

ROINN

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NÁ CURTEAR ÉANTUAIRISC AR AN ICLÚDAIC SO.

Pó-Roinn.

Tá annso, leis,

An Uimhir

An Snó
R30 Appeal

J
Westport Cramban.
3rd Lt. W. Mayo

60416

An Uimhir de Roinn
Eile

babill Rena (mrs) nee Ring,
1, Westmore Lu.,
Monaghan.

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<i>hall</i>	<i>10/7/45</i>				
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<i>Ronan</i>	<i>1/10/46</i>				
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<i>McGill</i>	<i>22/10/46</i>				
<i>Secy</i>	<i>22/10</i>				
<i>BF 19/11/46</i>					
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<i>Ronan</i>	<i>25/11</i>				
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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 his signature witnessed. The completed form must reach the Minister for Defence on or before the 30th June, 1945. 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)..... CAHILL RENA.....
SURNAME. CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS..... 1 WESTENRA TERRACE.....
(to be written in block capitals). MONAGHAN.....

NOTE.—Before answering the questions below, the applicant is requested to note that :

(a) This form is divided into three parts. Part I. is to be completed where the applicant had, in addition to the required pre-Truce Service, Service in the Forces in the period commencing the 1st July, 1922. Part II. is to be completed where the applicant's qualifying service in the Forces was pre-Truce only. Only one of those two parts is to be completed by any one applicant. Part III. is of general application and should be completed by all applicants.

(b) Before completing particulars as to rank the applicant should read carefully the First Schedule to the Act and also the definitions of the expressions "first critical date" and "second critical date" which are appended to this form for the information of applicants. He should then complete his replies to the questions in the terms of Rules 1 and 2 of the First Schedule which are applicable to his case, e.g. :—

- was " a Divisional Adjutant " or
- was " a Battalion Quartermaster whose Battalion was (at the critical date) not less than one hundred in strength," or
- was " an officer of Fianna Eireann commanding one hundred members or more."

If applicant's case falls within either Rule 3 or Rule 4 of the First Schedule full particulars of the claim as required by those Rules should be given, if necessary, in a separate statement.

(c) All statements made in this application will be carefully investigated, and satisfactory evidence must be forthcoming on request to substantiate each and every statement made.

(d) " If any person with a view to obtaining either for himself or any other person a grant or payment of a pension under this Act, makes, signs, or uses any declaration, application or other written statement knowing the same to be false, such person shall be guilty of an offence under this section and shall be liable on summary conviction thereof to a fine not exceeding £25 (twenty-five pounds) or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or at the discretion of the Court to both such fine and imprisonment." (Sec. 19 (1) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934).

- (e) "If any person so convicted as aforesaid is in receipt of a pension obtained by reason of such false declaration, application, or other written statement he shall forfeit such pension as from the date of such conviction." (Sec. 19 (2) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934).

If the applicant is unable to read, the above note should be read to him by the witness.

SERVICE IN THE FORCES, THAT IS IN THE FOLLOWING MILITARY BODIES, OGLAIGH NA h-EIREANN (IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY) OR IN THE IRISH VOLUNTEERS OR IN THE IRISH CITIZEN ARMY OR IN FIANNA EIREANN OR IN THE HIBERNIAN RIFLES OR IN CUMANN NA mBAN.

For each of the periods set out in Parts I. and II. in which you claim to have rendered active service, state the name of the unit or units, name and address of the O/C., the names and addresses of three reputable references who can verify your service.

The following circumstances shall not be deemed to constitute a breach in the continuity of service :—

- (a) Absence from duty following arrest, imprisonment, internment, or deportation under the Defence of the Realm Act, 1914, the Restoration of Order in Ireland Act, 1920, or any regulations made thereunder ;
- (b) Absence from duty following arrest, imprisonment, or penal servitude in respect of sedition, treason or treason felony prior to 11th July, 1921 ;
- (c) Absence from duty by reason of duties necessitating such absence undertaken at the instance of or on behalf of the Cabinet of the First Dail Eireann or of the Second Dail Eireann ;
- (d) Absence from duty while under arrest, as a result of activities as a member of the Forces.

If you claim to have been absent from duty under these conditions, give particulars of the circumstances with respect to each such period of absence, and state its duration.

PART I.

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANTS WHO HAD PRE AND POST TRUCE SERVICE IN THE FORCES * AS FOLLOWS :—

- (a) who served in the Forces at any time during the week commencing on the 23rd day of April, 1916,
- or
- (b) who served in the Forces continuously during either of the following periods, the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1920, and ending on the 31st day of March, 1921,
- or
- (c) the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1921, and ending on the 11th day of July, 1921,
- and in addition*
- who served in the Forces at any time during the period commencing on the 1st day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923.

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

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

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

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

(b) Unit or Units..... Westport - Gremann na mBan

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

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

..... Co Mayo

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

(f) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? ... Conveying
2 messages for Joseph Mc Bride (R.I.P.) etc.

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

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

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

Broddie Malone, Fair Green Westport - now Officer
NAME. in Defence Forces ADDRESS.

..... Charles Hughes (Knapet), Bridge St. Westport

..... Thomas Derrig, Y.D. Minister for Education

..... John Gibbons, formerly Quay Rd. Westport -
now residing in Dublin address not known

(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..... Westport - Gremann na mBan

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... 1st April 1916 to 31st March
1917

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

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

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? ... collecting
funds, sending parcels, clothing, food,
cigarettes to Vol. Prisoners interned in Frongoch

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... organising concerts & dances to

..... raise funds for prisoners

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

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

NAME. ADDRESS.

Edward moane ex 7 D Sandy Hill Westport
Charles Hughes (Wreaper) Bridge St Westport
Brodie malone formerly Fair Green Westport
now Officer in Defence Forces John Gibbons formerly
Quay Rd Westport

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

(a) Unit or Units..... Westport- buman na mban

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

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

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

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

Organising Concerts, Dances, Collections to raise funds to purchase arms and equipment for Vol.

(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.

Edward moane ex 7 D Sandy Hill Westport
Charles Hughes (Wreaper) Westport Brodie malone formerly
Fair Green Westport now Officer in Defence Forces John Gibbons
formerly Quay Rd Westport Thomas heavy barrabawn Westport
now believed in land service

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

(a) Unit or Units..... Westport- buman na mban

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

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

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

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

Collecting money to purchase arms & equipment and sending clothes, cigarettes etc to Volunteers & prisoners in Belfast-jail

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

Removed Rifle Ammunition and hand grenades property of my brother Joe King (R.I.P) from Drumindoo to a hiding place at Attapoun-St-
 (g) ~~Absence from duty and cause~~ Westport and made bandages haversacks and first-aid equipment for Irish Volunteers

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Red Moran Drumindoo Westport Brodie Malone
 formerly Fair Green Westport - John Libbrows Quay Road
 Westport - Thomas Kerrig, Y.D. Minister for Education
 Edward Moane ex Y.B. Barrabawn Westport

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

(a) Unit or Units..... Westport Cumann na mBan

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... 1st April 1919 to 31st March 1920

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

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

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

first-aid equipment for Irish Vol. & knitting socks for Irish Vol.

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

carrying despatches for Irish volunteers

(g) Absence from duty and cause... ~~Same as no 4 and 5~~

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Same as no 4 and 5

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

(a) Unit or Units..... Westport Cumann na mBan

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

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

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

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

Vol despatches carrying amm'n, explosives and chemicals for Irish Vol.

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

the period. *Carrying amm'n. hand grenades*

from Westport to Kilmeena Aughagower

Carrow Kennedy Drummond Ayle and

Ballinver for the A. S. U., Intelligence work concerning movements of R. I. C. and auxiliaries

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Michael Kerry ex I.D. Newport Edward Moore

ex I.D. Edward Moran Drummond Brodie Malone

Fair Green Westport Tom Heavry Carrabawn B/ Supt

F Burke Garda Martin Murray Garda Sullying

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

(a) Unit or Units. *Westport Curran na mBan*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service. *entire period*

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

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

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

despatches arms amm'n explosives first-aid equip- ment cigarettes socks under clothing for A. S. U.

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

the period. *Carried three revolvers from Carrabawn to*

a place of safety at Drummond after

Carrow Kennedy ambush. Carried medicine

and clothing to sick members of A. S. U.

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Michael Kilroy ex Y 10.	Edward Mounse ex Y 10.
Boodie Malone Fair Green Westport.	Edward Moran
W. Munnado	Martin Mulroy
to banan.	Garda Sulby
	Supt. F. Burke Garda

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Westport Cumann na mbán*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *entire period*

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

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

(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.....

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

(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.....

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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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PART II.

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANTS WHOSE QUALIFYING SERVICE IN THE FORCES* WAS PRE-TRUCE ONLY, i.e.:-

(a) who served in the Forces at any time during the week commencing on the 23rd day of April, 1916,

or

(b) who served in the Forces continuously during the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1921, and ending on the 11th day of July, 1921.

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

(a) Did you render active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916? If so, from what date in that week..... *23 - 4 - 16*

(b) Unit or Units..... *Westport Cumann na mBan*

(c) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *whole week*

(d) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... *Westport area, Bartlebar area*

(e) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Joseph Mc Bride (R.I.P.)*

(f) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... *Carrying messages and dispatches for O/L Joseph Mc Bride*

(g) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the week..... *Carrying dispatches from O/L to members of Irish Volunteers who were on active service, storing arms property of members of Irish Volunteers*

(h) Absence from duty and cause..... *None*

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

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Capt Broddie Malone	Defence Forces
Charles Hughes	Bridge St Westport
John Gibbons	family Quay Rd Westport (now Dublin)
Thomas O'Leary	J. D. Minister for Education
Edward Moran	in T. D. Carrabawn Westport Leo Mayo

(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..... Westport Cumann na mBan

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

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... Westport Co Mayo area

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

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

money for various funds, sending clothing cigarettes etc to I. B. persons interned in

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

England the period..... Organized concerts etc to raise

funds, purchased and sent parcels of clothing, food, and cigarettes to I. B. persons interned in England, steady work for members

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... None

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Edward Moran	in T. D. (Sandy Hill) Carrabawn Westport
Charles Hughes	Diaper Bridge St Westport, Capt Broddie
Malone	Defence Forces, John Gibbons family Quay
John Gibbons	family Quay Rd Westport now residing in Dublin, Thomas Healy
Thomas Healy	family Carrabawn Westport now Civil Service
Edward Moran	Drumcree

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

(a) Unit or Units..... Westport Cumann na mBan

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

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

Leo Mayo area

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

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... *Organizing*
committees etc. to raise funds for Irish Volunteers.....

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during
the period..... *Raising funds for Irish*
Volunteers and making first aid
equipment for Irish Volunteers.....

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... *None*.....

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Edward Moran</i>	<i>J.D. Carralawn Westport</i>
<i>Charles Hughes</i>	<i>Bridge St. Westport Co Mayo</i>
<i>Coapt. Brodhee Malone</i>	<i>Dee Road, Foxes</i>
<i>Thomas Heary</i>	<i>formerly Carralawn Westport, now Dept. Dublin</i>
<i>Edward Moran</i>	<i>Druminoo Westport</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Westport Company no no Ban*.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *Entire period*.....

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... *Westport*
Co Mayo area.....

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

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... *Organizing*
committees to raise funds for Irish Vols......

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during
the period..... *Making first aid equipment for*
Irish Volunteers sending clothing, regatta, food etc
to Irish Volunteers prisoners in Belfast Jail,
collecting funds for Irish Volunteers.....

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... *None*.....

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Edward Moran Drummond	Westport, Co. Mayo
Edward Moore	T. D. Linnabawn Westport
Charles Hughes	Bridge St. Westport (Drapery)
John Gibbons	formerly Quay Rd. Westport (now Dublin)
Thomas Heavy	formerly Linnabawn Westport (now Civil Service)
Thomas Duggan	T. D. Minister for Education

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

(a) Unit or Units..... Westport Linnabawn no urban

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

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

area

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

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

to urban duties generally

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

the period..... Making first aid equipment for Irish
volunteers; intelligence work for I.R.A. collecting
funds for I.R.A. carrying despatches for Irish
volunteers; sending clothing food & cigarettes to
Irish volunteer prisoners; carrying arms and ammunition
for I.R.A.

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... None

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Edward Moran Drummond	Westport
Edward Moore	T. D. Linnabawn Westport
Thomas Heavy	formerly Linnabawn now Civil Service
Charles Hughes	Bridge St. Westport
Thomas Duggan	T. D. Minister for Education
Michael Kelroy	T. D. Westport Co. Mayo

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

(a) Unit or Units..... Westport Linnabawn no urban

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

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

and South Mayo

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

I.R.A.

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

despatches ammunition grenades etc for I.R.A. Intelligence work for I.R.A.

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

the period *carried ammunition & grenades from,*

Westport Co. Kerry, Ballinacorney, Aughasown Drumindoo, Carron Kennedy for I.R.A. carried despatches for I.R.A. made first aid equipment for I.R.A. sending clothing food cigarettes to I.R.A. prisoners in British garrisons and

(g) Absence from duty and cause *None*

to members of I.R.A. flying columns or A.S.U.

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

- | NAME. | ADDRESS |
|----------------|---|
| Michael Kilroy | J.D. Newport Co Mayo |
| Edward Moran | Drumindoo, Westport Co Mayo |
| Capt Broddie | Malone Defence Force |
| Thomas Henry | family Carrabawn Westport (now living in Seaside) |
| Charles Hughes | Draper Bridge St Westport |
| Thomas Denny | J.D. Minister for Education |

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

(a) Unit or Units *Westport Cumann na nBan*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service *Entire period*

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

and North Mayo

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance *Self*

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

ammun. explosives first aid equipment despatches socks clothing cigarettes for members of I.R.A. flying columns or A.S.U.

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

the period *carried three revolvers from Carrabawn*

to Drumindoo carried medicine and clothing to sick members of I.R.A. columns or A.S.U. made bandages and first aid equipment for I.R.A. sent parcels to I.R.A. members in prison

(g) Absence from duty and cause *None*

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

- | NAME. | ADDRESS |
|----------------|--|
| Martin Mulroy | Garda Síochána July 1921 Seaside |
| Edward Moran | Drumindoo, Westport Co Mayo |
| Michael Kilroy | J.D. Newport Co Mayo |
| Thomas Henry | family Carrabawn now living in Seaside |
| Edward Moran | Drumindoo Westport |
| Charles Hughes | Draper Bridge St Westport |
| Thomas Denny | T.D. Minister for Education |
| Capt Broddie | Malone Defence Force |

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.

*O/C Westport Gunmen no
number*

(b) On second critical date.

*O/C Westport Gunmen
no number*

References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Charles Hughes</i>	<i>Bridge St Westport</i>
<i>Edward Moran</i>	<i>Drumcree Westport</i>
<i>Martin Mulroy</i>	<i>Garda Station Sallygreen no leaman</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.

No

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

Did not apply

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

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

If so, with what result.

no

(5). Have you applied for, or are you in receipt of Unemployment Assistance under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1933 ? If so, quote the number of your qualification certificate

no

(6). Were you a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921 ? If so, give the dates between which you served.....

no

(7). Are you now, or were you at any time during the period for which you claim service, in receipt of any remuneration, or allowance payable out of public moneys, whether provided by the Oireachtas or out of the Central Fund, or by means of the poor rate or any other rate imposed by a local authority, state details.

no

(8). Are you in receipt of any pension in respect of service :—

- (a) As a member of the Civil Service.
- (b) As a member of the Garda Síochána.
- (c) As a member of any other Police Force.
- (d) As a member of the Prisons Service.
- (e) As a National School Teacher.
- (f) As a Secondary School Teacher.

- (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.

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

*Rena Cahill formerly
Rena Ring*

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

Michael Cahill

Address of Witness.....

*Garda Siochána
Mounsgbar*

Qualification.....

member Garda Siochána

Date.....

28th June 1945

* 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 Siochána.
- 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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Ronn Coronea
F4500
30 JUN 1945

No 1 Westerra Terrace,
Monaghan,
27th June 1945

The Minister for Pensions,
In connection with attached application for
a Service Certificate which I have completed I would like to place the
following facts before you.

My deceased brother Joseph Ring was a member of the Irish
Volunteers and took part in the Easter week rising along with other
members of Westport Company, he was arrested by the British authorities
and deported to England where he was detained until Christmas 1918.
During this period I was engaged in various activities raising funds
for the Prisoners fund, providing parcels of food underclothing etc
and sending them to the prisoners. During the same period
I took care of firearms and ammun property of my deceased brother and
kept them oiled and clean.

In October 1918 the Resident
Magistrate at Westport Mr Milling was shot dead he had sentenced some
Republican prisoners to gaol a short time previously, my deceased
brother was arrested and lodged in Mellist gaol along with other men
I again secured the arms etc which he had hidden away from his home
and kept them safe until he was released.

Later my deceased
brother Joseph took part in several engagements with the British forces
and was much sought after by the R.I.C. and Auxaliries, during some
of the periods I resided in Westport town and the house where I was
then residing was searched on very many occasions.

During
this period in addition to carrying out the ordinary work of a member
of Cumann na mBan I was an agent for the receipt of important I.R.A.
despatches some of which came from Dublin per I.R.A. members who were
employed by the Railway Company, in almost all cases I delivered the
despatches to my brother the late Joseph Ring even when with others he
was a member of a flying column or active service unit which operated
in South Mayo.

On four occasions I conveyed material for
the making of grenades and explosives from Westport to different places
in the area and handed it over to members of the I.R.A. On
another occasion I conveyed ammunition for revolvers from Westport to
the flying column and handed it over to my deceased brother. I
also conveyed grenades and other materials from Westport to members of
the I.R.A. in different parts of the area.

In addition to the names of references which I have given
on attached claim form there are other old I.R.A. men who could verify
the particulars given.

The two persons with whom I had most
of the transactions are now dead my brother Joseph and Edward Duify
of Westport who was afterwards an Officer in the Garda Siochana.

I had personal reasons for not making this claim earlier
and if necessary I can give them.

I might add that the house in which my family lived was
burned as a reprisal early in 1921, and that my brother Joseph Ring
was killed in an ambush in 1922 while serving with the National Army.

Mrs. Rina Cahill formerly
Rina Ring

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F.5.

Please associate your file, if any, . If none, mark "no trace" and return.

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F.3.

"Medal" file attached.

"No trace" from particulars furnished.

L. Wey

PLEASE COMPLETE REPLIES AND RETURN EARLY

Ref. 60416

OIFIG AN RÉITEÓRA,
14, Ardán Phuir an Tarla,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH.

30 Sam 1945.

ACHT NA bPINSEAN SEIRBHÍSE MÍLBATA, 1934.

A Chara,

With reference to your recent application under the above Act, please state: -

REPLY

(1) have you made a previous application under the Act ... _____

if so, quote reference number of such application _____

and/or

address from which it was made _____

(2) have you applied for military service medal _____

if so, quote reference number of such application _____

and/or

address from which it was made _____

A postage-free envelope is enclosed for your reply, which should be forwarded on this form within seven days of above date.

Mise, le meas,

Ryan

RÚNAÍ.

Mrs. Rena. Cahill,
1, Westerra Lee,
Monaghan,

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Signature → Mrs. Rena Cahill

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Ry

RÚNAÍ.

Mrs. Rena Cahill
1 Westersa Terrace
Monaghan

Ref. No.

60416

OIFIG AN RÉITEÓRA,
Bearric Uí Ghriobhtha,
Baile Átha Cliath.

1 July 1946.

ACT NA BRITSEAN SEIRCHÍSE MÍLEATA, 1934.

A Chára,

With reference to your application for a Service Certificate in accordance with the terms of the above Act, I am directed by the Referee to request you to attend at this Office at 10.30 AM o'clock, on Friday the 12th day of July 1946, FOR EXAMINATION ON OATH BEFORE THE REFEREE, in connection therewith.

I am also to request you to arrange for the attendance, on the same date, of any witnesses whose evidence you may wish to adduce in support of your application. Your attendance and that of your witnesses is very desirable, so that all the evidence in your case should be available to the Referee and Advisory Committee at this sitting, to enable the Referee to conclude his investigation of your application. If you fail to attend, the Referee may proceed with the investigation in your absence.

I am to point out that no claim in respect of your travelling expenses or any other expenses incurred by you, or by any witnesses other than those summoned by the Referee, can be entertained, and that Section 8(4) of the Act prescribes that the onus of proof shall rest on the applicant.

Trise, le meas,

[Handwritten signature]

RÚNÍ

Mrs Rosa Cahill

1, Westmore Terrace

Mosneyham

Attended

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SWORN EVIDENCE GIVEN BEFORE REFEREE AND
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON 12th JULY, 1946,
BY RENA CAHILL (NEE RING) - REF. 60416.

Also present:-

Mr. Michael Kilroy
Mr. John Gibbons

MR. GILL:

- Q. Is that your application form for a pension?
A. Mr. Derrig, Minister for Education, would come, but he has a meeting this morning; but he will write later on.
- Q. Is that your application fom for a pension (INDICATES DOCUMENT)?
A. Yes. I am terribly nervous. It is a long time to go back - 30 years.
- Q. That is the first application you have made for a pension?
A. Yes.
- Q. Did you ever join Cumann na mBan?
A. Yes.
- Q. When was that?
A. 1916.
- Q. You were living then in Westport town?
A. Yes.
- Q. Had you any service during Easter Week proper?
A. Yes - after the boys being arrested.
- Q. Had you any service during Easter Week, that is, the week beginning April 23rd, 1916?
A. When would the boys be arrested.
- Q. Saturday or Sunday?
A. Sometime at the end of the week they were arrested. The morning of the day they were arrested, they were taken to Castlebar. There was a railway man - we had a publichouse, "The Railway Tavern", and this railway man used drink there; and they told me there was a train going over in the morning to take prisoners from Castlebar to an unknown destination; I saw my brother pass up by the door; I was a sister of Joe Ring, you know; I saw them going up in the morning; and I knew they had nothing with them only what they had on them; so they told me that they were going out in the morning, that they had orders to take the empty train from Westport to Castlebar(?). I said "Would you take me along in the train?" They said the cars were all locked, but if I wished to go in the Guard's van, I could go over. So I collected some underclothes and some cigarettes; and I went over in the morning on the guard's van; and the driver stopped the train just where the prisoners were in the

A/ the centre, because the whole place was covered with soldiers, every place, in Castlebar. So I just got off where the prisoners were and handed the parcels to them; and I was taken outside immediately and asked how I got there. But, when I got home, I collected Joe's revolver; he had an old revolver at home; and I took it and put it away safely for him; and I had it until he came back.

Q. On the form you have: "Conveying Irish Volunteer messages for Joe McBride" Was that during the weekx proper?

A. No.

Q. Before Easter Week?

A. Yes. That shouldn't be down at all, as a matter of fact. It didn't come into it.

Q. Had you any service at all during Easter Week?

A. No - only just what I am telling you.

Q. After Easter Week you had usual Cumann na mBan activities - collecting funds, sending parcels clothing, foods, cigarettes to Volunteer prisoners interned in Frongoch, organising concerts and dances to raise funds for prisoners?

A. Parcels foods, cigarettes, making outfits.

Q. '17/'18 - the usual - organising concerts, dances, collections to raise funds to purchase arms and equipment for Volunteers?

A. Yes.

Q. From 1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919 - collecting money to purchase arms and equipment and sending clothes, cigarettes, etc., to Volunteer prisoners in Belfast jail?

A. Yes.

Q. And, after that, you have in Period 4.: "Removed rifle, ammunition and hand grenades, property of my brother, Joe Ring, from Drumindoo to a hiding place at Altamount Street, Westport -

A. Yes.

Q. - and made bandages, haversacks and first-aid equipment"?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you remove that rifles as early as 1918/19? Would it be a later date - in the Tan War - that you had the rifle taken from Drumindoo to Altamount Street?

A. Yes, it was 1918 - when Mr. Melling, the R.M. was shot. He was shot when he was changing the clock at one time.(?) It was at that time - he had one at home, and I took it.

Q. You/

Q. You say in a statement here that: "In October 1918 the Resident Magistrate at Westport, Mr. Milling, was shot dead; he had sentenced some Republican prisoners to jail a short time previously; my deceased brother was arrested and lodged in Belfast jail along with other men; I again secured the arms, etc., which he had hidden away from his home, and kept them safe until he was released"?

A. Yes, so I did.

Q. You also mention in the statement here: "During the same period" - that is, about 1916 and 1917 - "I took care of firearms and ammunition, property of my deceased brother, and kept them oiled and clean". Is that the revolver and the rifle you referred to?

A. Yes.

Q. Had you any other carrying of arms about that time?

A. Not during that time - not until 1920 and Tan time.

Q. In the 5th Period you have on your form: "Making first-aid equipment for Irish Volunteers and knitting socks for Irish Volunteers"?

A. Yes.

Q. Had you anything else, by the way, apart from that type of service in the area? You also mention carrying despatches in 1919?

A. In the end of 1919 - yes.

Q. What happened then?

A. They held meetings in my home, out in Drumindoo where my parents lived. The I.R.A. held meetings out there.

Q. Were you living there?

A. I was living in Westport, but I went in and out home. My parents lived in the country, and I used go in and out there. On one occasion they had a meeting and they were called out; there were scouts out, or something; and they thought there was going to be a raid, and came up, put a head into the window and shouted to the boys to leave there; they thought the police or something were coming along to make a raid; all they did was to snatch a few papers and run - and left hammers and things behind them on the table (?); and I took them away with me and hended them up the next day.

Q. When did you start carrying despatches?

A. 1920.

Q. And the same is true of carrying grenades and ammunition?

A. Yes - all 1920.

Q. 6th Period - your forms says: "Carrying ~~xxxxxxx~~ Volunteer despatches; carrying ammunition/

- Q/ "ammunition, explosives and chemicals for Irish Volunteers"?
- A. Yes.
- Q. "Carrying ammunition, hand grenades from Westport to Kilmeena, Aughagower, Carrow-kennedy-
- A. Not Carrowkennedy - not as far as Carrow-kennedy.
- Q. "- Drumindoo, Ayle and Ballinvoy for the A.S.U.; Intelligence work concerning movements of R.I.C. and Auxiliaries". You were living at this time in Westport still, and working there?
- A. Yes.
- Q. In whose shop were you working?
- A. I was living with a grandaunt really. My home was turned out there in 1920.
- Q. You lived all the time with your grand-aunt?
- A. Yes. They raided the house in the country and they came in and raided the house in town - every day and every night, and fired into it continuously.
- Q. What were you working at in Westport?
- A. I wasn't working there in Westport. I was staying there with the aunt during this time. She was an old woman and I just went in to stay with her.
- Q. When was your house in the country burned? : MR. McCOY
- A. 1920.
- Q. What time in 1920?
- A. -
- Q. Your statement here says - burned early 1921 as a reprisal? ; MR. GILL
- A. Yes.
- I remember my own was burned in 1921; and : MR. KILROY
I am just thinking it would be about the same time. I wouldn't put a date on it, but I believe it must have been 1921.
- Q. Where did you mainly live during the Tan War - Westport or Drumindoo? : MR. GILL
- A. Both places, until we had to leave the place in Drumindoo; we had to leave it then, you see.
- Of course, Joe was out early on active : MR. KILROY
service and not living there; I mean, before it was burned.
- Q. Were meetings held in your house in 1920 and up to early 1921? : MR. McCOY
- A. There were no meetings when the boys went to the hills.
- I was at one meeting in the house myself : MR. KILROY
in/

MR. KIILROY/ in October or November, 1920. That is what I have to say in regard to meetings, but I can fix the date pretty clearly in relation to when I went on active service myself; and I would say it was some of those two months, October or November, 1920; in fact, I believe it was November; I believe there was a fair in November in Westport.

REFEREE:

- Q. In connection with this affair of the shooting of Mr. Melling, the R.M., and the hiding by you of your brother's arms, will you tell us where was the rifle hidden?
- A. In the country - in the country home at the time; and I took it in to where I was staying in town; I put it into an old shed there at the back and kept it there for him until he came back.

MR. GILL:

- Q. You lived between the two houses?
- A. Yes - mainly country, at home, Drumindoo.

REFEREE:

- Q. Most of the time at Drumindoo?
- A. Yes. We had to leave it. We couldn't stay any longer; but before it was burned, it was raided continuously - morning, noon and night.

- Q. And then you shifted into town?
- A. Yes.

Q. You/

CONTINUING.

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REFEREE: Q. You had another house all the time in the town?
A. A grandaunt of mine had a public-house and I was staying with her.

Q. When in 1921 was the house burned?
A. In the very beginning of 1921. They started to raid the house and broke it all up and smashed everything in it.

MR. GILL: Q. During that time did you carry war materials, such as guns, ammunition and grenades for the I.R.A.?

A. When they were out on the hills I went out a few times with cigarettes and different stuff that they wanted.

Q. What besides cigarettes?
A. Bandages.

REFEREE: Q. Anything else?
A. Medicine, and I took some powder, parcels of powder out.

Q. Did these visits occur often?
A. Sometimes there may be a week once in the week and sometimes I might go out 2 or 3 times.

Q. When did that begin?
A. Just when the fighting was really well on. It was very hard when the fighting was on.

Q. Railway men used take the dispatches and I took them from the railway men and left them with Ned Duffy, he was the I.O.

Q. Was there any particular railway man with whom you were dealing?

A. There was a man called Paddy Daly, a checker, and a man called Sean Bannon.

Q. Were you in the habit regularly of collecting dispatches from them and taking them to Duff?

A. Yes.

Q. How often used that happen?

A. Perhaps twice in the week sometimes.

MR. GILL: Q. How many times did you carry arms for the Vols.?

A. They often gave me them when I went out to see them in the hills, they often gave them, specially after an ambush they would have a lot of them that they wouldn't require and they asked me to take them and put away the stuff safely and they would collect them again. That is what they would do.

REFEREE: Q. What would they give you?

A. Webleys, revolvers.

Q. How many at a time?

A. Two and sometimes one. It didn't happen very often, about 3 or 4 times altogether. My

brother gave themx to me.

Q. Apart from the occasions on which you carried guns, did you ever carry ammunition? : MR. GILL

A. I did.

Q. How often did you carry ammunition?

A. It wouldn't be very often. About half a dozen times altogether perhaps.

Q. What were the circumstances that led to your carrying ammunition? : REFEREE

A. It was railway men got the stuff from soldiers in Athlone.

Q. Daly?

A. Daly and Bannon used get the stuff.

Q. Is either of them alive still?

A. I would imagine so.

Mr. Daly attends us regularly on the train. : MR. KILROY

I used get the stuff from them and deliver it. : APPLICANT

Q. You are saying positively that on a number of occasions Daly, the checker, gave you - besides dispatches - ammunition? : REFEREE

A. Not very often, on a few occasions.

Q. That on a number of occasions Daly gave you ammunition, and you brought that ammunition to?

A. To the boys, to Joe Ring.

Q. In the town?

A. No.

Q. Brought it out?

A. Yes.

Q. You took it from Daly at the station?

A. No, in the house.

Q. He brought it to your house?

A. Yes.

Q. And you brought it from your house to?

A. Out to wherever they were round the country.

Q. Are you sure that happened more than once?

A. It did. A few times.

Q. More than twice?

A. About 3 times.

Q. Was it to the same place you brought the ammunition each time?

A. No, different places.

Q. Could you tell us the places?

A. One was Sandyhill, and another would be where the Kerrigans live.

Q. In/

Q. In what direction?
A. It was in Ilay(?) direction. (Islandeady?)

Q. Besides those did you carry any other arms or ammunition?
A. I carried parcels from Ned Duff to the boys blowing up bridges.

MR. McCOY: Q. Explosives?
A. Yes, gelignite I think you call it.

REFEREE: Q. Did that happen often?
A. About half a dozen times.

Q. Did you do any of that work between Jan. 1921 and July 1921?
A. No, I couldn't then.

Q. At all?
A. I couldn't, because I was too well watched then.

Q. What carrying work did you do between Jan. '21 and the Truce?
A. Our place was all the time raided and I couldn't get away out of the house very much.

Q. At all?
A. Just an odd dispatch, a very odd time I would take a dispatch.

Q. Is there anything else you did between Jan. 1921 and July 1921?
A. Only an odd dispatch. It wasn't safe because I was watched all the time. As a matter of fact they were coming to the house an awful lot and raiding it. It is hard to remember.

Q. When you say an odd dispatch-
A. It wouldn't be as often as it used be before things got really hot.

Q. Were there half a dozen times when you made contact with the men to carry dispatches in those 6 months?
A. There would be, yes.

Q. Would there be more?
A. There wouldn't I don't suppose. There would be that many anyway, if not more.

Q. Between Jan. 1921 and July 1921 you estimate that there would be about 6 occasions when you carried dispatches out to the men?
A. Yes, at least.

MR. McCOY: Q. That would be only a dispatch once a month?
A. I would have more than that.

Q. If you say 6 in 6 months that is only one dispatch each month?
A. That is wrong.

Q. When did you go into Westport? : REFEREE
A. When the house was burned.

Q. That was early in 1921?
A. Yes.

She was living, and I think she has already : MR. KILROY
stated that she lived more in Westport with
her aunt than at her own home in 1920.

Q. Yes, but I want to fix a time by the
burning of the house. It was burned early
in 1921. Between that and the Truce you
were living in the house in Westport
definitely?

A. Yes. : APPLICANT

Q. In that time were there more than 6 occasions
when you went out?

A. There would be certainly.

Q. Would there be 10?

A. There would, and more.

Q. How many times would you estimate?

A. I suppose there would be up to 20 times in
6 months.

Q. About 20 times?

A. Yes, there would be in 6 months, if not more.
There would be 20 anyway.

Q. What was the nature of the work that brought
you out on the 20 occasions?

A. Just dispatches.

Q. Who gave you the dispatches?

A. Ned Duffy.

Q. He used come to your place?

A. Sometimes, and sometimes I went to his place
and told him I was going to meet the boys
and did he want anything sent out and he
would say "Yes, take those things out to
them".

Q. Used you cycle or walk?

A. Walk. You couldn't cycle on the roads.

Q. Was it to the same place you went all the
time?

A. No, Dromondee and Derrygorman and different
places where I could meet the boys.

Q. Is there anything else you did during
those 6 months?

A. Only just to have the place searched by a
lady searchers.

Q. Any other work you were doing besides the
carrying of those dispatches on upwards of
20 times?

A. I believe that would be all, it wasn't very
easy.

Q. It/

Q. It was impossible to keep men in the house?
A. I couldn't, because the house was raided every day and every night.

Q. It was impossible to store arms?
A. Not in the house, I couldn't do with arms.

MR. GILL: Q. That wouldn't agree with the statement on your form from April 1921 to the Truce where you say you carried 3 revolvers from Carrabawn to a place of safety at Drummindoo after the Carrowkenedy ambush.
A. I forgot that. I did.

REFEREE: Q. Tell us about that.
A. After the Carrowkenedy ambush the boys came round towards Sandyhill or near Westport, I think it was out nearer Ayle(?) and I got 3 revolvers. (Islandeedy?)

Q. What brought you out there?
A. I had a note from my brother saying not to be worrying about him, that he was alright and that he wanted to see me.

Q. Who brought that note to you?
A. Bernard Kerrigan I think was his name, some boy from the country.

Q. A Volunteer?
A. Yes, I think it was Bernard Kerrigan, but I'm not sure. I went out to see him and he asked me would I take the things and keep them for him and I took them and put them in a safe place for him.

Q. Where did you put them?
A. In a place outside the town a bit, in a shed. It was belonging to, I think, McCormacks, they were butchers and there was a shed where they kept cattle and hay.

Q. Did you meet someone in McCormack's place?
A. Nobody lived there. It was a shed.

Q. You hid them in McCormack's shed?
A. Yes.

Q. Had you told your brother where they would be left?

A. Yes.

Q. Did he tell you that that would be the best place?

A. Yes.

MR. GILL: Q. You also mention for the same time that you carried arms, ammunition, explosives, first-aid equipment, cigarettes, socks and underclothing for the A.S.U.

A. Yes, I washed their underclothing and I got

parcels of underclothing when I went out to see them and they were sent to me and I washed and darned their socks and clothing hundreds of times, nearly every week we got parcels of things and I washed them and darned them and sent them out again. Messengers called for them as a matter of fact.

Q. You also mention that you carried medicine and clothing to sick members of the A.S.U.?

A. Yes, I would give them to my brother and he delivered them to whoever wanted them.

Q. The number of times you went out would be no more than about 20 times?

A. About 20 times, I think in that last 6 months. I can't say for sure.

Q. When did you carry ammunition and hand-grenades to Kilmeena?

A. Did I say to Kilmeena or from it?

Q. From Westport to Kilmeena. Tell us about it.

A. It was Ned Duffy gave me a parcel one time and he said "I would like the boys to get that" and I forgot where they were. I asked "What are they?" and he said "Four hand-grenades and some powder; I want you to take these things to Joe" and I got them safely to him.

Q. When was that?

A. About 1921, I think.

Q. Was it before or after the burning of your house?

A. It was about that time, round about that time.

Q. What did you carry to Aughagower?

A. I think it was the powder, parcels of powder.

Q. When/

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Mr. Gill:

- Q. When did that occur?
A. All this happened in 1920-1921. I cannot really place them.
- Q. Was it before or after the house was burned?
A. It was before the house was burned - it would be I think, before the house was burned.
- Q. What did you carry to Carrowkennedy?
A. I did not carry anything to Carrowkennedy. That is a mistake. I was never as far as Carrowkennedy.
- Q. What did you take to Dromindoo?
A. I took out revolvers and different things. That is where I live. There was Ned Moran. He was connected with the I.R.A. and I often took messages to him.
- Q. How often did you carry arms and ammunition to Drumindoo?
A. Several times. I was oftener therethan anywhere, taking them from it and to it. Jack Keane (?) lived out there and I took a gun from his house and hid it for him - I cannot remember all those things.
- Q. In your statement you say that, "On four occasions I conveyed material for making grenades and explosives from Westport to different places in the area and handed them over to members of the I.R.A."
A. Yes.
- Q. Are they included in the occasion you told us of?
A. Yes.
- Q. You state, "On another occasion I conveyed ammn. for revolvers from Westport to the Flying Column and handed it over to my deceased brother."
A. Yes.
- Q. And, "I conveyed grenades and other materials from Westport to members of the I.R.A. in different parts of the area."
A. Yes.

Referee:

- Q. That is all that appears on the Form. Have we asked you about everything now?
A. I think so.
- Q. Is there anything you would like to say?
It would appear that your activity was very much curtailed from about Jany. 1921 until July, 1921.
A. That is quite correct, because the Tans were all the time about the house, shooting into it, and raiding it, and I could not get out. It was impossible to get in from the place because they were all the time shooting into it.

Q. Did you ever give any attention to : Mr. McCoy
wounded or sick Volunteers?

A. No.

Q. You have not mentioned any phase : Mr. Gill.
of intelligence; was there any-
thing in that way?

A. -

Q. I am taking it that you were : Referee
generally keeping your eye out -
that you were not on any particular
intelligence work?

A. Tessy Moane (Mrs. Brien) and I
generally went about together doing
allthose things.

Q. If you saw any suspicious movements
of police you would report it?

A. I forgot to mention that ~~after~~ Fr.
Paterson came to the house and said
to me - this was before the boys
went on the hills, before they actually
left their homes - he told me he was
talking to the D.I., Mr. Maguire, and
would I send word to my brother to have
the boys told it was safer for them to
leave home, and not to sleep at home.
And other times I met Fr. Paterson down
the town and he told me the different
places they would be raiding.

Q. It was more his word that he got from
the D.I.?

A. Yes.

Q. Would Fr. Paterson give you such
messages to bring out to the boys often?

A. Yes.

Q. Would he do it often in the last six
months before the Truce?

A. No - I did not do that so very often
in the last six months.

Q. Did you do it sometimes in the last 6-mths.?

A. I did, on a few occasions, but it was very
difficult for me to get out those times
because they were watching them too well.
My brother was a very "wanted" man and
they were always looking for him and the
house was continually ~~raised~~ watched at
any hour.

Q. You claim to be O.C. of Westport : Mr. Gill
Cumann na mBan?

A. No; it was Tessy Moane was O.C. - well,
we were all officers as you might say!

Q. Who was President of the Branch? : Referee

A. ~~Tessy Moane xxxxxxxxxx~~ Tessy Moane.

Q. Who was Secretary?

A. Beg Malone. (or Moran)

Q. Who was Treasurer?

A. We all took the money on different occasions.

But/

Referee:

Q. But there was one girl responsible?

A. I think Tessy Moane was Treasurer too.

Q. Any further questions, gentlemen?

A. No.

Q. Is there anything else you want to tell us, Mrs. Cahill?

A. No - not that I can remember.

Mr. Kilroy:

The most important bit of evidence I could give in her favour - I lived seven miles away and it is a long distance, but when I went out on active service, I remember distinctly having a meeting in her brother's house where she was out the country. She referred to having staff meetings. I can give evidence there was one staff meeting I attended myself roughly about 1st Novr., 1920.

Referee:

Q. Were you with the column to which she has referred during the period between Jany. 1921 and July, 1921?

A. Yes.

Q. And do you agree with the evidence she has given?

A. I am not in a position to verify it. I would not be the one to receive the goods. I know we got goods out of the town on several occasions but I cannot swear as to who sent them. I do not know there is anything else. I always heard her name ~~connected~~ connected with the Cumann na mBan, but I lived seven miles away and my association with her was not intimate enough to be valuable otherwise than I have stated.

Q. Is there any question you would like to ask, Mr. Kilroy?

Applicant:

A. I do not think so.

Mr. Gibbons' evidence overleaf/

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- Q. What have you to say, Mr. Gibbons? : Referee
- A. I belonged to Westport and I knew she and Peg Moran (?), and it was they were the leading lights, with Tessy Moane, ~~there~~ in Cumann na mBan there, and that she was actively associated and worked in connection with the Dances, etc., and all the rest, and what she says about messages being carried from Westport to the country were carried mainly by the Cumann namBan, and if she was not actually carrying them she would be directly identified with it. If there is anything she would like to ask me -
- A. No. : Applicant.
- Q. Where were you during the 16 months of the Tan war? : Referee
- A. I was on active service in November. : Mr. Gibbons
- Q. Were you out with the column?
- A. I was out with the column. I was Adj.(?) of the Bde., etc.
- Q. That is correct. : Mr. Kilroy
- Q. What I wanted to get was to find out whether you were in very much the same position as Mr. Kilroy?
- You were in a much better position. : Mr. Kilroy
- I was living in Westport and intimately connected. : Mr. Gibbons
- There is ~~a~~ this thing, there was a high system of intelligence prevailing in Westport during the Black-and-Tan time and from 1919 on we used get constant reports, intelligence, which was gleaned by the Cumann na mBan. : Mr. Kilroy
- Applicant's part in that seems to have been to relay information given to her by the priest, Fr. Paterson. : Referee
- And Ned Duffy. : Applicant
- Q. Is there any other evidence? : Referee
- A. Captain Brodie Malone could give evidence and Mr. Derrig, Minister, and Mrs. O'Brien.
- Q. It is for you to find out whether any of these people have anything to say additional to what you have proved. That is the thing.
- A. Yes.

You/

MR. McCOY: Q. You mentioned Mrs. Moane and a couple of other girls, Mr. Gibbons?

(MR. GIBBONS) A. Peg Malone - she is dead.

Q. Would the applicant have as good service as those two ladies?

A. Well, I always see her in my mind with those two girls; Mrs. O'Brien - she was very much in our eye at that particular time; she was always living in the country and was much easier to contact; but I felt all the time that the three of them were on the same plane; that was my feeling.

Q. Mrs. O'Brien had a better chance of working, but you would put the 3 of them on the same category?

A. Yes - that is what I felt.

MR. KILROY: If there is any point of this evidence that you would want to have clarified, Mrs. O'Brien would be the best to do it, as far as the Cumann na mBan is concerned.

MR. McCOY: Q. She would know your work too?

(APPLICANT): A. Yes, certainly - if I had her address.

REFEREE: Q. You had a considerable amount of activity up to 1921, and that activity, through no fault of your own and from enemy vigilance, was very seriously curtailed from January, 1921?

(APPLICANT): A. Yes.

Q. Is there any doubt about that?

A. No.

Q. You did a little?

A. Yes, as much as I could.

Q. But enemy activity prevented you from doing more?

A. Yes.

MR. McCOY: Q. There have been ladies in the same category, and the fact of enemy vigilance did not prevent them from rendering active service in the 7th Period. So you would want to be very careful about that period and do yourself full justice for that period, because it is a very important period for you -

A. Yes. Well, I definitely worked all I possibly could, and I did everything possible.

MR. KILROY: There is no question about her being in the Cumann na mBan in that period and rendering every service.

APPLICANT: My nerves and everything were gone, you know, from being up every day and night.

REFEREE Q. I can quite understand that - from being raided night and day; you could not keep men in the house -

(APPLICANT): A. ^{Yes} I couldn't keep anything.

Q. - or/

Q. - or ammunition in the house. Isn't that right? : REFEREE

A. Yes.

Q. And seriously curtailed your opportunities of going out on messages; you would always be held up and searched?

A. Yes, even when I went down the town, I was held up and searched by searchers - lady searchers - on the street; and then they thought it safer for me not to have anything about me at the time.

Q. A person might be inactive because there was danger, but they might be active if there was necessity? : MR. McCOY

A. Yes.

Q. If there was some urgent thing to be done, you would have done it?

A. Yes, by all means - and did do it.

Q. You would not value the risk?

A. No. As a matter of fact, I was put against the wall dozens of times.

Q. Your claim during this period is that there were occasions when it was necessary and you did it?

A. Yes, certainly.

Q. Could you tell us on how many occasions?

A. It wouldn't be many, you know.

Mrs. O'Brien is in Cork.

: MR. GIBBONS

Peg Malone is dead.

: A PPLICANT

I think she died before she applied.
Mrs. O'Brien is alive. Tess Moane.

: MR. GIBBONS

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M^r R. Cahill box 16.

I am of opinion that the Act
does not apply

P.R. 12/7

Seamus Robinson

N.B. In my opinion, the evidence
in this case, while disclosing a number
of military activities, does not
show (apparently does not claim) the
day-to-day dragging that would
indicate "Continuity".

If this point be cleared on the
Appeal I beg leave to vary my opinion

PR

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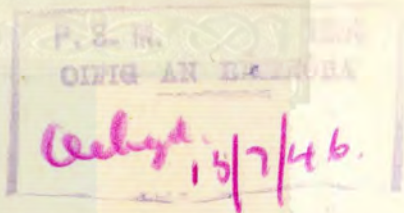
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I agree with Mr. Robinson's
opinion. J.M.C. 15/7/46.

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The Referee
Military Service Pensions
Biffich P.S.



During my interview with the service pensions Board today I was in a rather nervous state with the result I believe I did not do myself justice particularly for the period Jan. 1921 to July 1921. As I have had no contact with any of the other members of the Wisporel-branch of bismann na. m. Ban. since 1922 there must have been lots of incidents and activities which would have been of assistance to me in making my claim but which at the moment I am unable to recall. I will write to some of the old members of the b. na. m. Ban. to get some additional evidence which I will put before the Board without delay.

River Cahill

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MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934.

REFEREE R.3.

No. 60416

Applicant's Name: Bahill Rena (Mrs.)

Address: _____

Unit: _____

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BEARRIC UÍ GHRIOBHTHA,

BAILE ATHA CLIATH.

Any reply should bear

Ref. No. 60416

and your Former Unit.

17 July 46

A CHARA,

With reference to your application under the provisions of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934, I am directed by the Referee to inform you that, on the evidence before him, the finding of the Referee is that you are not a person to whom the Act applies.

I am also to inform you that you may, within Twenty One days after the service of this notice, furnish in writing to the Referee, any additional evidence or representations which you may wish to submit. If any such additional evidence or representations is or are furnished within the specified number of days, the Referee will consider the same and after such consideration, make his report forthwith to the Minister for Defence. If no such additional evidence or representations is or are furnished within the specified number of days the Referee will, upon the expiration of the specified number of days, 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,

Mrs. Kena. Cahill

11 Western Terrace

Monaghan

D. Rúnai.

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July, 1946.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 12th instant relative to your application under the above Act and to representations made on your behalf by Mr. Derrig, Minister for Education, I am directed by the Referee to inform you that he has extended the time limit within which you may furnish any additional evidence to the 30th September next.

Mise, le meas,

RÚNAÍ.

Mrs. Rena Cahill,
11 Western Terrace,
Monaghan.

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24/9/46

No 1 Westerra Terrace,
Monaghan,
19/9/46

The Referee,
Military Service Pensions,
Griffith Barracks, Dublin,

Regarding my claim for a Military Service pension and previous correspondence in the matter I beg to inform you that the following persons are willing to attend before you and give evidence in support of my claim :-

- Thomas Heavey, Commercial Hotel, Ballina, Co Mayo.
- Capt James Malone, Military Hospital, Collins Barracks, Cork
- Edward Moran, Drumindoo, Westport, Co Mayo

As the witnesses are in poor circumstances and the journeys to Dublin very long I would be grateful if travelling warrants in respect of the journey to and from Dublin by train were issued to them. I am not able to pay for the conveyance of the witnesses from their homes to Dublin.

The witness Capt James Malone is in hospital in Cork and may not be able to travel for some time, I will write him again and let you know when he will be able to travel.

In the present circumstances I will not be able to have all the witnesses and evidence placed before you by the 30th September 1946 and I would be very grateful if you would extend the time by six or seven weeks. I have been in very poor health since I was in Dublin on the 12th July '46 and I will not be able to travel for some time again.

Yours faithfully,

Rena Cahill

*per Michael Cahill
(Husband)*

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Seán.

Refere directed that applicant be directed to furnish a statement of the additional evidence the papers to tender & also statements of the evidence proposed to be tendered by the 3 witnesses mentioned, on or before the 10th Oct next and on receipt of same he will consider whether ^{or not} he will summon any or all of these witnesses.

R. 23/9

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September, 1946.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to your letter of the 19th September 1946 concerning your application under the above Act, and to request you to furnish a written statement of the additional evidence you propose to tender, and also statements of the evidence proposed to be tendered by each of the three witnesses mentioned by you, on or before the 10th October 1946.

On receipt of these statements, the Referee will consider whether or not he will summon any or all of the witnesses in question.

Mise, le meas,

Mrs. Rena Cahill,
1, Westerra Terrace,
Monaghan.

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27 September, 1946.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to your letter of the 19th September 1946 concerning your application under the above Act, and to request you to furnish a written statement of the additional evidence you propose to tender, and also statements of the evidence proposed to be tendered by each of the three witnesses mentioned by you, on or before the 10th October 1946.

On receipt of these statements, the Referee will consider whether or not he will summon any or all of the witnesses in question.

Mise, le meas,

 Mrs. Rena Cahill,
1, Westerra Terrace,
Monaghan.

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Mr Egan

Attached letter for
your attention please!

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No 1 Western Terrace,
Monaghan,
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Secretary,
Dept of Defence,
Dublin,

I made a claim for a Military Service pension in respect of my services as a member of Cumman na mBan and attended with two witnesses before the referee on the 12th July 1946 and gave evidence. I have since been informed by the referee that further evidence will be required before he can issue me with a certificate and I have got three other persons to give evidence in support of my claim. Their names and addresses are as follows

- Capt James Malone Military Hospital, Collins Bks Cork
- Thomas Heavey Commercial Hotel, Ballina, Co Mayo.
- Edward Moran, Drumindoo, Westport, Co Mayo.

The witnesses named are in poor circumstances and unable to afford the expense of travelling to Dublin and I cannot pay their expenses as I am in poor circumstances and I had to travel at my own expense to Dublin in July last consequently I would be very grateful if you would issue Travelling warrants for the return rail journey in each case to convey the witnesses from their nearest railway station to Dublin. Capt Malone will not be able to travel for some time as he is a patient in the hospital but the other two witnesses are prepared to travel when the warrants are issued to them.

I might mention that my claim is a genuine one and that Mr Michael Kilroy ex T.D. attended before the Referee and gave evidence in support of her claim, Mr Sean McKeon T.D. knows of my association with the C. na mBan and can vouch for my bonafides, Mr John Gibbons 16 Dollymount Ave, Clontarf also gave evidence in support of my claim and is aware of the circumstances as set out above.

Rena Cahill
for Michael Cahill
(Hubbards)

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Military Hospital,
Collins Barracks
Cork. July 25th 1946

Dear Rena & Michael

I was delighted to get all your letters but I am sorry to hear Rena that you are sick. I hope you are much better by now. I am ever so sorry about delay in reply to your letters. I am only too delighted to do anything at all to help your pension claim. I would love write much sooner but I have had trouble with my knee & I am in hospital for the past 4 months & over 3 months in plaster. The plaster is off now & I am trying to get the leg - walking order again but it will be very slow. You can rest easy that I will do all I can to see you get your claim through. I am glad that you had Michael, & Johnny on the job. They should be a big help, if I am not able to get to Dublin. I will make out a Certificate, if you think that O.K.

Well Rena its long long since we met. You are like myself, far from "dear old. mayd". I love my home at Castlebar. I never changed during the Emergency, so you will always be able to get in touch with me, if I go from the Hospital home, the Castlebar address is THE KEWS, CASTLEBOR, CO. MAYO.

It will be a year in September since I was at home in Castlebar or Westport. & I love going there & meeting all the old friends. John Dick is still to the good & is living on Castlebar Street now he used to live in Cloona out. Beldare way. I am sure you saw the death of Agnes Gallagher R.I.P. she has passed on a great old sort. a big number of our old crowd have passed on. & poor old Rush R.I.P. & lots more, you know them all.

I do hope your health will improve with the good weather. but its very nice at present, & next Sunday July 28th. is "Reek Sunday" that always makes me long for home as its always the big day in Westport.

Well Lena you know how great Joe R.I.P. & I was, we were always together, in those happy few days

I always think of them & I know that all our old pals & yours will do all they can to help you out.

I will close with all the best to you both.

Brodie Malone

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Westport

22nd Sept '46

A Cara,

I have known Rena Ring now Mrs Cahill to be a member of Cumann na mBan since Easter week 1916 until the Truce in July 1921 being attached to Westport Branch.

She carried dispatches from the O.C. Joseph McBride (R.I.P) to Volunteers in the area & procured Cigarettes, underclothing etc for the Volunteers who had been arrested & took them to Castlebar.

She secured an old revolver (~~revolver~~) property of Joe Ring's (R.I.P) and hid it, stored it and kept it oiled. She assisted in organising concerts etc to raise funds to send

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cigarettes clothing cakes etc to the
volunteers interned in England
from Easter Week until March 1917.
From then until March 1918 she
assisted in organising & running
concerts to raise funds for C. na mBan
& Volunteers. From March 1918 until
March 1920 assisted in raising funds
for C. na mBan & Volunteers, sending
parcels, cigs, underwear etc to
prisoners in Belfast Gaol making
first aid equipment for the volunteers
From then until July 1921 Intelligence
work, carrying dispatches, & arms, for
the Volunteers & sending parcels to
Volunteers in Gaol.

Edward Moran P.C.
(Late) Capt. E. Coy.
3rd Batt.
4th West. Mayo Bde

P. S. M. 1934
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No 1 Westernra Terrace,
Monaghan,
8th October 1946

The Referee,
Military Service Pensions Board,

With reference to my application for a Military Service pension and your minute of 26/9/46 I am enclosing a statement from Edward Moran, rum - indco, Westport, Co Mayo as requested. I have written to Capt Malone and Mr Thomas Heavey, Commercial Hotel, Ballina asking them to send you direct their statements of the evidence which they propose to give. As stated before Capt. Malone is a patient in the Military hospital Cork, he may now be discharged from hospital and fit to travel to Dublin but I do not know where he is at present. I am enclosing letters which I received from the two witnesses some months ago and although the letters do not indicate the nature of the evidence which those men will give, at least the letters shew that both men are prepared to give evidence if required.

I intend giving further evidence before the Board, my evidence will cover the period from January 1921 to the Truce of July 1921. During this period I carried dispatch for the I.R.A. made bandages and first aid equipment, laundered the underclothing etc of members of the I.R.A. flying column, procured medicines for members of the column who had fallen sick, did Intelligence work for the I.R.A. etc.

I would be thankful if you would issue me with a travelling warrant to take me from Monaghan to Dublin at the same time as the other witnesses are being summoned before the Board.

Mrs. Rina Cahill

See
Better remind
Heavey & Malone
M. 12/17

Ch. Heavey
pl. ask a name for your
statement 11/10/46

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which please quote
in reply.

OIFIG AN RÉITEÓRA, *B. & G.*
~~14, Ardán Phairt an Iarla,~~
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.

14 Oct 1946.

ACHT NA bFINSEAN SEIRBHÍSE MÍLEATA, 1934.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to the application
made under the above Act by Mr. James Cahill (referred)

Western Sea Transport

and to request you to furnish a detailed signed statement, with
dates as far as possible, as to your knowledge of the military
operations or engagements (if any) in which the applicant
participated, and the exact manner of his participation, and
also of any other services rendered with the Forces by him,
with particular reference to the periods -

1st April 1920 - 31st March 1921

and

1st April 1921 - 11th July 1921.

The applicant claims active military service as a member
of West West Company, 3rd Battalion.

A postage-free envelope is enclosed for your reply, which
I am to request may be furnished within ~~seven~~ days of above
date.

Mise, le meas,

[Signature]

RÚNAÍ.

Capt. James Malone
General Hospital
Army H.Q. Southern
Command

Mr. Thos. Heavey
Commercial Hotel
Bullin
Leo Mayo

No Reply rec'd to date 11/22/10
ER/FS.

Reply 11/10

Your Ref: - 60416



Commercial Hotel,
Ballina

18. 10. 46.

Re Mrs. Rena Cahill (nee Ring)

I the undersigned hereby declare that I served in the West Mayo Brigade Flying Column during the years 1920 and 1921 and during that period, I recollect, that Mrs Rena Ring aided the members of the Column in various ways. I believed she was frequently engaged to exchange despatches with despatch riders, and while I have no specific recollection of any particular date, due to the lapse of time, I do remember meeting her on various occasions and delivering messages to her for transmission.

(Signed) Thomas J. Hevey.

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No 1 Westerra Terrace,
Monaghan,
6th November 1946

Registrar,
Military Service Pensions Board,

My wife Rena Cahill who has applied for a Military Service pension and who some weeks ago applied for travelling warrants to convey witnesses to Dublin to give evidence before the referee is now sick and unable to travel for some time probably 3 or 4 weeks. Would you be so good as to arrange that she can attend and give her evidence about the middle of December at the earliest. She has now secured the names of 4 other witnesses who can give evidence in support of her claim she has written to them to send on written statements and as soon as she receives them she will forward them to you with a view of having them called before the Board to give evidence on oath. Trusting you will be able to facilitate her in this matter.

*Statement from Patrick Kelly enclosed
Please arrange for issue of travelling
warrant in this case
Yours,
Mise,*

Michael Leahill

*Secy
Ask her to advise us
when she is able to
travel
Remind Capt
Dalme B. 8/11*

*Reminder Issued to Capt Dalme
10/14/46*

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Castlebar Road,

Westport.

4th Nov., '46.

This is to certify that I have known Rena Ring to be in the National movement from 1914. I was first Lieutenant in her company area up to 1919, when I was transferred to take charge of ~~at~~ Louisburgh Battalion.

During that time I had personal knowledge of her activities in organising functions to raise cash for Arms, and prisoner dependents. etc. She was one of the most active young women in that area, and rendered invaluable assistance to the I.R.A., in all the different phases of its activities.

I remember coming to Westport area, about 14th March, 1921 making arrangements with Westport Flying column, to take part in a certain engagement, we were planning. I met some of the Officers of the Westport Flying column, in a village named Derrygorman,

While we were there, Rena Ring came out from Westport with information.

I have personal knowledge of above, and am prepared to give evidence if necessary.

SIGNED.....

P. Kelly O.C. 4th Batt

West Mayo Ryde

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12 November, 1946.

In request of such witnesses to be sworn in
before the Referee by the Referee to attend
before him.

A Chara, Miss, is mess, Miss, is mess, Miss, is mess

I am directed by the Referee to refer to your husband's letter of the 6th November, 1946, and previous correspondence regarding your application under the above Act and to state that it is noted that you hope to be in a position to furnish to the Referee further written statements, signed by former officers of the forces as to your services with the forces, 1918 - '22, and to request that each such statement be forwarded without delay.

I am also to request you to indicate a date about which you hope to be able to travel, in order that a suitable date for hearing further witnesses in your case may be arranged.

As regards travelling etc. expenses, in this connection I am to refer to the final paragraph of my letter dated 1st July last (copy herewith) and to bring to your attention that no provision exists for the issue of free travel warrants or the refund of travelling expenses except

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in respect of such witnesses as may be summoned by the Referee to attend before him.

Mise, le meam, A

I am directed by the Referee to refer to your husband's letter of the 8th November, 1946, and previous correspondence regarding your application under the above Act and to state that it is noted that you hope to be in a position to furnish to the Referee further written evidence assigned to 1 Westens terrace, Monaghan. your services with the Army and to request that each such statement be forwarded without delay.

I am also to request you to indicate a date about which you hope to be able to travel, in order that the necessary arrangements for hearing further witnesses may be arranged.

*Reminder Issued
7 Days 20/11*

As regards travelling etc. expenses, in this connection I am to refer to the final paragraph of my letter dated 1st July last (copy herewith) and to bring to your attention that no provision exists for the issue of free travel warrants or the refund of travelling expenses except

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Monaghan.

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P. S. M.
OIG AN BÉIRÉIR
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C. J. J.

The Registrar

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Renda
28/11

My wife Rena
Lahill is sick at present
and requests you to arrange
for her attendance before the
Referee early in the New
Year when she hopes to be
able to travel to Dublin.

She would be thankful if
you would arrange to have
the witnesses whose names
and statements have been
sent you - summoned by
the Referee so that travelling
warrants could be issued to
them.

Michael Lahill.

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Yr. Ref. No; 60416.

COLLINS BARRACKS,
C O R K.

28th November, 1946.

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Request to the C.O.
11/29/46

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Bearraic Uí Ghriobhtha,
Baile Atha Cliath.

1946
P. S. M. OIRIS AN tSAGHTA
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29/11
Chad

This is to certify that Rena Ring, now Mrs. Michael Cahill, No. 1 Western Terrace, Monaghan was a member of the Westport Branch, Cumann-na-Mban.

She assisted in the raising of funds to send cigarettes and underclothing to prisoners who were arrested in the Westport Area after 1916. She secured a gun, hid it and kept it safe, belonging to her brother Joe (R.I.P) who was a prisoner from 1917 to 1920. She assisted in the running of the Cumann-na-Mban - ran concerts to raise funds for the Volunteers who were in Dundalk and Belfast Jails.

From 1st April, 1920 to 31st March, 1921 she did special intelligence work for the West Mayo Flying Column and kept us posted as to the movements of the enemy.

From 1st April, 1921 to 11th July, 1921 she ran despatches through the 3rd Battalion Area, Westport and continued at intelligence work.

She is one who deserves every consideration from your Board.

J. Malone CAPTAIN.
(JAMES MALONE)

LATE O.C. 3rd Battalion, West Mayo Brigade, I.R.A.

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+ Capt. Malone
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OIFIG AN RÉITEÓRA,

Bearrú Uí Chríobhtha,
Baile Uíthe Cléith.

21 Nollaig 1946.

ACT NA B'IFSEAL SEIRBHÍSE MÍLATA, 1934.

A Clára,

With reference to your application for a Service Certificate in accordance with the terms of the above Act, I am directed by the Referee to request you to attend at this office at 2.30 o'clock on Wednesday the 1st day of January 1947, FOR EXAMINATION ON OATH BEFORE THE REFEREE, in connection therewith.

I am also to request you to arrange for the attendance, on the same date, of any witnesses whose evidence you may wish to adduce in support of your application. Your attendance and that of your witnesses is very desirable, so that all the evidence in your case should be available to the Referee and Advisory Committee at this sitting, to enable the Referee to conclude his investigation of your application. If you fail to attend, the Referee may proceed with the investigation in your absence.

I am to point out that no claim in respect of your travelling expenses or any other expenses incurred by you, or by any witnesses other than those summoned by the Referee, can be entertained, and that Section 8(4) of the Act prescribes that the onus of proof shall rest on the applicant.

Yours, le meas,

(File attached)

Chas Ruan Cabell
Widener Jan
Chambers

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Call Capt. Malone
29926
both in
the "Dorset" both in
Victorian age. Cork.
Cork, for Cork person
R. J. 449

Military Service Pensions Commission

SWORN EVIDENCE GIVEN BEFORE THE REFEREE AND
ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY MRS. RENA CAHILL (60416)
ON 1st JANUARY, 1947.

REFEREE:

- Q. You gave evidence on 12th July, 1946 (REFEREE READS EVIDENCE GIVEN BY APPLICANT ON 12/7/46) When was your house in the country burned? 1920?
- A. I think it was 1921. It was April 1921. I forgot and the witnesses reminded me that I went to Derrygorman several times between the time my house was burned and the Truce. Tommy Heavey would verify that.
- Q. How often?
- A. About twice or three times a week I carried dispatches and stuff out from Ned Duffy a few times I gave it to Patrick Kelly and a few times Tommy Heavey got it from me. I forgot about it and they reminded me.
- Q. With dispatches?
- A. Yes, and bandages also.
- Q. For how long was ^{that} going on?
- A. For the last period, the last 4 or 5 months, from April until the Truce. I had forgotten about that when I was here last.

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(CONTG.)

(Referee still reading from oral evidence of applicant dated 12:7:'46.)

- Q. That is every word that was recorded last July. You are at liberty now to say anything you want to say that you think will help your claim.
- A. Tommy Heavey told me since then that he could swear I was out on an average of 2 or 3 times a week during the period. I told him myself I was not out so much. He said that I actually brought messages I had forgotten about. He took some from me, and also Brodie Malone as well as Joe. I got the gun(?) from Ned Duffy and took it over from the Chemist's shop, from Frank Duff. I took bandages and First Aid equipment out to them also from him during that

period/

He was to come to-day but I suppose the train may not be in yet. He (Tommy Hevey) is living in Ballina and promised to come here to-day.

Q. Is there anything else you wanted to say? : Referee
A. Just that I did that and I had not told you I did it. I had quite forgotten.

Q. Not only that, but you repeatedly said something to the contrary?
A. I did not know what I was doing.

Q. And gave a very good reason for it.
A. I did not know what I was saying. My nerves went altogether, as I told you.

Q. Mrs. Cahill; I have read out all that.
A. I know you have, and I would like to correct that last bit, and my nerves were in a terrible state when I was here that day with you, and I am bad to-day too.

Q. I think you will agree that every reasonable help was given you.
A. I know that. I thought that Tommy Hevey and Capt. Malone would be here to-day and they could tell you a lot more I had forgotten.

Q. I will arrange to hear their evidence.

Q. You explained, you were inactive because you could not get the opportunity - : Mr. Gill

Q. That was not imagination? : Referee.

A. I was held up an awful lot. Those men could tell you I brought out the dispatches and that stuff from the Medical Hall that I told you of now, and those men could tell you better than I because they took the stuff from me actually, both Tommy Hevey and Capt. Brodie Malone.

Q. I will hear what those people have to say.
A. Thank you very much.

Q. As regards Tommy Hevey, we have a statement : Mr. Gill here from him.

(Mr. Gill reads statement from file.)

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MR. GILL:

Q. (READS CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY THOMAS J. HEVEY & DATED 18/10/46 - ON FILE)

It is in very general terms, as you will observe?

A. Yes.

Q. And the big snag in your case is the fact that, on your own admission, you were pretty inactive in the months, January to the Truce?

A. Yes, I told you that, but it was not right. They brought it to my memory again when I wrote to them for the things I do remember now and that I had quite forgotten about.

Q. Tell us what you do remember?

A. I took despatches and first-aid equipment from a chemist shop; Frank Burke there took them for the boys. During that time that I told you I did not do anything, I did this. They brought it to my notice when I asked them about it.

Q. Do you remember an ambush at Kilmeeney, May, 1921?

A. Yes.

Q. Were you at that time taking any messages or despatches for the Vols.?

A. Yes, I was; but I was not at Kilmeen.

Q. At that time you were taking despatches?

A. Yes.

Q. To whom?

A. To my brother, Joe, and the rest of the boys.

Q. Anybody else besides your brother?

A. Captain Malone would be there giving me things and Jack King.

Q. Would Capt. Malone have very good knowledge of your service?

A. Yes.

Q. He was Vice O/C of the area?

A. Yes, with my brother.

REFEREE:

Q. Is that all you have to say now, Mrs. Cahill?

A. Yes, that is all, I think.

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OIFIG AN RÉITEÓRA,
(Office of Referee),

BEARRIC UÍ GHRÍOBHTHA,
(Griffith Bks., S.C.R.,

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.

17 Feb 1946.

ACHT NA bPINSEAN SEIRBHÍSE MÍLEATA, 1934.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to request your attendance at ~~this office~~ ^{Cork Court House} at 10.30 AM on Tuesday the 25th Feb 1946 to give oral evidence regarding the nature and extent of the military service rendered with the Forces (1916 - 1923) by the person under-mentioned, in respect of whom application for the award of Military service certificate has/have been submitted to the Referee for investigation and Report.

A free Travel Voucher (No. _____) is enclosed for your journey.

Mise, le meas,

B RÚNAÍ

(1) Walter J. Malone
Collins Bks
Cork

(2) Mrs. J. O'Brien
Deenish
Victoria ave.
Cork.

Ref. No.	Name	Address	Unit
<u>60416</u>	<u>Walter J. Malone</u> <u>née Ring</u>	<u>Walter J. Malone</u> <u>Collins Bks</u>	<u>Walter J. Malone</u> <u>Cork</u>

Edy's general notepad.
17/12/47

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OIFIG AN RÉITEÓRA,
(Office of Referee)

Reference No:

BEARRIC UI GHRÍOBHTHA,
(Griffith Bks.)

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(Dublin).

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17 Jul 1947.

ACHT NA bPINSEAN SEIRBHÍSE MÍLEATA, 1934.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to state that

Mr J. O'Brien, District Veterinary Officer Cork
and
Capt J. Malone, Dublin, etc. Cork

has/have been summoned to attend before him at Cork Court House ~~this office~~ at

10.30 am on Tuesday the 20th July 1947

to give evidence relevant to your application under the above Act.

Your attendance is not essential, but if you so desire, you may be present, or you may arrange for the attendance of a representative.

I am to add, however, that there is no provision for the refund of any expenses that may be incurred by your own attendance or by the attendance of any representative or witness not specifically summoned by the Referee.

Mise, le meas,

[Signature]
RÚNAÍ.

Mr. Rena Cahill

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Monaghan

*Session cancelled.
Notified by telegram.*

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Gírig an Réiteóra,
Bearrúic Uí Chríobhtha,
Baile Átha Cliath.

Military Archives
24 February, 1947.

ACHT NA bFÍNSEAN SEIRBHÍSE MÍLEATA, 1934.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to confirm my telegram of to-day's date, as to the postponement of session which was to have been held by the Referee at Cork Court House on Tuesday, 25th instant, and to state that you will be notified as soon as possible when an alternative date is arranged.

I am in this connection to express the Referee's regret for the postponement which, however, was unavoidable.

Mise, le meas,

Notified read from Reg. by 5th Circuit to Call Malone at Cork relevant under the Affairs Pay state address now as below

E. J. [Signature]
RÚNAÍ.

(1) Call J. Malone

The Yeats Summer
West Hill
Castlbar

(2) Mrs T. O'Brien

Victoria Ave Cork

(3) Mrs R. Cahill

Monaghan

RE-SUMMONED
FOR 10-30
FRI. 7/3/47

Advised of above 1/25/47

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CIFIG AN RÉITEÓRA,
(Office of Referee)

Reference No:

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BEARRIC UI GHRÍOBHTHA,
(Griffith Bks.)

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(Dublin).

25 February 1947.

ACHT NA bPINSEAN SEIRBHÍSE MÍLEATA, 1934.

A Chara,

I am directed by the referee to state that

Mrs T. O'Bráin - Wmnd Victoria Ave Cork

has ~~have~~ been summoned to attend before him at ^{Cork Court House} this office at

10.30 on Friday the 7 March 1947

to give evidence relevant to your application under the above

act. *instead of on 25th inst. Mrs O'Bráin is now resident at*

The Jews, Westport Rd. Castlebar he has not been summoned

Your attendance is not essential, but if you so desire, you may be present, or you may arrange for the attendance of a representative.

I am to add, however, that there is no provision for the refund of any expenses that may be incurred by your own attendance or by the attendance of any representative or witness not specifically summoned by the Referee.

Mise, le meas,

[Signature]

RÚNAÍ.

Mrs Rena Cahill

J. Westmore Jones

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MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934.

Form R. 18.

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Ref. No. 60416

APPLICANT'S NAME Mr R. Cahill

For Discussion with Mr T. O'Brien

Date 2/3/47

PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE.	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
(1)	The most important thing was collecting money for arms, carrying	
(2)	messages & supplying food & clothing.	
(3)	She came to deliver messages to Westport about 5 times; there were	
(4)	other occasions that I was not connected with. I would say	
(5)	that she actually carried arms.	
(6)	I'm sure she did a lot of intelligence work after her house was bombed; eg.	
(7)	the raids, the routes military were taking etc; she also supplied food &	

(7)	+ clothing from C. no. urban funds. usual routine (since during the time.	
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OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

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

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

..... Date.....

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE OF MRS. T. O'BRIEN (SWORN) 7th March, 1947.

Her most important service was collecting money for arms, carrying messages and supplying food and clothing. She delivered messages to Westport about 5 times; there were other occasions that I wasn't connected with. I couldn't say that she actually carried arms. I'm sure she did a lot of intelligence work after her house was burned; e.g. re raids, the routes military were taking, etc; she also supplied food and clothing from C. na mBan funds. Usual routine service during the Truce.

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Date 20/3. Cahill

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No 1 Western Terrace,
Monaghan,
15th March 1947

The Registrar,
Military Service Pensions Board,

With reference to your letter of the 25th February 1947 regarding my claim for a service pension, I wish to inform you that Mr Edward Moran, Drummindoo Westport Co Mayo who is anxious to give evidence in support of my application is in a poor state of health as his eyesight is almost gone and he would hardly be able to undertake the journey to Dublin to give evidence.

Capt Malone is now residing in Castlebar and owing to the state of his leg he suffers from the effects of bullet wounds he is not in good form for travelling at present.

Mr Thomas Healy Ballina has written me stating that he could not attend before the referee on 1st January 1947 as the notice was so short and that he is still prepared to give evidence.

In view of the circumstances outlined I would be very grateful if you would arrange for the taking of their evidence at Castlebar or Westport, or if this course is not possible to issue them with travelling warrants to cover the journey from Mayo to Dublin.

I would deem it a favour if the referee would defer coming to a decision on my claim until I get a chance to have the three witnesses named attend before the referee to give their evidence.

See
summary
Healy &
Malone for
Wed or
Thurs day
2. Holy Well. Advise applicant
accordingly & say we will be
witnesses on that date & det. Refuse
warrant with their support
with in. on the 17. 20/3

Mrs. P. Cahill

RENA CAHILL

17. 20/3

Ref. No.

60416

OIFIG AN RÉITEÓRA,
(Office of Referee),

BEARRIC UÍ GHRÍOBHTHA,
(Griffith Bks., S.C.R.,

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.

21 March 1946.

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ACHT NA bPINSEAN SEIRBHÍSE MÍLEATA, 1934.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to request your attendance at this office at 1030 AM on Wednesday the 21 April 1946 to give oral evidence regarding the nature and extent of the military service rendered with the Forces (1916 - 1923) by the person under-mentioned, in respect of whom application for the award of Military service certificate has/have been submitted to the Referee for investigation and Report.

A free Travel Voucher (No. 487863) is enclosed for your journey.

Mise, le meas,

(1)

Capt J. Malone
The Yew

(2)

RÚNAÍ (487864)
Mr. Thos. J. Hevey
Commercial Hotel
Ballina.

Westport Rd. Castlebar

Ref. No.	Name	Address	Unit
60416	<u>Kahill Rana (Mrs)</u> <u>see Ring</u>	<u>Western Ter</u> <u>Managhan</u>	<u>Westport</u> <u>Company</u> <u>no. 100</u>

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(Office of Referee)

Reference No:

60417.

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BEARRIC UI CHRÍOBHTHA,
(Griffith Bks.)

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(Dublin).

21 March 1947.

ACHT NA DPINSEAN SEIRBHÍSE MÍLEATA, 1934.

A chara,

I am directed by the Referee to state that Captain J. Malone, ~~the Yews, Westport Road, Castlebar,~~ ^{Commercial Hotel, Ballina} and Mr. Thos. Hevey, ~~Commercial Hotel, Ballina~~ have been summoned to attend before him at this office at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, the 2nd April, 1947 to give evidence relevant to your application under the above Act.

Your attendance is not essential, but if you so desire, you may be present, or you may arrange for the attendance of a representative or of further witness or witnesses. Any other witness who may be produced on that date will be examined.

I am to add, however, that there is no provision for the refund of any expenses that may be incurred by your own attendance or by the attendance of any representative or witness not specifically summoned by the Referee.

The Referee will complete his Report on your application to the Minister for Defence on the completion of the above session.

Mise, le meas,

[Signature]

RÚNAÍ.

[Handwritten mark]

Mrs. Rena Cahill,
1 Westend Terrace,
Monaghan.

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CD/ME.

Carralawn

Wheatford

24-3-47

This is to Certify that Mrs Cahill
(Miss King) formally was an active member
of the I.R.A. and carried out her service since its
formation and took part in all the activities
of the organisation. She sent parcels to the
prisoners in Belfast prison and assisted
the members of the Brigade A.S.U. by supply-
ing the bolium with Information re the
movements of Quemy. She carried despatches
and also carried ammunition also
concealed arms. On several occasions
she to my own personal knowledge risked
her life taking part in those activities

without her help it would have been
impossible to carry on the organization
she was always anxious to help in every
way and certainly gave very valuable
service certainly in my opinion service that
should entitle her to come under the
military service pensions act

Signed

Edward Moore

Lt Col West Major Brigade

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Breaffy,

Castlebar,

Co Mayo,

21st March 1947

This is to certify that I knew Rena Ring Westport now Mrs Cahill, I Westerna Terrace, Monaghan as a member of the Westport branch Cummann na mBan from its formation until the Civil War. I am personally aware that she rendered services to the Irish Volunteers who were arrested in the Westport area during Easter week, that she took parcels of clothing cigarettes etc to Castlebar where the prisoners were detained for some days before being deported to England.

From Easter week onwards she was engaged in collecting funds to provide parcels of food clothing and cigarettes for the prisoners, and later in raising funds to buy arms ammunition etc which was essential for the arming and equipping of the Volunteers. I was a prisoner in Belfast gaol and Dundalk gaol from March 1918 until September 1918 and during that period I received several parcels of food cakes underclothing and cigarettes from Rena Ring. I learned after my release from gaol that my own sister the late Margaret Malone and Rena Ring had been beaten by the R.I.C. owing to their activities in assisting the Volunteers.

From the end of May 1921 until the Truce of 1921 I was a member of the West Mayo Flying column and during that period Rena Ring handed me I. R. A. despatches on approx three occasions, I have a distinct recollection of receiving an important despatch from her at Gwenee. She also gave me ammunition on two or three occasions, I remember my own sister the late Margaret Malone R.I.P. and Rena Ring taking a parcel of ammunition to me at Carnacloy Westport. On one or two other occasions she contacted myself and other members of the column and gave us information regarding the movements and intentions of the R.I. C.

During this period she was the medium for the receipt of information from the late District Inspector Maguire R.I.C. who usually gave the information to Father Patterson then Adm. Westport who then passed it on to Rena Ring, and I know that on each occasion that she got messages and information in this manner that it was conveyed to the column as quickly as possible either by herself personally or by one of the other girls who were working with the Cummann na mBan at the time.

Her brother the late Joe Ring who served a term of imprisonment with me in Dundalk and Belfast gaols told me that Rena Ring's sister had hidden away his revolver and cared it while he was interned after Easter week. During the period May to July 1921 I was G/C of the Guard

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During the period May 1921 to July 1921 I was O/C of the Guard who protected the flying column from being surprised by the enemy and consequently was aware of the identity of each person who arrived in the area with despatches, ammunition etc for members of the column.

I might add that amongst other things which Mrs Ring took to myself and her brother the late Joe. Ring was changes of underclothing, cakes, cigarettes etc.

I am prepared to give evidence on oath if required on the matters set out in this statement.

Liam JM alone

late of Westport
ex O/C 3rd Batt. West Mayo Brigade,
Breaffy, Castlebar,
Co Mayo

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No. 1 Westerra Terrace,
Monaghan,
26th March 1947

The Referee,
Military Service Pensions Board,
Griffith Barracks,
Dublin.

Regarding your letter of the 21st March 1947 I have obtained statements from two ex Officers of the I.R.A. in the Westport area who can give evidence in support of my claim. As you will see Messrs Moane and Malone can give material evidence on my behalf. I consider that their evidence is essential to the proper presentation of my application and as the witnesses are in poor circumstances and the journey from West Mayo to Dublin is such a long one I cannot afford to pay for their expenses travelling to Dublin. I am in poor circumstances myself having six children to rear. I would be thankful if you summoned the two witnesses and sent them travelling warrants, as already stated I ~~think~~ consider them absolutely essential and owing to my poor circumstances I am unable to pay their travelling expenses to Dublin.

I would like to mention that I would have secured the statement from William Malone long ago if I knew that he was living in Ireland, actually I was informed long ago that he had emigrated to U.S.A. and as I have not visited the area for the past ten years I was not aware that he was residing near Castlebar. Regarding Mr Moane there was a particular reason why I did not approach him sooner, I can give it if necessary at all events it relates to the Civil war.

As the matter of issuing the summonses and travelling warrants is one of urgency I would be very grateful if you would arrange to have them sent to the two witnesses by return.

Yours faithfully,

Rena Cahill

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Phone message recd 24/3 from Mr. Cahill requesting that the witnesses named in ltr. d. 26/3 be summoned as they are of especial importance in the case.

V 24/3

Spoke Chief 24/3 -
the witnesses will be heard if
they are brought forward, but
the Board does not wish to
summon them. J.P.

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Oifig an Réiteóra,
Bearric Uí Ghríobhtha,
Baile Átha Cliath.

Ref. No:
60416.

28 March, 1947.

ACHT NA DPINSEAN SEIRBHÍSE MÍLEATA, 1934.

A Chara,

I am to refer to your letter dated 26th instant and enclosures thereto further to your appeal for revision of the finding on your application under the above Act and to state that the additional written evidence therein, signed by Mr. Liam Malone, Breaffy, Castlebar and Mr. Edward Moane, Currabaun, Westport, Co. Mayo, will be taken into consideration by the Referee before he concludes his investigations on your application. It is not however proposed to summon them to attend to give oral evidence additional thereto at the session to be held on Wednesday next, 2nd April.

I am to add that if they, or other witnesses on your behalf, are in attendance at the session, their oral evidence will be taken, in which connection I am to refer to the penultimate paragraph of ^{the letter} my letter dated 21st instant.

Mise, le meas,

DR
9/5
RÚNAÍ.

Mrs. Rena Cahill,
1 Westera Terrace,
MONAGHAN.

ER/MH.

MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934.

Form R. 18.

Ref. No.

60416

APPLICANT'S NAME

Mr R. Cahill

For Discussion with

Capt B. Nelson (Sum)

Date

2/4/47

PERIOD

OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE.

PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT

- (1) I remember her coming to ^{the} Col. on several occasions. She used to take out
- (2) despatches & any information she got.
- (3) She took out a gun once & parcels of ammo on a few occasions. The most
- (4) important thing to my mind was the information she used to get; there was a
- (5) D. I. Maguire who used to tell the pilot & she would bring out ~~the~~ words e.g.
- (6) about proposed raids in certain localities. She was definitely under observation from early 1944, but she did everything ~~she~~ she could & come out with information to us.

(7)	I don't believe enemy activity was her completely inactive. She did visit us at Owenree about a month before the Truce. She did as much as she could.	
(8)	She came to her brother with a lot of stuff that we might not have known about.	
(9)		
(10)		

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

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

RESULT OF DISCUSSION:

Date.....

MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934

Form R. 18.

Ref. No. *60416*

APPLICANT'S NAME *Mrs R. Cahill*

For Discussion with *Evidence*

T. Hevey (sum)

Date *2/4/47*

PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE.	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
(1)	I think the information about the proposed raid was obtained about the Nov. 1920;	
(2)	from it saved us all from capture. It is probably - fair presentation of the facts that	
(3)	she was out occasionally in 1921. She probably would have been closely watched	
(4)	from Dec 1920. I know ^{in a} potentially way	
(5)	that she was associated in the	
	found with Paddy Daly and despatches.	
(6)		

MRS. RENA CAHILL (Ring), 60416.

Referee.

Had applicant the active service required by the Act? Her story, up to the time her home was burned, shows such a lot more than ordinary casual work that I feel constrained to suggest she get a pension.

I had an open mind in this case until I heard to-day's witnesses, Messrs. Heavey and Malone. They regard her as one of the best girls in the area.

To say there was a break or breach in applicant's service from the burning of her home in early 1921 would be a wrong interpretation of what is active service. We should not penalise applicants for the logical consequences of their active service. Applicant stood her ground under very great stress, and that had its advantage to the I.R.A.

I suggest the following assessment in the Tan war:-

1/12th (5)

1/6th (6)

1 (7)

James Robinson

2nd April, 1947.

Mr Robinson's opinion of this case is set forth in his recommendation dated July 15th 1946. The evidence of Messrs. Malone and Heavey which has since been submitted confirms explicitly the implications of applicants own evidence given prior to July 15th 1946. *Maed. 2.4.47.*

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RENA CAHILL - FILE NO. 60416.

Having heard and considered all the evidence in this case, I continue to be of the opinion expressed by Messrs. Robinson and McCoy in their memorandum dated July 15th, 1946, namely, that it "does not show the day to day activity that would indicate continuity."

Jacky Mae Inman

2-11-47

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MRS. CAHILL, 60416.

Referee,

I am of opinion that applicant has rendered active service and should qualify for a pension.

Messrs. Malone and Heavey, who gave evidence on her claim today, state that she did not allow enemy activities in Westport to interfere seriously with her activities, that she went to the column with information that saved them from arrest by Crown Forces on at least one occasion shortly before the Truce. They also state that she must have been in touch with her brother, Joe Ring, on occasions of which they have no personal knowledge.

John McCoy.

2nd April, 1947.

Messrs Malone and Heavey confirmed in express terms the inferences drawn from applicant's own evidence. ^{JMcC/AMcD} Mr. McCoy advised on July 15th 1946 that this evidence had failed to establish continuity of active service in the material period. I agreed. The evidence since heard from Messrs Malone and Heavey confirms that opinion

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MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934.

REFEREE R.3

Ref. No.

60466

Applicant's Name

Caill Ronn (Mrs)

Address: -

UNIT: -

Westport CBan Westclays

(a) PERIOD	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active Service allowed	(d) Equivalent for Pension purposes	REMARKS
(1) 23/4/16 - 29/4/16	} <i>Entire</i> }			
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17				
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18				
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19				
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20				
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21				
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21				
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22				
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23				
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23				

No change recommended

(a) First critical date.

(b) Second critical date.

Rank claimed on

O/C CBan Westport

Rank allowed

Total of Column (d)

SIGNED:

M. Gill

Rho/368

M.S.P./34/2.

Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

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

Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee—60416.....

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.

..... *Perna Kehill (res)*
..... *1, W. O'Steen's Dr., Monaghan*
for a Service Certificate.

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

Lady M. J. P. ...

..... *S. R. W. MacBilham*

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Referee.

Date..... *16 July 1945*

Date..... *2/4/47*

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.....

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

(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.....
.....

(3) State—

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

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

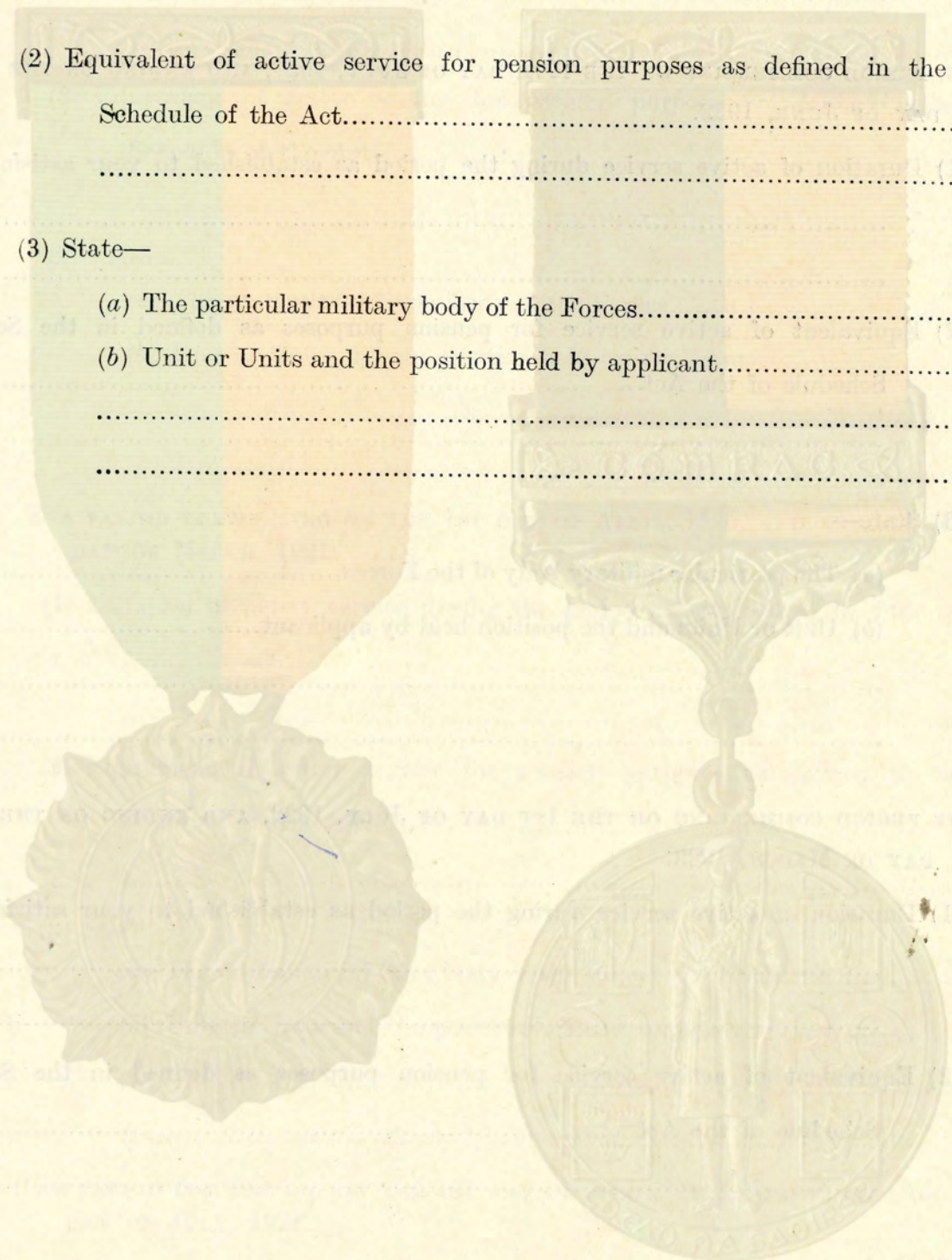
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(3) State—

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

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

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