to remember. It was about for five or six months.

6th Period:

Q. Say February to July, 1920?

A. -

Q. How many raids for arms had you in the 6th Period?
A. About 20.

Q. You were lying in ambush at Glenisland?
A. Yes. We just missed them by a fluke. They got away by the skin of their teeth. That could be about March, 1921, I think. I was in the capture of two British Officers. They were not armed. We held them up. It was very seldom they came out without arms. A lot of chaps were inclined to shoot them only we got instructions not to shoot them.

Q. Was it the Brigade or Battalion?
A. The Battalion.

7th Period:

Q. You were lying in ambush at Islandeady?
A. Yes.

Q. When did you join the column?
A. It could be in March. It was Patrick Jordan's column, and I was with it from March till the Truce.

Q. You lay in in a number of places in that time?
A. Yes.

Q. Where had you the fight?
A. In Kilmeeny and Skirdagh.

Q. Were you in that fight?
A. I was. I was armed with a rifle. I could be nearly 40-yds. from them. That was the nearest I got.

Q. That was 19th May, 1921?
A. It lasted about 3 hours. I got away. I was in Kilmeena and then Skirdagh.

Q. Were you wounded in Kilmeena?
A. No.

Q. What happened in Skirdagh?
A. They were rounding us up after Kilmeena, with airplanes, etc. There was a good fight there. I was in the fight. There were a couple of chaps of the column killed.

Q. It was not as bad as Kilmeena?
A. No; Kilmeena was a bad fight.

8th Period:

Q. Did you go into camps?
A. Yes. I was in Ballycroy for over three weeks. Then I was in Castlebar Gaol. I was at the taking over of the Castlebar Military Bks. from the British.

Q. You went into the Military Bks. when it was taken over, which would be about February?
A. Yes.

Q. How long before that did you go into the Gaol?
A. It was the Military Bks. we went into first.

Q. What were you doing before going into Bks. besides your three weeks spent in Camps?

A. I was out the country. We were organising the different places, and drilling the companies, and everything, in that time.

Q. Were you full-time - were you doing any work for yourself?

A. No.

9th Period:

Q. When the Civil War came where were you?

A. In Castlebar Military Bks. that time. We burned the Bks. D

Q. Did you join a column?

A. Yes; I joined Chamber's column.

Q. Had you any fighting against the Free State?

A. Yes.

Q. Where?

A. At a place ~~sxxx~~ back around Islandeady.

Q. Was it lying in ambush?

A. Yes.

Q. Was there a fight?

A. There was.

Q. How long did it last?

A. Not too long. We were outnumbered.

Q. What did you ambush?

A. Free State soldiers.

Q. Were they cycling or what?

A. They were cycling.

Q. How long did the fight last?

A. Not very long.

Q. When were you captured?

A. I was captured about September.

Q. Had you an attack in Castlebar?

A. We had. We went in and bombed the town.

Q. In September, before your capture?

A. Yes.

Q. What was the column doing from July to September?

A. We were in places all over the country.

Q. You were captured about the end of September: when were you released?

A. December, 1923.

Q. Were you on hunger-strike?

A. I was. I took part in the hunger-strike in Tintown No.1.

Q. Were you captured with Hughes?

A. Yes.

Ref. No. 10709 APPLICANT'S NAME Booney, John
 For Discussion with Messrs Keogh & Moane Date 1/2/38

PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
(1)	Usual Grade I	
(2)	..	
(3)	..	
(4)	..	
(5)	Seized Rate Book. Read for petrol. In touch with soldiers & provided arms room. [See Hughes - 4334].	
(6)	20 Raids for arms. Held up two unarmed British Officers. Lay in ambush at Glensland. Joined Column in march.	
(7)	Lay in ambush several times. 14 th May - Kilmacena Ambush - Rifle - 20 yds - 3 hours - got away. Skerries - Rifle	
(8)	Between Camps & Barracks & organising etc. Claims full time Service.	
(9)	Burned Barracks - joined Chambers Column. Blocking roads etc. Bombed Castlebar. Small fight at Islandlesdy. Captured Sept (28 th) - Interned	
(10)	Interned. Released Dec 1923 - Hunger Strike.	

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

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

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

REF. No. 10709

APPLICANT'S NAME booney john

ADDRESS New Antim St, Castlebar

UNIT Castlebar Coy, Castlebar Bn. W. Mayo Bde.

(a) PERIOD	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active service allowed	(d) Equivalent for Pension purposes	REMARKS
(1) 23/4/16 - 30/4/16	Full Period	Full	Full	(7)
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17	do.	Full	Full	(8)
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	do.	Full	Full	(9)
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	do.	Full	Full	(10)
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	do.	1/2	1/2 yrs. ✓	(11)
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	do.	1/2	1/2 yrs. ✓ finished. 1/2/38	(12)
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	do.	Full.	1 yrs. ✓	(13)
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	do.	Full.	1 yrs. ✓	(14)
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	do.	Full.	2 yrs. ✓	(15) Conf. 1/4/38
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	do.	Full.	1 yrs. ✓	(16)

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

Rank claimed on D.

Rank allowed E.

Total of Column (d) 5 1/4 years

SIGNED Seamus Robinson

John Malloy

J. Fahy

John Jordan

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

Ref. No. 10709 9th Feb. 1938.

A CHARA,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to your application under the terms of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934, and in accordance with the provisions of Statutory Rules and Orders 1936, No. 61, I am to notify you that on the evidence submitted, the findings of the Referee in respect of your application are as follows:—

Service Period	Duration of Active Service during each period, as established to the satisfaction of the Referee.	Appropriate pensionable service... Years.
(1) Week commencing 23/4/16	Nil	Nil
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 } (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17 }	Nil	Nil
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	Nil	Nil
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	Nil	Nil
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	1/2 of ENTIRE PERIOD	1/2
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	1/2 of ENTIRE PERIOD	1/2
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	ENTIRE PERIOD	1
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	ENTIRE PERIOD	1
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	ENTIRE PERIOD	2
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	ENTIRE PERIOD	1

TOTAL— 5 1/4 years.

Grade of rank on 1st critical date..... E

” ” ” ” 2nd ” ” E

I am also to inform you that if you desire to submit any additional evidence or to make any representations with a view to the revision of these findings, such evidence or representations must be submitted in writing to the Referee and must reach this office not later than 9th March 1938.

The Referee will give full consideration to any evidence or representations so submitted, and after such consideration will make his report to the Minister for Defence. If no additional evidence or representation is furnished before the date indicated, the Referee will thereupon make his report to the Minister.

I am to add that the report of the Referee, when made, will, subject as mentioned in Section 9 of the Act, become final and conclusive and binding on all persons and tribunals whatsoever.

Mise, le meas,

Mr. John Kearney
Rev. Anthony St.
Castlebar.

E. M. Burgess
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Newantrim Street,

Ref. 10709.

Castlebar.

23rd February, 1938.

~~Mr Robinson~~
24/2/38

John Ryan F/E
John O'Callaghan
24/2

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A Chara,

I wish to appeal against the decision of the Referee in my case.

I cannot understand why I have not got full service from the 5th period. From that time I was a wanted man by the British Forces. I never could return home from that time and I feel that I am very unfustly treated

Mise, le meas,

John booney

The Secretary,
Office of the Referee,
Griffith Barracks,
South Circular Road,
Dublin.

Military Service Pensions Collection

Statement in connection with the Appeal of John Cooney,
Newantrim St. Castlebar. (Ref. No. 10709).

5th period - During this period I am entitled to full service. I was away from home during all this period. I was making ammunition at Glenisland during each day and at night returned to the town where a number of us met every night to carry out all kinds of raids as directed by the O/C. The following are particulars of some of the raids carried out and in which I took part:-

Raids on Solicitors offices, Rate and Income Tax Offices, Co. Council Offices, etc, for the capture of any Books or documents that would help to obstruct the work of the enemy Government.

Raids for arms at the houses of - Fitzgerald's, Turlough, Mr. Mitchell's, Castlebar; T. M. Quinn's, Castlebar; Dr. A. J. Faulkner, Castlebar; Bacon Factory, Castlebar; Mr. McLoughlin's Castlebar; Mr. McDonald's, Mount-gordan; Mr. Baynes, Mount-gordan; Mr. Browne's, Rahins; Mr. McGoff, Mount-gordan, and I also took part in raids for arms and ammunition on several Business Premises in Castlebar. My resting places were Glenisland & Cornanool.

6th period.- During this period I was a member of the Active Service Unit on the run. My home was broken up by the British as a result of my activities on raids, etc. During this period I lay in ambush for the R. I. C. During all the time from the 5th period on I was fully armed as can be certified by the Batt. O/C.

I also appeal against the decision of the Referee re my Rank. I was 1st Lieutenant in both periods and during the 2nd period the Turlough Company was merged as a half Company of Castlebar "A" Company. The reason for this was that all the Officers of the Turlough Coy, resigned, not agreeing with our policy.

Signed John Cooney No. 10709.

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MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934.

Form R.18.

Ref. No. 10709

APPLICANT'S NAME Cooney, John

For Discussion with Messrs Kilroy & Moane

Date 24/11/38

PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)	afford refused	
(5)		
(6)	This is a question of strength of Co mille Date	
(7)		
(8)		
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(10)		

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

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

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

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RO/327.

April, 1939.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to my letter of 22nd December last (copy enclosed) and to enquire whether your Committee are now in a position to furnish the information requested therein.

Mise, le meas,

Mr. J.A. Tierney,
Davitt's Tce.,
Castlebar,
Co. Mayo.

E. - Burke
Rúnaidhe. *MB*

MS. *10709* Military Service
Pensions Collection

10709.
RO/327.

22 December, 1938.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to the application of John Cooney, NewAntrim Street, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, and to inform you that in appealing against the findings of the Referee on his application under the above Act this applicant states that, owing to the resignation of its officers, Turlough Company was merged as a half-Company of "A" Castlebar Company, 1st Battalion, West Mayo Brigade on the 1st July 1922. I am to request the favour of your Committee's observations on this statement, and in this connection I am to refer to the records of the 1st Battalion supplied to this office in November 1935, on which the following notation by the Battalion O/C. appears - "I have shown on the map a Company in Turlough but as it was never active I have given no returns about it".

I am to add that consideration of this application has been deferred pending receipt of your reply.

Mise, le meas,


Rúnaidhe.

Mr. J.A. Tierney,
Davitt's Tce.,
Castlebar,
Co. Mayo.

MS.

MEMO:

Re: Applications of John Cooney (10709) and
James Swifte (3824).

John Cooney claimed rank as 1st Lieutenant Castlebar Company, 1st Battalion, West Mayo Brigade - 11th July 1921 and 1st July 1922. On his appearance before the Board in May 1937, an R.15 to this effect was attached to his file showing a strength of 98 and 89 (certified by Brigade Committee) for Castlebar Company - 11.7.21 and 1.7.22, respectively. He was, accordingly, graded as E, and his R.17 issued. He appealed against the findings, stating that during the "2nd period Turlough Coy. was merged as a half Coy. of Castlebar "A" Coy." The Brigade Committee were communicated with and informed of applicant's claim and their observations requested. (See letter dated 22.12.38 hereunder). They replied enclosing "a certified return of the roll of Turlough Coy. which was merged as a half Coy. of (A) Castlebar Coy. on 1st July 1922". The strength of Turlough Coy. according to the roll furnished was 33 which would indicate that the strength of Castlebar Company on 1st July 1922 was 122. Cooney would, accordingly, appear to be entitled to Grade D for 1.7.1922 as 1st Lieutenant, with a Coy. strength of over 100.

n With reference to the application of James Swifte (3824), the amended records would appear to entitle this applicant to a higher grading than E for 1.7.1922. Swifte was 2nd Lieutenant of Castlebar Company on 1st July 1922, and was graded E, but did not appeal. The fact of the strength of the Company being increased to 122 would appear to indicate that he is entitled to Grade D for his second critical date.

The records for Castlebar Company and the additional roll for Turlough Company are attached to RO/327 herewith. None of the names on Turlough Coy. roll are duplicated on Castlebar Coy. roll for 1/7/22.

30 Lt. May 1939.

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MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934.

Form R. 18.

Ref. No. 10409

APPLICANT'S NAME Cooney John

For Discussion with Messrs. Moane & Kilroy

Date 19/4/40

PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
(1)		
(2)	Rank only	
(3)		
(4)		
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(6)	Eni D.	
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(8)		
(9)		
(10)		

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

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

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

Date.....

REF. No. 10409

APPLICANT'S NAME Cooney, John

ADDRESS.....

UNIT.....

(a) PERIOD	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active service allowed	(d) Equivalent for Pension purposes	REMARKS
(1) 23/4/16 - 30/4/16	ENTIRE PERIOD			(7)
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17	ENTIRE PERIOD			(8)
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	ENTIRE PERIOD			(9)
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	ENTIRE PERIOD			(10)
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	ENTIRE PERIOD			(11)
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	ENTIRE PERIOD			No change recommended (12)
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	ENTIRE PERIOD	Service allowed		27 XI/38 (13)
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	ENTIRE PERIOD	by Board		(14)
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	ENTIRE PERIOD	stands		Conf 200 27-11-40 (15)
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	ENTIRE PERIOD			(16)

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

Rank claimed on.....

Rank allowed.....

Total of Column (d).....

SIGNED— Alan W. Woraw

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Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 34SP/1157H

Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Refere-10709

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.

Cooney, John
New Antrim Street, Castlebar, Co. Mayo.
for a Service Certificate.

994R-6/12/40

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

(SIGNED) T. UA. DÓMHNAILL

J. J. Morgan

Referee.

Date 18 SEP 1935

Date 5/19/40

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1. Is the Applicant a person to whom the Act applies? yes

2. If so, total actual service in the different service periods, as established nil

- 2 nil ✓
- 3 nil ✓
- 4 nil ✓
- 5 1/2 of ENTIRE PERIOD ✓
- 6 1/2 of ENTIRE PERIOD ✓
- 7 ENTIRE PERIOD ✓
- 8 ENTIRE PERIOD ✓
- 9 ENTIRE PERIOD ✓
- 10 ENTIRE PERIOD ✓

3. Total service for pension purposes as defined by Second Schedule of the Act. 5 1/4 years ✓

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

(a) On first critical date. Grade E. Para. 1(5) ✓

(b) On second critical date. Grade D. Para. 1(4)(d) ✓

(c) Was applicant a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921. no

(d) Does applicant's case fall under either of the following sub-paragraphs, and, if so, which, viz., sub-paragraph (j) of paragraph 3 of Rule I. of First Schedule no

or under sub-paragraph (m) of paragraph 4 of Rule I. of First Schedule, as a Medical Officer. no

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5. Does the applicant state in his application whether he is at present in receipt of any remuneration, pension or allowance payable out of public moneys whether provided by the Oireachtas or out of the Central Fund or by means of the poor rate or any other rate imposed by a local authority ?.....

no

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

no

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

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

nil

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

(3) State—

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

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

brothelias Coy.

8. THE PERIOD COMPRISING :—

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

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

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

nil

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

(3) State—

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

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

Castlebar Coy.

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

nil

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

Schedule of the Act. *nil*

(3) State—

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

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

Castlebar Coy.

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

nil

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

Schedule of the Act. *nil*

(3) State—

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

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

Castlebar Coy.

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

.....
1/12 of ENTIRE PERIOD
.....

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

.....
1/12 of 1 year ✓
.....

(3) State—

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

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

"A" Coy, Bn. 1, West Mayo Bde.
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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

.....
1/12 of ENTIRE PERIOD
.....

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

.....
1/6 of 1 year ✓
.....

(3) State—

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

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

"A" Coy, Bn. 1, West Mayo Bde.
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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

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

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

.....
1 year ✓
.....

(3) State—

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

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

"A" Coy., Btn. I, West Mayo Bde.

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

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

ENTIRE PERIOD

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

1 year ✓

(3) State—

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

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

"A" Coy., Btn. I, West Mayo Bde.

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

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

ENTIRE PERIOD

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

2 years ✓

3) State—

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

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

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1st Lieut. ✓

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

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

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

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

1 year

(3) State—

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

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

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