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# Military Service Pensions Act, 1924

## REPORT BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

TO THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

We, the undersigned members of the Board of Assessors constituted under Section 3 of the above-mentioned Act, report as hereunder on the application of Patrick Joseph Paul, Collins Barracks, Cork for a Certificate of Military Service in accordance with the terms of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, and the Regulations made thereunder.

(1) Periods of Military Service prescribed in the Act.	(2) Forces in which active service was rendered	(3) Duration of active service during each of the prescribed periods as established to the satisfaction of the Board	(4) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined by Section 4 (2) of the Act
(a) (1) Active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916 ...			
(2) Continuous service from 1st April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917 ...			
(b) Continuous service from 1st April, 1917, to 31st March, 1918 ...			
(c) " " " 1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919 ...			
(d) " " " 1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920 ...	Oglaigh na hEireann.		
(e) " " " 1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921 ...	" " "	$\frac{4}{10}$ of Entire Period.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Year
(f) " " " 1st April, 1921, to 11th July, 1921 ...	" " "	Entire Period.	1 "
(g) " " " 12th July, 1921, to 30th June, 1922 ...	" " "	" "	1 "
(h) " " " 1st July, 1922, to 31st March, 1923 ...	Oglaigh na hEireann [Defence Forces (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923]	" "	2 "
(i) " " " 1st April, 1923, to 30th September, 1923 ...	" " "	" "	1 "

Rank of the applicant as defined by Sec. 4 (3) of the Act. Commandant

Total service for pension purposes, as defined by Sec. 4 (2) of the Act. 5:5 year

Dated this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 1927.

(Signed) [Signature]

Member of the Board of Assessors.

Wt. 4071—B. 22—Gp. 23—5,000—2/26—M.P.W. (A.S.)  
Wt. 73—B. 33—Gp. 23—20,000—4/26 (s)  
Wt. 2716—B. 44—Gp. 23—8,000—10/26.

S.P. 11380

# Military Service Pensions Act, 1924

## REPORT BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

**DRAFT** M.S.P. 2.

TO THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

We, the undersigned members of the Board of Assessors constituted under Section 3 of the above-mentioned Act, report as hereunder on the application of Comdt Patrick Joseph Paul for a Certificate of Military Service in accordance with the terms of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, and the Regulations made thereunder.

(1) Periods of Military Service prescribed in the Act.	(2) Forces in which active service was rendered	(3) Duration of active service during each of the prescribed periods as established to the satisfaction of the Board	(4) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined by Section 4 (2) of the Act
(a) (1) Active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916 ...	.....	.....	.....
(2) Continuous service from 1st April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917 ...	.....	.....	.....
(b) Continuous service from 1st April, 1917, to 31st March, 1918 ...	.....	.....	.....
(c) „ „ „ 1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919 ...	.....	.....	.....
(d) „ „ „ 1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920 ...	.....	.....	.....
(e) „ „ „ 1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921 ...	.....	.....	.....
(f) „ „ „ 1st April, 1921, to 11th July, 1921 ...	.....	.....	.....
(g) „ „ „ 12th July, 1921, to 30th June, 1922 ...	.....	.....	.....
(h) „ „ „ 1st July, 1922, to 31st March, 1923 ...	.....	.....	.....
(i) „ „ „ 1st April, 1923, to 30th September, 1923 ...	.....	.....	.....

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Rank of the applicant as defined by Sec. 4 (3) of the Act.....

Total service for pension purposes, as defined by Sec. 4 (2) of the Act.....

Dated this..... day of.....

(Signed) .....

Member of the Board of Assessors.

Comdt Patrick Joseph Paul

Genl Hammer 1919

Student at mechanical  
engineering did not qualify  
the Rules till 1920

It is by the Batt Comdt  
end of 1920 proposed Comdt  
organization & Training

Hammer advised I was in charge  
Dallyduff Dr ambush I  
was in charge & fired  
ambush at boggye I was  
second in Edward being  
I Coast Guard Station  
Attack on Kill Volume of the  
organized sniping shooting  
etc. to the Rules  
In Vols as proposed by  
Officer J. J. Paul 1922

## Military Service Pensions Act, 1924.

Form of certificate to be attached by the G.S.O. i/c Staff Duties in the cases of Officers, and by the Officer i/c Personnel in the cases of N.C.Os. and Men, when the forms M.S.P. 1 are being transmitted to the Secretary, Military Service Pensions Board. (Paragraph 4 of Defence Order No. 59).

To :

SDR/2754.

The Secretary,  
Military Service Pensions Board.

I hereby certify that **Comdt. Patrick Joseph Paul**.....  
has rendered service in the National Forces or Defence Forces of Saorstát Éireann in the rank and during the periods set out hereunder :

Periods of Service prescribed in the Act.	Duration of Service during each Period.	
	Date of commencement and date of ending.	Total number of days.
(1) Continuous service from 1st July, 1922, to 31st March, 1923 ...	1st July, 1922- 31st March, 1923.	274. ✓
(2) Continuous service from 1st April, 1923, to 30th September, 1923	1st April, 1923- 30th Sept., 1923.	183. ✓

\*Rank **Commandant.** ✓Dated **3/3/25.**

*M. O'Sullivan* Major.

G.S.O(1). Staff Duties.

**MFG.**

\* "Every military service pension shall be based upon the rank of the applicant at the time of his discharge from the National Forces or from the Defence Forces of Saorstát Éireann or the rank held by him on the 1st day of February, 1924, whichever of those ranks shall be higher . . . ." (Sec. 4 (3) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924).

MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1924.



Form to be filled in by a person testifying to the Service, if any, of an Applicant for a Certificate of Military Service.

Regd. No. S.P. // 380

BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
(MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS),

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To G. Apr. 17. to the Grace

G. St. U.

In the application of R. J. Paul. (Cmst.)  
Boilin Bdr. Bond.

for a certificate of military service in accordance with the above-mentioned Act, your name appears as a reference who can verify this applicant's service in the periods D-G set out hereunder.

You are therefore requested to reply in Column 2 to the queries in Column 1 for each of the periods above referred to. It will **not** be sufficient to make one general reply. Each period must be dealt with separately, and it is essential that your reply for each period should clearly set out the actual position you formerly held which entitles or enables you to testify as to the service, if any, of the applicant during such period.

The utmost accuracy should be observed in the replies made to the queries on this form. Persons making false statements render themselves liable to severe penalties. See notes (a) and (b) at foot of this page.

GEARÓID O SUILLEAVÁIN,

Runáí.

NOTE.—(a) " 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." (See 7 (1) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924).

(b) " 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. 7 (2) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924).

**(a) (1) Active Service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916.**

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) Did the applicant render active service?	
(ii.) At what posts?	
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	
(iv.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	

**(a) (2) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917.**

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	



**(b) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1917, to 31st March, 1918.**

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	

**(c) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919.**

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	

**(d) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920.**

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	I was a member of some units
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	"B" Coy. Watford Bde
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	Lieut
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	Apprentice to Engineering
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	Member of "B" Coy Same Bde.

**(e) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921.**

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military services did applicant render? Insert particulars of attacks on enemy forces or positions; destruction of enemy property; manufacture, purchase or disposal of munitions; collection of information to enable these acts to be done; or organising or training to the same ends.	Attacks on Kill Barracks & Bunmahon Coast Guard station Laid Ambush Whiffield and Tramore
(ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period and to what Unit or Units was he attached?	Bn bondt + Bde. ofc.
(iii.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	Engineering Apprentice
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	Waterford Bn. and Bde
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	I was ofc. "B" Coy Waterford Bde.

## (f) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1921, to 11th July, 1921.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military services did applicant render? Insert particulars of attacks on enemy forces or positions; destruction of enemy property; manufacture, purchase or disposal of munitions; collection of information to enable these acts to be done; or organising or training to the same ends.	Attack on Train at barracks, Co. Waterford
(ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period and to what Unit or Units was he attached?	c. A.S.U.
(iii.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	Apprentice Engineering
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	c. Bde.
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	c. Co. of Waterford Bn.

## (g) Continuous Service from 12th July, 1921, to 30th June, 1922.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military duties were discharged by applicant under authority during this period?	Bde. Training Officer
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	Waterford Bde
(iii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer?	Full time not otherwise employed
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	Capt. + c. Waterford (incl. V.A.)
(v.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	app. to Engineering
(vi.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify to his service?	Also on Bde Staff.

You may at your discretion write hereunder a statement of any additional information which you consider may be of assistance to the Board in determining the application.

He was one of the few in East Waterford who tried to have a success made of the movement.

Signature of reference..... *Samuel G. Davis Capt*

\*Witness to Signature..... *J. L. Lynam. Capt*

Address of Witness..... *Army Office*

Qualification..... *Cough Bks. Curragh Camp.*

Date..... *14-12-25.*

\* Witness must be a Commissioned Officer at present serving in the Army ; or a Member of the Oireachtas or an Officer of the Garda Siochana or Dublin Metropolitan Police ; or a permanent Civil Servant (active or retired) whose salary is or was not less than £200, on a scale rising to not less than £300 ; or a Justice of a District Court ; or a Clergyman ; or a Registered Physician or Surgeon ; or a Barrister-at-law ; or a Solicitor.

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# Military Service Pensions Act, 1924.

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

SP 11380

This form must be filled in by every person who seeks a certificate of military service, and must be signed by him, and signature witnessed, on or before the 1st March, 1925. 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)..... **PAUL**..... **PATRICK, JOSEPH** ✓  
SURNAME. CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS... **COLLINS, BARRACKS, CORK**..... ✓  
(to be written in block capitals).

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

- (a) 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.
- (b) “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. 7 (1) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924).
- (c) “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. 7 (2) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924).

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

SERVICE IN OGLAIGH NA h-EIREANN OR IN THE IRISH VOLUNTEERS OR IN THE IRISH CITIZEN ARMY OR IN FIANNA EIREANN OR IN THE HIBERNIAN RIFLES.

For each of the under-mentioned periods 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 officers at present serving in the Army who can verify your service.

If you are unable to name officers at present serving you may state the names of Members of the Oireachtas, Officers and Men of the Garda Siochana, or of the Dublin Metropolitan Police, or of Peace Commissioners, or Permanent Civil Servants (Active or Retired) whose salary is or was not less than £200 on a scale rising to not less than £300, or Justices of District Courts.

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 Dail Eireann or on behalf of the Provisional Government from 21st January, 1919, to 1st July, 1922.

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.

(1). FROM THE 1ST APRIL, 1916, to 31ST MARCH, 1917.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) O/C. ....

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(d) Did you render active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916 ?

(e) Unit or Units.....

(f) O/C. ....

(g) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(h) Particulars of any Military operations or engagements or services rendered during this period :—

(i) Absence from duty.....  
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(2). CONTINUOUS SERVICE FROM 1ST APRIL, 1917, TO 31ST MARCH, 1918.

(a) Unit or Units.....  
(b) O/C.....  
(c) References :—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
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(d) Absence from duty.....  
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(3). CONTINUOUS SERVICE FROM 1ST APRIL, 1918, TO 31ST MARCH, 1919.

(a) Unit or Units.....  
(b) O/C.....  
(c) References :—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
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(d) Absence from duty.....  
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(4). CONTINUOUS SERVICE FROM 1ST APRIL, 1919, TO 31ST MARCH, 1920.

(a) Unit or Units. *B. Coy. No. 1. Par. East. Waterford Bde.*  
(b) O/C. *Sean Matthews.*  
(c) References :—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Capt. J. D. McGeath. 18<sup>th</sup> Bn.</i>	<i>Kollins Bks. Cork.</i>
<i>Lieut. W. Ivory. 3<sup>rd</sup> Infy. Bde.</i>	<i>Kollins Bks. Cork.</i>
<i>Capt. P. Knox. Q.M.G. Dept.</i>	<i>G. H. Dublin.</i>

(d) Absence from duty.....  
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(5). CONTINUOUS SERVICE FROM 1ST APRIL, 1920, TO 31ST MARCH, 1921.

(a) Unit or Units... *East Waterford Brigade*.....  
(b) O/C... *Liam Walsh, Gracedieu Waterford*.....  
(c) References :—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Capt. J. D. Mc Grath</i>	<i>Collins Barracks</i>
<i>Lieut. W. Lacey</i>	<i>Collins Barracks, <sup>Cork</sup> Cork</i>
<i>Capt. M. J. Knox</i>	<i>G. H. A. Dublin</i>

(d) Absence from duty.....  
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(6). CONTINUOUS SERVICE FROM 1ST APRIL, 1921, TO 11TH JULY, 1921.

(a) Unit or Units... *Waterford No. 1 Bde*.....  
(b) O/C... *General Mulcahy, Chief of Staff*.....  
(c) References :—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Capt. J. D. Mc Grath</i>	<i>Collins Barracks, <sup>Cork</sup> Cork</i>
<i>Lieut. W. Lacey</i>	<i>Collins Barracks, <sup>Cork</sup> Cork</i>
<i>Capt. M. J. Knox</i>	<i>G. H. A. Dublin</i>

(d) Absence from duty.....  
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(7). CONTINUOUS SERVICE FROM 12TH JULY, 1921, TO 30TH JUNE, 1922.

(a) Unit or Units... *Waterford Bde*.....  
(b) O/C... *Pap. Whelan, an a Col. Prout*.....  
(c) References :—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Capt. J. D. Mc Grath</i>	<i>Collins Barracks, <sup>Cork</sup> Cork</i>
<i>Lieut. W. Lacey</i>	<i>Collins Barracks, <sup>Cork</sup> Cork</i>
<i>Capt. M. J. Knox</i>	<i>G. H. A. Dublin</i>



(d) Absence from duty.....  
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SERVICE IN THE NATIONAL FORCES OR DEFENCE FORCES  
OF SAORSTÁT EIREANN.

(8). Army No. .... (9) Age 28 years.....

(10). Date of enlistment. April 1922.....

(11). Station at which you enlisted. Beggar Bush Barracks Dublin.....

(12). Home address at date of joining 68 Upper Barracks Street  
Waterford.....

(13). Unit (Company, Battalion, Brigade, Division) Waterford Bde  
2nd Southern Divn.....

(14). Date of resignation or discharge or demobilisation.....

(15). Rank held at resignation, or discharge or demobilisation.....

(16). If serving on the 1st day of February, 1924, what was your rank on that date ?  
Commandant.....

(17). Were you a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive or of the Headquarter's Staff of Oglai<sup>h</sup> na h-Eireann at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921 ?  
If so, state the position you occupied, the department or branch and the dates of your service.....  
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(18). If you are in receipt of any remuneration, pension, or allowance payable out of public monies, 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.....  
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(19). Give full particulars of any pension, allowance, grant or gratuity which you hold or at any time have held in respect of service in the National Forces or Defence Forces of Saorstát Eireann or in Oglagh na h-Eireann, or in the Irish Volunteers, or in the Irish Citizen Army, or in Fianna Eireann, or in the Hibernian Rifles.....

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NOTE.—You will subsequently have to furnish any further particulars and to submit any evidence which the Minister for Defence, or the Board of Assessors constituted under the Military Service Pensions Act, or any person or persons duly authorised by them may require in connection with this application for a certificate of military service. In this connection attention is directed to the fact that Section 3 (5) 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 joined the Irish Volunteers in the summer of 1919. I was subsequently appointed Lieut. Bde. O. C. Bde. O. C. Bde. Training Officer. whilst acting as Bde. O. C. I received my instructions from G. H. Q. Dublin for the amalgamation of the two Waterford Brigades. I was appointed Bde. Mag. Officer after the Army split. I was appointed O. C. Waterford Bde. Any of the old G. H. Q. Officers will bear out my statements.

Signature (or Mark) of Applicant. J. Paul Leonard

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

Address of Witness.....

Qualification.....

Date.....

\* Witness must be a Commissioned Officer at present serving in the Army; or a Member of the Oireachtas; or an Officer of the Garda Síochána, or Dublin Metropolitan Police; or a Peace Commissioner; or a Permanent Civil Servant (Active or Retired) whose salary is or was not less than £200 on a scale rising to not less than £300; or a Justice of a District Court.