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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). HUGHES SURNAME. JAMES CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS. NEWANTRIM STREET
 (to be written in block capitals). CASTLEBAR 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? *23rd April to 30th April 1916*
- (b) Unit or Units... *Castlebar Sluagh Fianna Eireann*
- (c) Duration (giving dates) of service... *Continuous*
- (d) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *Castlebar area.*
- (e) Officer Commanding in each instance... *John Gavin*
- (f) In what way do you claim that your service was active service... *Standing to.*
- (g) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the week... *Obeys orders.*
- (h) Absence from duty and cause.....
- (i) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>John Gavin</i>	<i>Lucan St. Castlebar</i>
<i>James Chambers</i>	<i>Maryland Castlebar</i>
<i>John Chambers</i>	<i>New Antrim St. Castlebar</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... *Castlebar Sluagh Fianna Eireann.*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *Continuous*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *Castlebar, Westport, Ballinrobe.*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *John Gavin.*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?... *Obeys orders.*
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *assisted at organizing Sluaghs in Westport and Ballinrobe.*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause.....

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
John Gavin	Lucan St, Castlebar
James Chambers	Maryland, Castlebar
John Chambers	New Antrim St, Castlebar

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

(a) Unit or Units... Castlebar Blugh Fanna Civeann

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... 1st April 1917 to 31 March 1918.

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

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

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

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... Attack on R. I. C. trying to rescue prisoners, Preparing for Conscription.

(g) Absence from duty and cause.

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
John Gavin	Lucan St Castlebar
James Chambers	Maryland Castlebar
John Chambers	New Antrim St Castlebar

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

(a) Unit or Units... Castlebar Coy Irish Volunteers

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... 1st April 1918 to 31st March 1919.

(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?... Obeying orders

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period. *Helped to defeat Conscription*

General Election. Court work. 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>New Antrim St Castlebar</i>
<i>John Cooney</i>	<i>New Antrim St Castlebar</i>

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

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

Obedying orders

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period. *Raids for arms. Raids on I.R.A. and*

Salutary offices, Preparing for Columns.

(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>New Antrim St Castlebar</i>
<i>John Cooney</i>	<i>New Antrim St Castlebar</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Castlebar Flying Column*

(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... *Patrick Jordan*
John Chambers

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

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *Captured 2 British Officers lying in ambush at Glenisland. Capture of Westport. Lying in Ambush at Islandeady.*

(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>New Antrim St. Castlebar</i>
<i>Dr. J. A. Madden</i>	<i>Dublin</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units... *Castlebar Flying Column*

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

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Mr. Kilroy J. D.*

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

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *Look front in Ambushes under Mr. Kilroy. Kilmenna and Skirragh*

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Mr Kilroy. J.D.</i>	<i>Newport. Co Mayo</i>
<i>John Chambers.</i>	<i>New Antrim St. Castlebar</i>
<i>James Chambers.</i>	<i>Maryland Castlebar.</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Castlebar No 2 Coy. 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..... *James Chambers*

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

O. obeying Orders.

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

the period..... *At the 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.
<i>James Chambers</i>	<i>Maryland Castlebar</i>
<i>John Chambers</i>	<i>New Antrim St. Castlebar</i>
<i>John Cooney</i>	<i>New Antrim St. Castlebar</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Castlebar Flying Column.*

(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..... *James Chambers*

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

Under arms.

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

Taken prisoner by Free State (Escaped)
Irish Soldiers. While under arms. Attack
on Free State forces several times.

(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>Mr. Kilroy T.D.</i>	<i>Newport Co Mayo</i>
<i>John Chambers</i>	<i>New Antrim Castlebar</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *Re-captured by*
Free State Forces.

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... *Athlone. Mountjoy.*
Curragh. Mountjoy.

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Tom Mullen B. J. Cannon*

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

Prisoner of War.

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

(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>New Antrim Castlebar</i>
<i>John Cooney</i>	<i>New Antrim St. Castlebar</i>
<i>Thomas Mullins</i>	<i>Dublin</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.

(1). ACTIVE SERVICE AT ANY TIME DURING WEEK COMMENCING ON 23RD APRIL, 1916.

(a) Did you render active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916? If so, from what date in that week.....

(b) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(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.....

(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.....

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(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.....

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

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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 E

(b) On second critical date.

Rank A D

References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
James Chambers	Moyland Castlebar
John Chambers	New Antrim St Castlebar
John Cooney	New Antrim St Castlebar
Patrick Horkan	Spencer St Castlebar

- (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.

*Applied for a pension under 1932 act. But
heard nothing about it since I made application*

(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

(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.

Joined Fianna Eireann in 1915 and served continuous since. Helped with the Batt C/C (James Chambers) to form a flying Column and was attached to that Body. I was always the first man called on by the Batt C/C when any dangerous work was to be done.

Signature (or Mark) of Applicant..... *James Hughes*

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

John Ryan

Address of Witness.....

The Manor Castle

Qualification

Peace Commissioner

Date.....

8th April 1935

* 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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Newport,

Co. Mayo.

28th November, 1936.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:-

This is to certify that Mr. James Hughes of Castlebar was a member of the Fianna Boy Scouts from 1915 to 1918 and from 1918 to the end of the Civil War was a member of the Volunteer and I. R. A. Forces. During that time he helped to organise the County to resist Conscription and he also gave very valuable service during the General Election in 1918.

During 1919 and 1920 he took part in several raids on Shops and private houses for arms and ammunition; he also took part in raids carried out to take possession of Rate Books; Income Tax Documents and documents of a legal nature from the Solicitors Offices. He was also a member of the West Mayo Active Service Unit (Flying Column) from its formation up to the time of the Truce. He also took part with the A. S. U. during the Civil War and was taken Prisoner of War.

He held the rank of 1st Leuit. of Castlebar No. 2 Company under Captain P. Horkan with Anthony Clarke as 2nd Leuit. during 1920 and 1921. In 1922 he was appointed Captain of the said Company with A. Clarke as 1st Leuit. and P. Ainsworth as 2nd Leuit.

Signed Michael Kilroy

O/C. 4th Western Division I. R. A.

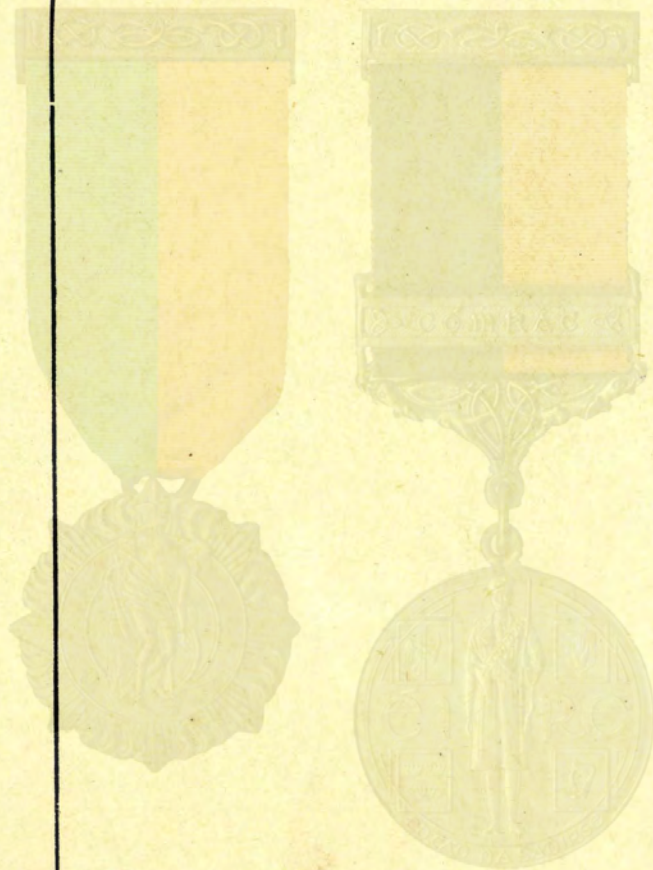
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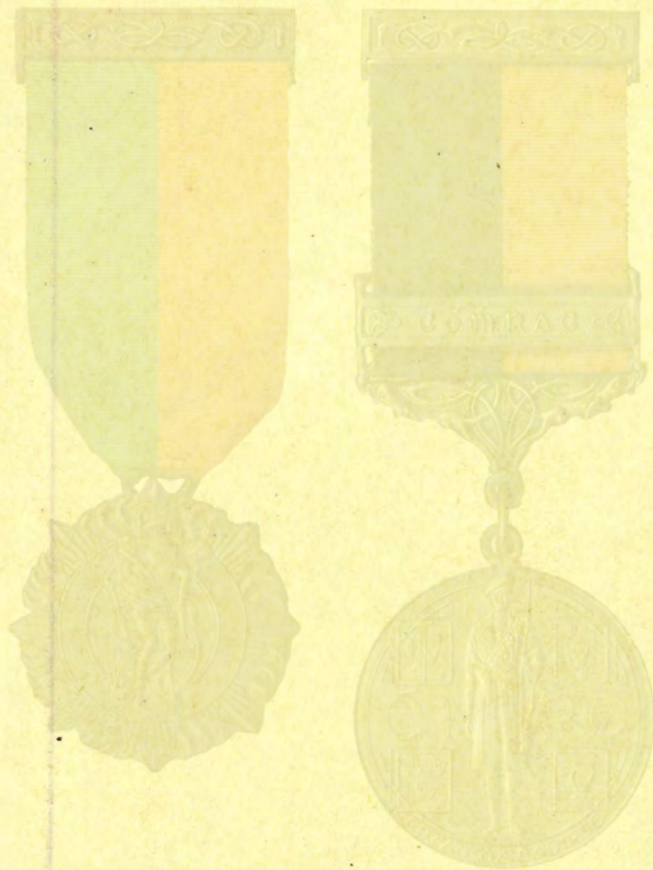
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DISTRICT MENTAL HOSPITAL,
CASTLEBAR.

A. SHERIDAN,
RESIDENT MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

28. 11. 36

This is to state that
James Hughes, Castlebar
is a patient in this
hospital since 5/9/34.

He is silent & introverted
& sometimes markedly
depressed. He has
ill defined delusions
of suspicion & persecution.

His mental breakdown
may be largely attributed
to the hardship of his
army service.

A. Sheridan
M.D.

SWORN STATEMENT MADE BY JAMES HUGHES (12003) BEFORE

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON 1.12.'36 (ASSISTED BY MR. JAMES

CHAMBERS).

- Q. You are not claiming any rank on the first date, just an ordinary volunteer when the Truce came along?
- A. Yes.
- Q. What rank had you when the Civil War started?
- A. Company Captain.
- Q. That is the rank you are claiming?
- A. Yes.
- Q. When were you appointed company captain?
- A. 1922.
- Q. What time in 1922, can you remember Mr. Chambers; what month?
- A. (Mr. Chambers) I am sure he was appointed immediately he came in after the Truce.
- Q. That would be about the end of July 1921?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Were you a lieutenant before that?
- A. Yes.
- Q. How many men in the company the time the Civil War started?
- A. Around 80.
- Q. You were 1st lieut., on 1st critical date with 66 men, according to brigade council, the only thing about the rank in 1922, he was appointed captain of the said company with A. Clarke as 1st lieut., and P. Ainsworth as 2nd lieut., Mr. Kilroy says. It would be well to specify in your own certificate some particular month in 1922, according to the terms of the act. Who can say he held the rank before the Civil War?
- A. (Mr. Chambers) It is absolutely certain he had rank before the Civil War.
- Q. Could you give us an idea of how long before the Civil War would the rank of captain have been conferred on him?
- A. (Mr. Chambers) I am afraid I have made a mistake he was in the column, after coming in from it just after the Truce, I am inclined to mix up the Truce with 1922. I am afraid I made a mistake in that statement, it would be the end, it was after the Truce, in what month I do not know.
- Q. In 1921?
- A. (Mr. Chambers) It would be the end of 1921, it would be the re-organisation.
- Q. When did you join first?
- A. I joined the Fianna first about 1915.
- Q. When did you transfer to the Volunteers?
- A. I used to attend lectures of the Volunteers in 1916.
- Q. When did you become a fully fledged volunteer?
- A. About Easter week.

1st Period:

Q. In Easter Week there was no fighting down your way?

A. No.

Q. You stood too during Easter Week? awaiting orders from hqrs?

A. Yes.

Q. You were not interned after Easter Week, you were not arrested?

A. No.

3rd, 4th Periods: Q. The usual activities.

5th Period:

Q. How many raids for arms were you in, could you tell us, in 1919, roughly, on shops and private houses for arms and ammunition, do you think you had 6?

A. Yes. More.

Q. Would you have done a dozen?

A. About that.

Q. About 12 raids for arms would that be roughly?

A. Yes. (Mr. Chambers) I can give you names if you wish.

Q. The names are not necessary so long as you give us an approximate number. I suppose you would get about 10 or 12 guns in these raids?

A. Yes.

Q. Raids on Income Tax and Solicitor's Offices. Preparing for column? When was the West Mayo A.S.U., formed?

A. It was formed early I think in 1921.

Q. That would be in the 7th Period or the end of 6th Period?

A. 1920 to 1921.

6th Period:

Q. This is a very important period, the first item I see here is the capture of British Officers, tell us something about that, how did that take place?

A. They were I.Os.

Q. Where were they captured?

A. Within two miles of Castlebar.

Q. Were you actually there at the taking of them?

A. Yes.

Q. How many of you were in it?

A. About 20.

Q. Who was in charge of that?

A. Patrick Jordan and Dr. Madden.

Q. Where were they captured, a couple of miles outside Castlebar?

A. Conlon.

Q. Were they armed?

A. No. They were in civilians.

Q.

Q. There was no actual fighting?

A. No. We surrounded them before they could get back to town.

Q. What was done with them when captured?

A. (Mr. Chambers). We released them again at night.

Q. Did you get any papers on them?

A. (Mr. Chambers). No. We held them. As a matter of fact, I had arranged there would be an attack on the town that night and I had them in about 2 miles outside the town, these 2 officers came along with the result that it prevented the attack.

Q. You were lying in ambush at Glenisland that ambush did not come off?

A. No.

Q. What were you waiting for?

A. A lorry and ford car that used to go around as paymasters.

Q. Where is Glenisland?

A. 4 miles from Castlebar.

Q. On which side?

A. It is the Belmullet side.

Q. About what time of the year were the officers captured?

A. I think it would be about April.

Q. Of 1920?

A. 1921.

Q. Would it be early?

A. April 1921 I think.

Q. It is in the wrong place. When was Glenisland thing: was that before or after?

A. That was before.

Q. Would it be much before it?

A. It would be a good time before that.

Q. Would it be 1920 or 1921?

A. (Mr. Chambers) Around 1920 I think that is roughly.

Q. We will say it is the end of 1920. Capture of Westport when was that?

A. 1921.

Q. During the Tan War?

A. Yes.

Q. Tell us something about that?

A. Michael Kilroy in charge we took over the town in different points we wanted to get the patrol that used come around.

Q. Was there a garrison in Westport?

A. Police. Only 8 police patrolled the town.

Q. Were there no military in the town?

A. No. There were auxiliaries and Tans.

Q.

7th Period:

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Q. What time of the year was that?

A. Would it be May 1921, it was the beginning of the summer, it was before Kilmeena ambush, it was before May 1921.

Q. Was there any fighting there?

A. (Mr. Chambers) No. It seems when we took over the town we stayed there all night in the position, they got word we were there they went into some houses and remained there, we did not know that. We lay for them all that night. We did not get the chance.

Q. You were lying in ambush at Islandeady?

A. Yes.

Q. I presume you evacuated Westport the next day when you did not get the patrol?

A. Yes.

Q. What happened at Islandeady?

A. The lorries came within sight of where we were it turned back towards Castlebar it did not come back, two chaps killed on the return that were trenching roads.

(Mr. Chambers) They turned. The train runs right along, right at that point. The military lorry came along to where the ambush was planned, the lads were cutting the road, the lorry did not go through it, turned back and the noise of the train killed the noise of the lorry. It would be about 6 in the morning.

Q. When was that?

A. In 1921.

Q. You were with the column at this time?

A. Yes.

Q. Who was O.C., of the column?

A. Kilroy. It was all combined.

Q. It was a brigade column?

A. It was Westport and Castlebar.

Q. What were you working at in these years?

A. I was apprentice to a tailor.

Q. In Castlebar was it?

A. Yes.

Q. I see a reference here to ambushes under Michael Kilroy at Kilmeena and Skirdagh. Were you in these ambushes?

A. Yes.

Q. You took an actual part?

A. Yes.

Q. Tell us about Kilmeena that would be sometime about the middle of May 1921, what happened?

A. We attacked a lorry when it came.

Q. Kilmeena is between Westport and Newport?

A. Yes.

Q. Was there much damage done to the police?

A. It gave on the paper we did not win, that there were some killed.

Q. Some of your ~~part~~ men killed?

A. YES.

Q. How many I.R.A., were killed?

A. Five.

Q. It was an attack on the barracks?

A. (Mr. Chambers) No. Ambush on a country road.

Q. Some volunteers captured?

A. Yes. 4 wounded.

Q. What position were you in that ambush?

A. Within 80 yards of the lorry.

Q. What were you armed with?

A. A Lee Enfield.

Q. A rifle?

A. Yes.

Q. Was Kilroy himself there?

A. Yes.

Q. How many Volunteers were in the attacking party?

A. About I would say between 25 and 30.

Q. Did the fight last long?

A. A couple of hours.

Q. Were you close up? 80 yards?

A. Yes. At the beginning.

Q. Were you further away later on?

A. Some of the chaps on the flank retreated they got up on our flank we were under cross fire from the machine gun.

Q. It appears you got the worst of it there?

A. Yes. We had to retreat.

Q. Were all the men armed?

A. They were. There was a lot of shotguns.

Q. Of course they had machine guns and everything else?

A. Yes.

Q. Was the road mined?

A. No.

Q. There was no attempt to blow it up?

A. (Mr. Chambers) No. It was bad luck the lorries came in the opposite direction they usually came we were about 10 hours lying there.

Q. Were you at Skirdagh?

A. Yes.

Q. Was that an ambush?

A. (Mr. Chambers) No. It was a round-up it was really a follow up from Kilmeena it was three days after it in this place, Skirdagh. A number of the men at Kilmeena. Hughes and a brother of mine and Michael Kilroy and Dr. Madden and this man they were trying to protect these men who were wounded tried to get them away they got them away successfully.

Q. Was there a big fight there?

A. (Mr. Chambers) There was not. It was simply a rear guard action. It was scattered.

Q. Did you do any fighting at Skirdagh?

A. No. I was cut off. We were in a house when the round up started we were a few in each house.

Q. Were you captured?

A. No.

Q. That has nothing to do with the ambush of D.I., and 18 Police at Skirdagh?

A. There was a D.I., wounded there.

Q. Was that the same thing?

A. Yes.

Q. As Mr. Chambers mentions it was more of a rear guard action than anything else?

A. Yes.

Q. It was not a real attacking action?

A. Yes.

Q. Had you a rifle that day?

A. I had a rifle.

Q. Did you get through?

A. Yes.

Q. You did not give help to any wounded Volunteer at that Skirdagh business?

A. We were looking after wounded. We were there after the Kilmeena ambush, there were wounded men we were able to move them.

Q. From the time you joined the column which would be early 1921, say, did you continue your work as tailor?

A. No.

Q. You went out with the column and stayed out all the time?

A. Yes. (Mr. Chambers) And never returned since.

Q. Full time column man?

A. Yes.

Q. Prior to joining the column in 1921 you were not on the run were you?

A. No.

Q. So far we have really only one major engagement that is the fight at Kilmeena, can you remember any other fights in the Black & Tan Time besides Kilmeena and Skirdagh?

A. No.

Q. Do you mean to say the column had no other fights just before the Truce?

A. After Kilmeena ambush they used to go out in too large a force.

Q. You were not in Carrowkennedy, was that in your area?

A. No. (Mr. Chambers) What really happened after Kilmeena the whole lot joined into one column, Castlebar, Westport, Louisa~~sb~~bourgh and Newport. Castlebar portion bore the Brunt of Kilmeena with

A. the result that all the Castlebar men were knocked out, killed or wounded or unable to fight after. It was nearly all the Castlebar men that were knocked out

Q. Nothing much could be done in the month or two after?

A. Yes. We had a big force searching the mountains all along, keeping the men parted from one another.

8th Period:

Q. When the Truce came along did you go into any camps?

A. I went into the military barracks.

Q. Before the barracks were taken over?

A. (Mr. Chambers) Yes. He was in Ballyeroy.

Q. How long were you there?

A. I think I was there a week or so.

Q. Were you a week?

A. I would not say for certain.

(Mr. Chambers) He was there a good while in the camp,

Q. Were you a couple of weeks?

A. I could be.

Q. Was that the only camp?

A. No. That was a kind of brigade camp then they had.

Q. Was it around about this time he was appointed company captain?

A. (Mr. Chambers) Yes.

Q. The time of the camps?

A. Yes.

Q. Had you a company camp?

A. Yes.

Q. In your own area?

A. Yes.

Q. How long would that have lasted?

A. I think that lasted up until the taking over of the barracks, a kind of training officer.

Q. Do you mean to say you gave your whole time in the Truce?

A. Yes. (Mr. Chambers) He never returned to work from the time he joined the column he never reported to work since.

Q. Will you vouch for that as battalion O.C.?

A. I will absolutely vouch for that.

(Mr. Chambers).

Q. His full time was taken up as officer of training and so on?

A. (Mr. Chambers) Yes. Instructors were scarce.

Q. Tell us roughly when the military barracks were taken over, Castle, Military Barracks and Jail?

A. (Mr. Chambers) . I wonder is it in the statement.

Q. No. It is not stated. The Truce happened in July then you have a period of camps generally nothing was taken over until after the signing of the Treaty which was in December 1921, nothing was done until after the passing.

A. It would be in 1922.

Q. Not earlier than February?

A. It would be March.

Q. It married in different places?

A. Yes.

Q. You took part in the ^{taking over of} barracks in Castlebar?

A. The barracks and jail.

Q. Between the two of them you were there all the time up to the Civil War were you?

A. Yes.

9th Period:

Q. Where were you when the Civil War broke out? You were in Castlebar Barracks, I suppose?

A. Yes.

Q. When did the Free State get down that area was it long after the Four Courts?

A. It would be in August I think.

Q. A full month would have elapsed before they reached you?

A. Yes.

Q. Was there any fighting with the Free State in your area? Did you do any fighting against the Free State?

A. Not much. I was taken fairly early.

Q. When were you arrested?

A. In July.

Q. The end of July or early in August. Were you captured when the Free State got down to Castlebar?

A. No. I was captured in a place called Glenhest outside Newport.

Q. You had evacuated Castlebar then?

A. Yes.

Q. You had burned the barracks?

A. Yes. I was with the column at the time.

Q. Who was in charge of the column then?

A. Michael Kilroy.

Q. You had no fight before you were captured?

A. No. We did not get any chance to fight we walked into them

Q. Was there anybody taken with you?

A. Three others.

Q. Kilroy was not taken there?

A. No.

Q. Were you captured under arms?

A. Yes.

Q. Then you escaped did you?

A. Yes. From the Curragh.

Q. The end of July or early August we will place the date of capture?

A. YES.

- Q. You were sent to the Curragh?
 A. Not immediately. I was sent to Athlone first for six months.
- Q. You were in Castlebar gaol first?
 A. Yes. Westport and then Athlone.
- Q. Westport, Castlebar and Athlone and Curragh?
 A. Yes.
- Q. Have you any idea when you escaped out of the Curragh?
 A. I think I would be about 10 months in.
- Q. Would you know Mr. Chambers?
 A. (Mr. Chambers) No.
- Q. About 10 months after you ^{went} ~~been~~ in?
 A. Yes. After ~~being~~ taken first.
- Q. Did you escape by yourself?
 A. No. By a tunnel.
- Q. Who was with you?
 A. Tom Mullans was one.
- Q. The big hunger strike started in Mountjoy in October 1922, then it spread to the camps, were you on hunger strike?
 A. Yes. I was in Gormanston during the hunger strike.
- Q. After that you were ~~sent~~ sent to the Curragh?
 A. After ~~being~~ retaken secondly.
- 10th Series*
 Q. You escaped from the Curragh after 10 months?
 A. I think I would be about 10 months captured.
- Q. Were you long out when re-captured?
 A. A week.
- Q. Where were you when re-captured?
 A. At Celbridge.
- Q. Did they bring you to Gormanstown then?
 A. To Naas. We were in a week in Naas; from that to Keogh Bks.
- Q. When did you get out of Gormanstown? Was that your last place?
 A. Yes.
- Q. When did you get out of that?
 A. During the general release.
- Q. Would it have been before Christmas of 1923?
 A. I would say about November. The latter end of November.
- Q. You were only out for a couple of days?
 A. That is all. There was 6 of us taken.
- Q. It was practically continuous?
 A. There was a bit of firing.

MC.

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 8-1-1937.

This man is a mental case. Mr. Chambers has to accompany him and sit by his side. We had several times to refer to Mr. Chambers when Hughes did not answer questions. J.D.

At present inmate in Castlebar Mental Hosp.

James Hughes.

Coy O/C on 2nd C.D.

James Chambers Batta O/C was present during hearing of this case & gave assistance to applicant when necessary.

- (6). Fair general activity. no big fight.
- (7). Several big fights. Full time Column Man.
- (8). Full-time service in Camps, drilling & manoeuvres
- (9). Captured early in C.W.
escaped from Curragh April 1923.
Re-captured a week afterwards at Celbridge.
Released Nov 1923.

Fairly good case if (6) is satisfactory.

[Signature]
1/12/36

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Name of applicant Hughes, James

For discussion with Messrs Kibbey & Moane on 16/3/37.

WORKS

5 12 Raids for arms.

6. Raids on Leone lane & Soler's office.
attempted ambush at Glenisland. ~~attempted ambush~~
in the Red. examination in the period. Not
questions about position.

7. Chris. Cahill of 2 Irish Guards. subsequently released.
attack arranged on Castlebar previous. attempted
ambush in Westport. attempted ambush in Glendaddy
fight at Kilmunagh. fight at Skerdeggh. out of
dunig round up. Looked after Wounded after Skerdeggh

8. Bullycroy Bands a few weeks. attempted Camp Capt
Chambers. vouchers for full time to Barracks take over.
Castlebar Rhs & full full time.

9. Castlebar Rhs. Captured at Glenhist.
late July or early Aug. 22. Escaped from
Turkmen I with J Mullins. recaptured after
a week.

10.

Referee R.15.

Organisation Records supplied by Bde. Council

show that applicant was

- (a) member of battalions G.S.H. and 11.7.1921
1st. Lieut. Castlebar No. 2 Coy., 1st Bde. W. Mayo Bde.
Strength 66 members per Bde Council
- (b) Capt. Castlebar No. 2 Coy, 1st Bn, W. Mayo Bde. 1.7.1922.
Strength ^{7.} 60 members per Bde Council

N.B.

According to Bde. Council roll, the strength was 60 on 1/7/22, but it would appear from list that some of these had been promoted prior to or were neutral on 1/7/22. A cert. copy of roll is therefore required.

According to certified copy of the company roll submitted by brigade committee, the strength of Castlebar No. 2. company was 60 on 1/7/22.

Ch. 18/2/27

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SIGNED: W.B. 30/7/26.

Referee R.17.

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

Ref. No. 12003

23rd March 1936.

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.
(1) Week commencing 23/4/16	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	<i>6 of</i> ENTIRE PERIOD	<i>3 of 1 yr.</i>
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	ENTIRE PERIOD	<i>1 yr.</i>
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	ENTIRE PERIOD	<i>1 yr.</i>
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	ENTIRE PERIOD	<i>2 yrs.</i>
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	ENTIRE PERIOD	<i>1 yr.</i>

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

TOTAL—*5 1/3* years.

“ “ “ “ 2nd “ “.....*D*

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 14th April 1937.

The Referee will give full consideration to any evidence or representations so submitted, and after such consideration will make his report to the Minister. 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,

M. James Hughes
Newmarket Street
Cork

E. M. Burke
Rúnaí.

12003 *Old Ryan*
Rank B/F
3/3/37
CASTLEBAR BATTALION OLD I. R. A. ASSOCIATION.

Davitt's Terrace,
Castlebar.

25th March, 1937.

P.S.M. 1934
OIFIG AN BÉTBÓRA
FAIGHTE
25 MÄR. 1937
DÚN NÍ GÁIRTEA

A Chara,

Re:- James Hughes, Newantrim St, Castlebar.
Ref. No. 12003.

With reference to your letter of the 23rd inst, bearing above reference No., it is noted that Mr. Hughes is allowed Rank E. on the 1st critical date and Rank D. on the 2nd critical date.

In this connection, I am directed by the above Battalion Council, to inquire whether Rank D, as allowed on the 2nd critical date, will be allowed over the entire period of 5 and 1/3 years service or if it is the intention that his pension will be calculated at the rate of Rank E, for the 1st period and Rank D, for the 2nd period.

I shall be obliged for a reply at your earliest convenience, as the result of such reply will depend on whether an appeal will be lodged or otherwise.

Mise, le meas,

J. A. Tierney
Hon. Secretary.

The Secretary,
Office of Referee.

12003

Military Archives

7 April, 1937.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 25th ultimo regarding the amount of pension payable to an applicant under the above Act where the applicant is awarded a different notional grade of rank on each of the two critical dates, and to refer you to section 3, paragraph (g) Second Schedule of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934, which states that -

"the amount of a pension payable to a person in respect of whom a service certificate has been issued shall be in case such person served in the Forces on both the first critical date and the second critical date and held different grades of rank on the said dates, an amount calculated at the rate per annum, which is the rate per annum appropriate to the higher of such grades of rank, in respect of each year or part of a year of his pensionable service."

The appropriate rate of pension per annum where different grades of rank were held on the two critical dates is, therefore, calculated at the rate appropriate to the higher grade in respect of every year or part of a year of pensionable service allowed.

Mise, le meas,

G. S.
Rinaf

1 Mr. J. A. Tierney,
Davitt's Terrace,
Castlebar,
CO. MAYO.

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Ref. No. 12003 Applicant's Name Hughes James Address Newantin St., Castlebar. REFEREE R.3
 UNIT: Castlebar Coy, West Mayo Br.

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

(a) First critical date

(b) Second critical date

Rank claimed or
Rank allowed

Rank E
E

Rank D.
D.

Total of Column (d)

5 1/3 yrs.

SIGNED:

James Robinson

John McElroy

St. Aubrey

John Jordan

Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 345.7.1184/

Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Refere - 12003 ✓

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.

m.s. Hughes James
Newantine Street, Bartlebar, Lomayo.
for a Service Certificate.

J. K. O'Connor 18 MAY 1937

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

(SIGNED) J. K. O'CONNOR

Referee.

Date 16 OCT 1935

Date

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 *Phil*

Phil *3 hrs* *4 hrs*
5 hrs *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 1/2 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)(b)*

(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

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

6/11

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.....

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

Castlebar Sluagh

FIANNA EIREANN

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.....

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

Castlebar Shuagh

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.....

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

Castlebar Shuagh

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.....

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

Irish Volunteers
Castlebar Coy, Bn. 1, West Mayo Bde.

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

lit

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

(3) State—

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

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

Castlebar Coy, Btro. I, West Mayo Bde.

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

1/6 of ENTIRE PERIOD

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

1/3 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.....

*Castlebar Coy, Btro. I, West Mayo Bde,
and Flying Column.*

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—

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

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

*Castles No. 2 Coy, Btn. 1, West Mayo Bde,
and Flying Column.*

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—

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

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

Castles No. 2 Coy, Btn. 1, 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—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces..... Oglaigh na h-Eireann,(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant..... *Coy. Capt.**Castles No. 2 Coy, Btn. 1, West Mayo Bde,
and Intermittent.*

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—

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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