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II/RB/4132.

22nd September, 1939.

F.3 (Pensions).

I am desired by the Military Service Registration Board to refer to your minute of the 15th inst., relative to the claim, under the above Acts, by Mrs. Sarah O'Donnell, and to state:-

- (1) The late John O'Donnell was on the run for about one month prior to his arrest.
- (2) It is stated that the deceased was released unconditionally in March, 1923. The Board are not in a position to ascertain the actual reasons for his release.

S. R. AIDHE

RUNAIDHE.

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I. (a) File submitted to Secretary.

(b) Secretary's minute (if any).

On run about one month before
arrived. It is stated that
deed was released unconditionally
The Bd. are unable to ascertain
any further about the release.

JSV
25/9.

II. (a) File submitted to Board.

To see APBd. minutes d/11/11/11

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25/9.

(b) Board's minute (if any).

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ARMY PENSIONS ACTS, 1932 AND 1937.

SERVICE CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE MILITARY SERVICE REGISTRATION BOARD
IN RESPECT OF A DECEASED PERSON ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN A MEMBER
OF AN ORGANISATION TO WHICH PART II OF THE ACT OF 1932 APPLIES.

Reg. No. of Applicant II/RB/4132 Name of Applicant O'Donnell, Mrs. Sarah
Address of Applicant Spring Vale, Achill Sound,
Co. Mayo.
Name of Deceased Person to whom Certificate relates O'Donnell, John
Late Address of Deceased Person Spring Vale, Achill Sound,
Co. Mayo.
Relationship of Applicant to deceased Mother.

WHEREAS an application for the grant of an allowance *or* gratuity in respect of the said deceased has been referred to us by the Minister for Defence under Section 8 of the Army Pensions Act, 1932, as amended by Section 15 of the Army Pensions Act, 1937;

NOW, WE, the Military Service Registration Board, in pursuance of the said Section 8, as amended, hereby certify as follows:—

1. ~~The deceased was not at any time a member of any organisation to which Part II of the Act of 1932 applies.~~ *or*
The deceased was a member of Oglaigh na h-Eireann (I.R.A.)

(State organisation or organisations of which deceased was a member.)

2. ~~The deceased was not engaged in military service within the meaning of Part II of the Act of 1932.~~ *or*

The deceased was engaged in military service within the meaning of Part II of the Act of 1932, and the following are particulars of such military service:—

Organisation or organisations of which deceased was a member	Particulars of military service		
	(*) Period of service		Nature and extent of military service
	From	To	
Oglaigh na h-Eireann (Irish Republican Army)	1921	1923	Served as Volunteer, West Mayo Area.
Irish Volunteers	-	-	-
Irish Citizen Army	-	-	-
Fianna Eireann	-	-	-
Hibernian Rifles	-	-	-
Cumann na mBan	-	-	-

(*) If the service was not continuous throughout, particulars of the period or periods of actual military service should be stated.

3. The deceased did not receive a wound or injury while engaged in military service. *or*

~~The deceased received a wound or injury while engaged in military service and the following are particulars of such wound or injury:—~~

(a) Nature of wound or injury
(b) Date on which wound or injury was received

(c) Circumstances in which wound or injury was
received -

(d) Particulars of any negligence or misconduct
on the part of the deceased which in the
opinion of the Board should be taken into con-
sideration in determining whether the wound
or injury was attributable to military service

4. ~~There is no evidence that the deceased contracted any disease during his military service.~~

or

There is evidence that the deceased contracted a disease during his military service and the following are the particulars of such evidence:—

(a) Nature of disease **Pleurisy & Enteritis.**

(b) Actual conditions under which deceased **Deceased was engaged as transport**
performed his military service **driver and despatch carrier. He**
..... **was "on the run" and imprisoned.**

(c) Particulars of any illness from which the
deceased suffered during his military
service -

(d) Detailed report on the applicant's statements **It is testified that deceased**
to, in case the application is on Form A.P. 51, **was attached to A.S.U. as**
questions 4 D (i) and (ii) on that form, or in **transport driver and despatch**
case the application is on Form A.P. 52, **carrier. He was "on the run"**
questions 7 D (i) and (ii) of that form. **for a short period prior to his**
..... **arrest and suffered from wettings,**
..... **etc. He was imprisoned in**
..... **Galway, Athlone and the Curragh**
..... **from December 1922 to March 1923.**

(e) Full particulars of any negligence or miscon-
duct on the part of the deceased which in
the opinion of the Board should be taken into
consideration in determining whether the
disease was attributable to military service ... **NIL.**

5. Deceased died on the **19th** day of **November** 19**28**

6. The deceased was not killed while engaged in military service.

or

~~The deceased was killed while engaged in military service and the following are the particulars of the date, place and manner of his death~~

7. *

* This paragraph will be used for certifying such other particulars in respect of the deceased as the Minister may request the Military Service Registration Board to ascertain and certify.

Signed..... **E. O'Reilly** Chairman

..... **Michl. Hilliard** Member

..... **James Colburn** Member

} of
Military
Service
Registration
Board

Dated this **27th** day of **June** 19**39**

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I. (a) File submitted to Secretary. ✓

(b) Secretary's minute (if any). ✓

II. (a) File submitted to Board. *J. W.*

29/4/39.

(b) Board's minute (if any).

Should we certify?

Dr. says disease due to imprisonment.

Certify

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Secretary

M.S. Reg. Board

Attached appears to
be for you

(Resubmit)

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4/5/37

Military Service
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Ref. No. 2/4/22

Name

John O'Donnell (deceased)

A.P. 51—4 (b).

A.P. 52—7 (b).

Disease.

QUERIES:

1. Between what dates did deceased serve with your Command? From March 1921 up to his arrest on 26th December 1922.
2. In what capacity did deceased serve? As transport driver he was attached to the Brigade A.S.U.
3. In what area was deceased engaged in Military Service? Throughout the 4th Western Div Area

4. Did deceased contract any disease during his Military Service as defined? If so, please give the following particulars:—

(a) Nature of the disease Pneumonia & Pleurisy as a result of hardships while on active service.

(b) Particulars of any illness from which the deceased suffered during his Military Service

(A detailed statement with dates should be given.)

5. Was deceased engaged in Military Service as defined? If so, give the following particulars:—

(a) Nature of the military activities in which deceased was engaged.

.....Yes.....

Transport driver & dispatch carrier,

(b) Was deceased attached to an A.S.U. and, if so, during what periods?

From outbreak of hostilities till his arrest.

(c) Was deceased on the run, and if so, during what periods?

In the latter part of 1922.

(d) Nature of the hardships undergone by deceased during his military service, e.g., irregular meals, wettings, sleeping in dug-outs or in the open.

Irregular meals, wetting, sleeping in dug-outs.

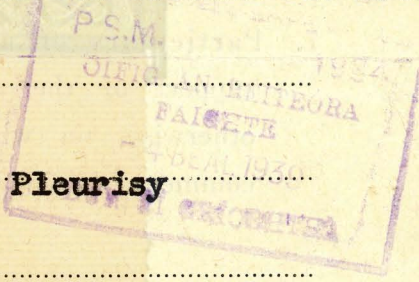
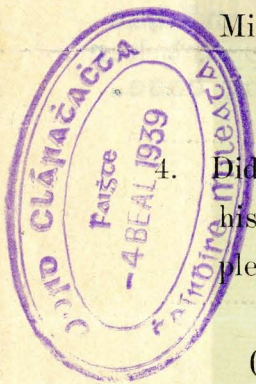
(A detailed statement with dates should be given.)

(e) Was deceased imprisoned or interned at any time, and if so, during what periods and in what Prison or Camp?

Between 26th 12-22 till March 1923, in Galway, Athlone, & Tintown No 2.

(f) Was deceased on hunger strike, and if so, for how long?

.....Not to my knowledge.....



Ref. No.

2/4/22

Name

John O'Donnell (deceased)

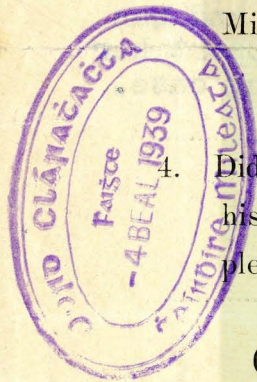
A.P. 51—4 (b).

A.P. 52—7 (b).

Disease.

QUERIES:

1. Between what dates did deceased serve with your Command? **From March 1921 up to his arrest on 26th December 1922.**
2. In what capacity did deceased serve? **As transport driver he was attached to the Brigade A.S.U.**
3. In what area was deceased engaged in Military Service? **Throughout the 4th Western Div Area**



4. Did deceased contract any disease during his Military Service as defined? If so, please give the following particulars:—

Pneumonia & Pleurisy

(a) Nature of the disease **Pneumonia & Pleurisy as a result of hardships while on active service.**

(b) Particulars of any illness from which the deceased suffered during his Military Service

" "

(A detailed statement with dates should be given.)

5. Was deceased engaged in Military Service as defined? If so, give the following particulars:—

Yes

(a) Nature of the military activities in which deceased was engaged.

Transport driver & dispatch carrier,

(b) Was deceased attached to an A.S.U. and, if so, during what periods?

From outbreak of hostilities till his arrest.

(c) Was deceased on the run, and if so, during what periods?

In the latter part of 1922.

(d) Nature of the hardships undergone by deceased during his military service, e.g., irregular meals, wettings, sleeping in dug-outs or in the open.

Irregular meals, wetting, sleeping in dug-outs.

(A detailed statement with dates should be given.)

(e) Was deceased imprisoned or interned at any time, and if so, during what periods and in what Prison or Camp?

Between 26th 12-22 till March 1923, in Galway, Athlone, & Tintown No 2.

(f) Was deceased on hunger strike, and if so, for how long?

Not to my knowledge

6. Full particulars of any negligence or **No negligence or misconduct on his**
misconduct on the part of the deceased **Part**
which, in your opinion, should be taken
into consideration in determining
whether the disease was attributable to
Military Service.

7. Particulars of any other matter in **His Mother is disabled and has**
support of the applicant's claim or **only 5/ widows pension to support her**
otherwise, on which you desire to **and is a very deserving case.**
comment.

8. Date of death of deceased **19 November 1928.**

9. Have you personal knowledge of the **I know most of the facts and have**
facts of the case as set out by you above **the rest from reliable information**
or are your replies based on official **received**
reports, or on information otherwise
received ?

I declare above statements to be true to the best of my knowledge, information
and belief.

Signature..... *Bartley Hegarty*

Organisation
and Rank..... **Ex O/C 5th North Mayo Brigade**
4 @th Western Division
I.R.A.

Address **Carrowkeel,**
Lahardane,
Ballina,
Co Mayo.

Date... **2nd May, 1939.**

Ref. No. 11/4/132

Name

Mrs Sarah O'Donnell.
James Lynch

A.P. 51—4 (b).

A.P. 52—7 (b).

Disease.

QUERIES:

1. Between what dates did deceased serve with your Command?

Between 1918 and 1924

2. In what capacity did deceased serve?

as transport driver & dispatch carrier
& was attached to A.S.U.

3. In what area was deceased engaged in Military Service?

all over N. West Mayo

4. Did deceased contract any disease during his Military Service as defined? If so, please give the following particulars:—

Yes

(a) Nature of the disease

He contracted Pleurisy &

pneumonia as a result of

(b) Particulars of any illness from which the deceased suffered during his Military Service

Hardships while on active

service & in jail.

(A detailed statement with dates should be given.)

5. Was deceased engaged in Military Service as defined? If so, give the following particulars:—

(a) Nature of the military activities in which deceased was engaged.

was with A.S.U. & did transport

work & carried dispatches

(b) Was deceased attached to an A.S.U. and, if so, during what periods?

Between start of civil war
& until his arrest

(c) Was deceased on the run, and if so, during what periods?

He went on the run about a
month before his arrest

(d) Nature of the hardships undergone by deceased during his military service, e.g., irregular meals, wettings, sleeping in dug-outs or in the open.

irregular meals wettings
in dug outs etc

(A detailed statement with dates should be given.)

(e) Was deceased imprisoned or interned at any time, and if so, during what periods and in what Prison or Camp?

Yes. Between 26.12.22 when
he was arrested till March 1923
when he was released.

He was in Galway at home on release

(f) Was deceased on hunger strike, and if so, for how long?

no. as far as I know.

6. Full particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the deceased which, in your opinion, should be taken into consideration in determining whether the disease was attributable to Military Service.

There was no negligence or
misconduct on his part.
as he was a very capable volunteer

7. Particulars of any other matter in support of the applicant's claim or otherwise, on which you desire to comment.

He was the main support of his
widowed mother who is in poor
circumstances & a very
deserving case.

8. Date of death of deceased

19 - 11 - 1928

9. Have you personal knowledge of the facts of the case as set out by you above or are your replies based on official reports, or on information otherwise received ?

I have personal knowledge
of most of the facts & the
others are a result of careful
investigation based on
official reports.

I declare above statements to be true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature Séan Lynch

Organisation I.V. and G.R.A
and Rank ex. O/L 4th Battalion

5th Brigade 4th Western Division

Address Pohanny, Achill Sound

Date 26th December 1938

Westport Co., Mayo

SP 4124 3000 9-37 RC 2/33178

P.S. I regret to say that I was away from home when this communication arrived or else I would have replied to it sooner
S. Lynch

Ref. No. 2/4132 Name

John O'Donnell

A.P. 51—4 (b).
A.P. 52—7 (b).
Disease.

QUERIES:

1. Between what dates did deceased serve with your Command? April 1921 / May 1922
2. In what capacity did deceased serve? Acting Service Unit
West Mayo
3. In what area was deceased engaged in Military Service?
4. Did deceased contract any disease during his Military Service as defined? If so, please give the following particulars:—
or not as I know.
- (a) Nature of the disease
- (b) Particulars of any illness from which the deceased suffered during his Military Service
Pleurisy Pneumonia
not as I know.
- (A detailed statement with dates should be given.)
5. Was deceased engaged in Military Service as defined? If so, give the following particulars:—
yes
- (a) Nature of the military activities in which deceased was engaged.
Transport driver
- (b) Was deceased attached to an A.S.U. and, if so, during what periods?
From beginning of
- (c) Was deceased on the run, and if so, during what periods?
Hostilities to the end.
on the run
- (d) Nature of the hardships undergone by deceased during his military service, e.g., irregular meals, wettings, sleeping in dug-outs or in the open.
Irregular meals
Sleeping out
- (A detailed statement with dates should be given.)
- (e) Was deceased imprisoned or interned at any time, and if so, during what periods and in what Prison or Camp?
Arrested 26/12/1922
Until March 1933
Galway and Curragh
- (f) Was deceased on hunger strike, and if so, for how long?

6. Full particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the deceased which, in your opinion, should be taken into consideration in determining whether the disease was attributable to Military Service.

none negligence
Due to Hardships
while on Service

7. Particulars of any other matter in support of the applicant's claim or otherwise, on which you desire to comment.

Good record

8. Date of death of deceased

19th Nov 1928

9. Have you personal knowledge of the facts of the case as set out by you above or are your replies based on official reports, or on information otherwise received ?

Official
Personal Knowledge

I declare above statements to be true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature *Peter Gallagher*

Organisation and Rank *Vice O C*

Address *Achille Beg*

Date *2/3-138*

Achille Sd Co Mayo

Ref. No. 2/4132 Name John O'Donnell

A.P. 51—4 (b).
A.P. 52—7 (b).
Disease.

QUERIES:

1. Between what dates did deceased serve with your Command?

15th February 1921 to 22/12/22

2. In what capacity did deceased serve?

Member of A.S. Land Transport Service

3. In what area was deceased engaged in Military Service?

Achill, Newport and all over Mayo

4. Did deceased contract any disease during his Military Service as defined? If so, please give the following particulars:—

Exposed to Hardships while on Active Service and in Jail

(a) Nature of the disease

Pneumonia and Pleurisy

(b) Particulars of any illness from which the deceased suffered during his Military Service

(A detailed statement with dates should be given.)

5. Was deceased engaged in Military Service as defined? If so, give the following particulars:—

(a) Nature of the military activities in which deceased was engaged.

Transport Driver and Active Volunteer

(b) Was deceased attached to an A.S.U. and, if so, during what periods?

yes from the start of Hostilities till his arrest all the time

(c) Was deceased on the run, and if so, during what periods?

(d) Nature of the hardships undergone by deceased during his military service, e.g., irregular meals, wettings, sleeping in dug-outs or in the open.

Irregular meals etc

(A detailed statement with dates should be given.)

(e) Was deceased imprisoned or interned at any time, and if so, during what periods and in what Prison or Camp?

yes from the 26/12/22 till March 1923 Selway at Home and Burreagh

(f) Was deceased on hunger strike, and if so, for how long?

can't say

6. Full particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the deceased which, in your opinion, should be taken into consideration in determining whether the disease was attributable to Military Service.

no misconduct

7. Particulars of any other matter in support of the applicant's claim or otherwise, on which you desire to comment.

*The applicant is a poor widow
and has no person to look after
her and deserves consideration*

8. Date of death of deceased

19th November 1928

9. Have you personal knowledge of the facts of the case as set out by you above or are your replies based on official reports, or on information otherwise received?

*Personal Knowledge
and Information Received*

I declare above statements to be true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature *Sean Lynnehan*

Organisation and Rank *Ex Battalion O/B*

Address *Pobranney Achill Sound*

Date *26th April 1938*

Westport Co. Mayo

Ref. No. 2/6132

Name

John O'Donnell

A.P. 51—4 (b).

A.P. 52—7 (b).

Disease.

QUERIES:

1. Between what dates did deceased serve with your Command?

From 15th June 1922 to date of his arrest 26.12.1922

2. In what capacity did deceased serve?

As member of A.S.U. Transport Driver

3. In what area was deceased engaged in Military Service?

all over the County Mayo.

4. Did deceased contract any disease during his Military Service as defined? If so, please give the following particulars:—

He suffered many hardships while on active service & in jail

(a) Nature of the disease

Pneumonia & Pleurisy

(b) Particulars of any illness from which the deceased suffered during his Military Service

as above as a result of exposure & hardships while on active service

(A detailed statement with dates should be given.)

5. Was deceased engaged in Military Service as defined? If so, give the following particulars:—

(a) Nature of the military activities in which deceased was engaged.

member of A.S.U. Transport Driver & dispatch carrier

(b) Was deceased attached to an A.S.U. and, if so, during what periods?

from start of hostilities to his arrest

(c) Was deceased on the run, and if so, during what periods?

all the time active

(d) Nature of the hardships undergone by deceased during his military service, e.g., irregular meals, wettings, sleeping in dug-outs or in the open.

He was exposed to all hardships & was a very obedient & hard working man.

(A detailed statement with dates should be given.)

(e) Was deceased imprisoned or interned at any time, and if so, during what periods and in what Prison or Camp?

From 26.12.1922 to March 1923 in Galway, Athlone & the Curragh.

(f) Was deceased on hunger strike, and if so, for how long?

No.

6. Full particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the deceased which, in your opinion, should be taken into consideration in determining whether the disease was attributable to Military Service.

no negligence or
misconduct during
his term of service

7. Particulars of any other matter in support of the applicant's claim or otherwise, on which you desire to comment.

He was a splendid type
of volunteer & now his
mother is a very poor widow
& a deserving case.

8. Date of death of deceased

19th November 1928

9. Have you personal knowledge of the facts of the case as set out by you above or are your replies based on official reports, or on information otherwise received?

I have personal
knowledge of the facts
which are true to the
best of my knowledge
& belief.

I declare above statements to be true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature.....

Patrick J. Gallagher

Organisation
and Rank.....

Battalion adjutant I.R.A.

Address

Doega Achill, Con Mayo.

Date 22.4.28



A.P.50-5.

Department of Defence,
Military Service Registration Board,
Griffith Barracks, Dublin.

Ref.No. II/4132.

5/4/1938

ARMY PENSIONS ACTS, 1932/1937.

QUERIES:

- (1) On what date ^{was deceased} were you apprehended? 26th Dec. 1922
- (2) On what date ^{was deceased} were you released from prison or internment? March 1923
- (3) State the name of Prison or Internment Camp where ~~was~~ ^{deceased} were detained. was Westport, Athlone, & Curragh Camp
Castlebar
- (4) If interned, give name and address of ^{HIS} ~~your~~ O.C., Hut, and ^{HIS} ~~your~~ O.C., Internment Camp. Hut no. 8, James Chambers
..... Christopher Bourne, Dublin
..... Sintown no. 2, Curragh
..... Hut ~~no. 8~~ no. 8
- (5) If detained in prison, state name and address of ^{HIS} ~~your~~ O.C., Wing Section, and ^{HIS} ~~your~~ O.C., Prison.
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.....
- (6) ^{was HE} Were you on hunger strike?
If so, state period. no
- (7) ^{was he} Were you released unconditionally? yes
If not, state reasons of release.
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.....

To: Mr. S. O'Donnell

Signature: ^{Res} Sarah O'Donnell
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE,
MILITARY SERVICE REGISTRATION BOARD,
GRIFFITH BARRACKS,
DUBLIN.

Ref. No. II/41325/4/38

ARMY PENSIONS ACTS, 1932/1937.

A CHARA,

With reference to your application for Pension/Allowance or Gratuity under the above Acts, I am directed by the Board to ask that you will be so good as to give the particulars indicated in the form overleaf.

When an officer regarding whom particulars are requested is now deceased, the circumstances should be so stated, and particulars should be given, in such case, of the officer's successor.

This form, when completed, should be returned to the Military Service Registration Board in the enclosed addressed envelope, which need not be stamped.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. MARKHAM, *AB*

RUNAL.

To Mrs. S. O'Donnell

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I. The addresses of the following persons whose names are given by you in your application :—

Name

Address

.....
.....
.....

II. Name of Officer Commanding Brigade

Bartley Hearty

Present Address

III. Name of Officer or Officers Commanding Battn.

(Respective periods should be given.)

Sean Lyncham Batt O/C
Pdramy achill Sound
Peter Gallagher V/C

achill Beg Achill.

Patrick J. Gallagher Batt adjt

Present Addresses

Dooge Achill.

Same as above.

IV. Names of your Company Captains or other Officers :—

(The names of your immediate Superior Officers at the period during which you claim to have contracted your disability should be given.)

(1) Name, Rank and Appointment

Above Officers

Present Address

(2) Name, Rank and Appointment

Present Address

(3) Name, Rank and Appointment

Present Address

(4) Name, Rank and Appointment

Present Address

Signature

Sarah X O'Donnell

Address

Spring Vale, Saulia

achill Sound Mayo.

Date.....

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To—THE MILITARY SERVICE
REGISTRATION BOARD.

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to transmit the accompanying application of

Mrs. Sarah O'Donnell,

Spring Vale, Achill Sound, Co. Mayo.

for investigation and certificate in accordance with Section 8 of the Army Pensions Act, 1932, as amended by Section 15 of the Army Pensions Act, 1937, and the Regulations made thereunder.

Date *20th Dec* 193*7*.

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A.S. RUNAL

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CASAIR 11/4/32.

Gen. In. to appl

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AB

5/4/38

Hospital Form to Castlebar Hospital

Forms to P. J. Gallagher, Peter Gallagher, S. Lynchman
and B. Hegarty.

Form to D.M.S.

AB 21/4/38.

Reminders to Hegarty and Lynchman

14. 12. 38 AB

Reminders to Hegarty 11/4/39 AB

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