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ΤΑ ΑΝΝΩΝ, ΙΕΙΡ

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An Uimhír  
34/Sp 389  
An Uimhír ag Roimh  
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An Sno

Christopher

13 Hardwick St-

Dublin

Όο συμβασιού	Όάτα	Όο συμβασιού	Όάτα	Όο συμβασιού	Όάτα
Mr Cashman	5/1/34 31/34				
Mr A. Poc	9/1/35				
Mr Brantley	14/1				
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	Ref.	Date	Signature
(1) Previous papers under—			
(a) Army Pensions Act, 1923 .....	NIL	27/12/34	J. Newade
(b) " " " 1927 .....	NIL	"	J. Newade
(c) " " " 1932 .....	"	"	J. G. Compton
(d) Military Service Pensions Act, 1924 .....	SP 8789	22/12/34	E. M. Bell
(e) Military Tribunal .....	his	27/12/34	J. G. Compton
(2) M.S.P./34/1 issued to applicant .....		30/11/34	G. Barker
(3) " returned by "			
(4) " " " to " for further particulars or completion .....	1M16218	9/1/35	Mr. McDermott
(5) M.S.P./34/1 returned by applicant R.C. 8(321)	"	12/1/35	B. G. Bell
		21/12/34	E. M. Bell
(6) M.S.P./34/1 and M.S.P./34/2 to Referee .....		15/1/35	Mr. McDermott
(7) M.S.P./34/2 returned by Referee .....		2/12/41	J. G. Compton

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24/SP/718.

14 December, 1944.

To Chara,

With further reference to your letter of the 17th ultimo, with enclosures, on behalf of Mrs. M. Keeling, 4, Yellow Road, Whitehall, Dublin, in connection with the application of her husband, the late Mr. Christopher Keeling, under the Military Service Pensions Acts, I am desired by the Minister for Defence to state, with regard to the application under the 1924 Act, that the Board of Assessors reported that in addition to his service in the National Forces deceased also rendered service in Oglaih na hEireann, but they did not find that the latter service was of the nature or duration necessary to qualify him for a pension in respect of it.

The late Mr. Keeling also made application under the Military Service Pensions Act 1934, but the Referee reported that he was not a person to whom that Act applied.

As applicant was afforded an opportunity of appealing within the statutory time limit allowed under both

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Acts, the Minister regrets that there is no action which he can take regarding the re-opening of the case.

Mise, le meas,

RÚNAIDHNE AIRE.

Mr. Frank Carney,

Associated Easter Week Men,

7, Eustace Street,

DUBLIN.

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papers available  
please? (ref 24/SP/8789)

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24/11/44

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O/c Registry.

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To your request  
of the 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo, 1924  
act papers attached to the  
file of Christopher  
Keeling are returned  
herewith. (SP/8789)

E.R. Rimmer  
Rec'd/c

1/12/44

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CLÁIRLANN NA BHÁINNE

AN TSIOSAÍ

S.P.K.  
Ref. No. 8789.

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13 Hardwicke St  
Dublin  
23/2/25



To Minister of Defence.

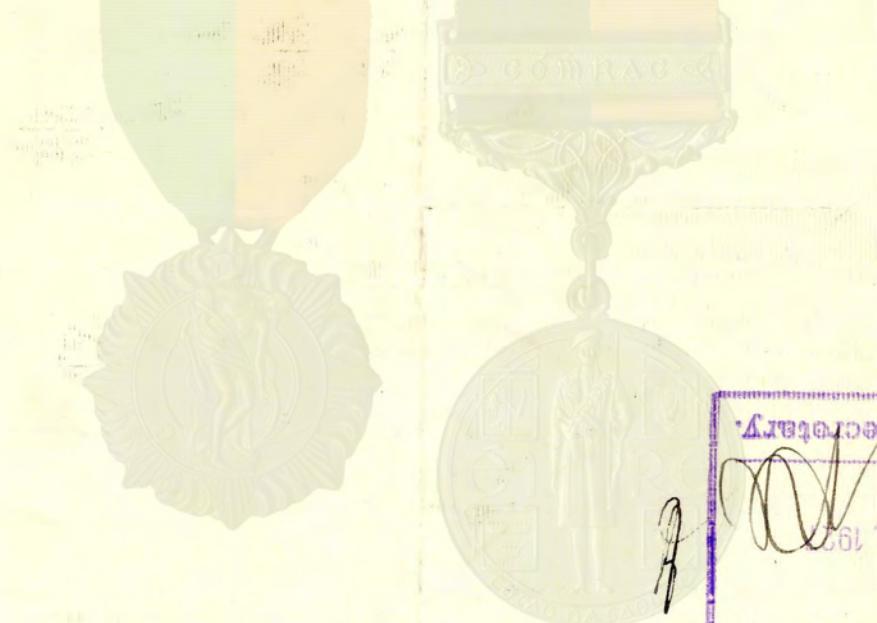
Sir

I received your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> Feb and the Board say I did not render service as specified above. Well I know I did. I gave J.J. Walsh P.H.G. as one but perhaps he forgot me now. another is Capt Tom Byrne. I believe at present charge of the guard at Leinster House. any who can prove I was their during war 1916. I was along with Tom Byrne in the Royal Exchange Hotel parliament St when one of our men named Walsh was killed but

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If the Board of Assessors have turned me  
down I still have my health and hands to  
earn my living still

Christopher Keeling



Initials *A* Secretary.

25 FEB 1953

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S.P.8789

# Military Service Pensions Act, 1924

## REPORT BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

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 *Christopher Keeling, 13 Hardwick Street, Dublin* 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 ...	Oglaih na hEireann. Oglaih na hEireann [Defence Forces (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923]	56 354 06 Entire Period	56 354 Year
(h) " " " 1st July, 1922, to 31st March, 1923 ...	...	Entire Period	2
(i) " " " 1st April, 1923, to 30th September, 1923	...	" "	1

Rank of the applicant as defined by Sec. 4 (3) of the Act..... *Private* .....Total service for pension purposes, as defined by Sec. 4 (2) of the Act..... *Nil* .....Dated this ..... 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 1927 .....

(Signed) ..... *John Keeling* ..... Member of the Board of Assessors.

..... *John Keeling* .....

FORM M.S.P. 25(2.)  
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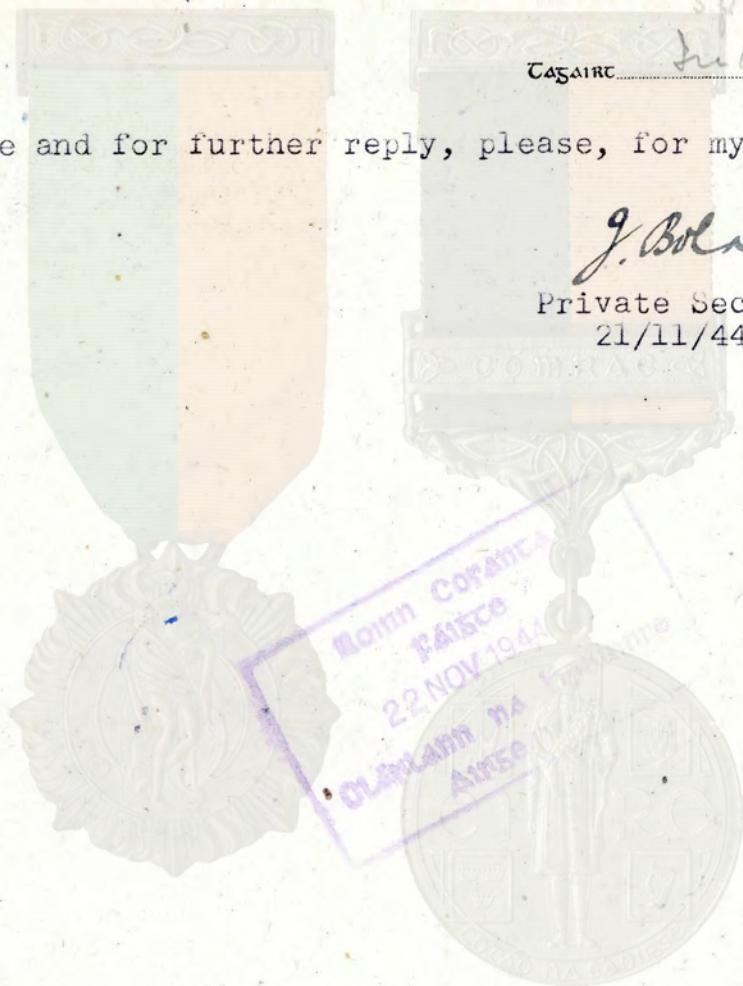
To see and for further reply, please, for my signature to Mr. Carney.

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J. Boland

Private Secretary.

21/11/44.



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21adh Samhain, 1944.

A Chara,

The Minister for Defence desires me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 17th instant with enclosures on behalf of Mrs. M. Keeling, 4 Yellow Road, Whitehall, Dublin, widow of the late Mr. Christopher Keeling, and to say that enquiry is being made in the matter.

A further reply will be sent to you in due course.

Mise, le meas,

Private Secretary.

Mr. Frank Carney,  
Associated Easter Week Men,  
7 Eustace Street,  
DUBLIN.

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Cumann Óstáis na Cásá

1916

## ASSOCIATED EASTER WEEK MEN

7 EUSTACE STREET  
DUBLIN



17<sup>th</sup> November 1944

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The enclosed case has been handed to us by the United Conference of old I.R.A. It is clear that the deceased having served in the National Army during portion of the Period in question, does not come within the scope of the 34 Act. I understand that he applied under the 1924 Act but was unsuccessful. I have tried to find out the grounds on which his claim was rejected but without result. Attached please find the necessary references for Easter Week. Possibly his file at the M.S.P Board would be available for your perusal. We are satisfied that you will consider the matter worthy of investigation. Awaiting the favour of your reply

Is mise do cura  
P O Ceasair

Frank Garvey

Mr O'Byrne TD  
Minister for Defence

Parkgate

Dublin

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4 Yellow Road

Whitehall

Dublin

Secretary

United Conference

196 Pearse St

Dublin

16/10/44.

A Ghara

May I as the widow of an  
1916 man seek your advice or any  
help you could offer in my case.  
My husband Christopher Keeling  
Served with the Hibernian Rifles  
at G.P.O. and Parliament Street  
Garrisons Easter week 1916 being  
afterwards interned, He made  
application for a 1916 Pension  
about 1936 but did not follow up  
same, all the data in connection  
with his application is still at  
the Dept of Defence, However he  
died four years ago leaving me  
with two children, I understand  
I am entitled to his pension  
from the time of his application  
to the date of his death in 1940.  
His Coy Capt Tom Byrne is still  
alive to verify same.

I would greatly appreciate  
any assistance or advice  
your Committee may give  
me.

Thanking you Sincrly  
Yours Faithfully  
Mrs M Keeling  
4 Yellow Roach  
Whitehall  
Dublin

See for Refs  
Chris Walsh  
on one

J J Scallion

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Ned Kelly  
40 mcdonnells Capel St.

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m<sup>r</sup> of Kearny

16 Lr Mount St  
7/11/44

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Enclosed please find letter  
as requested re the late C. Keeling  
I hope it will be of some assistance  
in getting something for his widow  
I hope you succeed  
Wishing you the best of luck

Is mine

E Kelly

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A Corpse

16 Lower Mount St

Dublin

7/11/44

This is to certify that the late Christopher Keeling served with me at the G.P.O and the Royal Exchange Hotel Parliament St during 1916

At the latter place we were under the command of Capt Tom Byrne

Also in the party were JJ Scollan C. Walsh whose Father was killed some men from Maynooth, a few of the party have since died

The deceased subsequently joined the National Army and was discharged somewhere about 1925

Should any further particulars be required I will be only too pleased to assist all I can

I. Miss

E Kelly

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"Irish Press" Office

To

Nov 1, 1944

Mr. Frank Carney

A.E.W.M. 1916

7 Eustace St., Dublin

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Re your queries as to  
the late Mr. Chris Keeling:-

1. - He was with me both in the  
G.P.O. and in the fight in  
Parliament Street.

2. - Mr. Ed. Kelly, of M' Leillans, Capel St.  
was with us. He was (Kelly) also  
a member of H.R.

3. - Keeling, if my memory serves me  
right, made no Claim under 1924  
Act. He did enter a Form under

{ P.T.O.

2 - Mr Keeling

the 1934 Act, but this was returned to him for some reason which I do not know. He was not called at any time before the Pensions Board.

Personally, I was always (and am still) prepared to vouch for Mr. Keeling's 1916 service before any Board or Tribunal.

If I can give you any further assistance in this case, or any other, I shall be only too pleased.

Yours very truly,

John J. Scollan

ex - O.C. H.R.

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H.R. Oscar Graysnor T.D.  
Minister for Defence  
Dept of Defence,  
Parkgate  
Military Service Dublin  
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34/SP 389

19 DEC 1941

A CHARA,

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to refer to your application for a service certificate under the terms of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934, and to inform you that the Referee, to whom your application was referred, in accordance with the terms of Section 8 (1) of the Act, has reported that you are not a person to whom the Act applies. In the circumstances, the Minister regrets that he is unable to grant you a certificate of military service which would render you eligible for the award of a pension.

Mise, le meas,

2/5 Rúnaidhe.

Mr Christopher Keeling  
13, Hardwicke Street  
Dublin

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Dublin  
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Secretary.  
Minister of Defence.  
Parkgate St.

A. Ghara

I beg to apply for application  
form for service pension under  
the present act

Miss L. Moore

Christopher Keeling

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30/11/34  
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