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NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED

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REFEREE R.3.

REF. No. *3836*

APPLICANT'S NAME

Troby Petis

ADDRESS

Islandeady, Castlebar, Co Mayo

UNIT

Islandeady Coy. 1st Bn. W Mayo Bde.

<i>R.P.</i> (a) PERIOD	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active service allowed	(d) Equivalent for Pension purposes	REMARKS
(1) 23/4/16 — 30/4/16	—			(7)
(2) (a) 1/4/16 — 22/4/16 } (b) 30/4/16 — 31/3/17 }	—			(8)
(3) 1/4/17 — 31/3/18	<i>freehold</i>			(9)
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(5) 1/4/19 — 31/3/20	<i>do</i>			(11)
(6) 1/4/20 — 31/3/21	<i>do</i>			(12)
(7) 1/4/21 — 11/7/21	<i>Part of</i>			(13)
(8) 12/7/21 — 30/6/22	<i>do</i>			(14)
(9) 1/7/22 — 31/3/23	<i>freehold</i>			(15)
(10) 1/4/23 — 30/9/23	<i>do</i>			(16)

NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED

CONFIRMED

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2 JAN 1942

(a) First critical date.

(b) Second critical date.

Rank claimed on *D.*Rank allowed *D.*

Total of Column (d).....

SIGNED—

*James Robinson**Macmorris*Military Service
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REF. No. 3836

APPLICANT'S NAME

Juohy, Peter

ADDRESS

UNIT

West Mayo Bde.

(a) PERIOD	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active service allowed	(d) Equivalent for Pension purposes	REMARKS
(1) 23/4/16 - 30/4/16				(7)
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 } (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17 }				(8)
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(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21				(12)
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21				(13)
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22				(14)
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23				(15)
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23				(16)

(a) First critical date.

(b) Second critical date.

Rank claimed on

Rank allowed

Total of Column (d)

SIGNED—

Juohy, PeterJuohy

Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 34 SP/4134Ref. No. MSP/34/Ref:- 3836

To :

THE REFEREE.

To :

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

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

Truhy, Peter
Islandeady, Castlebar, Co. Mayo.
 for a Service Certificate.

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

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

J. J. Vorgan
 Date 13 APR 1935

Referee.

Date.....

1. Is the Applicant a person to whom the Act applies? No (R 19)
2. If so, total actual service in the different service periods, as established.....
3. Total service for pension purposes as defined by Second Schedule of the Act.....
4. Grade or rank, quoting relevant paragraph of First Schedule under which allowed : —
 - (a) On first critical date.....
 - (b) On second critical date.....
 - (c) Was applicant a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921.....
 - (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 ?.....

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.....

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

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

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

(3) State—

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

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

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

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

(3) State—

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

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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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

.....

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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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

.....

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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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

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

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3) State—

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

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

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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

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

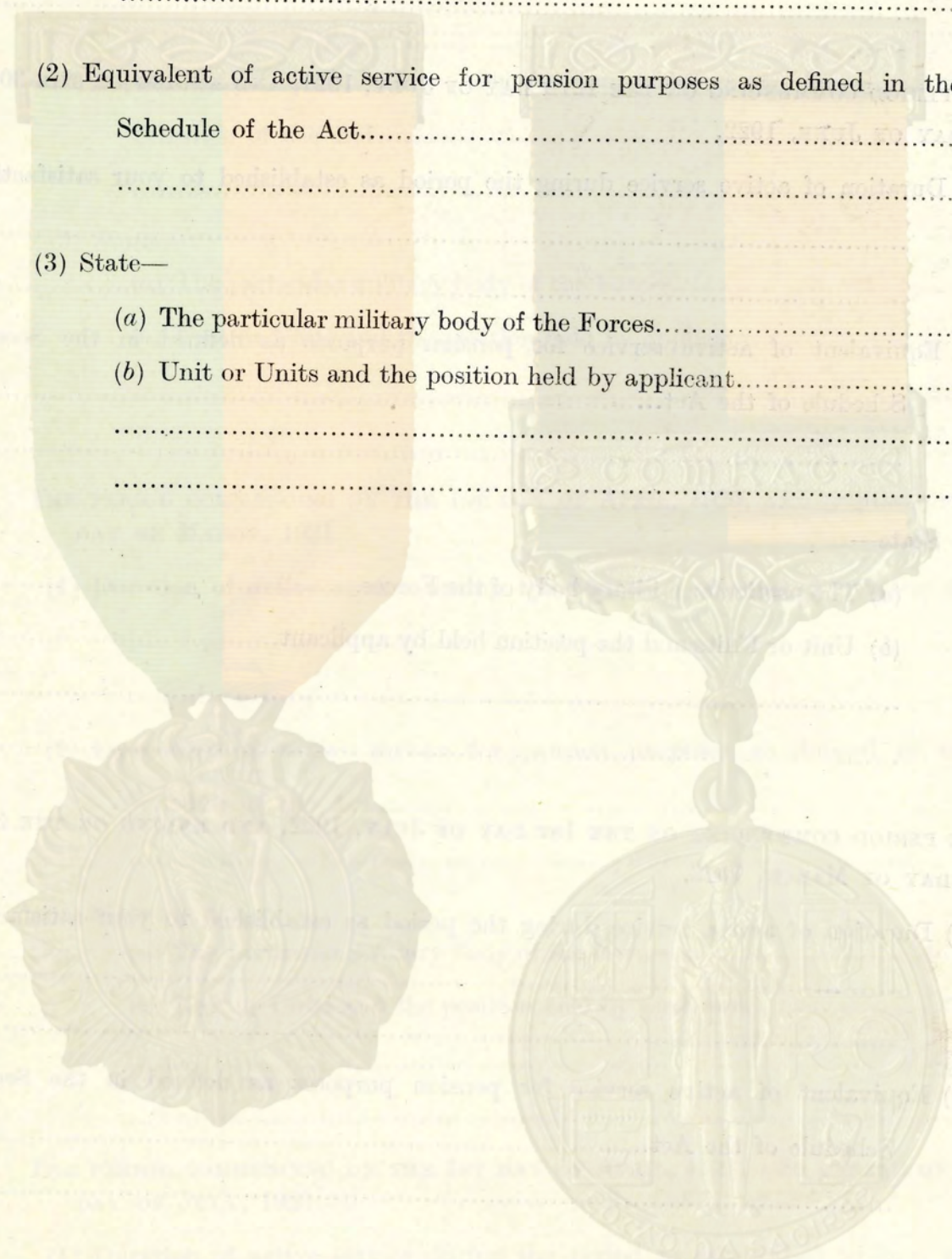
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(3) State—

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

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

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1 *April*
March, 1941.

Rúnaidhe Aire,
Oifig an Aire Oideachais.

I am directed by the Referee to refer to your letter of 20th instant relative to the application of Mr. Peter Tuohy, Islandeady, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, under the above Act, and I am to state that the representations of the Minister for Education regarding this application will be brought to the attention of the Referee and Advisory Committee without delay.

I am to add that no final decision has as yet been reached in Mr. Tuohy's application.

nb
RÚNAIDHE.

E. MacS/MS.

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ÓFFIS AN Aire OIDEACÁIS,
Baile Átha Cliath.

20 Márta, 1941

The Secretary,
Military Service Pensions,
Coláiste Caoimhin,
Glasnaoidhean,
Baile Átha Cliath.

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A Chara,

I am desired by the Minister for Education to state that he understands that Mr. Peter Tuohy of Islandeady, Castlebar, is an applicant for Military Service Pension. The Minister asked me to mention that he is aware that Mr. Tuohy was a member of the old I.R.A. and suffered imprisonment.

Perhaps you would be good enough to let me have a note of the Referee's decision in the case for the Minister's information.

Mise, le meas,

P. O. Muirkeaspriaz
RUNAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACH.

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No. 3836.

GRADE:- N.

SUMMARY OF SWORN EVIDENCE GIVEN BEFORE INTERVIEWING OFFICERS BY
PETER TUOHY AND AGREED TO BY HIM ON THE 13th MARCH, 1941.

RANK: You were Capt. of Islandeady Coy. from 1917 until your arrest on the 15th April, 1921.

3rd Period.

You joined the Vols. in 1917 and you were Captain of the Coy. from the start. You organised the Coy. and drilled and trained the Vols.

4th Period.

During 1918 you had the same kind of activities as Coy. O.C. You were active during the election period and you raided the Congested Districts Board stores for tools. You also arranged for gelignite to be taken from these Congested Districts Board stores and procured the gelignite.

5th Period.

During 1919 you took part in the same kind of activities and you were in charge of the Coy. You attended Battn. meetings fairly regularly and generally had to travel distances up to about 6 miles. You were active in collecting funds in the district and helping to collect the Dail Loan. You were also active with the Sinn Fein clubs in the district.

6th Period.

During 1920 you were still in charge of the Coy., drilling, training, etc. and collecting funds.

You were in charge of the burning of Islandeady R.I.C. Bks.

When the flying column was started in the district you collected funds for that column for the purchase of rifles, ammunition, etc. You also made arrangements for guarding the column when they would be passing through the district. You sent information to them from time to time about the movements of police and military.

You were mobilised on one occasion and went a distance of about a mile and a half for an attempted attack which was called off.

You continued active like this until the 15th April, 1921, when you were arrested during a round up in the district. Your arrest occurred after shifting arms for the column. You were then interned.

8th Period.

You were interned and released from the Rath Camp on the 9th Decr. 1921. After your release you continued on with the Coy. drilling and training. You did not resume your post as Coy. O. C. You did not attend any training camp and you did not go into any Bks.

9th Period.

When the Civil War broke out you were in your own district. You kept active with the Vols. blocking roads and cutting wires. You destroyed one bridge. The flying column were frequently in your district. You did guard duty for them; you made arrangements for them to be billeted at different houses and you kept active like this until the "Cease Fire."

2.

Is that a fair statement of your activities?

Mr. Tuohy - Well, yes it is.

Are you satisfied with that?

Mr. Tuohy - I am satisfied.

Lejani M. A. Lin

19/3/41

LM/MT.

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(MAYO BOARD OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE)

p. S. Ó CANNÁIN, Rúnairíe—(P. J. CANNON, SECRETARY)

TELEPHONE: CASTLEBAR NO. 8.

oifis an rúnairíe

(SECRETARY'S OFFICE)

CAISTEÁN A' DARRAIS

(CASTLEBAR)

(When replying quote subject, }
(date and following No. })

To whom it may concern.

This is to certify that I have known Peter Tuohy of Rinnaseer, Islandeady for the past 30 years. After the formation of the Volunteers in 1917, he was appointed Captain of the Islandeady Company. From that time until March, 1920, I was personally associated with him as Coy. Adj. and am aware of his activities in the Volunteers. He spared neither effort nor time in organising and promoting the success of the Volunteer Force in the area, the floating of the Dail Eireann Loan, The Dail Eireann Courts and the political side of the movement during the period. During the year 1919 and '20 numerous raids for arms were carried out and a substantial quantity acquired. He was responsible for the organising of these raids and the subsequent safety and care of the Arms. He was, I might say solely responsible for the collecting of sufficient funds to enable the purchase for the Coy. of two service rifles and a large quantity of ammunition. At Easter, 1920 he was in charge of the burning of Islandeady R. I. C. Barracks. As a result of his activities he was arrested by British Forces in April, 1921 and interned until December, 1921. Prior to that his home was continually being raided by the R. I. C. and from about November, 1920 to date of his arrest he had frequently to sleep away from home.

Signed:.....*P. J. Cannon*
(Ex. Battalion Vice. Comd't.)

Dated this 10th day of March, 1941.

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"The Yews"

Westport Road,
Castlebar, Co. Mayo.

8/3/41.

TO ALL WHOM ITN MAY CONCERN.

This is to certify that Mr. Peter Tuohy, Islandeady, was a member of the Islandeady Company, Castlebar I.R.A. from 1917. He collected for Dail Loan, and assisted at all concerts organised in that area, to raise funds for the prisoners comforts. He assisted at the 1918 Election and was an outstanding man in every way. In 1919 to 1920, he took part in all raids for arms, carried out by his Company in the Castlebar area. During 1920 to 1921 he did outpost duty for the Column, on several occasions that the Column passed through his Company area. He was a great help to us in every way, by keeping us supplied with information of enemy movements. He is one man who was very sincere in his work, which kept him on the move night and day.

He is one whom I feel deserves the consideration of your Board.

J. Malone

CAPTAIN.

Ex-Comdt. 3rd Batt., West Mayo Brigade.

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To
The Referee
Military Pensions Board
Coburg & Coombe
Glasnevin
Dublin

Newport
Mayo
10.3.41

Dear Sir,

I certify that Peter Tuohy
Islandeedy Castlebar was one of the first
men to join the I.V. Organisation in his
Parish in 1917. He was also one of the most
prominent men in his Company Area.
It was largely through his energy that
we were able to get a Co. going in his
area. He was arrested & spent a good
period in the Internment camps but
I am not in a position to give dates.
His Batt Officers will do this on his
behalf. They will also testify
as to rank held by him. I know
he was always a good reliable worker.

Signed Michael Kilroy

Late D.C. Western Command.

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show that applicant was

(a) of Islandeady bog, 1st Bn, West Mayo Bde 11.7.1921.
up to his arrest on 15/4/21
Strength 112 members

(b) _____ 1.7.1922.

Strength

SIGNED

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MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934.

Form R. 18.

Ref. No. 3836

APPLICANT'S NAME Wesley Lewis

For Discussion with.....

Date 23/1/41

PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)	<i>Good</i>	
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

(a) First Critical Date..... (b) Second Critical Date.....

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

Date.....

A.F. 384

A.C.M. 38

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Job No.

ISSUED BY

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Dear Sir

Recd from the Bureau
11/12/40
11/16/40

30-5-40

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I have received your letter ref 3836/9.1.
turning down my application for a Military
Service Pension.

This is disappointing, not merely on
account of whatever money may be invol-
ved but also on account of the implicat-
ion that I was not on continuous active
Service during the period in question.

According to my application I was on
continuous active Service not merely
during the period in question but also
during a much more extended period;
and if "Continuous active Service" get its
normal interpretation there is no doubt
about this. It would seem, then, that either

The statements in my application are in substance untrue as "Continuous Active Service" is not getting its ordinarily-accepted interpretation.

Whether the statements made - not very effectively - in my application are or are not true can easily be found out - from my associates of that period (even though two of the leading associates are now dead and others are no longer here)

And so far as "Active Service" is concerned, although it may not be easy to define it in relation to a Volunteer army; it is fairly obvious that if the particular circumstances of the period, of the district, and of the type of army be taken into consideration a volunteer soldier was on "Continuous Active Service" if it could be said of him that:-

- He had Volunteer army rank. He was at all times, day or night, at the services of his officers or men. He participated in, and initiated many of, the various activities carried out for army purposes within his area or within any area specified by his superior officers.

Again taking into consideration the particular period, district, and type of army, if raiding for arms and ammunition; storing arms and ammunition, and explosives; cutting up roads and bridges; cutting down telegraph poles; keeping one's men up to scratch; and helping either to out-manoeuvre or win over political opponents; if such activities carried out at all times or any time cannot collectively make up

"Continuous active Service" I do not know what continuous active service means.

It must not be forgotten of course that I was arrested on April 15 '21 and was in prison until December of that year; therefore could not participate in the more effective Flying Column activities in the meantime.

Incidentally, the cruel beating I received when arrested (when I was battered in such a way that my comrades failed to recognise me) and the general ill-treatment of prison-life permanently impaired my health; and having no one at home but a widowed mother and a sister, it also permanently impaired my fortunes (always small).

The facts of my association with the old I. C. A. being what they are, then, the suggestion

That I was not on continuous active service is more cutting than the refusal to grant a pension - even though a pension in these difficult days would be welcome. For although being officially merely a Company Commander, I was unofficially considerably more, so far as my activities in my area were concerned;

Yours Truly

Peter Tuohy

Islandeady Castlebat

May 1918

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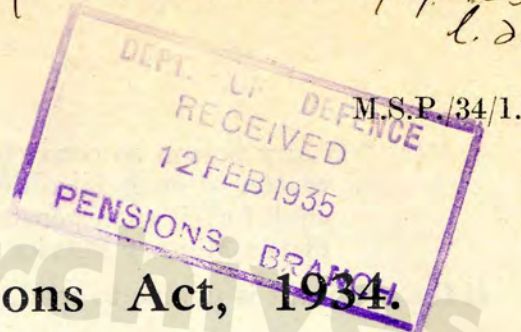
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R. B. issued 14/3/1935
L. 226.

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). TUOHY SURNAME. PETER CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS. ISLAND EADY CASTLEBAR
(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 for 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 ?.....

(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.....

(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, and

(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..... *C. Company, 1st Batt. West Mayo Brigade S.V.*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *Continuously during above period*

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Lt. Michael Staunton*

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

By organising and building up my Company.

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

my Superior Officers, drilling and training my Company, etc.

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

Not absent

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

John Hoban Castlebar

William Mongey

Michael McHugh (Commandant) Dublin

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *C. Company, 1st Batt. West Mayo Brigade S.V.*

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

Continuously during above period

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

Company Area

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Lt. Michael Staunton*

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

*Procuring arms & weapons for to resist Conscription
also procuring tools and implements intended
for the destruction of Railways, bridges etc. —*

Canvassing and general preparations for The General Election

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(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *Drilling, parades, and superintending*

... *all the activities of my Company for the Election*

(g) Absence from duty and cause... *Not absent*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

... *John Hagan* ... *Castlebar*

... *William Monaghan* ...

... *Michael M^cHugh (Commandant)* ... *Dublin*

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

(a) Unit or Units... *C. Company, 1st Batt West Mayo Brigade R.I.A.*

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

... *Continuously during above period*

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

... *Company Area*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Lt Col Paddy Jordan*

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

... *Acting as member of Linn Fein Club*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *Superintending police duty of my area,*

... *Intelligence, despatches etc.*

(g) Absence from duty and cause... *Not absent*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

... *James Chambers* ... *Castlebar*

... *Paddy Horgan* ...

... *Samuel Moane T.D. Westport*

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

(a) Unit or Units... *C. Company, 1st Batt West Mayo Brigade R.I.A.*

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

... *Continuously during above period*

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

Battalion Area

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Lt. Paddy Jordan*

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

Collecting arms, procuring raw materials & ammunition

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

*Burning of R.I.C. Barracks
Arranging for the formation and equipment
of a flying Column*

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... *Not absent*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*James Chambers Castlebar
Paddy Horan
Canon Moore T.D. Westport*

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *C Company, 1st Batt. West Mayo Brigade*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *from April 1st*

to April 15th

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

Battalion Area

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Lt. Paddy Jordan*

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

Superintending the care of arms & ammunition

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

*finding suitable places
for ambushes and planning for same*

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... *Arrested on April 15th*

and imprisoned until December 9th

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
James Chambers	Castlebar
Paddy Hordan	
P. J. Cannon	

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

- (a) Unit or Units..... C. Company 1st Batt West Mayo Brigade I.R.A.
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... From January 1st 22
up to June 30th 22
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... Company Area
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... James Chambers (Castlebar)
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... Drilling, attending at General Parades etc.
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... despatches, Intelligence etc.
- (g) Absence from duty and cause..... Interned until December 9th 22

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
James Chambers	Castlebar
P. J. Cannon	
Canon Moran T.D.	Westport

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

- (a) Unit or Units..... C. Company 1st Batt West Mayo Brigade
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... Continuously
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... Battalion Area
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... Michael Kilroy T.D.
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... By carrying out all orders issued to me
such as despatches, Intelligence, doing sentry,
providing accomodation etc.

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

Blocking of roads, blowing up of
Railway bridge Cutting of Telegraph poles and
wires.

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

Not absent

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Michael Kilroy T.D. Keshport
Eamon Moore T.D. Westport
Charles Gavin Westport

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

(a) Unit or Units..... C. Company, 1st Batt. West Mayo Bgd.

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

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

Company Area

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... Eamon Moore T.D.

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

By doing despatch work, Lantry, Intelligence etc.

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

Blocking of roads, providing accommodation, and generally attending to
Republican forces

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Eamon Moore T.D. Westport
Paddy Harkin Castlebar
James Chambers Castlebar

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.

Rank D.

(b) On second critical date.

Rank D.

References who can testify as to your statements :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Michael Kilroy T. D.	Newport
James Chambers	Castlebar
Paddy Hordan	Castlebar

- (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.

No

(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.....

*Employed occasionally by the Mayo County Council
at road work.*

(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.

After my return from prison I volunteered to go into Barracks but I was advised by some of the Officers who knew the circumstances of my case (I being the only support of my widowed mother and two sisters who were already hard hit by my imprisonment) that my services in my own district

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

Peter Tucky

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

Michael Uloran

Address of Witness.....

Bastibar 80 Mayo

Qualification.....

Solicitor

Date.....

9th Feb 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.

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would be quite as useful to them.
And at a later date when the
barracks were about to be attack-
ed I offered to help them to
defend them, but they then told
me that they intended to destroy
^{them} and escape and that they had
more men than they could
equip. and that it was still
more important that I remain
in my own district so that
their instructions would be
properly carried out

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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