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An Uimhir as Roinn
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KELLY. LETITIA (Miss)

James Street, Westport, Mayo.

Do cuirtear cun	Dáta	Do cuirtear cun	Dáta	Do cuirtear cun	Dáta
PA 3a	27/5/41				
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	Ref.	Date	Signature
1 Previous papers under—			
(a) Army Pensions Act, 1923			
(b) " " " 1927			
(c) " " " 1932			
(d) Military Service Pensions Act, 1924	SP/ <i>nil</i>	27.5.41	<i>[Signature]</i>
(e) Military Tribunal	<i>nil</i>	27.5.41	
2 M.S.P./34/1 issued to applicant			
3 " returned by "		26.5.41	<i>[Signature]</i>
4 " " to " for further particulars or completion	<i>Memor 1/M/65 (Part 2)</i>	5 JUN 1941	<i>[Signature]</i>
5 M.S.P./34/1 returned by applicant		5 JUN 1941	<i>[Signature]</i>
(a) Memorandum issued re 1924 Act			
6 R.C.8/SP/34 issued		27.5.41	<i>[Signature]</i>
7 M.S.P./34/1 and M.S.P./34/2 to Referee		17 JUN 1941	<i>[Signature]</i>
8 M.S.P./34/2 returned by Referee	MSP34 Ref./		
9 M.S.P./34/5 to General Prisons Board	List		
10 M.S.P./34/5 returned by " "	" "		
11 File to Minister re Service Certificate			
12 Service Certificate issued to applicant			
13 M.S.P./34/7 to D. Finance			
14 M.S.P./34/7 returned by Finance			
15 M.S.P./34/11 issued			
16 M.S.P. A/cs. 19 " "			
<i>P.F.</i>		30.6.50	<i>[Signature]</i>
<i>of to Rub.</i>		14/7/50	<i>[Signature]</i>
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GUTHAN 75641.

(Telephone)

UIMHIR THAGARTHA
(Reference No.)

34/SP/ 60598



An Roinn Cosanta,

Brainse Airgeadais,

Colaiste Caoimhin,

Glasnaoidhean,

Bailé Átha Cliath.

20 APR 1953

A CHARA,

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to refer to the Petition submitted by you under the Military Service Pensions (Amendment) Act, 1949, and to state that the Referee, having considered the facts alleged in the Petition and the evidence previously submitted in connection with your application under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934, has reported that there is not a *prima facie* case that you are a person to whom the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934, applies. In the circumstances, the Minister regrets that he is unable to grant you a Service Certificate which would render you eligible for the award of pension.

Mise, le meas,

Sgd. P. J. KILCULLEN.

a/s Rúnaí.

Miss Letitia Kelly
James St.,
Westport, Co. Mayo.

Uimhir
Thaghartha

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OIFIG AN RÉITEÓRA,
COLÁISTE CAOIMHÍN,
GLASNAOIDHEAN,
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.

Kelley Letitia 'Miss'

James St.

Westport, Co. Mayo.

Achta na bPinsean Seirbhíse Míleata 1934-1949.

Aire Cosanta.

Iar bhreithniú achainí an iarratasóra thuas-luaithe do réir forála Ailt 11(1) de Acht na bPinsean Seirbhíse Míleata (Leasú), 1949, ní h-é mo thuairim go bhfuil cás prima facie ann gur duine é a mbaineann Acht 1934 leis.

Dá bhrí sin, diúltuim an t-iarratas d'athscrúdú.

An 12^ú lá de Mí Eanáir 1953.

Ladhy Mac Linn

RÉITEÓIR.

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Mr Kennedy,

There

associate with relevant
file.

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AN ROINN AIRGEADAIS,

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.

7. 7. 52

Tá an litir atá istigh leis seo á cur,
do réir orduithe an Aire Airgeadais, go dtí

*An Rúnaí,
Roinn Cosairt*

mar, do réir deallraimh, is leis an Roinn
sin a bhaineann an scéall.

Dear Sir,

James St
Westport
Mayo
1st July 32



I wrote a month ago, stating I had nothing to live on & no income but 7/6 per week home assistance, in answer I got some money from Dublin but the persons did not sign their names. it makes no difference, because I was praying to our Divine Lord & his Blessed Mother to send me some help, and in answer to my prayers, I got some money from Dublin, with the picture of our Lady about it & part of my prayer on the picture, Gloria in Excelsis Deo. I would be almost surprised at how my prayers are answered. that money has taken a lot of worry & depression of my mind & helped me a lot. I do not spend money extravagantly. & I will be able to get in some fuel for the winter months, God bless those persons who sent it to me. It seems they were instrumental as the Giver of God's goodness to me & I hope He will repay them back.

When I got that money I went to the Chapel to thank our Divine Lord & his Blessed Mother also I prayed for those persons who sent it to me. You might be surprised at this letter - but do not be surprised the next morning I offered Holy Communion & prayers at Mayo in thanksgiving to God's Son & his Blessed Mother & the morning after for the persons who sent the money to me.

I would have written this letter sooner to thank those persons who sent me the money but I was waiting to go to Knock Chapel where the Blessed Virgin appeared, I went there last Sunday, I offered one Station for those persons who sent me the money commencing at the High Altar inside in the Chapel & offering the Station for the welfare & good of their souls & bodies for all time & all eternity.

A Station of the Cross inside the Chapel & 3
times around the Chapel on the outside saying
the 15 Decades of the Rosary - 5 each time
Each round I knelt at the Gable where the B.
Virgin appeared & offered the Station for the good
of their souls & bodies for all time & all eternity
God hear my prayers & finishing the Station
at the Statue of our blessed Lady & at Calvary
in the Chapel grounds & next to the Holy
Communion & the holy Sacrifice of the Mass
I believe I believe a Station in Knock Chapel
it best thing one can do. I will not forget to pray
for them in future. I love Knock Chapel
where the Blessed Virgin appeared. there were
thousands of people there from all parts of
Ireland & 8 double Buses from the 6 northern
counties. The day was beautiful - no rain. I and
my companions were there from 9 O'clock in the
morning to 8 O'clock evening. thank God
I was able to go & had the money to pay my way

When I was writing to you it was about the
Cumann-na-Máman pension I wrote as I had
an application in. even if I was to die with
starvation I would never vote against
Mr. De Valera - because I know well the
history of England & Ireland. & I would
not vote or speak against the justice which
my ~~great~~ - grand - Uncle fought for Ireland
in his day - John W. H. Bishop of Tuam
the rights he fought for is coming in now
he had no help in his days - & England
had the two grumbling heels on Ireland at
that time, & the Iron Rod in their hand. I hope

that is gone for ever. God help any small nation
subject to any of the Great powers. I was reared in the
parish of Addergoole. Between Vepher hill & the
Skurdaigh hills where there was many a battle
fought during the Black & Tans days. I know
it all I am 69 years now. All our people are
Finnia Fail people, the late Mr. Battledge Ballina
& Dr. Madden are related or connected with our families
also Micheal Moran F.D. Coastel is a relation
of mine & I thank Mr. Callery ^{Ballina} the new member
is one of our people also I am not sure.

Many a time we shouted up De Valera every time
& we will continue to do so if we live to see
another election. I do not know whom I am writing
to. but I am writing this letter to thank the persons
who sent me a few pounds to help me which
I badly needed I hope it will go into the right
hands & that I will be excused for writing
this letter. The last letter I wrote I addressed it
to the Sec. Department of Finance. & you sent it
on to the Sec Department of Defence. if this
letter is not for you will you please send it
to whom you sent my last letter, & when
it is read it can then be torn up I am
writing to thank those persons who helped me
God bless you all.

Yrs resptly

Letitia Kelly

Miss Letitia Kelly
James at
Westport
Mayo.

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21 Bealtaine, 1952.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 14th instant, addressed to the Department of Finance, in connection with your application under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934, I am directed by the Minister for Defence to state that your Form of Petition which is under investigation by the Referee will be dealt with as soon as possible and the result conveyed to you immediately it becomes available.

Mise, le meas,

YRÚNAÍ.

Miss Letitia Kelly,
James Street,
Westport,
Co. Mayo.

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Department of Finance

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ROINN AIRGEADAIS

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1. Acknowledge
2. Coláiste Caomhgháin



Jameo at
Westport
May 5
14th May 52

Dear Sir

I am 69 years

this month & if I live until next
May with Gold's help I will be
age for the old age pension. ^{on}
I have nothing to live on but 7^{/-} 6^d
per week home assistance from
which I pay 4^{/-} per week rent &
1^{/-} 9^d per week for milk $\frac{1}{2}$ pint
each day - that leaves me 1^{/-} 9^d ^{or}
per week for food & fuel & light
I am writing to ask could ye allow me
a few shillings per week along with
the home assistance until next
May. I am a County girl who has come
into this town to make a living, but
having no friends here I never got
^{much} work to do & had to apply for home
assistance what will I live on
when the food prices are increased
I have no income but 7^{/-} 6^d per week
home assistance

I was reared beside the Shurdagh
hills where my parents had plenty
food & fuel & everything they wanted
Our family went through all the
war of the Black & Tan days &
helped the republicans on & also off
the hills, & we fought well for a
Fianna Fail Government & helped
every way we could. About 15 years
ago I applied for a Cumman-na-Mbanna
pension, which I considered that
I was well entitled to it. But my
case was thrown out by the then
referee. I applied two years ago
again & I got an answer when this
present government ^{was elected} that my
letters were read & I should hear
from them again. but I got no
letter from them since.

Address

Miss Letitia Kelly
James St

Yrs resptly
Letitia Kelly

Westport. Mayo.

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An Rúnar,
Coláiste Caoimhghair,
Glasnaadhuan,
Baile Átha Cliath.



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An Roinn Cosanta,
Brainnse Airgeadais,
Coláiste Caoimhin,
Glasnaoidhean,

BAILE ATHA CLIATH.

22nd June 1951

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of recent date
in connection with your application under the Military Service
Pensions Act, 1934, I am directed by the Minister for Defence
to state that the completed Form of Petition submitted by
you has been forwarded to the Referee for attention.

When the findings of the Referee become available
you will be notified of the result as soon as possible.

Mise, le meas,

J. Joyce
a. RÚNAÍ.

Miss Letita Kelly

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James St
Westport

5th June 51

Dear Sir 739/51

Thank you for answering my letter.

I have been told it was necessary to apply for a war medal - in applying for a pension, & I knew nothing about it or that the time was limited to January 1950. I am a poor girl getting home assistance with which I pay my rent, & I cannot afford to buy the newspaper which leaves me without knowing these affairs, however, I have already sent in an application, & a statement to that department about a year ago. I applied for a Cumann-na mban pension some ten years ago, but my case was refused, by the then referee, I am 68 years & I would be very thankful even for a few shillings per week to help me live.

Yrs resptly

Letitia Kelly
James St
Westport Mayo.

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James st
Westport
26th May 51

Dear Sir

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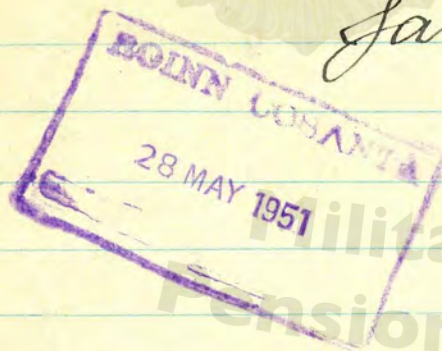
Will you please send me
a form of application to fill in
for the Cumann-na-mban
military Service pension. I applied
some years ago, & was refused. I have
already a statement sent in
but it is not on the prescribed
form,

Yrs resptly
Letitia Kelly

Address

Miss Letitia Kelly
James st

Westport
Mayo



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Dear Sirs

James st Westport
Co Mayo. 11 July 1950

I am a weekly tenant & has
nothing to live on but 7⁰⁰ 6 per week home
assistance with which I pay my rent
I was a dressmaker but I get no work
now as I am 67 years old & there is a
big number of dressmakers in this town

Yrs resptly
Letitia Kelly

Address 'Miss Letitia Kelly
James st
Westport Mayo.

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ROINN COINTE

3 JUN 1950

CLÁRLANN LÁR

James at
Westport
2nd Co Mayo
2nd June 1950

I applied for a
pension some years ago
under the Franchise and Government
but my claim was refused by the then referee
I am 67 years old now and in bad health
I have no income only a few shillings home-
assistance to pay my rent with. I was not
reared here, I am a weekly tenant, I was
reared in the country, Glenhest Newport
at the foot of the Slurragh, hills & near
Nephin hill, I helped in the Black & Tan
days every way I could to win freedom for
Ireland. I applied for a pension from this
address but was refused. I sent in a statement
written for me by the leader of our Brigade who
is now gone to England, I have not his address
now. When I was refused & my papers returned
I tore them all up as I thought the papers would
be no further use to me. Will you please tell
me do I come under any of the rules of the
military service pensions act or even a
charitable allowance from your Board
I am very poor, only able to pay my rent with
the home assistance I get weekly. I am 67
years now and if I had a little help for
a few years. I would be the age for the
old age pension then, please God, if I live
so long.

Yrs respectfully
Letitia Kelly

Address

Miss Letitia Kelly
James at
Westport
2nd Co Mayo

34/SP/61598

19 April, 1945.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 21st ultimo in connection with your application under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934, I am directed by the Minister for Defence to state that as you have already been afforded an opportunity of appealing against the findings of the Referee, it is regretted that a further appeal cannot be accepted in your case.

Mise, le meas,

a/s RÚNAIDHE.

Miss Letitia Kelly,
James Street,
Westport,
CO. MAYO.

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GUTHAN 76764.
(Telephone)

UIMHIR THAGARTA.
(Reference No.)

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Roinn Cosanta,
Brainnse Airgeadais,
Colaiste Caoimhin,
Glasnaoidhean,
Baile Atha Cliath.

A CHARA,

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UIMHIR THAGARTHA
(Reference No.)

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OIFIG AN RÉITEÓRA,
(OFFICE OF THE REFEREE),

BEAIRICÍ UÍ GRÍOBHTHA,
(GRIFFITH BARRACKS),

CUAR-BHÓTHAR THEAS,
(SOUTH CIRCULAR ROAD),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(DUBLIN).

9/9/39

ACHT NA bPINSEAN SEIRBHÍSE MÍLEATA, 1934.

(Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.)

Dear Sirs

James St
Westport
Co Mayo
21st March 1945

I sent in an application asking for a Cumann-na-mBán pension about 1939. but my case was thrown out by the Referee. I did not appeal it. The letter I got back with my papers said, that the Minister said, he regretted I did not get a certificate I belonged to the Cumann-na-mBán brigade commanded by Micheal Mangan. Cloonduff Glenhest. Newport, & we were followers of Mr. Micheal Kilroy ex T.D. I belong to Glenhest, a village, between the Skirdagh hills & Neppin hill. I lived in my mother's house at that time when the Republicans were on those hills, the days of the Black & Tans & the Free State soldiers were out against the Republicans. All my people were republicans from 1916. we did all we could to help the Republicans on the hills & off the hills. I knitted socks, subscribed, ran messages, gave food, & helped every way I could. I was out on the road watching for the republicans, the day Jim Moran was shot by the free state soldiers, there were hundreds of free state soldiers through Glenhest that day. it was not safe to go out that day. he was shot dead on the Skirdagh hills. I got a statement written by Micheal Mangan. Glenhest, about the help I gave, & it was signed by Micheal Kilroy ex T.D. I sent it on to Dublin in 1939, when I got my papers back & my case thrown out. I tore up that statement with all my papers & burned them all.

however, if my case will be re considered, I will try and ask them write it for me again to certify I am telling the truth. Even the last election when Mr. Michael Kilroy came in to ask for my vote for Emma Fiel. I said I would - he said you always gave it to us and you always will. he did not doubt me

I am 62 years now, a weekly tenant here, & it is only people of my age who remember the days of the republicans on the hills & the Black & Tans days can tell of events which occurred in those days gone by. ^{remember} Several events I shall always remember, but one simple one I shall tell you about. Before the first election when the people's names were taken for votes the man who was taking the names was a free stater, & and as he was going around with the demand notes for the rates, he skipped about ~~40~~ republicans ^{families} houses, he sent in the demand notes with children, or left them in neighbours houses who were free staters & did not take their names down for votes. At that time we did not understand it. There was no age-limit that time. I heard about the votes & I met that man. I made him write down my mother's name, & every name in the house, even my brother's child's name who was in the cradle. John Willie Kelly, my brother was in America, & when the register came back John Willie's name was down he had a vote at the age of $3\frac{1}{2}$ years. I carried John Willie on my back to the school. the first election & although there was a big argument between the Parties at the table - the republicans about a child voting,

won the argument. & John Willie was let vote
because his name was on the register, & is a
faithful follower of the Chianna Foul
party ever since
I am sending in this letter, perhaps my
case may be re-considered

Yours respectfully
Letitia Kelly

Address

Miss Letitia Kelly
James st
Westport
Co Mayo

Those addresses is the only part I kept
of the letters you sent me & the reference
No is on them, perhaps it may be of any
use to you, if you kept an account of the
applications

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10 FEB 1947

A CHARA,

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to refer to your application for a service certificate under the terms of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934, and to inform you that the Referee, to whom your application was referred, in accordance with the terms of Section 8 (1) of the Act, has reported that you are not a person to whom the Act applies. In the circumstances, the Minister regrets that he is unable to grant you a certificate of military service which would render you eligible for the award of a pension.

Mise, le meas,

10 FEB 1947
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Rúnaidhe.

Miss Delina Kelly
.....
James St.
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Westport Co. Mayo.
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James St
Westport
Co Mayo
31st Mar 1941

Dear Sirs

Roinn Coranta
Fáilte
3 APR 1941
Clárú na bairne
Ainmear

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I would be very
thankful. if you would please
send me a few applications
forms for the Cumma-na-
mban Pensions.

Yrs resptly
L. Kelly

'Miss' Letitia Kelly
James St
Westport
Mayo.

N.T.
Please issue

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