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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). SHERIDAN SURNAME. LUKE CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS (to be written in block capitals). LINENHALL STREET
CASTLEBAR

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? *Yes. 23rd April to 30th April*
- (b) Unit or Units... *Castlebar Coy Irish Volunteers.*
- (c) Duration (giving dates) of service... *23 April to 30th April*
- (d) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *Castlebar
Newport and Westport.*
- (e) Officer Commanding in each instance... *John Hoban*
- (f) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *Obedying orders.*
- (g) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the week... *Standing to and Despatch Service to Newport ^{Westport}*
- (h) Absence from duty and cause... *always on duty.*
- (i) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>John Hoban</i>	<i>Newport Rd. Castlebar.</i>
<i>Michael Kilroy J.S.</i>	<i>Newport, Co Mayo.</i>
<i>Pat^r Hoban</i>	<i>Lahengrin Claremorris</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 Coy Irish Volunteers*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *1st April 1916 to 22nd April 1916
and 30th April 1916 to 31st March 1917.*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *Castlebar
Westport, Balla and Kiltimagh*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *John Hoban*
- (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... *Arrested by Enemy Forces and Lodged in Castlebar,
Athlone and Mountjoy Prisons despatch service and
watching... Enemy... movements.*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause... *always on duty.*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
John Hoban	Newport Rd. Castlebar
James Chambers	Maryland Castlebar
John Hoban N.Y.	Castlebar

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

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

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

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

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

(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... Carrying despatches, preparing to Resist Conscriptio and attempted Rescue of Prisoners from R.F.C.

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
John Hoban	Newport Rd. Castlebar
James Chambers	Maryland, Castlebar
John Hoban N.Y.	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, Westport, Balla and Siege Prison.

(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... *Arrested for attack on R.F.C. Carrying despatches and Intelligence*.....

(g) Absence from duty and cause... *always on duty*.....

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>John Hoban</i>	<i>Newport Rd Castlebar</i>
<i>James Chambers</i>	<i>Maryland Castlebar</i>
<i>Phil. Hoban</i>	<i>Lincoln St. Castlebar</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units... *Castlebar Coy. F. R. A.*.....

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

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

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

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *Raiding for arms, Intelligence, assisting in preparing for A.S.U. Organizing Courts, Raiding Solicitors Offices, Preventing Reliants from attending British Courts and Seizing Rate Books.*

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

(g) Absence from duty and cause... *always on duty*.....

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>James Chambers</i>	<i>Maryland Castlebar</i>
<i>Phil Hoban</i>	<i>Lincoln St. Castlebar</i>
<i>John Chambers</i>	<i>Newmarket St. Castlebar</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units... *Castlebar Coy F.R.A and West Mayo Brigade* ^{Staff.}.....

(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..... *J. Derrig and later Mr. Kilroy*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... *obeying orders and Evading Arrest by Enemy Forces.*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *Ordered by Brigade through Battalion O/C to link up the Four Brigades in Mayo for Communication purposes and appointed Intelligence Officers to the Brigade*

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... *always on duty.*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>James Chambers</i>	<i>Maryland Castlela</i>
<i>Mr. Kilroy J. D.</i>	<i>Newport Co Mayo</i>
<i>E. Moane J. D.</i>	<i>Westport</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *West Mayo Brigade Staff*

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

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

West Mayo Brigade Area

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

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

obeying orders and Evading Arrest

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

the period..... *Directing Intelligence and in constant touch with A. S. U.*

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... *always on duty.*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Mr Kilroy J.S.	Newport Co Mayo
E. Moane J.S.	Westport - "
Joe Baker	Westport - "

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *West Mayo Brigade Staff*

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

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

West Mayo Brigade Area.

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

(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..... *Directing Intelligence and Assisted in taking over the Barracks and Jail in Castlebar*

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... *always on duty.*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
James Chambers	Maryland Castlebar
Mr Kilroy J.S.	Newport Co Mayo
E. Moane J.S.	Westport - "

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *West Mayo Brigade Staff*

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

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

West Mayo Brigade Area

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *E. Moane*

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

Engaged with G.S.U. and Directing Intelligence

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

the period. *Burning of barracks & jail in Castlebar, laying in ambush attack on enemy outpost in Castlebar and Newport, directing intelligence, holding up and dumping of train with military aboard and capturing 500 Rifles and Ammunition, Disarming military in Castlebar.*

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... *always on duty*.....

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>E. Moane J. D.</i>	<i>Westport Co Mayo</i>
<i>P. J. A. Madden</i>	<i>Dublin</i>
<i>Patt. Storkan</i>	<i>Castlebar</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *West Mayo Brigade Staff*.....

(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..... *E. Moane*.....

(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. *Directing Intelligence, organizing Sinn Fein clubs, arrested, lodged in Castlebar prison and on Hunger Strike for 16 days.*

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... *always on duty*.....

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>E. Moane J. D.</i>	<i>Westport Co Mayo</i>
<i>P. Storkan</i>	<i>Spencers St, Castlebar</i>
<i>Mr. Rabbett</i>	<i>Mountdara, 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.....

(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.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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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.....

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

NAME. ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME. ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

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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,

..... *Brigade Intelligence Officer*

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(b) On second critical date.

..... *Brigade Intelligence Officer*

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References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>James Chambers</i>	<i>Maryland Castlebar</i>
<i>Mr Tierney J. D.</i>	<i>Newport Co Mayo</i>
<i>Ed. Malone J. D.</i>	<i>Newport - -</i>
<i>Pat Horkan</i>	<i>Spencer St Castlebar</i>

(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.

..... *I did not serve in National*

Army and I did not apply for a Pension

as I was actively engaged in trying

to overthrow the then Government.

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(3). If you did not serve in both the National Army and the Forces on the 1st July, 1922, or on any subsequent date—state whether you applied for a Certificate of Military Service under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, and, if so, with what result.

..... *I did not apply for a Certificate*

of Military Service under the

1924 Pensions Act.

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(4). Did you apply for a wound or disability pension under any of the following Acts ? :—

- Army Pensions Act, 1923.
- Army Pensions Act, 1927.
- Army Pensions Act, 1932.

If so, with what result.

I did not apply for a pension under any of the above acts.

(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.....

I never received any remuneration from any fund whatsoever.

(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.

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

If so, give details..... *no.*

NOTE.—You will subsequently have to furnish any further particulars and to submit any evidence which the Minister for Defence, or the Referee appointed under the Military Service Pensions Act, or any person or persons duly authorised by them may require in connection with this application for a Service certificate. In this connection attention is directed to the fact that Section 8 (4) of the Act prescribes that the onus of proof shall rest on the applicant.

Careful consideration will be given to any documentary evidence which you may wish to submit herewith. You may also at your discretion write hereunder a statement of any additional information which you consider may be of assistance in determining your application.

*I took an active part in all Elections since 1918.
 Organized Social Functions to raise funds for the F. R. A.
 and Prisoners Dependents Fund. Assisted in getting
 wanted men out of the District. Directed to take charge of Dail Loan
 in the Castlebar District. In fact my college career
 was brought to an end through my activities
 in the National Movement.*

Signature (or Mark) of Applicant..... *Luke Sheridan*

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

Address of Witness..... *Castlebar*

Qualification..... *Peace Commissioner for the Corp of Mayo*

Date..... *16th May 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.

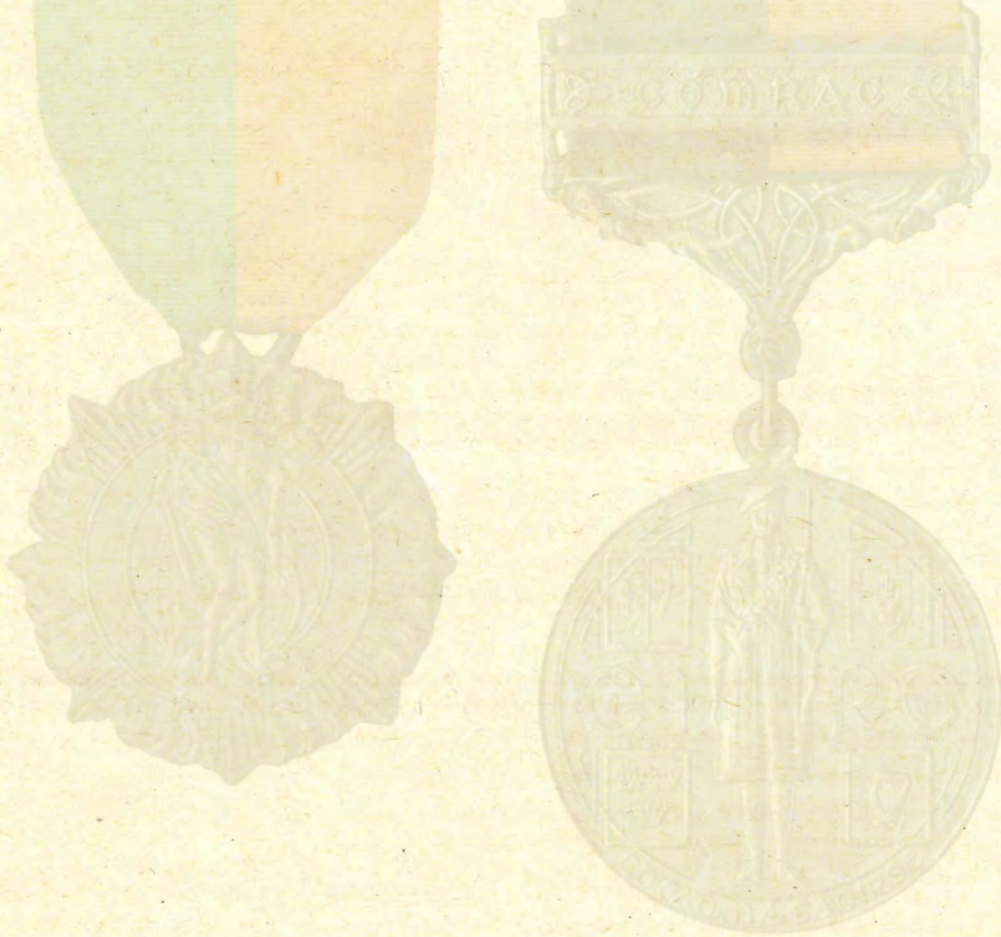
2. In the case of a person who did not serve in the Forces during the period commencing on the 1st day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923, but who has either :—

(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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MR. MICHAEL KILROY GIVING EVIDENCE ON BEHALF OF
LUKE SHERIDAN (12089) BEFORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ON 10th JUNE, 1936.

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- Q. He is not called yet?
A. No. He was not.

6th Period:

- Q. He was ordered by the Brigade through Battalion O.C. to link up the four Brigades in Mayo for communication purposes and appointed Intelligence Officer to the Brigade?

7th Period:

- Q. He was directing intelligence and in constant touch with A.S.U. Is he one of your key men?
A. Not exactly a key man in the sense that he was away from home all the time he lived in town. He was out all the time.
- Q. You think he should qualify?
A. I think he should. When does he claim he was appointed I.O. I want this for other purposes. I think you said in the 7th Period.
- Q. The 6th Period?
A. What period would that be?
- Q. April 1920 to March 1921, in other words the Tan Period?
A. I could not say that he was appointed that early. I think he is a few months out there. In this particular issue we will have a very difficult case because we had an I.O. previous to him and he was living very far away from us over in Louisburgh District you see, and communications were very slow from him. It was towards the end as well as I can remember that we appointed Sheridan. I am trying to clarify this particular issue. You and I will have difficulty in the particular issue. There is another man claiming I.O. I cannot stand for it. They very definitely appointed Sheridan while on active service but it was towards the end of the period.
- Q. In other words it would be only three or four months before the Truce?
A. That is so.
- Q. It might have been that he was appointed in March?
A. I do not think that it was that early. It was out in the summer I remember where I was at the particular time he was appointed. The proposition was put up to me and I agreed. It was in May it was the summer and it would not be long before the Truce, perhaps the month of May. May came very warm.
- Q. We will call him, he is a qualifying case?
A. He is a qualifying case, there is no question about that. There is a difficulty to my mind, Why I said that is we did not notify the other man that we were making the change.

Q. He will be conscientiously claiming it?

A. There is where I find the difficulty.

Q. What about the Brigade Committee, did they put him down as I.O.?

A. It was myself, and of course I had to make a statement about it.

Q. The Brigade Committee appointed to deal with that?

A. Between the two, either the Committee or we have not made a definite statement about it, we have not put it on paper. A month or two ago John O'Dowd, he is a brother-in-law or some relative of Joe Kilbride, he did write for references, and we did not do anything about it, as far as O'Dowd is concerned. Now that Sheridan's case is coming up I think it is time for me to side step a bit and clarify the air.

Q. Would the other man have qualifying service?

A. That is entirely for you to say.

Q. It looks very much as if he cannot?

A. If he was not doing his work. He did a certain amount of work. He was too far away and could not render the service he was required.

Q. The other man had no fighting service at all?

A. No.

Q. It may be as well to get the other man up. When the other fellow looks long enough over it he will give up hope. If you bring him up he will be raging and tearing with you?

A. I would not like you to take it that way because I cannot help him. It is a difficulty. We should have notified him but we did not we had something else to do to mind our skins, we were in the height of round-ups.

MC.

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WEST MAYO BRIGADE OLD I.R.A.,

Ref. No. RO/326.

Cloonagh Lodge,
Westport,
CO. MAYO.

13th June 1936.

Mr. E. de Burca.
Office of the Referee,
Griffith Barracks.

A Chara,

In reply to yours of 15th May re Brigade I.O.
I am directed by Brigade Council to state that Luke
Sheridan, Lincenhall Street, Castlebar, was Brigade
I.O. on 11th July 1921.

Mise, le meas,

Sgd. John R. Gibbons
(Hon. Sec).

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1st Battalion, West Mayo Brigade, Old I. R. A. Association.

Ellison St,

Castlebar.

25th May, 1937.

This is to certify that Luke Sheridan joined the Irish Volunteers in 1915. During Easter Week 1916 he was standing to~~s~~, and was sent to Newport, Co. Mayo with a despatch to Mr. Michael Kilroy. In July 1916 he was arrested by the R. I. C. He was interned after Court Martial for three months in Mountjoy. On his release from Jail he worked very hard organising the Volunteers in this Battalion area, and from 1917 to 1918 he devoted his whole time to organisation work in connection with Conscription and the General Elections. During that time he was arrested for an attack on the R.I.C, in an attempt to rescue prisoners who were being tried at Castlebar and he was sentenced to two months imprisonment. On his release from Prison he again worked hard in the National Movement. He took part in raids for arms; raiding of Solicitors Offices, etc. In that year he was appointed Coy. Intelligence Officer. In 1920 he was appointed Batt. Intelligence Officer and he also had to go on the Run early in that year. On the formation of the A.S.U. in 1920 he was its first member and helped in every way to organise and equip that Body. At a meeting of the Brigade Council ~~he~~^I was asked to allow him take over charge of Intelligence work in the Brigade Area. On accepting this office he was sent all over the Brigade Area and to outside Brigade Areas in order to link up and make perfect the Intelligence system in the areas. During the Truce period he was busy on Intelligence work in the different Training Camps and on the taking over of the Barracks he took up quarters there and carried on his work until the Civil War. During the Civil War he took part in many fights against the Free State Forces until his capture in August 1923.

Signed

James Chambers.

O/C. 1st Batt. West Mayo Brgd.

26th May 1937

I have known Luke Sheridan since before 1916. He was then a member of the castlebar coy Irish volunteers. When I became Adjt of the Mayo Brigade Luke Sheridan was acting as J.O. in the castlebar area. He was subsequently promoted to the position of Brigade J.O. West Mayo Brigade. When the Mayo Brigade was divided into four in 1920 He was to my knowledge very good at his work as J.O. & he personally assisted me when on the run from 1919 to end of First war in getting in and out of the castlebar area. Which was very difficult as castlebar was a strong garrison town. He assisted me also in transporting ~~the~~ arms from Dublin to Mayo during this period.
R Walsh: TD



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DÁIL ÉIREANN.

TIGH LAIGHEAN
(Leinster House),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
(Dublin).

29th April 1936.

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

Sir,

I certify that Lui Sheridan, Castlebar was a member of our army at an early date and was one of those who brought a dispatch to us in Newport, Easter Week.

He was appointed Brigade I.O. in the Summer of 1921 about the month of June, I cannot remember the date, but I distinctly remember it was while on Active Service and some period before the truce. He was always an enthusiast and ~~was~~ rendered valuable service throughout the National struggle from 1916 to 1924.

Signed. *Michael Kilroy*
Late Command O.C.

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TIGH LAIGHEAN
(Leinster House),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
(Dublin).

29th April 1936.

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

Sir,

I certify that Liu Sherdian of Castlebar joined the Irish Volunteers in 1915 and from that time onwards was one of the most active members in the organisation, devoting practically all his time to the work.

In 1921 he was appointed Brigade I.O. and continued as such until March 1922, when he was placed on Special Intelligence work in the Castlebar Batt. area, the reason for this change was because of the importance of the area concerned and the importance of his work in that particular area at the time. He continued as such until his arrest in Sept. or October 1922, he was again placed on Brigade work and continued as Brigade I.O. until 1924.

To my personal knowledge he was one of the most efficient officers in the country and at all times carried out his work with the utmost efficiency and care, he was a splendid officer and I always found him most reliable and his reports always accurate.

Any further evidence required by him will be gladly given by me to your board at any time.

Is Mise,

E. Moore

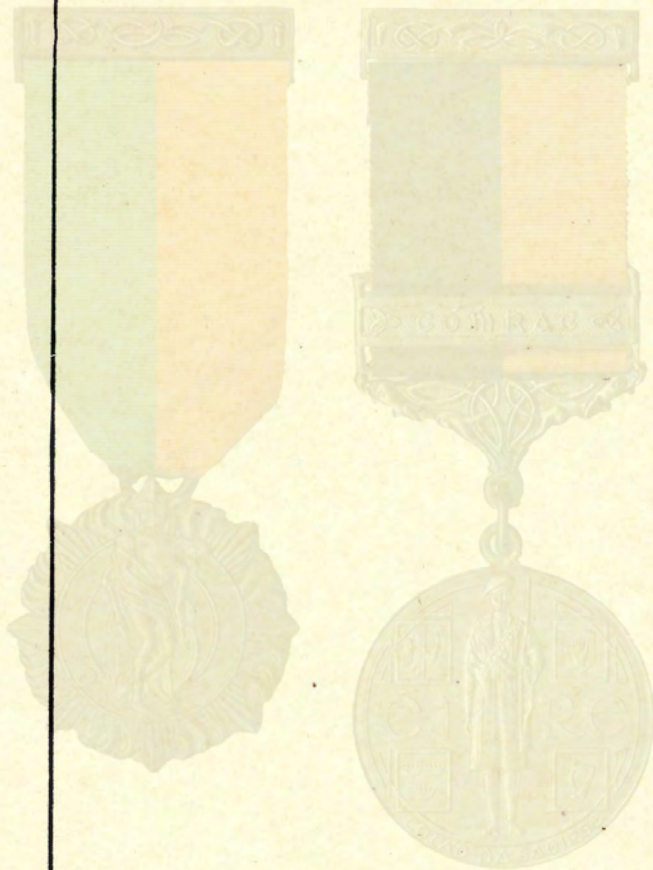
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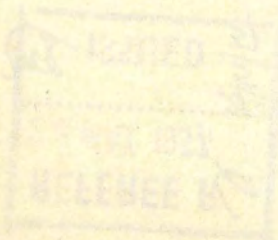
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BAILE ÁTHA CLIAITH
(Dublin)

22adh Bealtaine, 1937.

Re: Luke Sheridan, Linenhall St.,
Castelbar, Co. Mayo.

A Chara,

Re the above applicant, I tried to get in touch with you a few times to-day on the 'phone but didnt succeed.

I am very uneasy about this man's case as as far as my knowledge goes his case is has not been heard and it is very serious from my point of view if he does not get consideration.

I am therefore appealing to you to have his case investigated.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Le meas,

Richard Walsh T.D.

Eamonn Uasal deBurca,
Secretary Military Service Pensions,
Griffith Barracks,
Dublin.

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Referee R.15.

Organisation Records supplied by (w Bdo. Ulster. (see letter dated 13/6/76 on this file).
(b) E. Moane, Bdo. of.

show that applicant was

(a) Bde. 9.0, West Mayo Brigade. 11.7.1921

Strength _____

(b) * No particulars of rank on records 1.7.1922

Strength _____

N.B. * Thomas Mullins, N.7. is the man as Bde. 9.0 West Mayo Bde.
in 1/7/22.

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Signed: _____

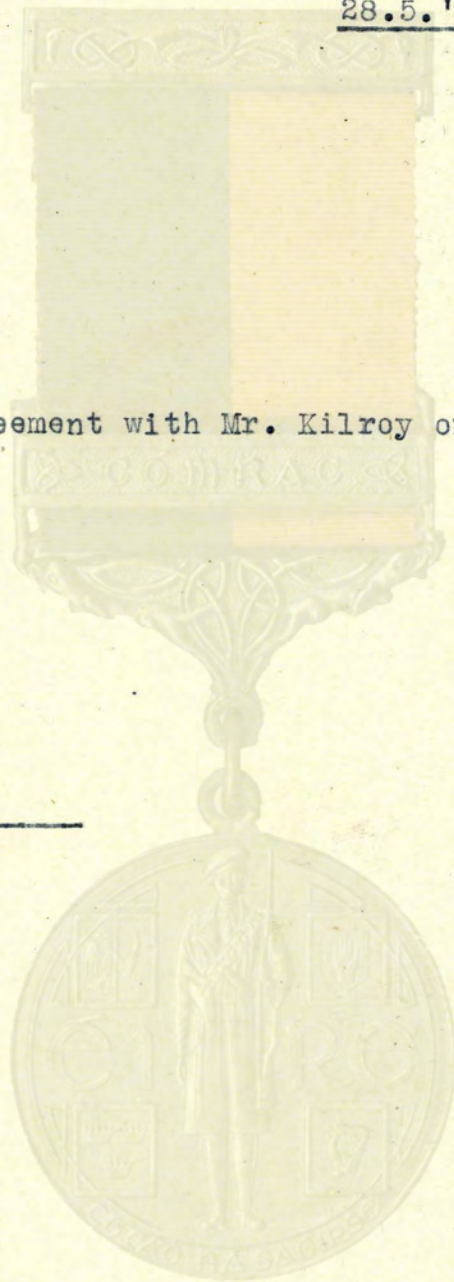
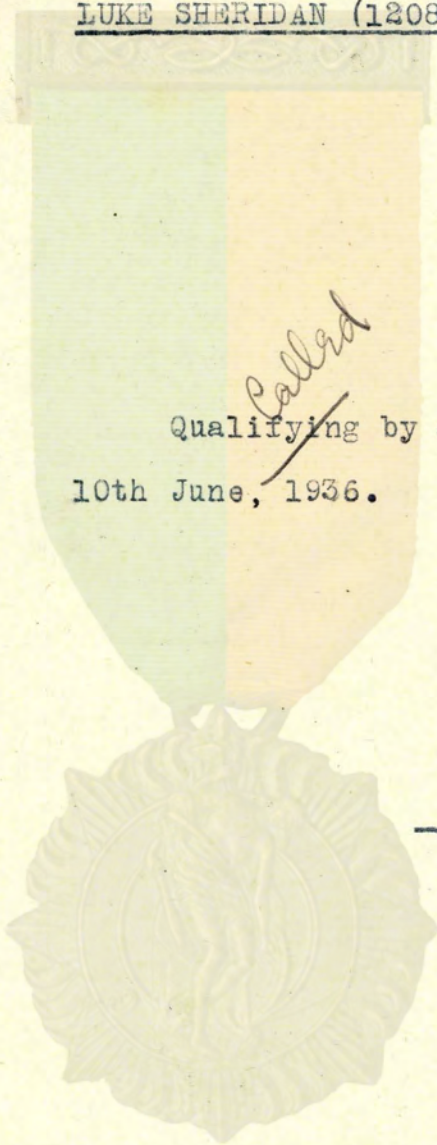


SUMMARY.

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LUKE SHERIDAN (12089).

28.5.'37.



Called
Qualifying by agreement with Mr. Kilroy on
10th June, 1936.

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SWORN STATEMENT MADE BY LUKE SHERIDAN (NO.12089)

BEFORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON 28. 5. '37.

- Q. Have you any references?
A. Yes.
- Q. You are claiming Brigade I.O?
A. Yes.
- Q. When were you appointed Brigade I.O?
A. Sometime in 1920.
- Q. Can you give us the month?
A. I think it should be in or about June as far as I remember.
- Q. Did you hold that rank on the second critical date, 1.7.'22?
A. Yes.
- Q. The Brigade Committee- seems to take it that Tom Mullins was Brigade I.O., at the start of the Civil War?
A. Yes. If you read one of these certificates - Mr. Moane's - it will explain it.
- Q. He says you were appointed Brigade I.O., in June 1921?
A. Yes. There is a reference there to 1922.
- Q. When were you appointed Brigade I.O?
A. About June 1921.
- Q. Just before the Truce?
A. About a month or 6 weeks.
- Q. Were you Brigade I.O., then?
A. Yes.
- Q. Was somebody else Brigade I.O., when the Civil War started?
A. I think Tom Mullins was. Owing to a number of robberies carried out in the Castlebar Area, Mr. Moane came and transferred me back to the battalion - my area - to deal with this particular type of cases.
- Q. You were not really Brigade I.O., on the second critical date?
A. That is the only explanation I have.
- Q. Did you go back yourself to deal with that work?
A. Yes.
- Q. In the meantime the others put him in charge at Headquarters?
A. Apparently.
- Q. It makes no difference to you?
A. I quite understand.
- Q. When did you join; was it 1915?
A. Yes.
- Q. In Castlebar?
A. Yes.

1st Period.

Q. You had no fighting in Easter Week?

A. Yes.

Q. You were standing to and sent with a dispatch to Newport?

A. Yes.

2nd Period.

Q. In July 1916 you were arrested by the R.I. C?

A. Yes.

Q. Were you tried then and sentenced to three months ?

A. Yes.

Q. For what?

A. I think they charged me for attempted to cause disaffection amongst the Civil population.

Q; Did you serve the three months?

A. 28 days I served in Mountjoy and the remaining period was remitted.

Q. You were released after 28 days?

A. Yes. Hard Labour. I had been in Castlebar before that.

3rd Period.

Q. On your release from Jaol you worked very hard organising the Volunteers in the Battalion area, and from 1917 to 1918 you devoted your whole time to organisation work in connection with Conscription and the General Elections. Had you any rank in those days?

A. What is the period?

Q. 1917 and early 1918; shortly after 1916 after your release?

A. Organisation work mostly going into different Company area.

Q. You were not an Organiser from G.H.Q?

A. No.

4th Period.

Q. You were arrested for an attack on R.I.C., in attempt to rescue prisoners who were being tried at Castlebar, you were sentenced ~~and~~ to two months imprisonment; when were you arrested the second time?

A. In 1918.

Q. What time in 1918?

A. I think it would be around March 1918, I cannot be sure of the months, I am giving the periods.

Q. You were sentenced to two months?

A. Yes. There is an explanation in connection with that.

Q. How long did you serve in jail?

A. We were only 10 days. We were tried then.

Q.. How long were you in altogether?

A. I was only 10 days.

Q. 10 days all told?

A. Yes. I did not serve two months at all.

Q. Were you still organising during the rest of that period ?

A. The minute I came out I started.

5th Period. The usual.

6th Period.

Q. How many raids for arms were you on; how many houses?

A. I should think one night at least 10 houses. I would not be sure, I think, about 10.

Q. You were ordered by the Brigade through the Battalion O.C., to link up the four brigades in Mayo for communication purposes?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you spend much time at that?

A. I devoted a lot of time. I was on the run. I went on the run in 1920.

Q. What time in 1920?

A. It would be towards the end of 1920.

Q. Did you raid a solicitor's office in Castlebar?

A. Yes.

Q. In 1920 you were appointed Company I.O., and later Battalion I.O; is that right?

A. Yes.

Q. When were you appointed Battalion I.O?

A. It would be sometime towards the end of 1920 also, about the time I went on the run.

Q. On the formation of the A.S.U., in 1920 you were its first member; that was about March 1921?

A. Yes.

Q. Who was the leader of that unit?

A. Michael Kilroy.

Q. Anybody else under him; was Jordan not on that?

A. Paddy Jordan.

Q. Was he more of the leader of that particular column?

A. Yes. Absolutely. Of course I was taken away from that very soon, I nearly confined myself to intelligence. They had too many men for the guns, not for intelligence. That was the explanation given.

Q. At a meeting of the Brigade Council, James Chambers, was asked to allow you take over charge of Intelligence work in the Brigade Area. On accepting this office you were sent all over the Brigade area and to outside Brigade Areas in order to link up and make perfect the Intelligence system in the areas; did you ever do anything special in the intelligence line up to the Truce?

A. You mean in the line of getting particulars?

7th Period.

Q. Bringing off any big thing in the last three months of the Tan War?

A. Do you want to confine yourself to that period?

Q. Give us any of that period. You were not appointed Company I.O., until sometime in 1920?

A. I gave a lot of my time to intelligence.

- Q. What big things would you bring off; how many lives would you have saved?
- A. In 1918 I got information that a number of arrests were to be made.
- Q. We want something more important than that in the fighting time, the time of the ambushes?
- A. I received information of a round up in Castlebar.
- Q. When was that?
- A. In 1921 is that the period you want?
- Q. Yes.
- A. That is what lead to the majority of the fellows having to leave their homes and form the A.S.U. In fact that night they smashed up all our houses.
- Q. In these last months before the Truce had you any special agents amongst the enemy services, that you were in touch with directly; in touch with military or police?
- A. Yes.
- Q. How many had you?
- A. I should think I had four or five fairly good, one in particular, through the military during that period also.
- Q. Is that a statement covering your activities (reference is made to statement held by applicant)?
- A. It is just a rough statement.
- Q. You had better send us in a statement covering your activities?
- A. I will go through the lot now. I also received information of a round-up in Bureen, Cremlin District. The column were actually there and it had to be got out of it.
- Q. When was this?
- A. That was in 1921.
- Q. What time in 1920; after you were appointed Brigade I.O.?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Do you claim you helped the column on that occasion?
- A. Of course. I got the message through.
- Q. That was after the Kilmaine ambush?
- A. No. It was before it.
- Q. I think your best plan would be to make out a detailed statement of any intelligence work you did; it would be much better to send it in?
- A. It will be no trouble when I go home.
- Q. Do you know the period we mean?
- A. 1st April 1921 to 11th July 1921.
- Q. If you are going to write out a statement it would be no harm to refer to each of the periods, the 6th and 7th principally.

8th Period.

- Q. During the Truce what were you doing?

A. I was organising intelligence.

Q. Did you spend much time at that?

A. I went into a lot of the different company areas.

Q. How many company areas would you have visited?

A. I could not say.

Q. How many battalion areas?

A. Castlebar my own battalion area, Westport and Louisburgh.

Q. Three battalions?

A. Yes.

Q. How long did that take you; give us some idea?

A. I could never sleep at home at all from the time I went home. I did not think it very safe for the first week or so.

Q. Do you claim you were a full time man during the Truce?

A. Yes. I was in Bks., all the time.

Q. You were in the Bks., from the taking over until the start of the Civil War?

A. Yes.

Q. Up to the time you went into Bks., you were organising an intelligence system throughout the Brigade?

A. Yes.

Q. You say you were full time at that?

A. I gave all my time to it, every bit of my time.

9th Period.

Q. When the Civil War started you burned the Bks., and jail in Castlebar?

A. Yes.

Q. Was that in July still?

A. That was in July.

Q. What did you do then?

A. I went off with the A.S.U.

Q. Whose?

A. Under Comdt. Chamber's first.

Q. How long did you stay with that column?

A. I stayed with that column until we linked up with Dr. Madden.

Q. When was that?

A. I think it would be a few months after, sometime in the winter.

Q. Had you a fight with the combined column at any time?

A. Yes. Shortly after. We were only a few weeks out when there was an attack on the town.

Q. That was a bombing attack on Castlebar?

A. No. It was an attempt to capture the railway station. I was in charge of two sections to cover the jail.

Q. Did you take part in a good many fights against the Free

- Q. the Free State before you were captured?
A. I was in Newport.
- Q. Were you in the fight at Newport?
A. Yes.
- Q. When was Newport?
A. I think that would be October or November.
- Q. Was that your first fight?
A. That was really the first fight. We were in Castlebar and sniped the town a few times, also bombed the town on a few occasions.
- Q. Where was your next fight of importance?
A. The defence of Newport the round-up.
- Q. There was a fight there?
A. I should think there was.
- Q. That was the time Kilroy was captured?
A. Yes. That was the time.
- Q. Had you any other fight after that until you were captured yourself in the following August - 10 months after?
A. No.
- Q. You held up and dumped a train?
A. Yes.
- Q. When was that?
A. That would be sometime between January and March, I think, of 1923.
- Q. You captured 10 rifles from where?
A. There was a military escort on the train.
- Q. You dumped the train?
A. Yes. We dumped the train after, the train dumped itself.
- Q. You captured some rifles?
A. Yes. I think it was 10 rifles. I know I had to carry two away.
- Q. You disarmed military in Castlebar; when was that?
A. That was around that period also. I went in with two other chaps to get the patrol, missed the patrol and got this fellow that was giving a lot of trouble.
- Q. Were you out with a unit the whole time during most of the Civil War?
A. Yes. If you look up the records of the other Intelligence Dept., you will probably get my record.
- Q. When did you go home?
A. I was arrested.
- Q. When were you arrested?
A. I think it was August or September 1923.

Q. Where were you arrested?

A. Derrywalshe, four or five miles from the town.

Q. Were you interned?

A. Yes. I was tried by courtmartial and interned.

Q. Were you sentenced?

A. No.

Q. Interned where?

A. Castlebar.

Q. Until when?

A. December.

Q. You were let out then?

A. Yes. I was let out then sometime in December.

Q. Is that the finish?

A. That was the end.

(Applicant is again reminded to send in detailed statement of any special Intelligence work in the 6th/7th Periods).

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Military Archives

12089
28/8/37-
Linenhall Street,
Castlebar.
7th June, 1937.

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A Chara,

when I was before the Board of Referees on May 28th, 1937, they requested me to submit, within two weeks, a statement concerning my activities in connection with Intelligence work.

I herewith enclose ganral Statement together with statement regarding Intelligence. I also enclose list of names of agents.

Kindly let me have an acknowledgment.

Mise, le meas,

Luke Sheridan

To The Secretary,
Board of Referees,
Griffith's Barracks,
South Circular Road,
DUBLIN.

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Linenhall Street,
Castlebar.

June 7th, 1937.

STATEMENT OF LUKE SHERIDAN regarding his activities in the
I. R. A. from 1916 to 1923.

I joined the Irish Volunteers in 1915 and helped in general organisation work. In 1916 I was standing to during the whole of Easter Week. During that week I was sent with a despatch to Mr. Michael Kilroy of Newport. On 9th July, 1916 I was arrested at Ballyvary, Co. Mayo, tried by Court martial in Athlone and sentenced under "D.O.R.A." to 84 days imprisonment which was mitigated to 28 days. This included a period of approximately 7 weeks in prison. After my release I devoted my whole time to volunteer work. I was on despatch work between Castlebar; Westport; Balla and Kiltimagh, as can be certified by Mr. E. Moane, T.D., and Mr. R. Walsh, T.D.

I was also engaged in organisation work in connection with the Conscription Act and the General Election (1918). During that period I was again arrested for an attach on the R.I.C. in an attempt to rescue prisoners who were being tried at Castlebar and was sentenced to two months' imprisonment. On my release from Sligo Jail I again actively engaged in the movement. I carried out raids for arms; raided Solicitors' Offices to prevent their attendance at British Courts; helped to break the British Local Government administration in the County. We took charge of Rate Books; Minutes of County Council Meetings, etc. I was also appointed Intelligence Officer, Castlebar Company (about November 1919).

In 1920 I was appointed Battalion Intelligence Officer, and owing to my activities I had to go on "the Run" in January of that year. I was at the formation of the Castlebar A.S.U. in 1920 - 1921 and became a member of that unit. During that period my home was raided seven times in one week.

At a meeting of the Brigade Council, held at Cogaula, Westport about November, 1920, I was ordered by the Brigade, through my Battalion O/C., to link up the four brigades in Mayo for communication purposes. I did this and perfected the communications between all areas in Mayo.

About June, 1921, I was appointed Brigade Intelligence Officer.

During the Truce I devoted my time in attending all Battalion Areas making perfect the Intelligence system.

Immediately the Barracks were taken over I took up Quarters there and was taken off Brigade Intelligence work by the Brigadier, Mr. E. Moane, T.D. The reason for this action was that owing to the large number of robberies and armed attacks on private houses it was considered necessary that there be an experienced officer in charge of that work. (See detailed Statement hereunder). I was engaged whole time on this special duty until the Free State troops entered Castlebar, at which stage I took part in the burning of the Barracks and Jail and left the town with the A.S.U. I took part in an attempted capture of Castlebar; two bombing attacks in Castlebar; took part in the capture of Newport; helped to defend Newport against attacks by Free State forces; held up and derailed a train at Derrywash, near Castlebar, capturing about twenty military with their arms and ammunition. I was captured in August, 1923; took part in the Hunger Strike and was released in December, 1923.

As requested by the Board of Referees I now give a list of my activities in connection with Intelligence work:-

In February or March, 1918, I received information of a raid in Castlebar and that arrests were to be made. This raid was carried out by the R.I.C., but all Officers were warned.

During 1919 received information of raids for arms and documents. As a result of the information one rifle and two revolvers were saved.

Between April, 1919, and 31st March, 1920, I was mostly engaged in ascertaining the names of people who were in possession of arms. locating where papers in connection with Courts were kept in Solicitors' Offices, also where Rate Books were stored. All arms, rate books and Court documents were taken possession of by the I.R.A. Subsequently I received information that all those were to be raided for by the R.I.C. This raid was carried out but none of the arms or documents was captured.

In November, 1920, I received information of a round up in Castlebar. This round up took place, but the Officers and Men, most likely to be arrested, had left their homes.

In December, 1920, I received information of a raid for wounded men. The Castlebar Workhouse Hospital was raided.

In March, 1921, I received information of a round up in Castlebar. This round up took place, but all the wanted men had left their homes.

In or about April, 1921, I received information of a round up in Burren and Crimlin Districts. The A.S.U. was in Burren at the time and succeeded in making their escape outside the area involved.

Received information of an R.I.C. Patrol that used to operate between Castlebar and Westport. This information led to the Cloonkeen ambush.

Located a spy named Duffy in Manulla (through Agent in Major Browne's, Breaffy). He supplied information to Major Browne that arms and ammunition were hidden in Bee Hives in Staunton's, Belcarra. Staunton's was raided, but the arms and ammunition had been transferred. Duffy was sentenced to be shot, but as his information could always be intercepted it was deemed better to let him carry on.

Received information of a tender conveying Paymaster with armed Guard to Belmullet. Ambush arranged at Glenisland.

The tender arrived, but the Column had just vacated their positions which they had held for hours.

In June, 1921, I received information of a round up in the Ballyvary District. This round up took place. The Column were warned and had gone.

In July, 1921, I received information of a big round up. This round up took place on a big scale in the Castlebar and Westport Districts. Some 5,000 extra troops were drafted into the area for the purpose. After giving the information to Comdt. Kilroy I succeeded in getting through the enemy lines in three different places for the purpose of ascertaining their camping positions. Not one member of the Column was captured.

Received all reports passing through Post Office to Castle in "Code". Those were sent to Dublin, as instructed.

After the Truce I devoted my time to organising Intelligence Services in the different Battalion Areas. In February or March, 1922, went into the Barracks in Castlebar and shortly after I was placed on special Intelligence work in the Castlebar Area by Brigadier E. Moane. The reason for this change was that a number of armed robberies were taking place and a number of private houses fired into. I had most of the culprets arrested, tried by Court Martial and sentenced. In fact Martial Law had to be proclaimed in portion of the Castlebar Battalion Area. During this period also I carried out raids for arms and ammunition in the Castlebar (No. 1.) Battalion Area. As a result of the raids we got at least four revolvers and some shot guns. I also made several arrests of persons recruiting for the Free State Army.

During this period also I occasionally had to take charge of prisoners in Castlebar Jail.

In July, 1922, I left the Barracks in Castlebar with the A.S.U. and some time after the capture of Newport was ordered to take over Brigade Intelligence by Brigadier E. Moane.

Towards the end of 1922 I received information of a big round up in Newport. This round up took place and Comdt. General Kilroy was wounded and captured.

If you require any further particulars I will be glad to supply them.

Signed

Luke Sheridan



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Names of Agents through whom information was received.

Sergt. Elliott, R. I. C., Castlebar.

Constable Crawford, R. I. C., Castlebar.

Staff. Sergt. Cronin, (Intellegence Dept) Military, Barracks.

Sergt. Fagan, Do. Do.

Ex. Sergt. T. Collins, Canteen Manager, Do.

Leuit. Billy Llawlor, Do.

Miss Mollie Murtagh, (Maid in Major Browne's, Breaffy)

Miss. B. Sheridan, Castlebar.

Mr. Thos. Lavelle, Do.

Frank Bourke, Do.

Miss. O'Hehir, Post Office, Castlebar.

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PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
(1)	no fight in week ^{Grade 11}	
(2)		
(3)	Organizing of lines for defilements	
(4)	" only average of 2 mts - what march to - 10 days in jail.	
(5)	Organizing # Measures to break for Court system	
(6)	Recid - handled up 4 Bds re Comm. (may) on the end of 20 - Belle 10 end of 20.	
(7)	handy. number of ASU (Kilroy) Teller any own & enquired by 10/10 work. Sent all over Bde area to organize - (Recid reform of a Round - up in 1927 - This led to formation of ASU) also reform of a Round - up - (Bureau will get (Moane does not quite know what his line of reform was) June 24 up of Bde I.O.	
(8)	Visiting Bde Areas, Rubberis (Castlebar & collects info leading to arrest of Robbers This will help to bring in 115. with ASU. Collector, & determines Newport Act or how Captured by 23 only Captured by 23 March 23 up	Get all Cods from Post Office He may have for Kilroy
(9)	release Dec 23	
(10)		

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

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

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

Ref. No. 12089 Applicant's name Heridan Luke Address Yanahoe Street, Bantaha, Cotabato.
 UNIT: Castlebar Coy. I.V. West Mayo Bde. REFEREE R.3

(a) PERIOD	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active Service allowed	(d) Equivalent for Pension purposes	REMARKS
(1) 23/4/16 - 30/4/16.	Full period.	Nil	Nil	(7)
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17	Full period	Nil	Nil	(8)
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18.	Full period.	Nil	Nil	(9)
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	Full period.	1/2.	1/24 yrs.	Finished. 2/28.
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20.	Full period	Nil	Nil	(11)
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	Full period	1/6.	1/3 yrs.	(12)
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	Full period	Full.	1 yrs.	(13)
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	Full period	Full.	1 yrs.	(14)
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	Full period.	2/3.	1 1/3.	Completed 3/2/38.
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23.	Full period	Full.	1.	(16)

Rank claimed on - (a) first critical date Bde I.O.
 Rank allowed - (b) Second critical date Bde I.O.
 Total of Column (d) 4 2/28
 SIGNED: Seamus Bolanios John Mc Coy. J. Fahy John Jordan

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. 12089 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	<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>1/2 of ENTIRE PERIOD</i>	<i>1/24</i>
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	<i>1/2 of ENTIRE PERIOD</i>	<i>1/3</i>
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	<i>ENTIRE PERIOD</i>	<i>1</i>
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	<i>ENTIRE PERIOD</i>	<i>1</i>
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	<i>2/3 of ENTIRE PERIOD</i>	<i>1 1/3</i>
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	<i>ENTIRE PERIOD</i>	<i>1</i>

TOTAL— 4 1/4 years.

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

” ” ” ” 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..... 25th Feb. 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,

E. M. Burke
Rúnaí

Mr. Luke Sheridan
Linenhall Street
Dublin

12089

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Ref. 12089.

Linenhall St,

P.S.M. Castlebar 34

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FAIGETE

22nd February, 1938.

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DÓN UÍ GÁIBHÉIR

McDonovan
28/2/38

Ich Ryan F/E
Ich O'Callaghan
W/Staff

A Chara,

I beg to appeal against the findings of the Referee in respect of my award for the periods:-

- (1) 1/4/1920 to 31/3/21.
- (2) 1/7/1922 to 31/3/1923.

I enclose herewith a statement in support of my appeal, and I shall thank you to kindly acknowledge receipt of same.

Mise, le meas,

L. M. Stokas

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

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Statement of Mr. Luke Sheridan, Linenhall St, Castlebar in connection with his Appeal against the award of the Referee in granting a Military Service Pension. (Ref. No. 12089).

In the 6th period I was on the run. My home was raided nearly every day and on some occasions twice a day. At this time I was engaged on military duties my whole time and I am sure the Brigade and Battalion O/C's will certify to this.

During the 9th period I was in the Active Service Unit all the time, and while in that unit I was ordered by Brigadier E. Moane to take charge of Brigade Intelligence.

During this period I took part in the burning of the Military Barracks and Jail in Castlebar. I also took part in the attack on enemy positions in Castlebar. In this attack there were two of the enemy killed.

On two or three occasions, with two others, I raided the streets in Castlebar for armed military. On one occasion we captured a revolver from an N. C. O.

I fought in the battle for Newport and was at the capture of that town in November 1922. While in the A. S. U. I directed and re-organised the Intelligence system. During that period I ascertained that a big round up was to take place in the Newport District. This proved to be correct as the round up did take place on a big scale - some thousands of enemy soldiers taking part in it. - Comdt. General Kilroy was wounded in the fight and was eventually captured.

After this engagement I was engaged in locating enemy positions.

I also took part in at least two sniping attacks on enemy outposts in Castlebar. In March 1923 I took part in the hold up of a train at Derrywash containing Military with rifles and ammunition all of which were captured.

Signed Luke Sheridan No. 12089.

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Certificate from West Mayo Brigade Committee Old I. R. A. Association, regarding the appeal of Mr. Luke Sheridan of Linenhall St, Castlebar against the award of the Referee in granting a Military Service Pension (Ref. No. 12089).

This is to certify that Mr. Luke Sheridan of Linenhall St, Castlebar was on the Run all through the 6th period. Scarcely a day passed without his home being raided by British Forces and it is common knowledge here that the Raids often took place twice a day. In this period we definitely state that he was engaged on Military duties whole-time. he was in charge of enforcing the Belfast boycott in the area and devoted a considerable part of his time during this period in carrying out that duty.

In the Ninth period Mr. Sheridan was a whole-time member of the A. S. U., and was also placed in charge of Intellegence in the Brigade Area by the Brigadier. In this period also he was engaged in the burning of the Barracks and Jail in Castlebar, and took part in an attack on the enemy in that town and as a result two of the enemy were killed.

On several occasions he took part in raids on Castlebar and was responsible for capturing a revolver from one of the enemy forces.

In 1922 he fought in the fight for Newport and was present at its capture. He also perfected and directed the Intellegence system in the area during this period. In this period he ascertained that a big round up was to take place in the Newport area which information proved to be correct. In the fight that took place afterwards at which Mr. Sheridan was present General Kilroy was wounded and captured.

He took part in all the attacks on Castlebar and in March 1923 took part in the capture of Military with their rifles and ammunition.

We, the undersigned members of the West Mayo Brigade Committee, certify that the above statement is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief,

Signed James Chambers Member.

Joseph L. Baker Member.

Counter-signed W. Tierney Hon. Secretary.

appeal
Ref. No. 12089

APPLICANT'S NAME Sheridan Luke

For Discussion with Messrs Kilroy & Moane Date 24/11/38

PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
(1)	<i>Dismissed with above appeal</i>	
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)	<i>4 in appeal - He was active generally throughout 1920 & was on the run earlier than the end of 1920.</i>	
(7)		
(8)		
(9)	<i>See his appeal all on appeal (being captured on Nov 22) acted as Private - 10</i>	
(10)		

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

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

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

REF. No. 12089

APPLICANT'S NAME Sheldon Luke

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	1/2	1/2 year	(10)
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	ENTIRE PERIOD	/	/	(11)
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	ENTIRE PERIOD	1/4	1/2 year	Finished (12)
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	ENTIRE PERIOD	Full	1 year	24/xi/38 (13)
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	ENTIRE PERIOD	Full	1 year	conf (14)
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	ENTIRE PERIOD	Full	2 years	502 (15)
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	ENTIRE PERIOD	Full	1 year	1.12.38 (16)

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

Rank claimed on Col. Lt. Col. Lt.

Rank allowed D E

Total of Column (d) 5 13/24 years

SIGNED S. Robinson

Mr. McBoyer or team

J. Fisher

John Jordan

R

M.S.P./34/2.

Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 3HS. 12403

Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee - 12089

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.

Sheridan Luke
Linenhall Street, Bartlebas, Co. Mayo.
for a Service Certificate.

21st.
Jed
12/12/38.

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

(SIGNED) T. UA. DOMHNAILL

son: J. J. Morgan

Referee.

Date: 22 OCT 1935

Date: 12-12-38

- Is the Applicant a person to whom the Act applies? Yes
- If so, total actual service in the different service periods, as established:

<u>1</u> <u>no</u>	<u>3</u> <u>no</u>	<u>11</u> <u>no</u>
<u>2</u> <u>no</u>	<u>4</u> <u>12 of ENTIRE PERIOD</u>	<u>12</u> <u>ENTIRE PERIOD</u>
<u>5</u> <u>no</u>	<u>6</u> <u>1/4 of ENTIRE PERIOD</u>	<u>13</u> <u>ENTIRE PERIOD</u>
<u>8</u> <u>ENTIRE PERIOD</u>	<u>9</u> <u>ENTIRE PERIOD</u>	<u>10</u> <u>ENTIRE PERIOD</u>
- Total service for pension purposes as defined by Second Schedule of the Act. 5 13/24 years
- Grade or rank, quoting relevant paragraph of First Schedule under which allowed:

(a) On first critical date. <u>Grade D.</u>	<u>Para. 1 (4) (f)</u>
(b) On second critical date. <u>Grade E.</u>	<u>Para. 1 (6)</u>

(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.....

Castlebar 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.....

..... *Castletar Coy,*
..... *and Impisment*

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.....

..... *Castletar 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

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

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

..... *1/24 of 1 year* /

(3) State—

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

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

..... *"A" Coy, Bde. 1, West Mays Bde,*
..... *and Impisment*

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

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. Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

A Coy, Dkt. 1, 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

1/4 of ENTIRE PERIOD

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

1/2 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.

West Mayo Bde.

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.....

Og a'gh na h-Eireann,

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

Bde. Officer

West map 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—

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

Og a'gh na h-Eireann,

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

West map 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.....

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

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

ENTIRE PERIOD

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

1 year

(3) State—

Ogiaigh 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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