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M.S.P./34/Referee

35982

An Uimhir 45 Roinn  
Eile.

Donnell, Tilly (Mrs)

Sandhill

Barrow by. P.O.

Westport.  
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| N/A/R)            | 15/2/40  |                |      |                |      |
| Ball              | 21/11/40 |                |      |                |      |
| Star for Mr. Keen | 27/1/41  |                |      |                |      |
| Mr. Sweeney       | 1/2/41   |                |      |                |      |
|                   | 5/1/42   |                |      |                |      |

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REF. No. 35982

APPLICANT'S NAME

O'Donnell Kelly (Mrs)

ADDRESS

Sandhill, Cammullagh Rd, Westport.

UNIT

Meriaur Bn 2nd Battn West Mayo. (Cnamhan)

*Appeal on R. 19.*

| (a)<br>PERIOD                                         | (b)<br>Service claimed | (c)<br>Active service allowed | (d)<br>Equivalent for Pension purposes | REMARKS                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (1) 23/4/16 — 30/4/16                                 | /                      | /                             | /                                      | (7)                      |
| (2) (a) 1/4/16 — 22/4/16 }<br>(b) 30/4/16 — 31/3/17 } | /                      | /                             | /                                      | (8)                      |
| (3) 1/4/17 — 31/3/18                                  | <i>Full time</i>       | /                             | /                                      | (9)                      |
| (4) 1/4/18 — 31/3/19                                  | <i>- do -</i>          | /                             | /                                      | (10)                     |
| (5) 1/4/19 — 31/3/20                                  | <i>- do -</i>          | /                             | /                                      | (11)                     |
| (6) 1/4/20 — 31/3/21                                  | <i>- do -</i>          | $\frac{1}{12}$ Period         | $\frac{1}{6}$ Year                     | ✓ Finished 19/12/41 (12) |
| (7) 1/4/21 — 11/7/21                                  | <i>- do -</i>          | Full ..                       | ✓                                      | ✓ (13)                   |
| (8) 12/7/21 — 30/6/22                                 | <i>- do -</i>          | $\frac{1}{12}$ ..             | $\frac{1}{12}$ ..                      | ✓ (14)                   |
| (9) 1/7/22 — 31/3/23                                  | <i>- do -</i>          | $\frac{1}{4}$ ..              | $\frac{1}{2}$ ..                       | ✓ (15)                   |
| (10) 1/4/23 — 30/9/23                                 | <i>- do -</i>          | $\frac{1}{4}$ ..              | $\frac{1}{4}$ ..                       | ✓ (16)                   |

CONFIRMED  
200  
6 JAN 1942

(a) First critical date.

(b) Second critical date.

Rank claimed on E

Rank allowed E

Total of Column (d)

*2 years 7 months*

SIGNED—

*Amstrong*

*Amstrong*

Military Service Pensions Collection

REF. No. 35982 APPLICANT'S NAME O'Donnell, Jilly (Mrs) ADDRESS.....  
 UNIT C. Na. urban W. Mayo

| (a)<br>PERIOD                                         | (b)<br>Service claimed | (c)<br>Active service<br>allowed | (d)<br>Equivalent for<br>Pension purposes | REMARKS |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------|
| (1) 23/4/16 - 30/4/16 ....                            |                        |                                  |                                           | (7)     |
| (2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 }<br>(b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17 } |                        |                                  |                                           | (8)     |
| (3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18 ....                             |                        |                                  |                                           | (9)     |
| (4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19 ....                             |                        |                                  |                                           | (10)    |
| (5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20 ....                             |                        |                                  |                                           | (11)    |
| (6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21 ....                             |                        |                                  |                                           | (12)    |
| (7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21 ....                             |                        |                                  |                                           | (13)    |
| (8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22 ....                            |                        |                                  |                                           | (14)    |
| (9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23 ....                             |                        |                                  |                                           | (15)    |
| (10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23 ....                            |                        |                                  |                                           | (16)    |

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

Rank claimed on.....

Rank allowed .....

Total of Column (d).....

SIGNED—.....

*John Jordan*

*John Jordan*

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## SCHEDULE.

M.S.P. 34/2A.

### Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Reference No. 35982

Applicant's Name O'Donnell, Lily (Mrs.)

Address Landhill, Lanesbury Rd. Westport, Co. Mayo

| PERIOD                                            | Particular military body or bodies in which active service was rendered. | Duration of active service established to the satisfaction of the Referee. | Equivalent for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act. |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (1) 23/4/16 - 29/4/16                             |                                                                          | — period                                                                   | — year(s)                                                                     |
| (2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16<br>(b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17 |                                                                          | — period                                                                   | — year                                                                        |
| (3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18                              | CUMANN NA mBAN                                                           | 12 period                                                                  | 12 year                                                                       |
| (4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19                              | "                                                                        | 12 period                                                                  | 12 year                                                                       |
| (5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20                              | "                                                                        | 12 period                                                                  | 12 year                                                                       |
| (6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21                              | "                                                                        | 12 period                                                                  | 12 year(s)                                                                    |
| (7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21                              | "                                                                        | 12 period                                                                  | 12 year                                                                       |
| (8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22                             | "                                                                        | 12 period                                                                  | 12 year                                                                       |
| (9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23                              | "                                                                        | 4 period                                                                   | 4 year(s)                                                                     |
| (10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23                             | "                                                                        | 11 period                                                                  | 11 year                                                                       |
| TOTAL ....                                        |                                                                          |                                                                            | 2 year(s)                                                                     |

Is the applicant a person to whom the Act applies? .... yes

Rank or Grade allowed. .... Relevant paragraph of First Schedule.

1st critical date..... 1/4/16

2nd critical date..... 1/4/17

Was applicant a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive at any time prior to 11th July, 1921? no

Does applicant's case fall under—

(a) sub-para. (j) of para. 3 of Rule I of the First Schedule? .... no

(b) sub-para. (m) of para. 4 of Rule I of the First Schedule? .... no

Does the applicant state in his application whether he is at present in receipt of any remuneration, pension or allowance payable out of public moneys whether provided by the Oireachtas or out of the Central Fund or by means of the Poor Rate or any other rate imposed by a Local Authority .... no

Does the applicant state in his application whether he applied for or is in receipt of unemployment assistance under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1933? If so, quote the number of his qualification certificate if given by him .... no

To—THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE,

I submit hereon my report in this case.

(SIGNED) T. UA. DÓMHNAILL Referee.

Date 2. 2. 42

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Military Service Pensions Collection



**R. 17.**

Any reply should bear

Ref. No. *35782*  
and your Former Unit.

OIFIG AN RÉITEÓRA,

COLAISTE CAOIMHIN,

GLASNAOIDHEAN,

BAILE ATHA CLIATH.

*10 JAN 1942*

A CHARA,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to your application under the terms of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934, and in accordance with the provisions of Statutory Rules and Orders 1936, No. 61, I am to notify you that on the evidence submitted, the <sup>revised</sup> findings of the Referee in respect of your application are as follows:—

| Service Period                                        | Duration of Active Service during each period, as established to the satisfaction of the Referee. | Appropriate pensionable service.....Years |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| (1) Week commencing 23/4/16                           | .....                                                                                             | .....                                     |
| (2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 }<br>(b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17 } | .....                                                                                             | .....                                     |
| (3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18                                  | <i>nil</i>                                                                                        | <i>nil</i>                                |
| (4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19                                  | <i>nil</i>                                                                                        | <i>nil</i>                                |
| (5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20                                  | <i>nil</i>                                                                                        | <i>nil</i>                                |
| (6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21                                  | <i>12 of</i> ENTIRE PERIOD                                                                        | <i>6</i>                                  |
| (7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21                                  | <i>1</i> ENTIRE PERIOD                                                                            | <i>1</i>                                  |
| (8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22                                 | <i>12 of</i> ENTIRE PERIOD                                                                        | <i>12</i>                                 |
| (9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23                                  | <i>4 of</i> ENTIRE PERIOD                                                                         | <i>2</i>                                  |
| (10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23                                 | <i>4 of</i> ENTIRE PERIOD                                                                         | <i>4</i>                                  |

TOTAL—*2*.....years.

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

“ “ “ 2nd “ “ .....

I am also to inform you that if you desire to submit any additional evidence or to make any representations with a view to the revision of these findings, such evidence or representations must be submitted in writing to the

Referee and must reach this office not later than *31 JAN 1942*.....

The Referee will give full consideration to any evidence or representations so submitted, and after such consideration will make his report to the Minister for Defence. If no additional evidence or representation is furnished before the date indicated, the Referee will thereupon make his report to the Minister.

I am to add that the report of the Referee, when made, will, subject as mentioned in Section 9 of the Act, become final and conclusive and binding on all persons and tribunals whatsoever.

Mise, le meas,

*Mrs. Lily O'Lonnell,*  
.....  
*Sandhill,*  
.....  
*Barrowbeg P.D.,*  
*Wick.*

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Rúnaidhe. *Curd*

- 4  
1/4/18      Went to 1st Aid lectures, Collected funds to make equipment  
31/3/19      for Volunteers. Helped with Sinn Fein election. Our branch  
collected £95.
- 5  
1/4/19      Same as 4.  
31/3/20
- 6  
1/4/20      Helped with dances and concerts to get money for Arms.  
21/3/21      Catered for the N.S.U. Often gave them my bed and watched for  
them. Went long journeys with messages. Gave £46 to M.McM
- 7      Did not stay in her home at night since 17th March, the tans  
raided her home, beat her brother badly and put her up  
against the wall to shoot. Was fired on when going to warn  
General Brown of a raid, he got away safely. Brought despatches  
4 times to Sean Lyncheaun, Achill.
- 8  
12/7/21      Some dances to pay up bills.  
30/6/22
- 9  
1/7/22      She was the nearest member to Field Hospital. She often  
31/3/23      helped with the patients as they were there from all over  
the 4th Western Div. and supplied milk, cakes and other  
things at her own expense. She saved two sick officers  
(Anthony Keane & D. Gill) by bringing them away in a boat  
from Rosturk Castle to safety. Billeted several of the  
men in a dug-out on an island and made them comfortable.
- 10  
1/4/23      Similar to 9. Billeting and despatch work took up all  
30/9/23      my time, and I had not sufficient rest, also those men  
who had escaped arrest were so harassed with raids and  
round ups some of them needed good care. Some of the  
men were Willie Chambers, Paddy Horcan, Anthony Caine and  
Dr.J. Callaghan.

*Annie Kilroy*

MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934.

Form R. 18.

Ref. No. 35982

APPLICANT'S NAME O'Wonnell Kelly

For Discussion with Mr Kilgus Date 16/12/44

| PERIOD | OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE                                                                                                                                                                                       | PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT                            |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| (1)    | <u>One of the best in the Coy</u>                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                   |
| (2)    |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                   |
| (3)    |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                   |
| (4)    | <u>Evidence read</u>                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                   |
| (5)    |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                   |
| (6)    | <p><u>Dress - very often. Long distances.</u></p> <p><u>Neighbouring Dumps - 1/2 in brother's absence.</u></p> <p><u>Food supplied - often.</u></p> <p><u>Finished on by Dams when wearing Sgt. Brown</u></p> | <p><u>? "15 hours a week" approx. claimed</u></p> |
| (7)    |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                   |
| (8)    |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                   |
| (9)    | <u>Supposed</u>                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                   |
| (10)   |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                   |

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

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

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

Date.....

Advisory Committee.

35982 Mrs. TILLY O'DONNELL.

Tendered oral evidence on Appeal.

Discussed with Verifying officers.

The file is marked "Hold for  
M. Kilroy".

Hold accordingly.

*M. J. G. KMF*

28th November, 1941.

MJG/KMF

Military Service  
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MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934.

Form R. 18.

Ref. No. 25982

APPLICANT'S NAME

O'Donnell Lally

For Discussion with

Unknown

Date

23/1/41

| PERIOD | OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE                                                                                                                                         | PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| (1)    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Best                                                                                                                          |                        |
| (2)    | = Scullin                                                                                                                                                       |                        |
| (3)    | 1918                                                                                                                                                            |                        |
| (4)    | Funas                                                                                                                                                           |                        |
| (5)    |                                                                                                                                                                 |                        |
| (6)    | <p>On run -</p> <p>Fired on, giving warning to G.S.H.</p> <p>Attending - washing, feeding - nursing.</p> <p>Dispro. -</p> <p>Arms - carried &amp; kept them</p> |                        |
| (7)    |                                                                                                                                                                 |                        |
| (8)    |                                                                                                                                                                 |                        |
| (9)    | Attended Field Hospital every day                                                                                                                               |                        |
| (10)   |                                                                                                                                                                 |                        |

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

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

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

Date.....

35982

Extract from letter dated 13.12.40.  
from Treasa Moane O'Briain, "Deenish"  
Victoria Ave. Cork.

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....."Mrs. Tilly O'Donnell -  
35982, and Mrs. Mulchrone, Ref. 48010,  
have also sent in appeals and, in the  
opinion of their Battalion O/C. Mrs.  
Michael Kilroy, deserve the best  
consideration that it is possible  
for the Board to give in the  
circumstances ....."

Original in file 38672

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Military Service  
Pensions Collection

SUMMARY of SWORN EVIDENCE given before the VERIFYING OFFICERS by  
MRS. TILLY O'DONNELL, on 17:12:1940, and AGREED TO BY HER.

You joined Cumann na mBan in 1917.

3rd & 4th Periods: In 1917 and 1918, you were Secretary and Treasurer of the Branch; attended First Aid Classes; helped to collect funds by means of Dances, etc.

5th Period: You had the same type of activities as in Periods 3 & 4. Your brother was Company Captain and was in charge of 11 to 13 rifles and ammunition which were stored about a quarter-mile from the house. You helped to look after these

6th & 7th Periods: You were Secretary and Treasurer; attended First Aid Classes; helped to collect funds. You took part in a special house to house collection. The rifles and ammunition were stored near the house until about the time that the columns were formed. While they were stored, you helped to take them in or pass them out as required. You carried dispatches regularly distances of three to 18 miles. You claim on an average you did this about fifteen times a week. You supplied food to the column and to men "on the run." You also took charge of arms for a short periods when they were left by men "on the run." On one occasion the column was billeted in the area and the Tans raided your house. You ran to warn two men who were in a house further on. You were fired on by the Tans, but you warned the men and they escaped. The house was continually raided. On one occasion you were beaten and from March onwards you were unable to stay at home at night.

Q. Is that a fair summary of your activities before the Truce?

A. Yes - that is right.

8th Period: You had all the usual Cumann na mBan activities. You helped to collect funds by means of Plays, etc.

9th Period: There was a Field Hospital in Rosturk Castle for about three months. Wounded men and men suffering from skin disease stayed there. You visited it regularly and spent from three to four hours there at a time. On two occasions, you brought wounded men by boat to the Castle. You also supplied them with food, etc. The Castle was vacated in about November. From this time onwards you were regularly carrying dispatches from two to 12 miles. Men stayed in your house when the hospital was vacated and as many as six to ten men stayed there each week. You fed these men, clothed them, looked after their arms for them, etc.

10th Period: You were active in this way up to the Cease Fire. After the Cease Fire you helped to collect funds, send parcels to prisoners, and look after men "on the run" who stayed in the house.

Q. Is that a fair summary of your activities?

A. Yes; that is correct.

Q. Is there anything else of any importance?

A. I do not think there is.

Q. Are you satisfied with that?

A. Yes.

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PM/GH.

18.12.40

Note. I was unable to get a very clear picture of applicant's activities as she was inclined to exaggerate all her activities. I am inclined to think her dispatch carrying ed. not be so regular as she led me to believe. She began by saying she carried them 15 times a day (1.1). Again in the 9th Period I could not get anything definite regarding her activities in connection with the Hospital. I am of opinion there was a nurse there and that applicant's main work was supplying food etc

Form. 18.12.40

Newfield Postwork  
Westport Mayo

14th Decr 1940

To military Service Pensions Board Dublin

I wish to state that I knew Mrs Lily O'Donnell to be a most active member of Cum-  
mra - M Bon from 1918 to 1923.

During that time we had to work in harness so to speak  
and oftentimes I had to entrust to her a considerable  
amount of Ammunition & explosives.

From March 1921 till the <sup>on July 11<sup>th</sup> 1921</sup> truce, she could not stay  
with security at her home, and on various  
occasions she risked her life in giving warnings  
to various members of the A. S. U.

On one occasion in on about June 1921.  
she was under fire for a considerable period  
whilst going to give warning to some members  
of the Unit that were in the Bog area.

It was a (round up) that was in Raagness and  
it was not successful thanks to Mrs O'Donnell  
In later Periods up to 1923 her services were excellent.

(will give evidence later)  
Lily

Sybil Lawrence McPurcell  
Opd ad Batt for Pension Purposes

.....G. 1 | 35982.....

This Reference Slip must be returned  
if you desire to submit any additional  
evidence.

Military Archives  
Sardhill Cannaby

Westport Mayo

28<sup>th</sup> Sept 1940

Mr Quinn  
509/10

a CARP.

I enclose as detailed a statement as I can possibly put in words; Also references from Messrs Kilroy, Connelly & Gallagher prominent Officers in the I. R. A.

all the Data was arranged for my calling before the Board in or around April 1938; But it appears my case was either omitted or forgotten.

I would be grateful if on your finishing my Case you would return the references as in years to come I, or some one of my family would have those references to show, even as a souvenir of my services

Yr msp.

Lilly B. Donnell (Mrs)  
Pensions Collection

To ~~The~~ The Referee  
Military Pensions Board  
Griffith Barracks  
Dublin.

Newport  
Mayo  
28.3.38

Sir,

I certify that I know Mrs  
Tillie O'Donnell (nee Mc Govern)  
<sup>late</sup> Newfield Rosturk, Westport, in  
the early days of the I. V. and  
I. R. A. movements. She was one  
of the first to join the Cumann  
na mbann in her Co Area in 1917.  
She often called to my house  
for dispatches for her Co. Captain  
Shean Connolly and later for  
her Brother Larry Mc Govern when  
he became Captain of the Tiernan  
Co. She was a most energetic worker  
in the movement at all times who gave  
of her best in those trying years.  
Michael Hilroy  
Late O.C. Western Command.

# Military Archives

The Cottage  
Tournakelady  
Co Mayo.

A cara,

24-3-1938

This is to certify that I have known Mrs Lillie O'Donnell (nee Mc Govern) Newfield Posters P.O. Westport since 1914 and often held very great admiration for the very great spirit she always adapted when quiet young in years in trying to right her country's wrongs. She supported the Irish volunteer movement. When the change over took place she took sides with the I. R. A. In 1917 when the Cumann-na-mban was organised in that area she immediately became a very active and was appointed in her half of the Co. area to look after the organization which she did very efficiently. She organized the collection of funds purchased material for making of haversacks, Baudoliers etc organizing & collecting funds for the purchase of

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arms + ammunition attending all parades + demonstrations held for the purpose of organising + demonstrating fidelity to the Irish Republic and continued her activities up to the Cease Fire order. Her house was often raided by Blacks + Tans + Free State Troops. Her home was always a place of call for all officers and men on the run and all were greeted with Good mile. Tarce and entertained to food, rest, change of clothing and every comfort; Despatch<sup>work</sup> was always done by her at all times day or night. Through the periods of Black and Tan + civil war she often worked twelve hours per day for the I.R.A. doing duty. Her brother<sup>Capt.</sup> C. McGovern was one of six volunteers from that Coy. area to join the Flying column West Mayo Bgde. 1920-21

I must say Mrs O'Donnell was one of the most active members of Cumann na mban in that area where there were so many active members and her work was much appreciated by all officers + men with whom she came in contact.

Signed

John Connolly

Late O.E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt'n  
West Mayo Brigade

The Referee Military Service Pensions Board  
Dublin

Sir

I wish to state that I knew Mrs Tilly O'Donnell (nee Mc Govern) formerly of Newfield Postwick, to be a very active member of Cumann na mBan since around 1917 to 1922 when I was interned.

During that time I was Adjutant of Newport Batt. I can state that she gave of her best to help the I.R.A. and the A.S. Unit during <sup>those</sup> ~~the~~ trying times

Very very often she gave timely warnings as to the enemys movements, and in a word she acted, and proved a very successful ~~to~~ I.O.

Michael Gallaghr.

Ex Batt. Adj. 2nd Battalion  
West Mayo Bde.

4/4/38.

Applicant's Name Mrs. Lilly McGovern Address:.....  
Unit: - Liernaur Cuman ha M Bar Sandhill Carrawbeg  
(7 Coy Area) 2nd Batt Westport Mayo  
W. Mayo Brigade

Ref No G. 1/35982

PERIOD.

3rd period 1st April 1914 to 31st March 1918

~~2. 23/4/15 to 30/4/15~~

I joined the Cuman ha M Bar in 1914. I was secretary and treasurer to the Cuman, and continued as such until the cease fire in 1923. I attended first aid classes, held by Miss Katie Kelly now Mrs Chambers during that period

~~1. 1/4/16 to 31/3/16~~  
~~3. 1/4/16 to 31/3/16~~  
4th Period 1st April 1918 to 31st March 1919

Continued classes as stated in last period, also collected money for the Army Fund, organized dances plays, and concerts in aid of and for funds for purchase of Arms for the Volunteers.

~~1. 1/4/19 to 31/3/19~~  
5th Period 1st April 1919 to 31st March 1920

Continued as in preceding periods, I also assisted in storing ammunition and arms, in a safe deposit near my residence, also helped with others to make some of the equipment (viz Pandoliers & Haversacks etc) required by the Active Service Unit.

6th Period 1st April 1920 to 31st March 1921

my brother (James McGovern) being our Coy Captain and he being on active service with the West Mayo A. S. Unit, it behoved me to keep in close touch with the Unit; ~~1. 1/4/20 to 31/3/20~~ And on occasions too many & varied to remember, I journeyed far afield to fetch suitable food & underclothing cigarettes etc. etc. to him and other members of the Unit.

On various occasions, I had to travel very long journeys (on foot) over difficult hills to ensure the safe transmission of important dispatches to the different Officers of the A. S. Unit.

I also made socks and other comforts for members of the Unit. I also helped (with others) to make a special House to House collection for funds for Army purposes

Applicant's Name ..... Address:.....

Unit:-.....

PERIOD.

6th Period (Continued) In cases of severe pressure by the enemy I had on occasions to take care of Arms & equipment that may be taken on men when taken by surprise. In a word around this period there was incessant Raids by the enemy, and there was very little Rest. day or night. I could not stay at home at this and, next period as the Gans had threatened to murder me, and burn our Home

7th Period 1st April 1921 to 11th July 1921

This period was most nerve racking as the Gans did their utmost to break our morale by constant raiding, and threatening and beating (even to my way aged parents when they could find no one else) And I had to be on the alert constantly. I had also to travel long journeys, over difficult mountain land, with dispatches or warnings, and also took supplies of food and clothing to members of the Unit. On one of those warning journeys, I was under fire from the Enemy for at least 20 minutes, but a hill, with a deep ridge on the other side, served for my escape.

I still continued at the making of socks & sundries for the A.S. Unit. I also made provisions for I.R.A men with Injuries or sickness.

8th Period 12th July 1921 to 30th June 1922

In this period our work was two fold, to raise funds for our own organization, and for the I. R. A.

We learned & produced several plays, and travelled with them (for above purposes) to outlying districts, and the effects were very satisfactory and successful. I also had to entertain men from outlying districts when they came to the Area on Army purposes.

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9<sup>th</sup> Period. 1<sup>st</sup> July 1922. to 31<sup>st</sup> March 1923

The field Hospital was in our Boy Area, and as this particular portion, of the West, was what could be termed as the War Zone at the time, our hands were full.

I had to render first aid on various occasions;

~~7-11/22-11/7/23~~ And on two occasions I alone by myself had to bring two wounded men by boat to the Hospital. Men from all parts of the 4<sup>th</sup> Western Division were billeted in the Area, and on occasions too numerous to mention my services were required at the Hospital.

I also had to try and find articles of food and drink

~~8-12/7/22-20/5/22~~ which could not be procured otherwise than by me supplying them (at my own expense)

I still continued at the making of socks and other necessary parts of clothing for the I.R.A. men.

All the materials mentioned were supplied by, and purchased by, our own monies, as the Cuman ha MBan funds were

already spent.

~~9-1/7/22-31/3/23~~ At the close of this period when the Hospital had to be vacated, a safe retreat was made in the close vicinity of my house; And when men were confined there, I had to cook and prepare food & other necessities at my own expense.

~~10-1/4/23-30/9/23~~ On various occasions I held Arms Etc safely for some of the men. I also did a considerable amount of Despatch work for my brother the Boy Captain of the Area

Rank claimed on .....

Rank allowed *Continued on next page* .....

Signed: ..... *7.62* .....

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10<sup>th</sup> Period 1<sup>st</sup> April 1923 to 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 1923

This period was the most distressing, as well as being hard worked; As a serious outbreak of skin disease broke out amongst the Army, and we had to procure the necessary medicines, ointments etc to counteract the disease.

The various men evading capture had to be catered for in food, clothing and other necessities, which we procured for them at our own expense.

As our Coy Area was the connecting link between West Mayo and the 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade Area our work was made harder, as we had at all times I.R.A men travelling by way of Boats across Clew Bay; And during the Winter Months extra rations had to be supplied, as frequently the men were storm bound and could not reach their different destinations

Rank claimed on .....

Rank allowed .....

Signed: Mrs. Lily O'Donnell

Countersigned

Michael Kilnamony  
7<sup>th</sup> Co Western Command  
Lawrence McQuinn  
O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt. W Mayo Brigade  
(for Pension purposes)  
28/3/1938.

MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934.

Form R. 18.

Ref. No. 35982

APPLICANT'S NAME

O'Donnell, Tilly (Mrs)

For Discussion with

Mess Kirby & Moore

Date

19/11/40

| PERIOD | OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE                                                                                                                             | PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| (1)    | Active —                                                                                                                                            |                        |
| (2)    | Concerts, play, 1st class etc.                                                                                                                      |                        |
| (3)    |                                                                                                                                                     |                        |
| (4)    |                                                                                                                                                     |                        |
| (5)    |                                                                                                                                                     |                        |
| (6)    | <p>1920</p> <p>Care of arms, billets, laundry</p> <p>House used by Vols.</p> <p>Despatches</p> <p>Can't</p> <p>? Brothers? to; dumb in locality</p> |                        |
| (7)    | Brought food                                                                                                                                        |                        |
| (8)    |                                                                                                                                                     |                        |
| (9)    |                                                                                                                                                     |                        |
| (10)   |                                                                                                                                                     |                        |

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

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

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

Date.....

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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

Donnell, Jilly (M<sup>2</sup>)  
Sandhill, Larrowbeg P.O.  
for a Service Certificate. Westport  
Co. Mayo

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

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

J. J. Morgan

Referee.

Date 27 NOV 1936

Date.....

1. Is the Applicant a person to whom the Act applies ?.....
2. If so, total actual service in the different service periods, as established.....  
.....  
.....
3. Total service for pension purposes as defined by Second Schedule of the Act.....  
.....
4. Grade or rank, quoting relevant paragraph of First Schedule under which allowed : —
  - (a) On first critical date.....
  - (b) On second critical date.....
  - (c) Was applicant a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921.....
  - (d) Does applicant's case fall under either of the following sub-paragraphs, and, if so, which, viz., sub-paragraph (j) of paragraph 3 of Rule I. of First Schedule.....  
.....  
or under sub-paragraph (m) of paragraph 4 of Rule I. of First Schedule, as a Medical Officer.....

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

6. Does the applicant state in his application whether he applied for or is in receipt of unemployment assistance under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1933 ? If so, quote the number of his qualification certificate if given by him.....

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

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

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

(3) State—

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

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

8. THE PERIOD COMPRISING :—

(a) THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1916, AND ENDING ON THE 22ND DAY OF APRIL, 1916, and

(b) THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 1916, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1917.

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

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

(3) State—

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

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

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

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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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

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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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

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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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

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

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 .....

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

.....

(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... ..

.....

(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.....

.....

(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.....

.....

(3) State—

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

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

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# Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

## APPLICATION TO THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE FOR A SERVICE CERTIFICATE.

This form must be filled in by every person who seeks a Service Certificate, and must be signed by him, and signature witnessed, on or before the 31st day of December, 1935. In the event of an applicant being unable to write he should affix his mark, such act being witnessed.

NAME (to be written in block capitals). O'DONNELL.....TILLY.....  
SURNAME. CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS...SANDHILL CARROWBEG P.O......  
(to be written in block capitals). WESTPORT CO. MAYO.....

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

- (a) This form is divided into three parts. Part I. is to be completed where the applicant had, in addition to the required pre-Truce Service, Service in the Forces in the period commencing the 1st July, 1922. Part II. is to be completed where the applicant's qualifying service in the Forces was pre-Truce only. Only one of those two parts is to be completed by any one applicant. Part III. is of general application and should be completed by all applicants.
- (b) Before completing particulars as to rank the applicant should read carefully the First Schedule to the Act and also the definitions of the expressions "first critical date" and "second critical date" which are appended to this form for the information of applicants. He should then complete his replies to the questions in the terms of Rules 1 and 2 of the First Schedule which are applicable to his case, e.g. :—

was "a Divisional Adjutant" or

was "a Battalion Quartermaster whose Battalion was (at the critical date) not less than one hundred in strength," or

was "an officer of Fianna Eireann commanding one hundred members or more."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### PART I.

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

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

*and in addition*

who served in the Forces at any time during the period commencing on the 1st day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923.

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

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

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

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

(b) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(2). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD COMPRISING—

(a) period from 1st April, 1916, to 22nd April, 1916, and

(b) period from 30th April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917.

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

- (a) Unit or Units.....
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service.....  
*Joined the Cumann na mBan around this Period*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....  
*Yiernaur Company Area*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance. *Michael Mc Manamon Coy. O/c.*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ?.....  
*Was engaged in organizing the Company*
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....  
*Also attended classes for Instructions in first Aid Etc.*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause.....  
*None*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

|                            |                                         |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <i>John J. Connelly</i>    | <i>Your mahady Co Mayo</i>              |
| <i>Lawrence McGovern</i>   | <i>Knifield Rossturb P.O. Westport</i>  |
| <i>Patrick Mc Loughlin</i> | <i>Sandhill Carrowbeg P.O. Westport</i> |

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

- (a) Unit or Units... *Yiernaur Cumann na mBan*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service.....  
*Whole Period*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....  
*Yiernaur Co. Area*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance. *Michael Mc Manamon*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ? *Was engaged in collecting money, also helped to organize concerts, & Plays to secure money for funds for arms for the I. R. A.*

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

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

*None*

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

| NAME.                      | ADDRESS.                               |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <i>John J. Connelly</i>    | <i>Yourmakeady Co Mayo</i>             |
| <i>Lawrence Mc Govern</i>  | <i>hewfield Rosstuck P.O. Westport</i> |
| <i>Patrick Mc Foughlin</i> | <i>Sandhill Carrowbeg P.O.</i>         |

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Yiermaur Cumann na mBan*

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

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....  
*Yiermaur & hewport Batt Area*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *John J. Connelly*

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

*continuous raising of funds also the making of bandoliers & Haversacks for the I.R.A.*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *also assisted at the safe storing of arms & ammunitions*

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

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

| NAME.                     | ADDRESS.                               |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <i>John J. Connelly</i>   | <i>Yourmakeady Co Mayo</i>             |
| <i>Lawrence Mc Govern</i> | <i>hewfield Rosstuck P.O. Westport</i> |
| <i>Thomas Cleary</i>      | <i>Greenlaur hewport</i>               |

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Yiermaur Cumann na mBan*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service.....  
*Whole Period*

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Lawrence M<sup>c</sup> Govern*

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

*I was always in constant touch with column*

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

the period *made and brought food, clothing (etc) to active service Unit, made a house to house collection for funds for unit, also kept equipments and arms in safety*

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

*none*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*John J. Connolly*

*Yournakady Co Nays*

*L. M<sup>c</sup> Govern*

*Newfield Rosstark P.O.*

*William O. Malley*

*Main St Newport Co Nays*

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Yiernaur Cumann na mBan*

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

*Whole period*

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

*Newport Battalion area*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Lawrence M<sup>c</sup> Govern*

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

*Being an active member of Cumann na mBan*

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

the period *During this time our work was the heaviest as we had to do a lot of despatch work as well as other duties*

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

*none*

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

| NAME.             | ADDRESS.               |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| John J. Connelly  | Yournakeady Co Mayo    |
| Lawrence McGovern | hewfield Rossturb P.O. |
| John D. Gibbons   | Westport Mayo          |

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Yiernaur Cumann na mBan*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service.....  
*Whole Period*

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Lawrence McGovern*

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

*I was all the time engaged in strengthening our organization*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....  
*During this period there was a extensive drive for funds for army purposes which I helped to provide*

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

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

| NAME.             | ADDRESS.               |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| John J. Connelly  | Yournakeady Co Mayo    |
| Lawrence McGovern | hewfield Rossturb P.O. |
| John D. Gibbons   | Westport Mayo          |

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Yiernaur Cumann na mBan*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service.....  
*Whole Period*

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Lawrence McGovern*

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

*I rendered first aid, helped to nurse wounded men, kept communications, provided safe sleeping accomodations. I supplied suitable food and clothing, Ect*

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

Kept up supplies to men that were on active service as the Hospital was in our company area

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

None

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Dr. Callaghan

Bangor Erris Co Mayo

William C Chambers

Ballycroy Co Mayo

John D. Gibbons

Westport Co Mayo

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Yernaue Cumann na mBan*

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

Whole Period

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

Westport Battalion area

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

Lawrence McGovern

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

I was continually assisting men on the run, keeping up their supplies, &c.

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

This was our most trying time as we had to practically clothe & feed a good many of the men on the run, help to keep them in safety and keep their equipment in safety, &c.

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

None

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Lawrence McGovern

Westport Rossturk P.O.

John D. Gibbons

Westport Co Mayo

Patrick Horan

Castlebar Co Mayo

## PART II.

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

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

or

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

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

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

(b) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(2). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD COMPRISING :—

(a) period from 1st April, 1916, to 22nd April, 1916 ;

(b) period from 30th April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917.

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

(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.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

(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.

## PART III.

GENERAL.

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS.

- (1). State in terms of the First Schedule to the Act the rank and nature of appointment held on the first and second critical dates, respectively:—

(a) On first critical date.

Rank E

(b) On second critical date.

Rank E

References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Dr. Callaghan

Bangor Erris Co Mayo

Patrick Horan

Castlebar Co Mayo

John D. Gibbons

Westport Co Mayo

William Malley

Main St. Newport

- (2). Did you serve in the National Army as well as in the Forces on the 1st July, 1922, or on any subsequent date. If so, did you apply for a certificate of military service under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, and, if so, with what result. If you did not so apply, give your reasons for not doing so.

No

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

No

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

Army Pensions Act, 1923.

Army Pensions Act, 1927.

Army Pensions Act, 1932.

If so, with what result.

*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.....

*jc*

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.....

*Lilly O'Donnell (nee McGovern)*

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

*Thomas B Carroll Garda No 1*

Address of Witness.....

*Malahanney Westport Co. Mayo*

Qualification .....

*Civic Guard*

Date.....

*28/8/36*

\*Witness must be one of the following:—

- A Commissioned Officer serving in the Defence Forces.
- A Permanent Civil Servant (active or retired) whose salary is or was not less than £200 and on a scale rising to not less than £300.
- A District Justice.
- A Peace Commissioner.
- A Barrister-at-Law, a Solicitor, or a Commissioner for Oaths.
- A Minister of Religion (denomination to be stated).
- A Registered Physician or Surgeon.
- Managers, Secretaries, Chief Cashiers and Accountants of Banks, and Officials in charge of Branch Banks.
- A Member of the Garda Síochána.
- A Postmaster or Postmistress in actual charge of a Post Office.
- Head Teachers of Secondary or National Schools.
- A Secretary of a Registered Friendly Society.
- A Notary Public.
- A Consul-General.
- A Consul.
- A Vice-Consul.

## APPENDIX.

## FIRST SCHEDULE.

RULES FOR DETERMINING NOTIONAL GRADES OF RANK IN THE FORCES HELD BY PERSONS  
SERVING IN THE FORCES.

1.—(1) Any person who at any date was either Chief of Staff, Deputy Chief of Staff, Adjutant General, a Divisional Officer Commanding, or Quartermaster General shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank A.

(2) Any person who at any date was either—

- (a) a General Headquarters Officer acting as Director of any one of the following services, namely Organisation, Intelligence, Engineering and Munitions, or
- (b) a Brigade Officer Commanding whose brigade was at that date not less than one thousand in strength,

shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank B.

(3) Any person who at any date was either—

- (a) a Brigade Officer Commanding whose brigade at that date was less than one thousand in strength, or
- (b) a Divisional Vice Officer Commanding, or
- (c) a Divisional Adjutant, or
- (d) a Divisional Quartermaster, or
- (e) a Battalion Commandant whose battalion was at that date not less than three hundred in strength, or
- (f) a Brigade Vice Officer Commanding whose brigade was at that date not less than one thousand in strength, or
- (g) a Brigade Adjutant whose brigade was at that date not less than one thousand in strength, or
- (h) a Brigade Quartermaster whose brigade was at that date not less than one thousand in strength, or
- (i) a Column Commander whose column was at that date not less than thirty in strength, or
- (j) a General Headquarters Officer who at that date was acting as Director of Medical Services, or
- (k) a General Headquarters Officer who at that date was acting as Director of any Service, other than that of Medical Services, or one of the Services mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) of the immediately preceding paragraph,

shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank C.

(4) A person who at any date—

- (a) was a Battalion Commandant whose battalion at that date was less than three hundred in strength, or
- (b) was a Company Captain whose company at that date was not less than sixty in strength, or
- (c) was, at that date, a Captain on the General Headquarters Staff or on a Divisional Staff, or
- (d) was, in the case of a company which at that date was not less than one hundred and twenty in strength, where the company had at that date one Lieutenant only, such Lieutenant or, where the company had at that date two Lieutenants only, one or other of such Lieutenants, or, where the company had at that date three or more Lieutenants, one or other of the two Lieutenants who were at that date respectively second and third in command, or
- (e) was, in the case of a company which at that date was less than one hundred and twenty in strength but not less than one hundred in strength, where such company had at that date one Lieutenant only, such Lieutenant or where such company had at that date two or more Lieutenants, the Lieutenant who was at that date second in command, or
- (f) was a Brigade Officer, other than a Brigade Officer who is deemed by virtue of paragraph (2) or (3) of this Rule to have held at that date either Rank B or Rank C, or
- (g) was a Battalion Vice Officer Commanding whose battalion at that date was not less than one hundred in strength, or
- (h) was a Battalion Adjutant whose battalion was at that date not less than one hundred in strength, or
- (i) was a Battalion Quartermaster whose battalion was at that date not less than one hundred in strength, or

- (j) was a General Headquarters Officer other than a General Headquarters Officer who was at that date acting as a Director of any Service, or
- (k) was a Divisional Officer other than a Divisional Officer Commanding, a Divisional Vice Officer Commanding, a Divisional Adjutant or a Divisional Quartermaster, or
- (l) was a Column Commander whose column at that date was less than thirty in strength, or
- (m) was a Medical Officer other than a General Headquarters Officer who at that date was acting as Director of Medical Services,

shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank D.

- (5) Any person who complies with the following conditions, namely :—

- (a) was at any date an officer, and
- (b) is not deemed by virtue of any of the preceding paragraphs of this Rule to have held at that date any grade of rank,

shall be deemed for the purposes of this Act to have held at that date Rank E.

- (6) Any person who at any date held the rank of non-commissioned officer or private shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank E.

(7) None of the foregoing provisions of this Rule shall apply to any person who at any date was a member of Fianna Eireann or of Cumann na mBan and was not at any date a member of Oglagh na hEireann (Irish Republican Army) or of the Irish Volunteers, and in lieu thereof the following provisions shall have effect in relation to any such person, that is to say :—

- (a) any person who at any date :—

- (i) was a member of the headquarters staff or executive of Fianna Eireann or Cumann na mBan, or
- (ii) was an officer of Fianna Eireann or Cumann na mBan commanding one hundred members or more of either of those bodies, or
- (iii) was an officer of Fianna Eireann or Cumann na mBan senior to an officer of either of those bodies commanding one hundred members or more of either of those bodies,

shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank D, and

- (b) any person who at any date was a member of Fianna Eireann or Cumann na mBan and who is not deemed by virtue of the foregoing sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph to have held Rank D, shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank E.

2. Where an officer whose grade of rank at any date is, under Rule I of this Schedule, to be determined both by his actual rank in the Forces and the strength of the unit to which he belonged at that date, and such officer is, at that date, absent from duty by reason of imprisonment on account of his activities as a member of the Forces, the following provisions shall, for the purposes of the said Rule I, have effect in relation to such officer, that is to say :—

- (a) such officer shall be deemed to have held at that date the actual rank in the Forces which he held at the date of his arrest, and
- (b) such unit shall be deemed to be at that date at the same strength as it was at the time of his arrest.

3. Where the case of any person does not fall within the provisions of Rule I of this Schedule, the Referee may determine the particular grade of rank which such person is to be deemed to have held on any date, and in so determining the Referee shall have regard to the following matters, that is to say :—

- (a) the appointment held by such person,
- (b) the services performed by such person,
- (c) the principles of grading set forth in the said Rule I.

4. Where any person, whose case at a particular date falls within the provisions of Rule I of this Schedule, was, at that date, engaged in service of a special character, the Referee may, in making his report under this Act in relation to the grade of rank held by such person on such date, report that the grade of rank held by him on such date is a grade of rank higher than the grade which, but for this Rule, would be the grade of rank held by him on that date.

#### DEFINITION OF THE FIRST AND SECOND CRITICAL DATES.

1. In the case of a person who served in the Forces during the period commencing on the 1st day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923,

The expression "the first critical date" means the 11th day of July, 1921; and the expression "the second critical date" means :—

- (a) in the case of a person who served in the Forces on the 1st day of July, 1922, the 1st day of July, 1922 and
- (b) in the case of a person who did not serve in the Forces on the 1st day of July, 1922, but who served in the Forces at any time during the period commencing on the 2nd day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923, the date during that period on which such person first served in the Forces.

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

- (a) served in the Forces at any time during the week commencing on the 23rd day of April, 1916,  
or
- (b) served in the Forces continuously during the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1921, and ending on the 11th day of July, 1921,

the expression "the first critical date" shall be construed as meaning the date during the said week, or if he did not serve during the said week, during the said period, on which he first served in the Forces in such week or such period (as the case may be), and

the expression "the second critical date" shall be construed as meaning the earliest date in the period between the first critical date in respect of such person, and the 12th day of July, 1921, on which such person held his highest rank in such last-mentioned period in the Forces.

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