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Kelly Patrick J
Castlebar Road

Westport Co. Mayo

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 Ref. No. 7571 Applicant's Name Kelly, Patrick J. Address Castlebar Rd., Westport, Co. Mayo.
 UNIT: _____

REFEREE R.3

(a) PERIOD	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active Service Allowed	(d) Equivalent for Pension purposes.	REMARKS
(1) 23/4/16 - 30/4/16.	²⁷ / ₄ 16 to ²⁸ / ₄ 16			(7)
(2) (a) 1/4/16-22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16-21/3/17	Full Period			1/2 change recommended $\frac{9}{16}$ (8)
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	do.			(9)
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	do.			(10)
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	do.			(11)
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	do.			(12)
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	do.			(13)
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	do.			(14)
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	do.			(15)
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/3/23	do.			(16)

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

Service claimed or - Battn. O/C.
 Service allowed - Battn. O/C.

Total of Column (d) _____

REF: Seamus Robinson John McBoyle John Jordan

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Ref. No. 7571 Applicant's Name Kelly, Patrick, J. Address Bacellar Rd., Westport, Co. Mayo. Referee R.3

UNIT (1) Westport Battn., West Mayo Bde., (2) Leenane Coy, 1st Battn., West Donnemara Bde.,
(3) Doon Coy, Westport Battn., West Mayo Bde., (4) Loughbeg Battn., West Mayo Bde.,

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	REMARKS
PERIOD	Service claimed	Active Service allowed	Equivalent for pension purposes.	
(1) 23/4/16 - 30/4/16	$\frac{23}{4}$ to $\frac{29}{4}$			(7)
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(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	Full Period			(11)
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	Full Period	$\frac{1}{4}$.	$\frac{1}{2}$ yrs.	(12)
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	Full Period	Full.	1 yrs.	(13)
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	Full Period	Full	1 yrs.	(14)
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	Full Period	Full	2 yrs.	(15)
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	Full Period	Full.	1 yrs.	(16)

Rank claimed on - (a) First critical date (b) Second critical date
Rank allowed - Battn. O/C Battn. O/C

Total of Column (d) 5 1/2 years

SIGNED :- Seamus Robinson John McBoyle J. Fahy John Jordan

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Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No.

34 SP/8463

To :

THE REFEREE.

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to transmit for report in accordance with Section 8 and the Regulations made under the Act the accompanying application of

Kelly, Patrick J.
Castles Road, Westport, Co. Mayo
for a Service Certificate.

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

Date.....

Ref. No

Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee - 7571

To :

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

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(SIGNED) J. K. O'CONNOR

Referee.

Date.....

1. Is the Applicant a person to whom the Act applies? Yes.....

2. If so, total actual service in the different service periods, as established.....

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3. Total service for pension purposes as defined by Second Schedule of the Act.....

5 1/2 years

4. Grade or rank, quoting relevant paragraph of First Schedule under which allowed :—

- (a) On first critical date: Grade C Para. 1(3)(e)

- (b) On second critical date: Grade C Para. 1(3)(e)

- (c) Was applicant a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921..... *no*

- (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 ?.....

no

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.....

no

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

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

nil

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

nil

(3) State—

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

Irish Volunteers

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

Westport Unit

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

nil

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

nil

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces. *Irish Volunteers*

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

Leenane Coy.

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

Nil

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

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces. *Irish Volunteers*

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

Leenane Coy., Galway Bde.

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

Nil

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

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces. *Irish Volunteers*

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

Leenane Coy., Galway Bde.

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

Nil

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

(3) State—

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

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

E Coy, Wolfport Bn, West Mayo Bde

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

1/4 of ENTIRE PERIOD

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

1/2 of 1 year

(3) State—

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

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

Louisburgh Bn, West Mayo Bde

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

ENTIRE PERIOD

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

1 year

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces..... Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

Louisburgh Btr. West Mary Bde.
and A. S. U.

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

.....
 ENTIRE PERIOD ✓

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

..... 1 year ✓

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces..... Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

Louisburgh Btr. West Connemara Bde.

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

.....
 ENTIRE PERIOD ✓

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

..... 2 years ✓

3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces..... Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

Louisburgh Btr. West Connemara Bde.

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

ENTIRE PERIOD /

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

1 year /

(3) State—

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

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

Louisburgh Btr, West Connemara Bde.

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Appeal on R17

File No. 7571

Submitted by

Name of applicant

Kelly, Patrick J.

Discussed with

Messrs. Moane & Kilroy

on 4/12/36

REMARKS

Activities discussed - no evidence to justify increase.

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Castlebar Rd.
Westport.

Re Appeal

To the Sec Army Pensions Board.
Dublin

Refence R. 14. (Ref No. 7571.)

Dear Sir

Further to mine of the 10th inst
enclosed please find a statement
from Mr Jack Tchan covering period
from 1918 to 1920. Jack + Capt McDonnell
agree's that if they were entitled to
those years I was also, as we were
engaged at the same work.

I can get further statements from
Capt McDonnell if necessary I
would be very grateful for cheque
to cover present certificate as it may
be a while before appeal is thro.
+ I need the cash. Trusting the
appeal will meet with your ~~further~~
favourable consideration

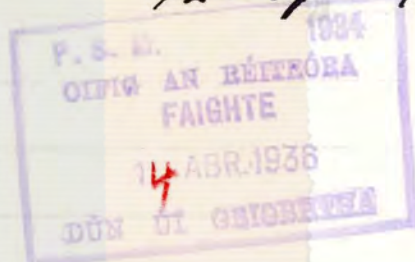
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Leenane
Bodahway

12th April 1936

To: - Secretary
Army Pension Board
Dublin



S Chara,

I understand that P. J. Kelly is appealing his case, + I consider he should be entitled to more service than $5\frac{1}{2}$ years. as he is one of the few who started to organise in the early days.

When I came to Leenane in 1918, he was actively engaged in organising training and collecting of arms, and the making of Pikes with Capt M. Donnell + myself, which took several weeks to complete. I remember one occasion there was a guard of R.I.C posted outside the workshop + we had a pile of arms + Pikes ready to get away, we worked out a plan which enabled us to get the stuff out, before they could raid for it, we were supposed to be working at our trades, but we were really only using this as a cover, as all our time was taken up with the organisation, and preparing for anti-conscription.

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He went to Westport in 1919, and was engaged in training and organising there.

In 1920 he was sent to Louisburgh to organise that area, he was supposed to be in charge of a workshop for Capt M'Donnell, this decoy did not work, as he had to go on the run almost immediately. I was sent there to take up his place, and met with the same fate, as already stated before your Board.

We took part in several minor engagements, one of which was overpowering R.I.C. patrol and rescuing a prisoner from them. ever after this we were both actively engaged training, organising, and on the run until the A.S. U's were formed.

Yr mips.

Jack Feehan

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The Secretary.

Office of Referee.
Dublin.

Griffiths Bk.



Dear Sir.

Ref. No. 7571.

I duly received your letter of the 19th ult. I am very disappointed with the findings of the Referee in respect of my Military Service Pension. According to these findings I get no credit for the years 1918, 1919 & 1920 although during that time I was clearly on active service.

I have given all the facts which justify my claim. I understand that an number of my colleagues including my juniors in rank have got credit for those three years. I shall forward a statement in support of this assertion.

In the circumstances I do not understand why those three years are not allowed to me, & I request a revision of the Referee's findings.

Yours faithfully

Patrick J. Kelly.

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Referee R.17.

OIFIG AN RÉITEÓRA,
(OFFICE OF THE REFEREE),
BEAIRICÍ UÍ GRÍOBHTHA,
(GRIFFITH BARRACKS),
CUAR-BHÓTHAR THEAS,
(SOUTH CIRCULAR ROAD),
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(DUBLIN).

Ref. No. 4571

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1936.

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 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.
(1) Week commencing 23/4/16		
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 } (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17 }		
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18		
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19		
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20		
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21		
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21		
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22		
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23		
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23		

TOTAL—.....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 14 APR 1936

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

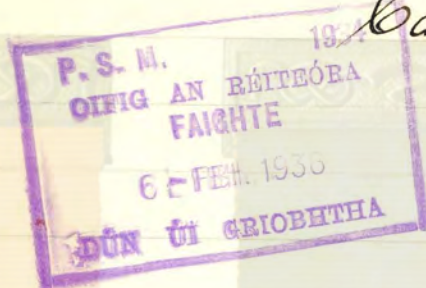
I am to add that the report of the Referee, when made, will, subject as mentioned in Section 9 of the Act, become final and conclusive and binding on all persons and tribunals whatsoever.

Mise, le meas,

E. M. Burke

Rúndí.

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Castlebar Rd.

Wexford

5 May 1936

5/2/36

The Secretary
Office of Referees.
Military Service Pensions Board.
Griffiths Bks. Dublin.

Dear Sir,

M. SP/34. Referees.
Ref. No. 7571.

Further to mine of the 28th ult.
Enclosed please find References
from J. O. Dwyer, Minister of Education
and Senator Padraic O'Maille in
connection with my application for
Pension.

Yours faithfully
Patrick J. Kelly.

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28 August 1936

The Army Pensions Board
Griffith Barracks, Dublin
A CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Patrick J. Kelly,
Building Contractor, Westport &
Lunenburg, Co. Mayo, who has
applied for a military Service
Pension, was very well known to me
from 1916 to 1919, when he resided
at Leenane, Co. Galway. He was
during that time, one of the most
active of the Irish Volunteers
in the area. His services took
the form of organising, drilling
and procurement of arms, not
alone for his own company, at
Leenane, but for the neighbouring
boy. I. C. at Kilmilken (Co. Galway).
When conscription was threatened
in 1918, Pat Kelly, and one
or two others, constructed a
number of hand-made pikes,
and bombs, for the use of the
local volunteers.

On two occasions, in 1919
volunteer Kelly acted as one

of an armed guard, who accompanied me, part of the journey, on my way to attend Dáil Éireann meetings in Dublin. This was a task of considerable danger, as the enemy forces had then orders, to shoot me on sight.

After 1919 Mr. Kelly went back to live in his native Co. Mayo, so I must leave it to others, to give an account of his National activities there.

Ir mair, le mear mair
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 Padraic Ó Máille

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SAORSTÁT ÉIREANN

Αν Ροηη Οηοεααης.
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Feabhra, 1936.

I have some knowledge of Mr. P.J. Kelly's record during the struggle for freedom. He acted as Despatch Carrier between Leenane and Westport during Easter Week, 1916.

He was mobilised with the Westport Company I.R.A. which was awaiting orders from G.H.Q.

He came to Westport in 1919 and served under me as First Lieutenant Doon Company, helping in the organisation and in the collection of money for Arms and the Dáil Éireann Loan.

In March 1920 he was sent by me to Louisburgh to organise that area. I understand he was responsible for the collection of £150 for the relief of the railway workers who were then on strike and about £100 for the purchase of Arms. He also secured several shot guns.

Mr. Kelly was also responsible for the rescue with other members of the Volunteers of a prisoner named Sammon from the R.I.C. in July 1920.

From that period he was constantly on the run until the formation of the Active Service Unit about March 1921. He also took part in the major engagements of Carrowkenedy Drumm, Etc., in the summer of 1921 under Mr. Kilroy, Brigade Commandant, and operated in the arrangements for other engagements which fell through.

He took part in the capture of the Army Garrison at Clifden in October 1922.

In 1923 he had charge of the arrangements for the transport, billeting and body guard of G.H.Q. officers travelling from North Mayo to Connemara.

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Castlebar Rd.

Westport.

Co Mayo.

28/1/36.

The Secretary.

Office of Referee.

Military Service Pensions Board.

Griffiths Bks. Dublin.

Dear Sir.

MSP/34. Referee.

Ref. No. 7571.

Further to my attendance on the 21st inst. at above Office in connection with my claim for Pension, as requested I enclose Reference from Michael Keblwy T.D. and E. Mooney T.D.

Yours Respectfully
P. J. Kelly.

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DÁIL ÉIREANN.

TIGH LAIGHEAN
(Leinster House),BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
(Dublin).

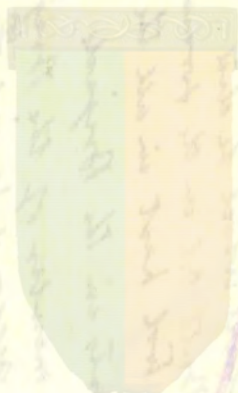
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This is to certify that Patrick Kelly joined the Volunteers in 1914. For my personal knowledge he rejoined his unit at Westport in 1916 and took part in the mobilisations in that area during that time. He afterwards worked in his area the organisation in the Lennane area up to 1919 on his return to Westport he was appointed 1st Lt. Drum Co. He was then sent to Lonsborough to organize that district which he did being appointed Batt. O.C. on the formation of the Batt. He took part in all the major engagements in the Brigade area and was a member of the Brig. A.S.U. During the second period he also took part in all the major engagements including the capture of Celbridge. He was a splendid officer and soldier and it was owing to his activities he was unable to return home until 1924.

T. M. M. P.

James O.C. West Major
1st Western Div

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TIGH LAIGHEAN
(Leinster House).

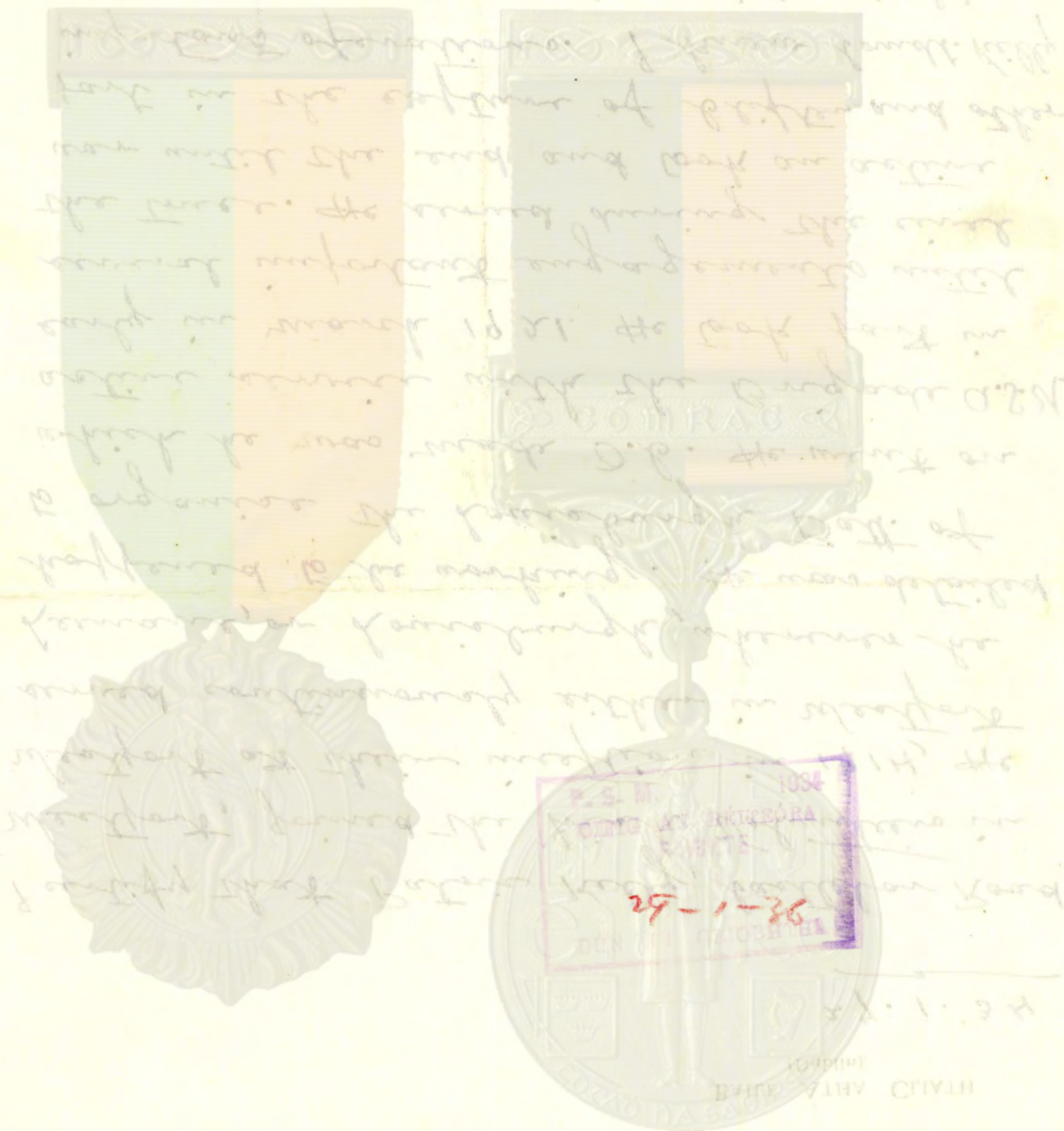
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
(Dublin).

27.1.34

I certify that Patric Kelly, Castlebar Road Westport, joined the Irish Volunteers in Westport at their inception in 1914, He served continuously either in Westport Lemanah, or Louisburgh, wherever he happened to be working. He was detailed to organise the Louisburgh Batt. of which he was made O.C. He went on active service with the Brigade A.S.U. early in March 1921. He took part in several important engagements until the Truce. He served during the civil war until the end and took an active part in the capture of Bliften and other important operations. I knew Comdt. Kelly on active service and considered him a careful and reliable Officer.

Signed Michael Kilroy
late Commandant O.C.

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SWORN STATEMENT OF PATRICK J. KELLY (FILE NO. 7571) MADE
BEFORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE 21st OF JANUARY, 1936.

1st period

Q. In Easter week you mobilised, etc?

A. Yes.

Q. You had no fighting in Easter Week?

A. No.

2nd period

Q. Dispatch work, drilling, etc?

A. Yes.

Q. Had you any rank at this time?

A. I was a company captain in Leenane, I don't know exactly is that what is on my form.

3rd period

Q. You were drilling, organising and manufacturing pikes, etc?

A. Yes.

Q. You were evading arrest at this time. You were on the run, were you?

A. Yes.

Q. You were collecting arms, etc?

A. Yes.

Q. How much of your time was spent on the manufacturing of munitions from 1917 to 1918?

A. I could not exactly say but if you ask me how much of my time was spent on the business altogether I'd say about two-third. ~~ixsonixdxxmxxrly~~

Q. Were you on the run?

A. I could nearly say the whole time.

Q. You were armed at this time?

A. Yes. I have a small reference here from the Commandant of the District at the time. I can get other references if they are needed (hands in reference). I think there's a date there that's not correct about Clifden. It was in October to be correct, but it was only a misprint. He means 1924 not 1934.

4th period

Q. Manufacture of pikes and bombs. You acted as bodyguard for Padraic O'Maille and others?

A. Yes. He used to have to come up to the Dail.

Q. That would be very early in 1919?

A. Well I can't remember dates.

Q. What sort of bombs were you making?

A. Gas pipe bombs and connections for water mains.

5th period

- Q. What rank had you in the 5th period. When were you appointed a Battalion Commandant?
- A. April, 1920. Some time early - about April I think.
- Q. Were you still on the run this time?
- A. Yes.
- Q. You could not do any work?
- A. No. I was under the name of doing work but really could not do it.

6th period

- Q. You were promoted Battalion Commandant in May, 1920, I suppose?
- A. Yes.
- Q. You took over administration, etc, arrested and dealt with offenders, etc? When was this?
- A. That was the 1st of July, 1920 I think.
- Q. You were armed on that occasion?
- A. No. I was not because the thing was not expected. It was a Fair Day in the town and I just happened to be there.
- Q. What was the prisoner wanted for?
- A. He was a sort of village leader and they wanted him I suppose. We jumped on them and took him off.
- Q. You raided mails, ~~for~~ raided for arms. Were you in the column?
- A. I was in West Mayo with Michael Kilroy.
- Q. Did you go with Michael Kilroy's column when it was formed?
- A. Yes.
- Q. When was it formed?
- A. About March, 1921 the column was formed - no, November, it would be.
- Q. November, 1920?
- A. Yes.
- Q. They had no activity much until March?
- A. No.
- Q. You say you planned attacks on barracks and laid ambushes. How many fights were you in over attacks on barracks and laid ambushes?
- A. We were laying ambushes at several points, about 10 or 15 different places. We had an attack planned on Louisburg Barracks, and mobilised, but things didn't turn out as we expected and we decided to have the ambush on the Le Camby Road that night.

7th period

- Q. Took up positions, and awaited on several occasions to ambush R.I.C. bullet wound in arm. When did you get the bullet wound?
- A. It was after the Drummen business. It was accidental. We were going in to Louisburg the same night. One of the fellows' gun went off and shot one fellow through the stomach. It hit me too.
- Q. Did the other fellow die?
- A. No.
- Q. Was the attack on Drummen's Barracks a success?
- A. No. Some of our fellows ran into a patrol of police and shot three of them. The plan was called off.
- Q. You were in the fight at Sarrick Carrow Kennedy?
- A. Yes.
- Q. With a rifle, was it?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Was that a big fight?
- A. Yes.
- Q. How long did it last?
- A. Between three and four hours.
- Q. You beat them off?
- A. Well, we captured them.
- Q. How many were there in it?
- A. Two lorries and a car.

8th period

- Q. You were drilling and armed and making dug-outs and ammunition. You were full time on military work?
- A. Yes.

9th period

- Q. Were you still Battalion O.C.?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Arranged for safe conduct and billeting columns from North Mayo, etc. That was in October?
- A. Yes.
- Q. What were you doing from July to October, from the start of the civil war?
- A. I was up and down through the area.
- Q. Had you any fight before the fight at Clifden?
- A. No actual fight.
- Q. You were with the column this time?
- A. Yes.

(4)

Q. Who was in charge?

A. I was in charge of my own area mostly, and our area was a sort of a pass between North Mayo and Connemara crossing the Bay. It was more a sort of a pass and most of our time was taken up transferring headquarters' stuff.

Q. You are claiming full time for that?

A. Yes. I can get references from Thomas Deirrig and others. Sean Hyde was down there.

Q. Was that the time you went into Claremorris Barracks?

A. I don't know about that.

10th period

Q. You were on the run evading arrest?

When did you go off the run?

A. When the fellow came out of prison, that would be '24 I suppose.

Q. From the fight at Clifden up to the "Cease Fire", what activity had you. Were you with the column?

A. Yes.

Q. Whose column was that. Did you run it yourself?

A. We were in Connemara area then. It was Sean Connolly's. I was mostly on a unit of my own between the two areas.

Q. You were a Battalion O.C. on both dates?

A. Yes.

Q. You had a lot of recruits during the Truce?

A. Yes.

~~Q. How many of them left you during the Truce to go Free State~~

Q. Did many of them leave you during the Truce to go Free State?

A. They did not.

Q. Was there a big split?

A. Not as big as you'd find in other places.

Q. You have two application forms?

A. One was sent before the other.

Q. Is there anything you want to add?

A. I will get one or two references for you.

KMF

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Military Archives

Referee R.15.

Organisation Records supplied by E. Moane, T.D. o/c West Mayo Bde 2nd C. Date

show that applicant was

(a) o/c 4th Bn. (Louisburgh), West Mayo Bde 11.7.21

Strength Over 300.

(b) o/c 2nd (Louisburgh) Bn. West Connemara Bde. 1.7.22

Strength Over 300.

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Newcastle,
Galway.

17th Jany. q 1936.

To.
Military Pensions Board.
Griffith Barracks.
Dublin.

Patrick Kelly, Westport, was in my employment as a
carpenter from 1916 to 1920.

During this time he was a very ardent and active
Volunteer, and gave me invaluable assistance in the organising
of the Volunteers in Connemara.

In 1918, 1919, during the anti-conscription period, he
worked very hard in the organisation of the Leenane Coy.
He was appointed Coy, Capt. but later resigned from the ~~maxix~~
position in order to have a local man appointed. He was
the man best fitted for the position, but he was not anxious
for rank, but work, and he believed that having a local man
appointed would tend to get the Volunteers to work better.

In 1919, accompanied by Jack Feehan he went to
Louisburgh, to take charge of a branch shop which I opened
there. At this time the organisation in the Louisburgh
area was ~~xyz~~ very slack. They immediately set to work, and
organised the whole area, and held nightly drills all over
the Louisburgh area,

Their activities soon attracted the attention of the
R.I.C., with the inevitable result, that they had to go on
the run.

He afterwards joined up the West Mayo A.S.U. and
fought with them all through the Anglo Irish War ^{in 1920}
~~At the Truce~~ he was appointed Battn. Comdnt. Louisburgh
and was active in organising and training his Batn. during
that period. Was on Active Service during 1922, 23. took
part in the capture of Clifden Nov. '22. and various other
engagements. Was not captured during this period, but
could not return home till early 1924.

Thomson Div. Comdnt.
(late 4th Western Div. I.R.A.)

act.
Military Service
Pensions Collection

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*P.J. Kelly's
For Dan Sammis's file.*

Ref 7571.

26th June 1935.

Mr. Brunty (F.3).

The attached forms were received at this office.
It seems that both applicants have already forwarded forms
but that, on receiving no acknowledgment, they deemed it
necessary to complete further forms lest the original ones
were mislaid.

a.s. RÚNAÍ.

NMcG

*Spoke Brunty age 12/1/36
Cm*

Military Service Pensions Collection

To the Chairman
Army Pensions Board.
Griffiths Bks.
Dublin.

Castlebar Rd.
Westport Co Mayo
6-6-35

Dear Sir

With reference to my interview with you, together with Capt J. J. McDonnell Galway, I presume you must have been unable to locate my form, when I have not heard from you, as you promised to do, fearing that it must have been mislaid, I have filled another, and am herewith sending it together with Dan Sammins Vice &c. I would be much obliged if you call myself + Sammin together with your earliest possible convenience.

The other two men I mentioned viz - O'Reilly and Joyce have not got any acknowledgement for their forms either.



Yours Respectfully
D. J. Kelly

No trace at G. H. 4/6/35

SWORN STATEMENT MADE BEFORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY P.J. McDONNELL ON THE
11th MAY, 1935, on BEHALF OF P.J.KELLY 1 No.

P.J.Kelly was with me in Lenane in 1917 and in or about '18 he was appointed for a time as local Company Captain. I am not sure of the date. Late in '19 he went to Louisburgh with Jack Feehan to work a branch shop for me. They were organising the local Company there and were preparing also for an attack on the barracks which was to be very early in 1920. They were so active in 1920 that they had to go on the run and I had to close up the shop on account of their activities. They had two Companies organised - one in Louisburgh and one in the Western area.

Q. Was he in any fight?

A. Yes, with the West Mayo A.S.U.

Q. Had they any fights before the Truce?

A. They had plenty. He was in the Carrowkennedy fight and at Scarda and he was at Kilmeena.

Q. What rank did he hold at the Truce?

A. At the Truce - I cannot say whether he was Battn. O.C. of the Louisburgh party. During the Truce period he was Battn. O.C. and he held ~~all~~ that rank all during the Civil War.

Q. What was the strength of that Battn.?

A. I could not tell you what the strength was - that was in Mayo and I was in Connemara. As far as numbers were concerned there was a big Battn. - it was a thickly populated area.

Q. Would it be more than 300?

A. It should be easily.

Q. He was in the Civil War?

A. He was.

Q. Right through?

A. Yes.

Q. He did not stay at home?

A. No.

Q. Was he arrested?

A. No.

Q. Have you any idea as to when he got home?

A. I don't think he got back until the spring of '24 or back to work. I was in prison until July. It was well after Christmas when he started working in Louisburgh again. After the Civil War period I did not go near Louisburgh and told him to work it up for himself. He was a really good man while with me in the first activities we had - organising first for the elections and conscription. He was working at Lenane at that time; we were making pikes and fitting them; and heavy shot for the shot-guns.

Q. Buckshot?

A. Yes. I had a coachbuilding place in Lenane and I made a mould to cast shot. He was with us and we spent nights out. At that time we would start training at about 10 o'clock at night and finish up at about 3.30 in the morning.

Sworn before me on.....

.....
REFeree.



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J.B.

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). KELLY PATRICK J.
SURNAME. CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS. CASTLEBAR ROAD WESTPORT
(to be written in block capitals).

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? *22nd day of April*

(b) Unit or Units *Westport Battalion*

(c) Duration (giving dates) of service *22nd - 29th*

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

(e) Officer Commanding in each instance *Joseph Dr. P. Bride*

(f) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *I was sent with despatches with Mr. Leenane to Westport on 22nd and joined up with W. port.*

(g) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the week *Collected arms and mobilises, awaiting orders from G. H. O.*

(h) Absence from duty and cause *None*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Sammon Moane C. D. *Leinster House*
Thomas Derrig
Capt. P. J. Dr. P. Donnell *New Volunteers Galway*

(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 *Leenane Coy.*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service *Continuous*

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance *P. J. Dr. P. Donnell*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *Spent a lot of time helping to organise + drill*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period *Despatch work, Drilling, Organising and care of arms*

(g) Absence from duty and cause *None*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
P. J. M. McDonnell	Capt New Volunteers Galway
J. Leehan	Leenane Co Galway
Pádraic O'Maile	Dublin

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Leenane boy*

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

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *P. J. McDonnell*

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

Several days wholetime

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *Collection of arms & cash, Drilling and*

organising, manufacturing pikes and munitions, clash with R.I.C. who tries to arrest me but got away, On another occasion
 (g) Absence from duty and cause..... *twice carrying a despatch re-*
fusing to be held up by them drawing my gun and ordering them away
although they were armed.

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
P. J. McDonnell	Capt N.V. Galway
Jack Leehan	Leenane
Pádraic O'Maile	Dublin

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Leenane boy*

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

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *P. J. McDonnell*

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

days & nights wholetime

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

Manufacture of pipes & bombs
actes as body-guard for J. J. O'Maille and others on the run

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

J. J. O'Donnell Galway
Jack Teehan Leenane
J. O'Maille Dublin

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

(a) Unit or Units...

Doon Coy, Westport late Louisburgh

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

Westport from 22 May 1919 to March 24th 1920 [Appointed to] Louisburgh Batt 25th March 1920

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

Westport Louisburgh

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance...

Capt. Lom. Burke Doon Westport

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

organising Doon Coy, I was sent to Louisburgh to organise that district.

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

Recruiting, Drilling I.R.A. Corps
Collection of cash held up Sergeant Butler R.I.C. in Newport
when J. Teehan & J. O'Donnell myself were about to be arrested
(g) Absence from duty and cause.....we broke through and got away

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

J. J. O'Donnell
Thomas Derrig

ADDRESS.

Capt N.V. Galway

Edward Moane C.O.

Minister of Education

John D. Gibbon
Jack Teehan

Leinster House

Westport

Leenane Co. Galway

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

(a) Unit or Units...

Louisburgh Battalion

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

continuous

Promoted Batt Commandant in May.

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

Louisburgh

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

J. Derrig

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

Aft. organising
5 companies, they were formed into a Batt, I was promoted
o/c

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

the period.....

Took over Administration, including
Courts etc, arrested and dealt with offenders, overpowered
Police Patrol, and rescued prisoners, Raided mails, en-
forced rigid Police Boycott, raids for arms, planned attacks on
Baracks and laid ambushes.

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

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

NAME

ADDRESS

Michael Kilroy C.D.
E. Moane C.D.
Andrew Harney

Leinster House
" "
Louisburgh

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

West Mayo A to H

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

continuous

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

West Mayo Brigade
area

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

Michael Kilroy

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

constantly
under arms

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

the period.....

Took up positions, and awaited on
several occasions to ambush R.I.C., on one occasion
pursued them when they retreated to Baracks. Took
part in attack on Drumm Baracks and Carrow Kennedy

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

Ambush 2-6-21

Absent from duty from April 22nd to May 28th,

bullet wound in arm.

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Michael Kilroy	Leinster House
E. Moan	"
J. Baker	Bridge St. Westport

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

(a) Unit or Units... *Louisburgh Batt*

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

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Dr. Kilroy*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?... *wholetime in Barracks etc*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *Dugouts, arming and making Dugouts and munitions*

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Michael Kilroy CD	Leinster House
E. Moan CD	"
Dan Sammin	Leinster Westport

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

(a) Unit or Units... *Louisburgh Batt*

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

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

and Connemara areas

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Sean Connolly*

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

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

the period... *Arranged for safe conduct and*
Billeting columns operating from North Ways to
Connemara, captures and disarmed enemy troops
 (g) *took part in the capture of Clifden*
 Absence from duty and cause... *enemy Garrison*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>J. J. McDonnell</i>	
<i>Jack Leehan</i>	
<i>Sean Conneally</i>	

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

(a) Unit or Units... *Louisburgh Batt*

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

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *Connemara*
and West Mayo area

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Sean Conneally*

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

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

the period... *On the run, evading arrest*

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

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

NAME	ADDRESS.
<i>Sean Conneally</i>	<i>Clifden Col. G. Way</i>
<i>E. Moane C.D.</i>	<i>Leinster House</i>
<i>J. Harney</i>	<i>Chapel St. Louisburgh</i>

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.

O/C 4th Battalion (Louisburgh) West Mayo
Brigade. Strength of Batt. 430

(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.

(Louisburgh)
O/C 4th Battalion West
Drays Brigade Numerical Strength
430 men

(b) On second critical date.

O/C Batt 4th
West Drays Brigade
Strength of Batt 520 men

References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Michael Kilroy
E. Moane
Dan Tammin
J. Harney

- (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.

Yes
Granted a pension of £40-0-0 per annum for bullet wound in arm. Underwent operation and got bullet extracted, was called up for Medical Board afterwards and pension was then disallowed, stating I was not suffering disability.

(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.

No.

- (g) As an Officer of any Local Authority.
 (h) In any other employment.

If so, give details.....

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.....

Patrick J. Kelly

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

Michael J. Kennedy

Address of Witness.....

Mill St. Westport - Co. Mayo.

Qualification *Headmaster Westport Vocational School...*

Date *7th June 1935.*

* 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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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).

KELLY PATRICK JOSEPH

SURNAME.

CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS.

(to be written in block capitals).

CASTLEBAR RD. WESTPORT
COMAYO

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?..... *22nd day of April*
- (b) Unit or Units..... *Westport Battalion Irish Volunteers*
- (c) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *23rd to 29th*
- (d) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... *Westport*
- (e) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Joseph McBrise*
- (f) In what way do you claim that your service was active service..... *I was sent with Despatch from Leenane to Westport on the 22nd and joined up with Westport Unit on 23rd*
- (g) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the week..... *collected arms and mobilised and awaits orders from G.H.Q.*
- (h) Absence from duty and cause..... *None*
- (i) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Sammon Moane P.D.</i>	<i>Leinster House</i>
<i>Thomas Derrig</i>	<i>Minister of Education</i>
<i>Capt. P. J. McDonald</i>	<i>New Volunteers Galway.</i>

(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..... *Leenane Coy*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *continuous*

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

- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Com. P. J. McDonald*

- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... *Spent a lot of time helping to organise and drill*

- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *Despatch Work. Drilling. Organising and raids for arms*

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
D. J. McDonald	New Vol Galway
Jack Lehan	Leenane Co Galway
P. O'Maille	Dublin

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Leenane Coy*

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

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *D. J. McDonald*

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

Spent several days whole time

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

the period..... *Collecting of arms, and cash*

Drilling and organising

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
D. J. McDonald	New Volunteers Galway
J. Lehan	Leenane Co Galway
P. O'Maille	Dublin

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Leenane Coy*

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

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *D. J. McDonald*

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

and nights whole time

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

Manufacture of pikes Bombs, act as bodyguard for Pádraig O'Maille and others when on the run

(g) Absence from duty and cause.

None

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>P. J. McDonald</i>	<i>Galway</i>
<i>J. Leeher</i>	<i>Heenane</i>
<i>P. O'Maille</i>	<i>Dublin</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units.

Doon E Coy. Westport Batt + Louisburgh

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service.

Westport 22nd May 1919 to 24th March 1920 Louisburgh Batt 25th March

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

Westport + Louisburgh

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance.

Capt. J. Burke Doon Westport

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

Doon E. Coy. I was sent to Louisburgh to organise Let district After organising

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

Recruiting + Drilling, collection of Cash

(g) Absence from duty and cause.

None

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Thos Derrig</i>	<i>Minister of Education Dublin</i>
<i>Edwards Moane J.B.</i>	<i>Leinster House</i>
<i>John D. Gibbons</i>	<i>Westport</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units.

Louisburgh Battalion

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service.

Continuous

Promoted Batt Commandant in May

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

Louisburgh

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

Thos Derrig

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

After organ-
ising five Companies, which was formed into a Batt.

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

the period.....

Look over Administration, including
courts, etc. arrested and dealt with offenders, over-
powered Police Patrol, and rescued Prisoners.
Raised Mails, enforces rigid Police Boycott, and raises
planned attacks on Barracks, and laid ambushes

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

None

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Michael Kilroy I.D.

Leinster House Dublin

Edward Moane I.D.

Leinster House Dublin

Andrew Harney

Louisburgh

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

West Mayo A. S. U

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

continuous

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

West Mayo
Brigade Area

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

Mr. Kilroy

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

Constantly
under arms

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

the period.....

Look up positions & waited on several
occasions to ambush D. I. 6 on one (attack) occasion
pursued them when they retreated to Bks. Took part in
attack on Drummin Bks, and Barrowkenny Ambush 2/6/21

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

From April 22nd to May 28th, Bullet wound in
arm.

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

NAME	ADDRESS
Michael Kilroy T.D.	Dublin
Ed. Moane	Dublin
Joseph Baker	Westport

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

- (a) Unit or Units... *Louisburgh Batt. area*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *Continuous*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *Louisburgh*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Michael Kilroy*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?.....
whole time in Bks, etc
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *Drilling, Arming & making
Digouts and Ammunition*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause... *None*

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

NAME	ADDRESS
Michael Kilroy T.D.	Dublin
Ed. Moane T.D.	Dublin
Sam Sammin	Louisburgh

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

- (a) Unit or Units... *Louisburgh Batt*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *Continuous*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *West Mayo
Honnamara areas*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Sean Connelley & Ed Moane*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?.....
whole-time under arms

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

Arranged for safe conduct, and
 Billington of columns operating from North
 Mayo to Bonnemara. Captures and disarmed Enemy Troops
 also Capture of Blifden Enemy Garrison 29th Oct 1922

(g) Absence from duty and cause...

None

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
J. J. McDonalds	Galway
Jack Leahan	Leenane
Sean Boneely	Blifden

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

(a) Unit or Units...

Louisburgh Batt

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

Continuous

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

Bonnemara
 West Mayo Bde S

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance...

Sean Boneely

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

whole time

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

On the run, Avoiding Arrest
 Making dug outs + dumps for arms, carries out
 Election work 1923

(g) Absence from duty and cause...

None

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Sean Boneely	
Edward Moane	
Andrew Harney	

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.....

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.....

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

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* 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.

O/C 4th Battalion
West Mayo Brigade
Strength 450 men

(b) On second critical date.

Batt Commdt. 4th Batt
West Mayo Brigade
Strength of Batt 520

References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Mr. Kilroy, Y.D.	Dublin
Edward Moane, Y.D.	Dublin
Andrew Harney	Louisburgh
Sam Sammin	Louisburgh

- (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.

Yes

If so, with what result.

Granted Pension of £40-0-0 Per Annum
for bullet wound in arm underwent operation
and got Bullet extracted, called up for Medical
Board afterwards Pension then disallowed stating
I was not suffering disability

(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.

No

- (g) As an Officer of any Local Authority.
(h) In any other employment.

If so, give details.....

No

NOTE.—You will subsequently have to furnish any further particulars and to submit any evidence which the Minister for Defence, or the Referee appointed under the Military Service Pensions Act, or any person or persons duly authorised by them may require in connection with this application for a Service certificate. In this connection attention is directed to the fact that Section 8 (4) of the Act prescribes that the onus of proof shall rest on the applicant.

Careful consideration will be given to any documentary evidence which you may wish to submit herewith. You may also at your discretion write hereunder a statement of any additional information which you consider may be of assistance in determining your application.

*I was sworn into the I.R.B. in March 1916
by P. J. McDonald now Capt. in the
new Volunteers. From then onwards I devoted
myself wholeheartedly to the cause, & took an active
part in all its different forms*

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

Patrick J. Kelly

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

Michael J. Kennedy.

*Qualification Headmaster - Westport Vocational
School.*

Address of Witness.....

Address Mill St. Westport - Co Mayo.

Date 21st January 1955.

* 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:—

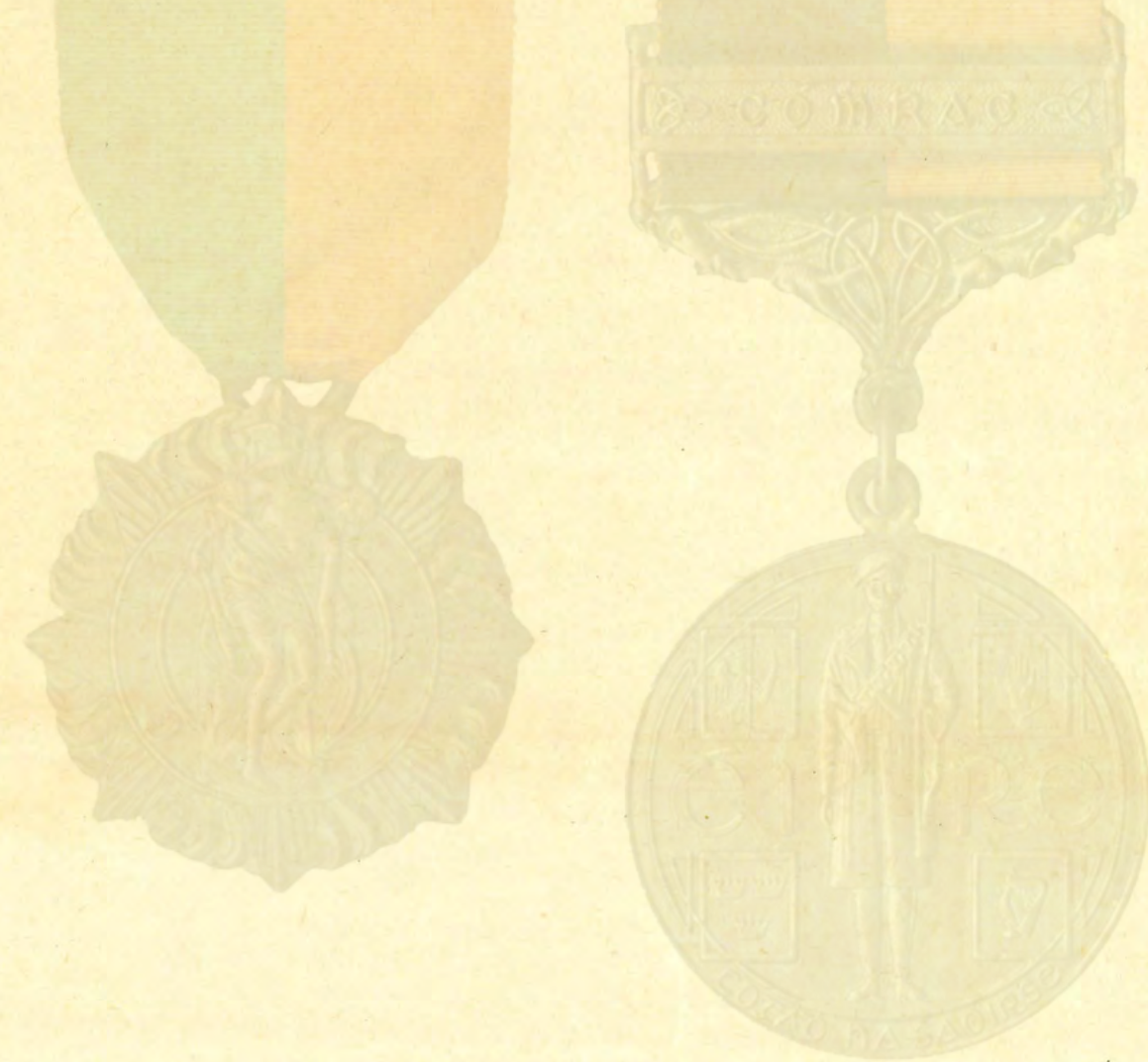
- (a) in the case of a person who served in the Forces on the 1st day of July, 1922, the 1st day of July, 1922 and
- (b) in the case of a person who did not serve in the Forces on the 1st day of July, 1922, but who served in the Forces at any time during the period commencing on the 2nd day of July, 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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