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Leahill (nee King) Rena

1, Western Lee,
Monaghan.

F3A	11/7/45
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1 Previous papers under—			
(a) Army Pensions Act, 1923			
(b) " " " 1927			
(c) " " " 1932			
(d) Military Service Pensions Act, 1924	SP/		
(e) Military Tribunal			
2 M.S.P./34/1 issued to applicant			
3 " returned by "			
4 " " to " for further particulars or completion	1/M/63/		
5 M.S.P./34/1 returned by applicant			
(a) Memorandum issued re 1924 Act			
6 R.C.8/SP/34 issued		12/7/45. RM	
7 M.S.P./34/1 and M.S.P./34/2 to Referee		16/7/45. RM	16 JUL 1945
8 M.S.P./34/2 returned by Referee	MSP34 Ref./	2/4/47	PK
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			

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Letter to
Mr Egan on

25 SEP 1945

24/9/46 AIC

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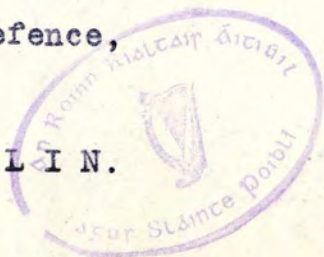
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Oscar Traynor, Esq., T.D.,
Minister for Defence,
Parkgate,
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Garda Síochána,
Newtownforbes,
Co Longford,
18th March 1947

E. Childers Esq. T.D.
Parliamentary Sec.
Dublin,

Re Application for Certificate Cumman Na mBan
service Mrs Rena Cahill, I Westenra Terrace, Monaghan.

Further to the conversation which I had with you on the 16th inst regarding the above matter I am giving you details setting out my wife's requirements.

Mrs Rena Cahill applied for a Certificate of Military service and gave evidence in support of her claim. There are five witnesses residing in Co Mayo who are in a position to give evidence in support of her claim :-

- (1) Capt James Malone The Yews, Westport Road, Castlebar
- (2) Mr Edward Moran, Drumindoo, Westport
- (3) Mr Thomas Heavey, Commercial Hotel, Ballina
- Mr Patrick Kelly, Castlebar Road, Westport
- (5) Mr William Malone, Breaffy, Castlebar

No 2 Mr Edward Moran is almost blind and would not be able to travel alone to Dublin to give evidence.

My wife applied on two or three occasions for Travelling warrants to convey the witnesses to Dublin to give evidence but was informed that there was not any provision for the issue of the warrants unless specifically summoned by the Referee.

I would be very grateful if you would use your good offices to have the witnesses named summoned by the Referee so that the travelling warrants would issue. My wife has already travelled twice to Dublin to give evidence at her own expense, as I mentioned to you on Sunday she suffered a good deal during the 1916 - '22 period as in addition to seeing her home burned as a reprisal, the stock on the farm bayoneted by the Tans, the younger members of family having to flee to U.S.A. the crowning tragedy occurred when her brother was killed in September 1922.

I appreciate that I am asking a great deal from you not knowing you previously but I heard such good accounts of you since I came to Co Longford that I was tempted to trouble you in this matter.

As I mentioned to you on Sunday it would mean a great deal to my wife to have this

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matter fixed up to her satisfaction and it certainly would convince her that the old comrades had forgiven her for anything done by her which might have caused bitterness in the Civil War period.

Yours very sincerely,

Michael Cahill

- (1) Capt James Malone, The Yew, Westport Road, Galway
- (2) Mr James Moran, Trumador, Westport
- (3) Mr Thomas Heavey, Grosvenor Hotel, Dublin
- (4) Mr Patrick Kelly, Dingle Road, Westport
- (5) Mr William Malone, Breeilly, Galway

My dear Edward Moran is almost blind and would not be able to travel alone to Dublin to give evidence. My wife and I on two or three occasions for travelling wanted to convey the witnesses to Dublin to give evidence but the witnesses were not in a position to do so. I would be very grateful if you would use your good offices to have the witnesses named summoned by the Referee so that the travelling witnesses would issue. My wife and I already travelled twice to Dublin to give evidence at my own expense, as I mentioned to you on Sunday the 26th a good deal during the 1916-17 period as in addition to seeing her home burned as a reprisal, the attack on the two pavilions by the Tans, the younger members of family having to flee to U.S.A. the growing tragedy occurred when her brother was killed in September 1922. I would be very grateful if you would deal with you not having your own money but I have such good accounts of you since I have to apologise that I was unable to provide this matter. As I mentioned to you on Sunday the 26th I would be very grateful to have this

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[Signature]

OIFIG AN RÚNAÍ PHÁRLAIMINTE
(Office of the Parliamentary Secretary)

ROINN RIALTAIS ÁITIÚIL ~~AGUS STAIRÉ POIBLÍ~~
(Department of Local Government ~~AND PUBLIC WORKS~~)

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH M.8
(Dublin, C.8)

21st March, 1947.

Dear Oscar,

A Gárda Sergeant in County Longford had a long conversation with me in regard to his wife's application for a Cumann na nBan pension, and I have ascertained since from other informants that without question she is entitled to a pension. I gather that she has revealed extraordinary political bitterness which has prevented her from conducting her application in a reasonable way. You will find in the file correspondence from Tom Derrig showing that he took a great interest in her application and, regardless of her post-Truce attitude, felt that she was genuinely entitled to sympathetic consideration. As you will see from the enclosed letter she has had difficulties in regard to witnesses, and these difficulties are also the subject of comment by Tom Derrig. It would appear that the Referee has not allowed travelling warrants to be issued and I do consider that you should make a very great effort to see whether such facilities can be arranged.

I do not know Mrs. Cahill, but I took an instant liking for her husband and feel that he is quite genuine in his attitude towards his wife's difficulties.

Yours very sincerely,

[Signature]

Oscar Traynor, Esq., T.D.,
Minister for Defence.

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18 Aibreán, 1947.

Dear Erskine,

I have your letter of the 21st ultimo on behalf of Sergeant Michael Cahill, Garda Síochána, Newtownforbes, Co. Longford, whose wife, Rena Cahill, 1, Westerra Terrace, Monaghan, has applied under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

The position is as indicated in Mr. Cahill's letter. Travelling Warrants are only issued to those witnesses summoned by the Referee. The type of witness summoned by the Referee usually is a member of a Brigade Committee competent to give evidence on claims from a Brigade Area.

In all other cases witnesses must defray their own expenses. You will appreciate that if the expenses of all witnesses were to be defrayed from the Army Pensions Vote the amount involved would be very considerable, seeing that in Mrs. Cahill's case the expenses of 5 witnesses and an escort would have to be defrayed.

As regards the summoning of these witnesses, I regret I have no jurisdiction in the matter, which is entirely one for the Referee, and under sub-section (4) of Section 2 of the Military Service Pensions (Amendment) Act, 1945, he cannot be compelled to summon these witnesses.

Yours sincerely,

HC
gm
Erskine H. Childers, Esq., T.D.,
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health,
Dublin.

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Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 34 S.P./...61499.

Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee — 60416

To :

THE REFEREE.

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

..... Mrs. Rena Cahill,
 1, Westima Ave. Monaghan
 for a Service Certificate.

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

..... S. A. W. Macdonald
 Referee.

Date..... 16 July 1945.

To :

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

..... Lady Mac Donagh
 Referee.

Date..... 2. 10. 47.

1. Is the Applicant a person to whom the Act applies?..... No
2. If so, total actual service in the different service periods, as established (1).....
 (2)..... (3)..... (4).....
 (5)..... (6)..... (7).....
 (8)..... (9)..... (10).....
3. Total service for pension purposes as defined by Second Schedule of the Act.....
 years.
4. Grade or rank, quoting relevant paragraph of First Schedule under which allowed : —
 - (a) On first critical date Grade..... para.....
 - (b) On second critical date Grade..... para.....
 - (c) Was applicant a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921.....
 - (d) Does applicant's case fall under either of the following sub-paragraphs, and, if so, which, viz., sub-paragraph (j) of paragraph 3 of Rule I. of First Schedule

 or under sub-paragraph (m) of paragraph 4 of Rule I. of First Schedule, as a Medical Officer.....

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

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.....

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

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

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

(3) State—

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

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

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

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

(3) State—

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

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

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9. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1917, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1918.

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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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10. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1918, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1919.

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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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11. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1919, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1920.

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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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12. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1920, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1921.

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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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13. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1921, AND ENDING ON THE 11TH DAY OF JULY, 1921.

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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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

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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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

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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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

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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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GUTHAN 75641.
(Telephone.)

UIMHIR THAGARHTA
(Reference No.)



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

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24 April 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,

24 APR 1947

J. H.

afs Rúnai

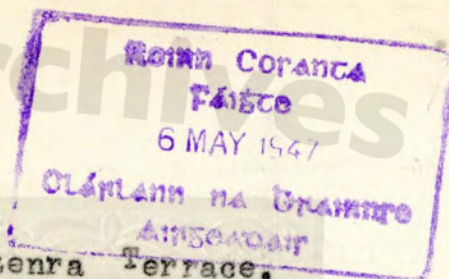
Wm

Mr Rena Cahill

1 Western Terrace

Monaghan

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S P 6I499

I Westenra Terrace,
Monaghan,
29th April 1947

S.P. 6I409

I have received your communication dated the 24th April 1947 informing me that the Minister for Defence regrets that he is unable to grant me a certificate of military service .

I am appealing from this decision on the grounds that (1) on the evidence placed before the referee I was entitled to a certificate and (2) that evidence of former members of the I.R. A. who were able to give evidence in support of my claim were not summoned by the Referee to attend before him although statements of their evidence had been placed before him and an application made by me for travelling warrants to convey them from their home to the sittings of the Board, (3) that fresh evidence has become available now this evidence was not available when the claim was being heard by the Referee .

Rena Cahill

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To
The Referee

Military Service Pensions Board,

Griffith Barracks,

Dublin

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Roimh Coranca
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6 MAY 1947
CLÁFLANN NA BRÁNN
ANISGADAIR

Roimh Coranca
5 BEAL 1947
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To The Secretary
Minister for Defence,
Dublin

Rena Cahill

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An Roinn Cosanta,
Brainnse Air, eadais,
Colaiste Caoimhin,
Glasnaoidhean,
Baile Atha Cliath.

6 May 1947

A Chara,

With reference to your letter
of the 29th ultimo regarding
your application
under the Military Service Pensions Act,
1934, I am directed by the Minister for
Defence to state that the Referee
reported that you are
not a person to whom the Act applies.

Under the terms of Section 5 of
the Military Service Pensions (Amendment)
Act, 1945, the Minister's power to
request the Referee to review his report
in your case has been
withdrawn, and the findings contained
in the report viz. that you are
not a person to whom the Act applies, are
now final and conclusive.

It is regretted, therefore, that
no further action is possible in the
case.

Mrs Rena Cahill
1 Westmorea Lee
Moneaghan

Mise, le meas,

RÚNÁI.

110 MAY 1947

