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An Uimhir

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O'DONNELL Mrs. Sarah

An Uimhir as Roinn  
Eile.

Spring Vale,  
Achill Sound,  
Co. Mayo.

Son John

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D.P/6816.

2 June, 1940.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to refer to your letter of the 20th ultimo addressed to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health relative to the claim under the Army Pensions Acts of Mrs. Sarah O'Donnell, Spring Vale, Achill Sound, Co. Mayo, in respect of the death of her son, and to state that the medical evidence and all the facts in connection with the case were very carefully and sympathetically considered. The Minister was not satisfied on the evidence that the death of the deceased was attributable to his Military Service. No award could, therefore, be made to Mrs. O'Donnell.

The Minister has fully reviewed the findings in the case but much regrets he can see no reason for a departure from the decision reached.

Mise, le meas,

Rinaidhe.

Mr. Seán Lynchehan,  
Pohanny, Achill Sound,  
Westport, Co. Mayo.



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D.P/6816.

3 June, 1940.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to refer to your letter of the 20th ultimo, relative to your claim under the Army Pensions Acts in respect of the death of your son, and to state that the medical evidence and all the facts in connection with the case were very carefully and sympathetically considered. The Minister was not satisfied however, on the evidence that the death of your son was due to disease attributable to his military service. No award could, therefore, be made to you.

The Minister has fully reviewed the findings in the case but much regrets he can see no reason for a departure from the decision reached.

The death Certificate which accompanied your claim is returned herewith.

Mise, le meas,

Mrs. Sarah O'Donnell,  
Spring Vale, Achill Sound,  
Co. Mayo.

Rúnaidhe.



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Deaths Registered in the District of Castlebar in the Supt. Reg. Dist. of Castlebar in the County of Mayo.

No.	Date and Place of Death	Name and Surname	Sex	Condition	Age Last Birth-day	Rank, Profession or Occupation	Certified cause of death and duration of Illness	Signature, Qualification and Residence of Informant	When Regd.	Signature of Registrar
477	<u>1928.</u> Nineteenth November, Co. Hospital Castlebar.	John O'Donnell Achill Sound.	M.	Married	26 yrs.	Motor Man.	Perforation of Duodenum 14 days. Toxaemin. Certified.	J. MacIntyre Inmate Co. Hospital Castlebar.	Fourth February, 1929.	J. Ryan.

~~Certified at the General Register Office, Dublin.~~

~~Given at the General Register Office, Dublin, this~~ day of 19  
I hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true Copy of the Entry No. 477. in the Register Book of the above District deposited in my Office.

Copied \_\_\_\_\_

~~Checked at~~ Office. Castlebar.

(Sgd) John J. Collies.

~~Examined~~ Date. 16th November, 1937.

Superintendent Registrar of Births, Deaths  
and Marriages.

for the District of County of Mayo.

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Rúnaí Aire,  
Roinn Cosanta.

DP 6816  
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Transmitted.

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*Departmental reply  
to Mr. Lynchehan*

*B. O'Donnell*

Rúnaí Aire.  
23adh Bealtaine, 1940.

MP/O'D. Roinn Cosanta  
Fáisce  
24 BEAL 1940  
CLÁN LANN na bPainne  
A Chara, *Angeadair*

I am desired by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th instant. He will make representations on Mrs. O'Donnell's behalf to the Minister for Defence.

Mise, le meas,

Rúnaí Aire.

Mr. Seán Lynchehan,  
Pohanny,  
Achill Sound,  
Westport,  
Co. Mayo.

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# Military Archives

Pohanny  
Achill Sound  
Westport  
Co., Mayo  
20<sup>th</sup> May 1940

A CARA

Mrs Sarah O'Donnell Spring Vale Sanlia Achill St.  
has asked me to write to you on her behalf with Reference to  
her claim to the Military Service Pensions Board for compensation  
for the loss of her son John. She was notified by the Board on  
the 7<sup>th</sup> May 1940 that her claim was disallowed. She has now  
made an appeal, and wants help. This poor woman is a most  
deserving case, and her claim deserves good consideration.  
I hope you will do your best in having her claim reopened,  
and her getting the compensation she deserves.

Mr. P. J. Rutledge  
Minister For Local Government  
Government Buildings  
Dublin

Is mise do cara  
le mess moir  
Sas, Lynchelan

P.S.

Boards Reference no on last letter D.P. 6816



Your Reference D. P. 6816.

Ysg 24/4/40

Shring vale

Saulia

Achill Sound

20<sup>th</sup> May 1940

Dear Sir

of May 27<sup>th</sup>

I beg to appeal to you against your decision, for my claim for compensation for the loss of my son. I would feel obliged to you if you would get my claim investigated again as I am a poor widow woman living with my daughter, and nothing to exist <sup>on</sup>, but 5/- per week Widows Pension. I appeal again to you to give my claim good consideration.

I Remain Dear Sir

Yours faithfully

Sarah O'Donnell

Minister For Defence

Government

Buildings

Dublin

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GUTHAN 76764  
(Telephone)

UIMHIR THAGARTHA  
(Reference No.)

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE,  
FINANCE BRANCH,  
COLAISTE CAOIMHIN,  
GLASNEVIN,  
DUBLIN.

D.P.6816.

.....7 May, 1940.

A CHARA,

ARMY PENSIONS ACTS, 1923 TO 1937.

I am desired by the Minister for Defence to state that your claim under the above Acts ~~has been investigated~~ <sup>in respect of the death of your son,</sup> The Minister regrets that for the following reasons no award can be made to you. John,

X

.....He is not satisfied on the evidence that the  
death of your son was attributable to disease due  
to his military service.

Mise, le meas,

Mrs. Sarah O'Donnell,

Spring Vale,

Achill Sound, Co. Mayo.

Rúnaíde.

SP 5163 2000 10-39 RC 2/50103



ARMY PENSIONS ACTS, 1932 AND 1937.

REPORT BY THE ARMY PENSIONS BOARD ON AN APPLICATION FOR AN ALLOWANCE OR GRATUITY UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1932, OR UNDER THE SAID SECTION 12 AS AMENDED BY SECTION 19 OF THE ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1937, IN RESPECT OF A PERSON (OTHER THAN A PERSON KILLED WHILE ENGAGED IN MILITARY SERVICE).

Ref. No. D.P./6816.

To the Army Pensions Board.

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to transmit the accompanying application for report and investigation in accordance with the Army Pensions Board (Investigation of Applications under Part II of the Army Pensions Act, 1932) Regulations, 1937. The relevant service certificate is also sent herewith. The report should take the form of replies to the questions set out herewith.

Date July 1939.Application of Mrs Sarah O'Donnell,Spring Vale, Achill Sound,  
Co. Mayo,in respect of the death of her son,John O'Donnell

1. What was the cause of the death of the deceased?
2. From what disablement did he suffer?
3. In case it appears from the service certificate that the deceased received a wound or injury while engaged in military service was the death of the deceased due to such wound or injury?
4. In case it appears from the service certificate that there is evidence to show that the deceased contracted a disease during his military service, was the death of the deceased due to such disease?

Ref. No. 52/AFB/739.

To the Minister for Defence.

The following members of the Army Pensions Board attended:—

Mr. M. Murney.Dr. E. O'Hogain.Commdt. H. Macken.

The report of the Board is as follows:—

(Where the findings of the Board are not unanimous, separate reports signed by the individual members of the Board should be furnished.)

Signed Michael Macken

Chairman of the Board.

Date 19th April, 1940.

Perforation of Duodenum; Toxaemia,  
certified.

Board not satisfied on evidence that  
death was due to disease attributable  
to service.

N.A.See reply to question 2.



5. Were any of the disabilities under 2 due to any serious negligence or misconduct on the part of the deceased person ?

N.A. ....

6. Were there any special circumstances connected with this case which the Board consider should be taken into consideration by the Minister ?

N.A. ....

7. What was the nature of the dependency of the applicant ?

8. Were there any persons other than the applicant dependant on the deceased ? If so, state names and addresses and nature of dependency.

N.A. ....

The Board, having considered the case, are unable to recommend an award as they are not satisfied on the evidence that the death of deceased was due to disease attributable to service.

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Bo. not satisfied on  
evidence that death  
was due to disease  
att. to service

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O'Donnell.

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*Irish-American Oil Company, Limited.*TELEGRAMS:  
"ESSO, DUBLIN"*182, Upper O'Connell Street,*

TELEPHONE: 76721. (4 LINES)

PLEASE QUOTE REF.

C. WC/JOC.

*Dublin, C.8.*

4th April, 1940.

The Secretary,  
Department of Defence,  
Army Pensions Board,  
St. Brigid's Hospital,  
Dublin.

Dear Sir,

Your Reference: 52/APB/739.

In reference to your letter of the 19th ultimo concerning the matter of Mrs Sarah O'Donnell, Spring Vale, Achill Sound, Co. Mayo, we regret the delay in dealing with this matter but it was unavoidable.

We trust that the following information will be satisfactory:-

1. The reason for deceased's cessation of employment, was owing to irregularities.
2. The name of his National Health Approved Society and his number therein, We regret we are unable to give this information.

Yours faithfully,  
IRISH-AMERICAN OIL CO..LTD..

Per *WJ*...

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52/APB/739

19th March, 1940.

A Chara,

I am desired by the Army Pensions Board to state that they have under investigation a claim under the Army Pensions Acts from Mrs. Sarah O'Donnell of Spring Vale, Achill Sound, Co. Mayo, in respect of the death of her son, John.

Claimant has stated that her son was employed by your firm and the Board would be greatly obliged if, from your records, you could inform them of :-

1. The reasons for deceased's cessation of employment.
2. The name of his National Health Approved Society and his number therein.

An addressed envelope, which need not be stamped, is enclosed for the favour of your reply.

With apologies for troubling you and thanking you in anticipation.

Mise, le meas,

RÚNAIDHE.

The Secretary,  
Irish American Oil Co.,  
1, Upper O'Connell Street,  
Dublin.

*No reply.  
2/4/40.*

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11 Mar. 1940

TELEPHONE,  
CASTLEBAR 34.  
HOURS 2-4 P.M.

FROM DR. JAMES RYAN.

THE GREEN,  
CASTLEBAR,  
CO. MAYO.

This is to certify that I attended  
Mr John O'Donnell, Achill Sound, from  
Apr 4. 1923. He was then suffering from  
Pleurisy & Enteritis. While in hospital he developed  
a chronic cough, vomiting & diarrhoea.

James Ryan

L.R.C. P & S I

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A.P. 51-5-7.  
A.P. 52-8-10.Department of Defence,  
Military Service Registration Board,  
Collins Barracks, Dublin.Ref. No. II/41325/4/38.

## ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1932.

A Chara,

An application having been made by Mrs. Sarah O'Donnell of Spring Vale, Achill Sound, Co. Mayo for an Allowance or Gratuity, under above Act, in respect of her son, John, deceased, and it having been stated therein that deceased underwent treatment in your Hospital for disease or disability in the period 1928 it is requested that you will be good enough to give the particulars asked for hereunder to enable the Board to deal with the application.

Mise, le meas,

T.J. MARKHAM,  
Rúnaí.

To: The Superintendent,  
Castlebar Hospital,  
Co. Mayo.

## QUERIES:

- (1) Was deceased under treatment in the period stated above, or in any other period? & Nov. 9, 1928.

If so:-

- (2) From what disease or disability was deceased suffering?

Peritonitis Perforated Stomach Perforated Duodenum

- (3) On what date, and in what condition, was deceased finally discharged?  
Dead, Nov. 19, 1928.

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 39.Anthony MacBride

Signature:

Anthony MacBride

Superioress

Matron:

Superintendent)

The Matron that was here then  
Some time agoDate: 6th April, '38.

## NOTE:

No part of this Form is to be detached; it is to be returned complete to the Military Service Registration Board. An addressed envelope, which need not be stamped, is enclosed for your reply.



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## MEABHRACHÁN.

ÉIRE

### CUSTUIM AGUS MÁL

0.....



Do.....

*Ruairi*

*boró na n-Ám. Insean*

*baile Ára. Chraí,*

*Re Mrs Sarah O'Donnell Spring Vale  
Achill Ed. Co. Mayo.*

*A. C. C. R. U.*

*Applicant above mentioned was  
neither partially or wholly dependent on her  
deceased son for six years prior to his  
death.*

*husb. deceased*

*John S. Sullivan*

C. & E. Uimh. 756.

Sec. C. & E. 667/1952/35.

N.B.—NUAIR A BEIFEAR AG CUR NA FUIRME SEO AR AGHAIDH DE SHEACHADH LÁIMHE NÓ TRÍD AN BPOST BA CHEART ÍD'FHILLEADH AR A CHEILE AGUS Í DO CHUR AR AGHAIDH GAN CLÚDACH ACH DUILLÍN FEARACHAIS DO BHEITH UIRTHI MÁŠ TRÍD AN BPOST A CUIRFEAR Í; NÍ MÓR ÁNH Í DO BHEITH I GCLÚDACH, MÁ CUIRTEAR TRÍD AN BPOST Í CHUN DUINE DEN PHUIBLÍOCHT.



## Memorandum.

Reference No.

SP 6816

54/739

From

Army Pensions Board,  
St. Bricin's Hospital,

Dublin.

Date... 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1939.

To... Investigation Officer,

Mallacanny,

Co. Mayo.

INQUIRY.

REPLY.

With reference to your report, attached, relative to Mr. Sarah O'Donnell, Spring Vale, Achill, Sound, Co. Mayo, will you please state :-

- (1) The constitution of the household at the time of the son's death,
- (2) The wages of the various members at that time and their contribution to the household.

J. S. Macquell  
of Keshidh

To Army Pensions Board  
St. Bricin's Hospital  
Dublin.

1. The constitution of the household at the time of the son's death was:-  
 Applicant - Mrs Sarah O'Donnell  
 and her Catherine O'Donnell  
 two daughters Margaret O'Donnell
2. Her two daughters were unemployed and contributed nothing. Applicant states (I am unable to verify) that she received no assistance from remainder of her family who were away from home at this time

M. E. Macquell



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*Irish-American Oil Company, Limited.*TELEGRAMS:  
"ESSO, DUBLIN"*182, Upper O'Connell Street,*

TELEPHONE: 76721. (4 LINES)

PLEASE QUOTE REF.

S20/4

*Dublin, C.8.*

13th Sept. 1939.

The Secretary,  
Department of Defence,  
Army Pensions Board,  
St. Bricin's Hospital,  
Dublin.

Dear Sir,

Your Ref. 52/MPB/739  
Late John O'Donnell.

We are in receipt of your letter of  
the 17th instant, under the above reference,  
in regard to the late John O'Donnell.

We would advise that John O'Donnell  
joined the Anglo-American Oil Co. Ltd. on the 9th  
February 1920, the business of which Company in this  
country was taken over by the Irish-American Oil  
Co. Ltd. on the 1st January 1923. O'Donnell was  
discharged on the 19th June 1925, his wages being  
£2.15.0. per week.

We regret we are unable at this late  
date to advise with regard to O'Donnell's absences  
from duty during the period of his employment, or  
their causes.

Yours faithfully

IRISH-AMERICAN OIL CO. LTD.

Secretary.

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# Military Archives

52/APB/739.

11th September, 1939.

A Chara,

I am desired by the Army Pensions Board to state that they have under consideration a claim under the Army Pensions Acts from Mrs. Sarah O'Donnell, Spring Vale, Achill Sound, in respect of the death of her son and, the late John O'Donnell.

The Board have been informed that the late John O'Donnell was employed by your firm for about four years prior to 1922 as a lorry driver, and they would be greatly obliged if you would furnish them with a record of his employment showing rates of wage paid and particulars of any absences from duty and their causes.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Mise, le meas,

  
RÚNAÍDHE.

Secretary,  
Irish-American Oil Company Ltd.,  
1, Upper O'Connell Street,  
DUBLIN.

MH.

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# Military Archives

52/APB/739.

11th September, 1939.

Investigation Officer,  
Mallaranny.

With reference to your report of 5th instant concerning Mrs. Sarah O'Donnell, Spring Vale, Achill Sound, Co. Mayo, an applicant for an award under the Army Pensions Acts in respect of her son John, deceased, I am desired by the Army Pensions Board to request that you ascertain for their information -

- (1) The constitution of the household at the time of the son's death.
- (2) The wages of the various members at that time and their contribution to the household.

*S. A. MacLoisain*

RÚNAÍDHE.

MH.

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Guthan 71881.  
(Phone)

Uimhir Thagarta... 52/APD/739.  
(Reference No.)

Bord na n-Arm Phinsean,  
(Army Pensions Board)

Ospideál Naomh Bricin,  
(St. Bricin's Hospital),

Baile Atha Cliath.  
(Dublin)

18<sup>th</sup> July. 1939.

## ACHTANNA ARM-PHINSEAN, 1923-1937

(ARMY PENSIONS ACTS, 1923-1937).

### LIUNTAS NÓ AISCE DO CLEITHIÚNAÍ.

(Dependant's Allowance or Gratuity).

An t-Oifigeach Fiosrúcaín.  
(The Investigation Officer).

Muhamm. Co. Mayo.

An application for an award under the Army Pensions Acts in respect of the death of John O'Donnell who died on or about 19<sup>th</sup> November, 1928. has been received from

Mrs. Sarah O'Donnell.

Spring Vale, Achill Sound, Co. Mayo.

I am to request that you will kindly furnish me with a report, for the information of the Board, as to the occupation and general financial condition of the applicant and as to the degree of the applicant's dependency on the deceased at the date of his death. The report should take the form of replies to the questions herein.

It will be of great assistance to the Board if you will definitely express the opinion you have formed as to whether the applicant was dependent on the deceased, and, if so, whether wholly or partially.

Wm Taylor.

Rúnaí,  
(Secretary)

Bord na n-Arm Phinsean  
(Army Pensions Board)

1. Did the applicant enjoy any private income prior to the death of the deceased?	no
2. Did the applicant hold any regular employment prior to the death of the deceased? If so, state the approximate amount of applicant's earnings.	no
3. Where the applicant is brother or sister to deceased, is the applicant permanently invalided and thereby prevented from earning, and if the applicant is a sister is she unmarried?	/
4. Where the applicant is father to the deceased and under 60 years of age, is he incapacitated by ill-health?	/
5. Has applicant any other children living?	yes.
6. If so, what are their ages and occupations?	Pat O'Donnell 44 yrs. In America for past 18 years. Does not contribute to upkeep of claimant. Martin O'Donnell 36 years. In England for past 16 years. married. Does not contribute.
7. What are their earnings?	Catherine O'Donnell 39 years married on farm. husband Pat Kilbane works holding 1/2 in which claimant has legal interest as her husband died intestate. Mary O'Donnell. in America. married to another man. employed by Irish American Oil Co. as housewife.
8. Do they contribute to the upkeep of claimant? If so, to what extent?	
9. What was the occupation of Deceased?	
10. What were his wages and contributions to claimant?	Wages £2-15 per week. Contributions £1-10 per week. Was employed for four years prior to his arrest in 1928. Since that time to date of death he had no employment.



11. The circumstances of the applicant at the time of the death of the deceased and the extent of his dependency on the deceased at that time should be ascertained as far as possible.

*Applicant was not dependent on deceased prior to his death as he was unemployed. Circumstances of applicant are practically unchanged since that time*

12. What is the yearly value of any property belonging to claimant (not being property personally used or enjoyed by him) which is invested or otherwise put to profitable use by him or which though capable of investment or other profitable use is not so invested or otherwise put to profitable use by him? Calculations to be made according to present basis for Old-Age Pensions.

*nil.*

*Legal Interest in form of shares P.d.V. 1-5 incl 5/- on house, Applicant's husband died intestate. Estimated value of intestacy interest in holding 10/-*

13. What is the yearly value of any advantage accruing to Claimant from the use or enjoyment of any property belonging to him which is personally used or enjoyed by him, except furniture and personal effects? Calculations to be made according to present basis for Old-Age Pensions.



*From holding 10/-*

14. What is the income which Claimant might reasonably expect to receive during the succeeding year in cash, excluding any sums received on account of dependant's allowance under Part VII of the Army Pensions Act, 1937, and excluding any sums arising out of property as described in Question (12)? (No account shall be taken of any sums received during a period of not more than six months in any year by a person or by the husband or wife of a person (as the case may be) under a medical certificate as sickness benefit from a Friendly Society or Trade Union or under the National Health Insurance Acts, 1911-1926).

*nil*

In calculating the income from this source the income for the past year may be taken in the absence of a better means for calculating the income.

15. Where Claimant resides with and is maintained in the house of a relative of the first degree:

- (a) Where the house is on an agricultural holding owned by such relative, and the means of the household are derived solely from such holding, state—

- (i) The number of adults (excluding claimant) in the house.
- (ii) The number of children.
- (iii) The valuation of the holding.

- (b) Where the house is not on an agricultural holding owned by such relative and is situated in an urban area, state—

- (i) The number of adults (excluding claimant) in the house.
- (ii) The number of children in the house.
- (iii) The total weekly means of the household.

- (c) Where the house is not on an agricultural holding and is situated in a rural area, state—

- (i) The number of adults (excluding claimant) in the house.
- (ii) The number of children.

*Two claimant's grandchildren - Two 1-5 including 5/- on house.*

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(iii) The total weekly means of the household.

(d) Where the house is on an agricultural holding and is situated in an urban area and the means are derived partly from the holding and partly from other sources, state—

(i) The number of adults (excluding claimant) in the house.

(ii) The number of children in the house.

(iii) The weekly amount of income from all sources.

(iv) The valuation of the holding.

(e) Where the house is on an agricultural holding and is situated in a rural area, and the means of the household are derived partly from such holding and partly from other sources, state—

(i) The number of adults (excluding claimant) in the house.

(ii) The number of children in the house.

(iii) The weekly amount of income from all sources.

(iv) The valuation of the holding.

16. Where the claimant receives lodging or a house free of rent from any source, what is the value of such free accommodation?

17. What is the yearly value of any other benefit or privilege enjoyed by claimant?

18. Where the claimant is one of a married couple living together in the same house, what are the total means of such married couple? Set out the wife's means (if any) separately.

19. Has claimant directly or indirectly divested himself of any property or income at any time after 1st December, 1936? (State whether such property or income was assigned by conveyance or transfer by operation of law or by bona fide sale for valuable consideration in money or money's worth amounting to not less than  $\frac{4}{5}$ ths of the value of the property or income, or whether the estate or interest therein which was the subject of the sale or the property of which the person has divested himself consists only of a farm of land assigned to a child on marriage).

20. Where a claimant has been voluntarily supported by any relative and has ceased to be supported at any time after the 1st December, 1936, has the cessation of such support been due to the death or bankruptcy of the said relative or because the means of such relative have so diminished as to render the continuance of such support impossible?





## **Notes for the Benefit of the Investigation Officer**

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The expression “ agricultural holding ” means any hereditament which is—

- (a) entered as land in the valuation lists under the Valuation Acts, and
- (b) is not mainly used for purposes other than agricultural or live-stock production.

The expression “ valuation ” means valuation under the Valuation Acts.

The expression “ urban area ” means any area which is either—

- (a) a county borough, or
- (b) an urban district (not being a county borough) the population of which (as shown by the census of population which is for the time being the latest such census) exceeds seven thousand.

The expression “ rural area ” means any part of Saorstát Éireann which is not an urban area.

The word “ adult ” means a person who is aged eighteen years or upwards.

The word “ child ” means a person under the age of 18 years.

For the purposes of determining the census of population which is the latest such census within the meaning of the definition of the expression “ urban area ” contained in the immediately preceding sub-rule—

- (a) the census of the population of Saorstát Éireann taken in the year 1936, shall be deemed to have been taken on the date of the passing of this Act, and
- (b) whenever a subsequent census of the population of Saorstát Éireann has been taken, the Minister shall certify the date of the publication of every such census, and every such census shall be deemed to have been taken on the date of publication so certified in respect thereof.



amhrán tógaithe

(Ref. No.) II/RB/4132.

Roinn Coranta,  
(Department of Defence)

Boird Clárúcháta Seirbhíse Míleata,  
(Military Service Registration Board)

Dún na Tríonóide,  
(Griffith Barracks)

Baile Átha Cliath.  
(Dublin)

22<sup>nd</sup> September, 1939.

F.3 (Pensions).

ARMY PENSIONS ACTS, 1932/1937.

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.



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.

*Runaidhe*

RUNAIDHE.

*Runaidhe*

*Bord na hArm Phineas.*

*Custas chuglat maidir leid mheamraí deín "adh lá deín  
mhí seo.*

*Donnell  
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Transmitted in connection with the  
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Please obtain the following information from the  
Military Service Registration Board :-

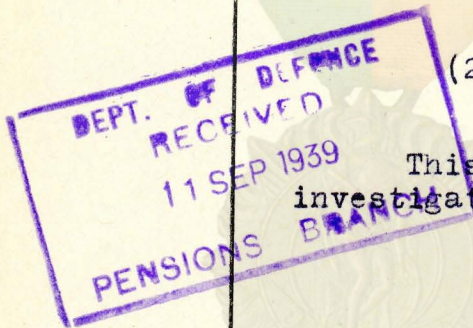
- (1) The exact period during which the late  
John O'Donnell was on the run.
- (2) The circumstances under which he was  
released in March, 1923.

This information is necessary to facilitate the  
investigation of this claim.

*S. A. MacGibbon*

RÚNAÍDHE, BORD NA nARM PHINSEAN.  
11th September, 1939.

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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 1928...

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..... S. O'Neill ..... Chairman }  
..... Michl. Hilliard ..... Member } of  
..... Gas Colbent ..... Member } Military  
..... } Service  
..... } Registration  
..... } Board

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 1939.....



A.P. 51 - 5 - 7  
A.P. 52 - 8 - 10

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

MILITARY SERVICE REGISTRATION BOARD.

Ref. No. 2/4132

<sup>CRIFITH</sup>  
Collins Barracks,  
Dublin

81/4/38.

ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1932 - 34

A Chara,

An application having been made by Mrs. Sarah O'Donnell.  
of Spring Vale Achill Sound, Co Mayo  
for an Allowance or Gratuity under the above-named Act in respect  
of her son John O'Donnell deceased, and it having been stated  
therein that deceased underwent treatment in your Hospital for  
disease or disability in the period 26th Dec 1922 - March 1923  
it is requested that you will be good enough to give the  
particulars asked for hereunder, to enable the Board to deal with  
the application.

Mise, le meas

X Westpoint, Athlone  
and Curragh Camp

To:

D.M.S.

CH-Q

23 APR 1938



J. J. Mackenay

RUNAI AB

Q U E R I E S

(1) Was deceased under treatment in the period stated above, or in  
any other period? No Records available.

If so;

(2) From what disease or disability was deceased suffering?

(3) On what date and in what condition was deceased finally  
discharged?

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

(Signature) W. J. Mackenay

Captain

(Superioress)

(Matron)

(Superintendent) for D.M.S.

Date 26. 4. 38.

NOTE No part of this Form is to be detached; it is to be returned  
complete to the Military Service Registration Board. An addressed  
envelope, which need not be stamped, is enclosed for your reply.





A.P. 51-5- 7.

A.P. 52-8-10.

Department of Defence,  
Military Service Registration Board,  
Collins Barracks, Dublin.Ref. No. 4/41325/4/38ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1932.

A Chara,

An application having been made by Mrs. Sarah O'Donnell  
of Spring Vale, Achill Sound, Co. Mayo for an Allowance or  
Gratuity, under above Act, in respect of her son John.

deceased, and it having been stated therein that deceased underwent  
treatment in Yant Hospital for disease or disability in the period

1928 it is requested that you will be good  
enough to give the particulars asked for hereunder to enable the Board  
to deal with the application.

Mise, le meas,

T.J. MARKHAM, AP.  
Runai.

To: The Superintendent.  
Castlebar Hospital.  
Co Mayo

QUERIES:

- (1) Was deceased under treatment in the period stated above, or in any  
other period? Nov 9 1928  
If so: -
- (2) From what disease or disability was deceased suffering?  
Perforated Stomach
- (3) On what date, and in what condition, was deceased finally  
discharged? Dead Nov 19 1928

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

Signature: Anthony Mac BrickeSuperioress )  
Matron: )  
Superintendent)Date: 6<sup>th</sup> April '38

NOTE: No part of this Form is to be detached; it is to be returned  
complete to the Military Service Registration Board. An  
addressed envelope, which need not be stamped, is enclosed  
for your reply.



ack. 14/12/37  
S.S.

D.P. 6816

A.P. 52.

ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1932.

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Application for an allowance or a gratuity under section 12 of the Army Pensions Act, 1932, in respect of the death of a person by or on behalf of a dependant (not being the widow or child) of such person.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF THIS FORM.

1. In every case the name to be inserted as applicant is that of the person by whom or on whose behalf it is claimed that she or he is entitled to the allowance or gratuity.

2. This application form is to be signed by the applicant, except where the Minister for Defence authorises it to be signed on behalf of the applicant by another person.

3. The attention of the person signing this form is directed to the declaration at the foot hereof to be made by such person.

4. The signature of the person signing this form is to be attested by a witness. (As to who may be a witness, see foot of this form).

5. In the event of the person making the application being unable to write he or she is to sign by affixing his or her mark and the attesting witness is to insert the name of such person.

Name of Applicant ( To be written in Block Capitals )

MRS SARAH O DONNELL

(Surname), (Mr., Mrs., or Miss), (Christian Names)

Address

Spring vale Saulia Achill Sound Westport Co Mayo

Nearest Garda Síochána Station

Achill Sound

Distance of nearest Railway Station from Residence

1/2 a mile

Distance of nearest Bus route from Residence

1/2 a mile

Whether Railway or Bus is the more economical method of transport between Residence and Dublin

Railway and Bus

Name of Deceased Member

John O'Donnell

Late of (Address)

Spring vale Saulia Achill Sound Westport Co Mayo





NOTE.—Before answering any of the questions below, the person making the declaration at the foot of this Form is to note that the statements made will be checked.

The Army Pensions Act, 1932, imposes a summary penalty for a false declaration.

Every person who, with a view to obtaining the grant or payment of a pension, allowance, or gratuity under Part II of the Army Pensions Act, 1932, either for himself or for any other person, makes, signs, or uses any declaration, application, or other written statement knowing the same to be false shall be guilty of an offence under this section and shall be liable on summary conviction thereof to a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds, or, at the discretion of the court, to imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months or to both such fine and such imprisonment. (Section 12 (1) of Army Pensions Act, 1923, as applied by the Army Pensions Act, 1932).

If the declarant is unable to read, the above notes should be read over to him (or her) by the witness, who should so testify in his attestation of the claim.

1. State relationship of applicant to deceased and such of the following particulars as is appropriate :—

*Mother*

(a) If father and over 60 years of age, date of birth (certificate of birth to be attached).

\_\_\_\_\_

(b) If father and incapacitated by ill-health, nature of such incapacity (medical certificate to be attached).

\_\_\_\_\_

(c) If a brother under the age of 18 or an unmarried sister under the age of 21, date of birth (certificate of birth to be attached).

\_\_\_\_\_

(d) If permanently invalided brother or permanently invalided unmarried sister, nature of illness (medical certificate to be attached).

\_\_\_\_\_

2. State whether the applicant at the date of death of the deceased was wholly dependent on him. If not wholly dependent, state the extent to which the applicant was dependent. The full circumstances as to dependancy in either case should be set out in a separate statement if necessary.

*yes, she was depending wholly on him*

3. State whether any claim has been made, or is being made by the applicant in respect of any other member of any of the organisations mentioned in 6 or of the National Army or Defence Forces.

*no*

4. (a) When and where did the deceased die, and what was the cause or causes of death? (Certificate of death to be attached).

*Castlebar County  
Hospital  
certificate of death attached*



- (b) If the deceased died as a result of refusing to take nourishment while detained in prison, or died by violence while a prisoner, give details of the date, place and circumstances.

He died as a result of ill treatment in prison and exposure while in prison and before his arrest.

5. State whether the deceased was married.

Single

6. Give particulars of the service of the deceased in any of the undermentioned Organisations :—

ORGANISATION	Period of Service		In what capacity he served	In what areas he served	Name of his Commanding Officer
	From	To			
(a) Oglagh na h-Eireann (Irish Republican Army)	1920	1924	dispatch carrier and J.O.	achill Ballycroy & Newport	Sean Lynchkeane achill
(b) Irish Volunteers ....					
(c) Irish Citizen Army ....					
(d) Fianna Eireann ....					
(e) Hibernian Rifles ....					
(f) Cumann na mBan ....					

7. (a) When and in what area did the deceased receive the wound or injury or contract the disease which resulted in death?

in jail his health began to fail.

- (b) Who was the Deceased's Commanding Officer at the time?

John Malone, Westport camp O.M.

- (c) Give the names of any persons who can corroborate your answer to (a) above.

Harry McLaughlin Cashel, achill, who was in jail along with him.

7. (d) Replies to Questions 7 (d) (i) to (v) to be filled in only in case of death due to Disease.

- (i) In what way is it claimed that the disease which was the cause of death was connected with the Military Service of the deceased and what are the grounds for the claim?

He was in good health and employed as lorry driver with Irish American oil Coy up to his arrest

(A detailed statement of the facts with dates should be given).

- (ii) Were there any particular conditions affecting the service of the deceased which it



is claimed caused the disability (or disabilities)? Did the deceased suffer from any illness during the period of his service? If so, give particulars, including any treatment received.

*He was in good health up to his arrest*

- (iii) Give particulars of the health of the deceased for the three years prior to joining the particular force in which it is claimed he incurred the disability (or disabilities) which caused his death. If possible certificates should be furnished :—

*Health good until 1923.*

(a) from his doctor, and

*certificate attached*

- (b) from his approved Society for the three years prior to joining the particular Force, or if he was not an insured person, certificates should be furnished by the Medical Practitioner who ordinarily attended him during those three years. A statement will also be required from his Employers in respect of the three years prior to his joining the particular force.

*Not to hand yet but will send it when it arrives*

- (iv) Give the names and addresses of his Employers :—

*Irish American oil Company Dublin.*

- (a) during the three years prior to joining the particular Military Force in which it is claimed he contracted any disability referred to in the reply to Question 4 above.

*Do.*

- (b) During the period of his Military Service referred to at 6.

*Do.*

- (c) During the period since the cessation of his Military Service.

- (v) Was the deceased at any time prior to his service referred to at 6 a candidate for any appointment which necessitated a medical examination? If so, state the nature of the appointment and the result of the medical examination.

*Not to my knowledge*

8. Give the names of the hospitals where



the deceased was treated for the disability (or disabilities) stated in reply to Question 4 above, and the approximate dates of admissions and discharges, if possible.

He ~~was~~<sup>was</sup> about a  
year in hospital  
and died on 19.11.1928

9. Did the deceased suffer from the disability (or disabilities) mentioned in above answer to Question 4, or anything like it, prior to Military Service? If so, give details and dates.
10. Give the names of any hospital or hospitals, in which the deceased received treatment as an in-patient or an out-patient, prior to the period of his service, and the nature of the ailments for which treatment was provided.
11. What was the nature of the employment of deceased—
  - (a) before his Military Service referred to at 6,
  - (b) during the period of such Military Service,
  - (c) after the cessation of such Military Service?
12. Give particulars of any period, or periods of unemployment since the cessation of the Military Service of the deceased, and the cause of it (e.g., trade depression, ill-health, etc.).
13. Did either the deceased or the applicant receive compensation from the deceased's Employers, or from any person or body in respect of any accident, injury, or disease? If so, give full particulars and state the amount of such compensation.
14. Give the names and addresses of any Doctors who attended the deceased since the cessation of his Military Service, and particulars of the ailments for which they attended him.
15. If the deceased was treated at a hospital (either as an in-patient or an out-patient) since the cessation of his Military Service, give the name of the hospital, or hospitals, dates of admission, or commencement of treatment, and the nature of the ailment for which treated.

No.

only at Castlebar  
hospital.

oil Lorry driver

do.

do.

do.

Employers certificate  
will be sent when I get it

No.

Dr Ryan. Castlebar  
co Mayo.

only in Castlebar



16. Give particulars of the health of deceased since the cessation of his Military Service. These should be supported by:—

(a) medical certificates from any civilian doctors who attended him, and reports from non-military hospitals which deceased attended.

(b) certificates from deceased's Employers as to health and time lost.

17. Has the applicant received, or did the deceased receive, in respect of the disability, or disabilities, which caused his death any payment:—

(a) on a decree under the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Acts, 1919 and 1920;

(b) on an award made by the Personal Injuries Committee;

(c) from or on behalf of the person; alleged to be responsible for the act which caused such disability

(d) from any other source?

If so, give full particulars.

18. Give the name of deceased's National Health Approved Society, and (if possible) his membership number.

19. Did the deceased make a claim for a certificate of service under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924? If so, what was the result of his claim?

20. Did the applicant, or did the deceased, make any claim under the Army Pensions Acts, 1923-1927, in respect of the wound or disease which caused the death of the deceased? If so, what was the result of such claim?

21. Give particulars of any pension or gratuity awarded to the deceased under the Army Pensions Acts, 1923-1927, in respect of a wound or injury received or disease contracted in the course of duty with the Irish Volunteers, Irish Citizen Army, 1916, National Army or Defence Forces.

22. State whether deceased was at any time in receipt of a pension, allowance or gratuity, in respect of

*certificate enclosed* ✓

*No.*

*No.*

*No.*

*No.*

*No.*

*No.*

*None.*

*No.*



injuries received or disability incurred in the course of service with any of the following Military or Police Forces—(a) British (b) Australian (c) New Zealand (d) South African (e) Canadian (f) American (U.S.A.) (g) Royal Irish Constabulary (h) Dublin Metropolitan Police (i) Garda Síochána (j) National Army (k) Defence Forces.

23. (a) Give full particulars of any pension, allowance or gratuity which the deceased held in respect of any wound or injury received in or disease contracted in the services mentioned in your reply to above questions.

*None.*

- (b) State clearly the source from which payment of such pension, allowance or gratuity was made.

*None.*

24. Give particulars of any payments the applicant has received from Army Funds since the death of deceased.

*None.*

I declare that :—

- (a) I am the applicant mentioned in the foregoing particulars,  
(b) the said particulars have been read over by or to me before signing this declaration,  
(c) the said particulars are true to the best of my knowledge, information or belief.

Signature of Applicant.....

Address of Applicant.....

*Sarah J. J. Donnell  
Spring Vale Achill Sound  
Westport Co Mayo*

or (where application is sent in by another person on behalf of applicant) :—

I declare that :—

- (a) this application is made by me on behalf of the above-mentioned applicant,  
(b) that the foregoing particulars have been read over by or to me before signing this declaration.  
(c) that the said particulars are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature of Declarant.....

Address.....

Description.....

IOVER.



\* Signature of Witness

Address

Qualification of Witness

Date

Padraig S. O'Gallagher (F.S.)  
 101a Scall Cornuige  
 Feisimannac Siocána  
 8th Nov 1937.

\*To be signed by 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.

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TELEPHONE.  
NO. 34.

THE GREEN,  
CASTLEBAR,  
CO. MAYO.

This is to certify  
that I professionally attended  
Mr John O'Donnell, Achill  
Sound, during the years  
1923 & 24. He was suffering  
from Pleurisy & Enteritis.

I considered his condition  
at that period was due  
to exposure & hardships  
while in Gaol.

James Ryan  
L.R.C.P.S.I.



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20 May, 1935.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to refer to your application for consideration under the Army Pensions Act, 1932, and to enclose for your information a copy of a notice setting out the main provisions of the Act. Your attention is directed to Paragraph 5 thereof. The Minister has no discretionary power to accept an application made after the prescribed date. An application from you cannot therefore be considered under existing Army Pensions legislation.

Mise, le meas,

*BM*

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Mrs. Sarah O'Donnell,  
Spring Vale,  
Achill Sound,  
Co. MAYO.

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Sarah O'Donnell  
Spring Vale

Achill Sound  
Co Mayo

April 10<sup>th</sup> 1935

DEARS

Please send a pension Application  
form to enable me to get gratuity or  
pension for loss of my son (John)  
I have received application form for  
a military service pension and  
understand that this is of no use to  
me for what I am claiming  
I would like to get it immediately  
would you please oblige in sending  
same as soon as you possibly can.

I remain

yours Sincerely

Mrs O'Donnell

No record of any  
application under  
P. Acts 1923 & 1927.

Initials.....

Date

16/4/35

Mr. Berry  
Please attach  
'34 Act papers.  
DM



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Mrs Sarah O'Donnell

Spring Vale  
Achill Sound  
Co Mayo  
Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 1935

4 - MAR 1935

ARMY PENSIONS BRANCH.

Dear Sir

Please send me an application  
form for military service disability  
pension.

And oblige

yours sincere  
Mrs S. O'Donnell

To/

Secretary Minister Defence  
Pension Department  
Parkgate Street  
Dublin

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