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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).

SUBNAME.

CHRISTIAN NAMES.

DUFFY JOHN

Knockrooskey

PRESENT ADDRESS.....

(to be written in
block capitals).

MENEEN, WESTPORT, MAYO

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?..... *Yes. from Easter Sunday 1916*
- (b) Unit or Units..... *Aughagour Coy.*
- (c) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *Easter Sunday. Full period*
- (d) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... *Aughagour, Lannone, Westport.*
- (e) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Mr. Bride*
- (f) In what way do you claim that your service was active service..... *Under arms and orders*
- (g) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the week..... *Military parades (22 and 29 apr) under arms.*
- (h) Absence from duty and cause..... *None.*
- (i) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>J. Mc. Bride</i>	<i>Rosbeg, Westport.</i>
<i>E. Moane. T.D.</i>	<i>Westport.</i>
<i>J. R. Gibbons</i>	<i>Bloona, Westport.</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..... *(H.) Aughagour Coy. Strength of H. Co. over 120 volunteers*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *Full period*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... *Aughagour and Westport.*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Self. Capt H. Coy.*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... *performed out raids for arms other duties.*
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *Raids on the following districts: Carradarrath, Lannone, Doon, Ardara.*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause..... *None.*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
B. Moane T. D.	Westport.
L. Conway	Barrowbawn, Westport.

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Aughagower H. Coy.*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *Full period.*

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

Kilawake, Cusdlough, Drummin, Aughagower.

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Self. Capt H Coy.*

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

Drilling and organising in above Districts

Went to each of the companies at (C) & gave drill instructions four nights each week.

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

the period..... *organising and preparing*

to resist conscription

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
B. Moane T. D.	Westport.
James Malone	Capt. Westport.
John Hastings	Capt. Westport.

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *H Coy. Aughagower.*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *Full period*

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

Westport Batt area

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *J. Ring. Batt of*

Gas. Malone. Capt.

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

Drilling and took part with H Coy. in 1918 Election.

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

Drilling, Raids & Collection of arms.

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

None.

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>James Malone, Capt.</i>	<i>Westport.</i>
<i>Y. Kieroy, L.D.</i>	<i>Newport Mayo.</i>
<i>J. R. Gibbons</i>	<i>Clonara, Westport.</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

H. Coy. Aughowe.

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

Full period.

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

Westport Batt area.

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

Joe King Batt ofc

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

Collection of cash purchase of arms.

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

I Burned R. I. B. Barricades at Carnowkennedy.

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

Was in Sigo Jail for two months for illegal drilling.

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>B. Moore J.D.</i>	<i>Westport.</i>
<i>Alma Mc Cabe</i>	<i>Sigo (Jail Ref.)</i>
<i>Charles Hughes</i>	<i>Lankine, Wexford (Ref.)</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

West Mayo A. S. Unit.

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

Full period

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

West Mayo Bde area

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

M. Kilroy T.D.

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

under arms with West Mayo a.s.u.

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

*Ambushes at Murrisk
awaiting on R.I.C. patrol*

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

None.

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

M. Kilroy T.D.

Westport, Newport

E. Moane T.D.

Westport

Jas. Malone Capt. Westport,

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

West Mayo Brigade a.s.u.

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

whole period

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

West Mayo Bde area

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

M. Kilroy T.D.

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

as a member of West Mayo a.s.u.

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

*in → Ambushes at Clogh,
Kilmeena, Skindagh, Raidson Nails,
Carrowkenedy, Train hold up, Murrisk.*

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

None.

*Look prominent
Park*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
M. Kilroy T.D.	Westport Newport,
E. Moane J.D.	Westport,
Gas. Malone Capt.	Westport,

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

- (a) Unit or Units..... West Mayo Brigade
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... July 21 to 30th June '22
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... training camps & barracks
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... M. Kilroy J.D. & Moane J.D.
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? Continuous service in training camps & barracks.
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....
 1. Acted as J.D. continuously.
 2. Ordered by my O/C on special military service operations
- (g) Absence from duty and cause..... none

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
M. Kilroy J.D.	Newport
E. Moane J.D.	Westport
Capt. James Malone	Westport

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

- (a) Unit or Units..... West Mayo Brigade
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... Full Period
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... West Mayo
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... E. Moane J.D.
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? Ordered by my Brigade O.C. on special military service and operations

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

Supplied arms & ammunition I captured to the various units operating. Did Intelligence work for Brigade during this period.

(g) Absence from duty and cause...

None except during a term of imprisonment in Westport Barracks. Covered my duties so well that I was released after a few days. I helped prisoners from same barracks escape soon after.

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Emoane Y.D.	Barraclough Westport
Edward Sammon	Westport
Dr J A Madden	Westport

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

(a) Unit or Units... West Mayor

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

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... Emoane Y.D.

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

Dumping of arms and supply of Service to see that arms were kept in good condition

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

Helped those of the I.R.A not captured to remain free.

(g) Absence from duty and cause...

None

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Emoane Y.D.	Barraclough Westport
E Sammon	Peter St Westport
J R Gibbons	Gloona Lodge Gloona Westport

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.

(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.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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(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.

..... *Captain H Company*

.....

.....

(b) On second critical date.

..... *Brigade Staff Officer on*

..... *Special Service*

.....

References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

..... *Edward Moore 7D. Curraluen Westport*

..... *Edward Sumner Peter St Westport*

..... *J R Gibbons Bloona Lodge Bloona Westport*

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- (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*

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- (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*

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(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.

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(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

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(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.....

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(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.....

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(8). Are you in receipt of any pension in respect of service :—

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| (a) As a member of the Civil Service. | No |
| (b) As a member of the Garda Síochána. | No |
| (c) As a member of any other Police Force. | No |
| (d) As a member of the Prisons Service. | No |
| (e) As a National School Teacher. | No |
| (f) As a Secondary School Teacher. | No |

- (g) As an Officer of any Local Authority. *No*
 (h) In any other employment. *No*

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.

*This to certify that I acting as Brigade O.C. 1922
 took Captain J. Duffy H. Company off active service
 and placed in as Brigade Intelligence Officer in
 which capacity he rendered very valuable service during
 that period. Edward Moore T.D. Brigade O.C. during
 the period*

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

*John Duffy
 Keshcullen, Westport, Mayo*

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

James Keaton

Address of Witness.....

*Fair Green Westport
 Co Mayo*

Qualification.....

Captain A. A. O. Mayo

Date.....

* 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

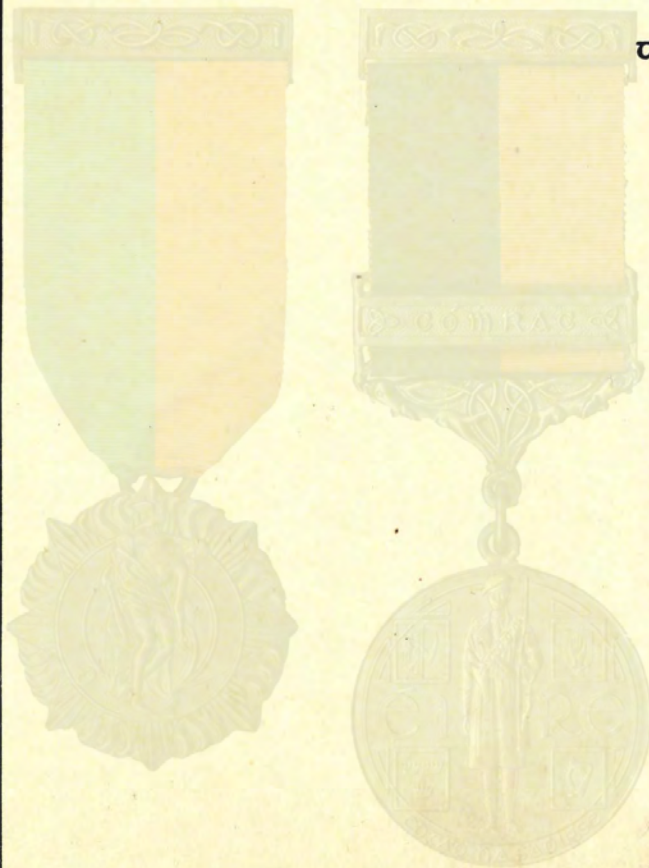
the expression "the second critical date" shall be construed as meaning the earliest date in the period between the first critical date in respect of such person, and the 12th day of July, 1921, on which such person held his highest rank in such last-mentioned period in the Forces.

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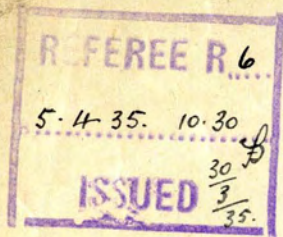
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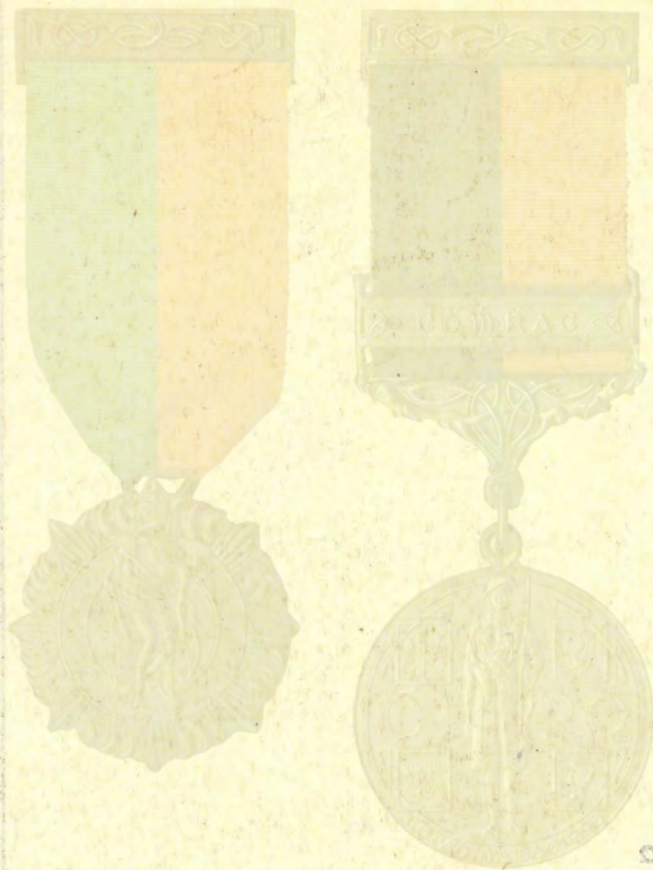


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SWORN STATEMENT MADE BEFORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY JOHN DUFFY ON THE

5TH APRIL, 1935 - NO. 1221.

1st Period. Q. You were a Volunteer in '16?

A. Yes.

Q. You were not arrested after '16?

A. Not after 1916.

2nd Period Q. Raids for arms?

A. Yes.

3rd Period Q. Drilling and organising; prepared to resist conscription?

A. Yes.

4th Period Q. Drilling; raiding for arms on private houses?

A. Yes.

5th Period Q. Burned R.I.C. Barracks at Currowkenedy? Evacuated?

A. Yes.

Q. In Sligo jail for two months?

A. Yes.

6th Period A. Did you join the column?

A. I joined about September or October. We were all on the run. The column was formed after that.

Q. Ambush at Murrisk. That did not come off?

A. No. We were waiting there on the 16th or 17th March, '21.

7th Period Q. Clogher, Carrowkenedy - you were with the column the whole time?

A. I was. I had a rifle.

Q. Was Tom McKettrick on that?

A. He was; he was in all those fights.

8th Period Q. When the Truce came did you go home?

A. I went home for a couple of days.

Q. Did you go into the training camps?

A. I did.

Q. And into the Barracks?

A. Yes. I was in Westport Workhouse.

9th Period. Q. When the civil war started, what did you do?

A. I was transferred to Intelligence by my O.C. Brigade.

Q. Intelligence for what?

A. Picking up all the information. I was on the Brigade Staff.

Q. Who was in charge?

A. Eamon Moane.

Q. You were the Brigade Intelligence Officer?

A. No. I was to be of service to him.

Q. The Brigade Intelligence Officer?

A. I was subject to him.

Q. You were not under arms at this period?

A. No. Sometimes I was but not officially.

2.

Q. Were you able to go about freely?

A. I was.

Q. Term of imprisonment in Westport Barracks. When were you arrested?

A. Sometime near Easter.

Q. Was it near the "dump arms" time?

A. I am not clear - about that time - in 1923.

Q. Were you with the column at all up to the time of your arrest?

A. I used to be scouting around for them and bringing them information.

Q. Were you able to stay at home?

A. I was. But it was little I was at home; it took all my time to be at other places.

Q. The Free State forces did not think you were active?

A. No they did not.

Q. You were released after a few days?

A. After three days.

Q. And helped prisoners to escape?

A. I did.

Q. You were Captain of H/Coy. on the first critical date?

A. Yes.

Q. When were you appointed?

A. 1917.

Q. What was the strength of that Coy. at the Truce?

A. About 120 - sometimes more than that.

Q. While you were on the column was anybody carryong on?

A. No. I had a 1st and 2nd Lieut. and QM. and Adjutant.

Q. Second Critical Date - Brigade Staff Officer on Special Service. What were your duties then?

A. Intelligence.

Q. You were not the Brigade Intelligence Officer?

A. No. I was reporting.

Sworn before me on.....

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REFEREE

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SWORN STATEMENT made before THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE by
E. MOANE, T.D., on behalf of JOHN DUFFY (No.1221) by

17th JULY, 1935.

Q. Do you know John Duffy?

A. Yes.

Q. What were his activities pre-Truce?

A. He was with the column.

Q. Clogher and Carrowkennedy? He was with the column?

A. Yes, but he was with the column before Carrowkennedy.
He was with the column all the time.

Q. What was he doing during the Truce?

A. He came into barracks for a while. I took him off as
Company Captain and put him on special intelligence work;
till ~~th~~ after the "Cease Fire" order he was on that.

Q. He had no fighting during the Civil War?

A. No.

Q. He was able to stay at home?

A. He was doing special intelligence work between Westport
and Castlebar.

Q. Was he Battalion I.O.?

A. No, not officially.

Q. Who would he report to?

A. Directly to me. I certified to that effect.

Q. He was Company Captain on the first critical date?

A. He was, of "H" Company, 3rd Battalion.

Q. Would strength be 120 on First Critical date?

A. It was. Every man in the parish was in the company.

A place like Shraheen, although in the parish, was not
touched as far as organisation purposes were concerned,
but we used to stay there.

SWORN BEFORE ME ON : _____

R E F E R E E.



DÁIL ÉIREANN.

TIGH LAIGHEAN
(Leinster House),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
(Dublin).

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This is to certify That Captain J Duffy
Captain H Company Aughraner was transferred
by me in 1922 and placed on special
intelligence work in the Brigade Area in which
branch he worked until after 1923

Tr nge

Edward Moore J.D

Brigade OC

West Major

No 1 Brigade

4th Western Div

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Mr. Sweeney

Have we got Coy. Roll yet. 'H' Coy (Aghagower) West Mayo Bde.

If so, state

(a, who supplied it. ?

(b, what was actual strength on both critical dates. ?

(c, what Battn. was the Coy. in ?

E. 26
18/4/35.

Mr. Dooker
for attn pse.

Encl.

Mr. Sweeney

18/4/35

etc records of 'H' Coy. recd. Bde. circular issued to G. Moore T.D. 2/35

OIFÍO AN REITHÓRA,
(Office of the Referee).

BEAIRICÍ UÍ GRÍORHTHA,
(Griffith Barracks).

CUAN-BHÓTHAR THEAS,
(South Circular Road).

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(Dublin).

Uisheir Thagartha.
(Reference No.).

15th May 1935..

PINSÍÚINÍ SEIRBHÍSE MILÉATA, 1934.
(Military Service Pensions Act, 1934).

A Ghara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to the following applications and to state that the Advisory Committee would be glad of an opportunity to discuss these with you :-

/ 2984	Martin Berry	Mace, Ayle, Westport.
/ 3143	Michael Kilcoyne	Murrivaugh, Mulranny.
/ 3139	Peter Joyce	Owenree, Knappagh P.O. Westport.
/ 1323	Edward Samson	Peter St., Westport.
2032	Sean Gibbons	12, Seafield Av., Seafield Road, Clontarf.
2993	James Chambers	Maryland, Castlebar.
1860	John Barrett	"Foil Tra", Church St., Howth.

I am to request you to attend at the above address on Saturday next, 18th instant, at 10.30 a.m. in connection with these applications. In case you are unable to attend on this date, perhaps you will be good enough to 'phone me (51026) so that a mutually convenient appointment may be made.

I am also to state that further consideration of the following applications from the West Mayo Brigade have been deferred pending the receipt of the organisation records of the Brigade, i.e., lists of Brigade Staffs, Battalion Staffs and Company Rolls for both critical dates :

/ 1251	Jos. Leo Baker	Lr. Bridge St., Westport.
/ 1250	John Bradley	Murrisk, Westport.
/ 1252	Thos. Ainsworth	Castlebar St. do.
/ 1253	John Duffy	Meneen, Westport.
/ 1224	Wl. Gallagher	21, McBride Tce., do.

The Referee will be glad if you can do anything to expedite the furnishing of the necessary organisation particulars for each Brigade in the 4th Western Division in order that the disposal of applications from this Division will not be unduly delayed.

Mise, le meas,

RÓNAÍ.

M. Kilroy, Esq., T.D.,
LEINSTER HOUSE.

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Mr. Sweeney

If our records confirm that applicants
rank on 11th July '21 is correct, ~~see~~ notati dle a preham
Reports forms.

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26/7.

Mr Dooley Is Applicant's rank correct as shown
on R.3? State strength of company.

Correct.

27/7/35.

Mr. Sweeney,

Applicant's Rank is correct
to records. Strength (11/7/21) per E. Moore = 120

27/7/35

Ref. No. 1221 Applicant's Name Duffy, JohnAddress Meneen, Westport, Co. Mayo.

Unit

- (1) Aughagour Coy.
 (2) H. Coy. Aughagour
 (3) West Mayo d. S. U.
 (4) West Mayo Brigade.

(a) Period	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active Service allowed	(d) Equivalent for pension purposes.	Remarks
(1) 23/4/1916-30/4/1916	Full Period	/	/	
(2) (a) 1/4/'16-22/1/'13 (b) 30/4/16-31/3/17.	Full Period	/	/	
(3) 1/4/'17 - 31/3/'13	Full Period	/	/	
(4) 1/4/'18 - 31/3/'19	Full Period	/	/	
(5) 1/4/'19 - 31/3/'20	Full Period	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$ yr.	/
(6) 1/4/'20 - 31/3/'21	Full Period	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$ yr	/
(7) 1/4/'21 - 11/7/'22	Full Period	Full	1 yr	/ check with list (straight of conf. & rank)
(8) 12/7/'21 - 30/3/'22	Full Period	Full	1 yr	/ must ask Moane.
(9) 1/7/'22 - 31/3/'23	Full Period	$\frac{1}{2}$	1 yr	/ Rank right on 1st.
(10) 1/4/'23 - 30/9/'23	Full Period	/	/	/ must ask Moane. 17/7/38

(a) first critical date; (b) Second critical date.
 Rank claimed on boy capt
 Rank allowed:- D Brigade Staff Capt - Special Services.

Total of column (d) 3⁵/₆ yearsSigned:- AdmiralJohn McEvoyJ. H. H. H.L. H. H. H.

Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 34SP/1351Ref. No. H.S.P./34/Referee - 1221

To:

To:

THE REFEREE.

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

I submit hereunder my report in this case,

Knockbrook
Duffy, John.
Meriden Westport Co. Mayo.
 for a Service Certificate.

Report - EMQ and 1. - $\frac{7}{10}$ $\frac{1}{35}$

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

Recorded $\frac{1}{8}$ $\frac{1}{35}$
 Registered 9 $\frac{10}{35}$

Referee.

Date. 28. Jan 1935.

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. (1) nil (2) nil (3) nil (4) nil (5) $\frac{1}{6}$ of Entire Period (6) $\frac{1}{3}$ of Entire Period (7) Entire Period (8) Entire Period (9) $\frac{1}{2}$ of Entire Period (10) nil
3. Total service for pension purposes as defined by Second Schedule of the Act. $3\frac{5}{6}$ years
4. Grade or rank, quoting relevant paragraph of First Schedule under which allowed: —
 - (a) On first critical date. Grade D. Para. 1(4)(b)
 - (b) On second critical date. Grade E. Para. 1(5)
 - (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 No or under sub-paragraph (m) of paragraph 4 of Rule I. of First Schedule, as a Medical Officer. No

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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? *"Work occasionally for County Council."* ✓

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.

Loughagower boy

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.....

..... *Rughagower ("H") 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.....

..... *Rughagower ("H") Coy.* —

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.....

..... *"H" Coy. Battrn III, West Mayo Brigade* —

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

$\frac{6}{6}$ of Entire Period

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

$\frac{6}{6}$ of 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.

"H" Coy. Battn. III, West Mayo Brigade —

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

$\frac{3}{3}$ of Entire Period

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

$\frac{2}{3}$ of 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.

West Mayo Brigade A.S.U. —

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.

Oglais na h-Abhainn

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

*Company Captain**"H" Coy. Battr. III, West Mayo Brigade,
and West Mayo Brigade 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.

Oglais na h-Abhainn

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

"H" Coy. Battr. III, West Mayo Brigade

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

2 of 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.

Oglais na h-Abhainn

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

*West Mayo Brigade (Special Services)
Imprisoned*

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

nil
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.....

(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. *Dyloaf na h-Eireann*.....

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

West Mayo Brigade.....
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Mr Dooley,

Done cir letter for company
list, and hold up issue of Report pending receipt from
Enoch.

3/8/35

attended to
60 27/7/35
9/9/35

Mr. Sweeney,

boy. list received 2/10/35

Report may issue. Strength
of boy. = 164

60 3/10/35

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Westport, Co. Mayo.

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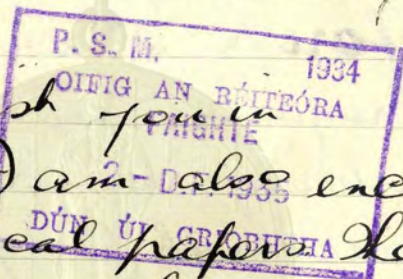
Sir,

4/10/35

I regret that owing to family troubles I did not get an opportunity to reply to your letter before this. I am now sending you the list of names of my company again. I sent the list before but this may be a fuller one as on the last occasion on which I sent the list I was away from home and had to rely solely on my own memory for the names.

I order to assist you in deciding my claim I am also enclosing some old copies of local papers. The information on them may help you. I am the John Duffy referred to in them. My old home address was Bloonskill Westport.

As the Editor Mayo News would like to get those papers back I am



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enclosing stamped addressed envelope
for their return and would be grateful
if you sent them back to me when
you are finished with them.

Photo enclosed was taken
while on active service. Beginning
at the rifles stacked on left are:-
Joseph Baker, Westport, Late Joe
Ring (R.I.P.), James Malone, Westport
(now capt. of new Volunteers) and
John Duffy (applicant).
I would be grateful also for the
return of this photo.

Before the 2nd critical date I became
Brigade Staff officer on special
military service and Martin Mulroy
Burweigh, Aughagower took over
charge of H. Company from me. He
is now C. Guard, Bodehill, Lavan.

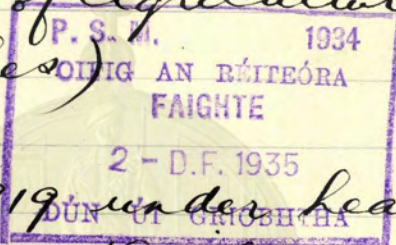
I hope this
information will be useful to
the Board. Any other information I can
give is at their disposal. Hoping a
decision will soon be arrived at in my case.

and that this letter contains all
the information you need
Is mise, le mair's nora,
John Duffy.

For information in "Mayo News" see
Page 4 Jan. 12th 1935 under heading
Islandeedy O.A.P. Sub. Committee.

Page 4 Jan. 19th 1935 under heading
Mayo Committee of Agriculture
(Sympathy to Mr. Hughes)

Page 2 September 20th 1919 under heading
"Two months for Drilling"



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4th October 1935

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your letter of 23rd ultimo enclosing Company Roll and details relative to your application which I am to return herewith, as requested.

Mise, le meas,

E. J. Burke
RÚNAÍ.

Mr. John Duffy,
Meneen,
Westport,
CO. MAYO.

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ÓIFIG AN RÉITEÓRA,
(Office of the Referee),

BEAIRICÍ UÍ GRÍOBHTHA,
(Griffith Barracks),

CUAR-BHÓTHAR THEAS,
(South Circular Road),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(Dublin) 15th April 1936

Uimhir Thagartha
(Reference No.)
1221

PINSIÚINÍ SEIRBHÍSE MILEATA, 1934.
(Military Service Pensions Act, 1934)

A Chara,

11 11th instant am directed by the Referee to refer to your letter of _____ relative to your application under the above Act, and to state that it has been transmitted to the Secretary, Department of Defence, Parkgate, Dublin, to whom any further correspondence on the matter should be addressed.

Mise, le meas,

E. B.

RÚNAÍ.

Mr. John Duffy,

Wangan, Westport.

CO. MAYO.

Mr. Horgan:

Transmitted.

E. B.
RÚNAÍ



West Mayo Brigade Old I.R.A.

6 loona Lodge,

Westport, Co Mayo,

24th Sept., 1936.

Mr. E. Burke. Sec.

Advisory Pension Board,

Griffiths Barrack,

South Circular Road

Dublin.

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(John Daffy)

A cara,

Please supply me with the following information:-

- (1) the number of appeals made direct to the Referee outside the Minister of Defence department, from members of above Brigade
 - @ Names, rank and nature of appeal.
 - 2 I have been requested by Capt. John Bluffy Meenane, Westport, Capt. A Company 3rd Battalion, West Mayo Brigade to inquire about his appeal.
- also any other information at your disposal re appeals.

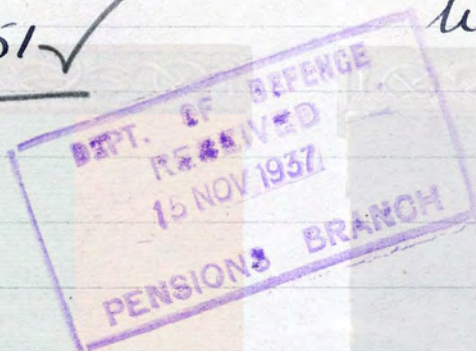
Yours

J.R. Gibbons Hon. Sec.

*Rekld,
16/11/37
Beb*

Ref No.

34 Sp/1351 ✓



Knockrooskey,
Westport,
Co. Mayo.
12/11/37.

A cars,

Enclosed you will find a certificate from Mark Killalea T.D. which I wish to add to the evidence I have already sent you in connection with my appeal.

Yours le meas,

John Duffy.

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SBORSACÉ Éireanna

DÁIL ÉIREANN

TIGH LAIGHEAN
(Leinster House)

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
(Dublin)

10th Nov. 1937.

This is to certify that I was in the Aughagower area on various occasions particularly during the periods from 1st July 1922 up to and after the "cease fire" order about April 1923 and slept with John Duffy in a "dug-out" on each occasion.

The Dug-out referred to above was made by John Duffy during the months of Dec. 1922 and January 1923.

Also on each occasion that I visited this area John Duffy was made use of by me and assisted me on Military work.

Signed

Mart Kieila

O/C No. 1. A. S. U.

West Mayo Brigade.

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Ref. No. 34 S.p./1351

D. 411.

Knockrooskey.
Westport.
6. 11. 37.



A cara,

In reply to your communication of the 2nd inst., I am here enclosing certificates in support of my statement already sent to you in connection with my appeal. Also, as it is not quite clear from your letter whether you received my statement I am here enclosing a copy of same. I have testified on oath to it before a P.B. as you will observe.

With reference to your inquiries I beg to state:-

1. Two certificates are here enclosed. I propose to send further certificates in support of my claim.
2. I am here enclosing the names of a score or more of living witnesses who can testify to the various parts of my statement.
3. The evidence I am submitting was at all times available but I was led to believe that my superior officers would give all the necessary testimony.
4. The additional evidence was not procured

J. Kerrig, Minister of Education.
R. Moane, T.D. Carrabawn, Westport.
M. Kilroy, T.D. Newport.
M. Killalea, T.D. Tuam Beest Factory.
R. Walshe, T.D. Balla.
Mr. Tubridy, T.D. Galway.
Mr. J. A. Madden, 20 Lower Baggot St.
J. L. Baker, Bridge St., Westport.
Mr. M. Mullins, Dublin.
C. Gavin, Mill St. Westport.
Jack Bonnelly, Tourmakeady.
J. R. Gibbons, Bloonah, Westport.
John Gibbons' Sweep Offices, Dublin.
Ed. Sammon, Peter St. Westport.
Tommy Ketterick, Dublin.
Captain James Malone, Castlebar.
James Flaherty, Westport.
Captain P. J. McKeonell, Leenane.
Jim Ruske, Kiltimagh.
Paddy Cannon N.T. Islandeady, Castlebar.
P. Cannon Sec. Board of Health, Castlebar.
Patk. Duffy, Bloonah, Westport.
T. P. Flanagan & Co., Surveyors, Castlebar.

by me for the original hearing because when I was called before the Pensions Board, I did not understand the necessity for such evidence. I was called before the board on a week's notice and actually I did not receive the notification until ~~two~~ three days before I was due to appear at Griff. th Barracks. I was given to understand here that any evidence necessary would be given on my behalf by officers of the organisation.

On the back of this is a list of persons who can testify to the justice of my claim.

Muse, he means,
John Duffy.

Statement re. ¹John Duffy, Knockrooskey,
Westport, in connection with Appeal.

Concerning the Period from 1st July 1922
to the 31st March 1923 & the Period from the
1st of April 1923 to 30th Sept. 1923.

During the above periods I was detailed for
special service by G. Moane I.D. at that time
Brigade O.C.

In addition to evidence already supplied
by me when before the Board, I beg to add
the following facts:-

I took part in the escape of Seamus
McBall (now special Irish Correspondent for the
Sunday Dispatch) from the Westport
Workhouse (then a Free State Military Barracks)
and was under fire in the event (about Jan.
1923). Also I conveyed arms from Miss
Gallagher's, Bridge St., Westport on three or four
different occasions to the column in
outlying districts. Also I guided a column
of A. S. Unit men through a Free State
Military round-up at Mount Browne,
Westport and guided a full column from
Doulagree, Aughagower to near Castlebar. Also

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I cycled in front of Gen. Michael Kibroy from Lanmore (4 miles outside Westport) to near Newport. Mr. Kibroy was in a motor car & I was cycling in front with a drawn revolver. On each occasion when I was guiding men or columns I was armed with a revolver & ammunition. After the "dump arms" order (in April 1923 I think), I took charge of a Lewis machine gun & several smaller arms & looked after them until 1924.

I would point out that although I could have gone home, so far as I knew, still I had to be on the watch all the time and going home would always be risky. Also, owing to the nature of my work at that time in the I.R.A., I could not possibly attend to my own work as I was most of the time away from home on I.R.A. work and sometimes in the vicinity of home.

Military Service
Testified on oath before me, this
8th day of Nov 1937 at Westport Colmao
Martin Y. Moran P.C.

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Statement re. John Duffy, Knockrooskey,
Westport.
Appeal against the findings of the
Board until the Military Service Pensions
Act 1934.

Re. the period commencing 1st April 1919 to 31st
March 1920 and the period commencing on the
1st day of April 1920 and ending on the 31st day
of March 1921.

I beg to state the following facts in connection
with my appeal:—

Period 1st April 1919 to 31st March 1920:— I was only
allowed $\frac{1}{6}$ of
entire period i. e. the two months I spent in
Shigo Jail for drilling my company. Now I
cannot understand how the board could
limit my active service for this period to
the 2 months I spent in jail. Naturally, I
had to do something against the law to
be put in jail and this term of
imprisonment was the result of my previous
activities. And, again, when released from

prison, I again resumed my activities. I see no reason why the Board took any action of this period from me.

During these periods I was continually active on I.R.A. work. As Captain of (H) Aughagower company 3rd Battl. West Mayo Brigade (appointed in 1917) I held daily drills and parades of the company during the above periods. All my time was taken up with army duties. I was (after my release in Oct 1919) appointed to the special work of drilling four companies in the Battl. area - Bushlough (D) Co. Killavally (F) Co. Drummin (at that time a Co. in the Battl. area and my own Aughagower Co. Three of these companies were drilled by me one night each week and H. Co. was drilled by me two nights each week, so that for six nights of the week I was engaged in drilling activities. I had also to attend the weekly Battl. meeting on another night. As a result I could not attend to my ordinary daily work (I was working on my father's land and neglected this owing to my interest in our organisation.) Generally, when I was finished drilling a Co. (they were all long distances from my home) I returned home on foot in the early

hours of the morning. Naturally, I would be unfit for a hard day's work with the same journey & work to be faced on the following night. Also there were always reports to be made out the following day and occasional courts-martials of men who had not turned out on parades, in addition to dispatches having to be attended to. This continued right up to the time I went on the run in Sept. 1920.

I also ordered and took part in raids for arms in April 1920 and subsequently. These are some of the houses I raided successfully for arms:- Frank Mullholland's, ^{Burdaugh} Borveigh, Aughagower, Westport (about 1917) Thos. O'Malley's, Lanmore, Westport (1919) Pat K. McGuire's, Leckderg, Lixarney, Westport. (1919) Anthony Walters, Doonacastle, Westport (1920) Pat K. Hoban's, Borveigh, Aughagower, Westport (1920).

I also seized a gun from Pat K. M. Loughlin, Mill St., Westport when he was out shooting game, I also secured his cartridges and a pair of field glasses. Also I was in charge of the burning of Bushlough R.I.B. barracks in June 1920. During this time the Republican

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courts were established and I, as Co. Captain had to attend those on military duty. During July & August of 1920 I was nightly engaged in giving instructions in the use of arms "Lebel's" rifles, "Smith & Wesson", Webley & Bulldog type revolvers, also "Peter the Painter's" & "Parabellum" automatics as I was supplied with a sample of each of these for the purpose.

In Sept. 1920 I went on the run and remained throughout until the truce - 11th July 1921. I was a whole time member of the West Mayo active service Unit and occupied the position of section leader in the column.

Testified on oath before me this
8th day of Nov. 1937

Signed Martin J. Moran P.C.

Noted for

Nov. 8th 1937

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Phill Street
Westport

I certify that, as Captain of the Westport Company (A), later a Vice Command of the 3rd Batt (Appointed Vice Command about July or August 1920) and later still as D.M. (Appointed D.M. about March 1921) of the West Mayo Brigade I ~~was~~ was in constant contact with John Duffy, Captain of H. Company. (Aughowan) 3rd Battalion.
I have read his statement in connection with his Appeal under the Military Service Pensions Act 1934 which he has sent to the Referee and Advisory Committee. and I can truthfully say from my own personal knowledge that it is a true and correct account of his work up to the time of my own capture in March 1921.

I am also in a position to verify some of the activities mentioned by him which took place during the Civil War period.

I know that as well as looking after his own company he was also directed to visit and train three other adjoining companies viz, Cuslough, Drummin and Kilkubilla. It was I think during 1920 while on this work that he held up and disarmed a man named Patrick McHoughlin from Westport. I am also aware that he was in charge of the burning of Cuslough R.I.B. Barracks.

During the period from July 1922 up until my capture about Dec 1922 and again during the period from the date of my escape about March 1923 until the Cease Fire order in April 1923 I visited Aughowan area on several occasions and on every occasion John Duffy was there to guide and help us in every possible way.

On one occasion I was in charge of a section that was after returning from sniping Free State posts in Westport. We were billeted in the Townland of Mount Browne in the Aughowan area. The Free State troops having received information as to our location arrived on the scene and had us almost surrounded when John Duffy got through to us. With his local knowledge I was able with the assistance of one of my comrades Paddy Duffy to get outside the cordon and counter-attack the

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enemy troops and in the confusion that ensued all my section with the exception of two men were ^{able} to escape and retreat to ^{the} ~~say~~ the Corvagh mountains. I can truthfully say that were it not for John Duffy's information and knowledge of the district my section would never have been able to avoid very serious consequences that day.

I also remember that he was in charge of some of our arms after the "Dunt arms" order and on one occasion I remember help him to oil and clean them.

I wish to state in conclusion that John Duffy did one man's part in building up the I. R. a organisation in the 3rd Batt. area and that he was one of those officers who formed the nucleus of the West Mayo Flying Column of which he was a section leader.

Signed

Charles Gavan.

3rd Nov. 1937.

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Bridge Street,

Westport.

1st. November, 1937.

I hereby certify that since I came to Westport in June, 1920 I was frequently associated with Captain John Duffy on I. R. A. work.

I have read his statement, as sent to the board in connection with his appeal under the Military Service Pensions act, 1934., and I can vouch for the truth of this statement from the time I first came to Westport until the 11th. July, 1921. I am aware that during that period he was one of the outstanding active members of the I. R. A. I met him on various occasions - and at different places, often at long distances, ten or twelve miles away from his own home during the months of July, August, September & October, 1920. on I. R. A. work I have actual knowledge that

that during those months practically all his time was taken up in activities of a military nature and in consequence he was not able to do any work much around his own home or accept any other employment. I know of several of his activities during the period mentioned and hereby assert that he visited various companies in the battalion area on organization work. Also he attended the Republican courts in the course of his military duties and I am also aware of certain raids for arms in which he took part, including his disarming of Patrick Mc. Loughlin (a resident of Westport) when out shooting in the mountains.

I would give more details of

of certain of his activities that I am personally aware of, during this period but having read his statement I consider it sufficient to state that for the periods mentioned in this certificate I know his statement to be true in every detail he has mentioned.

Should the board desire a more detailed statement from me, in the matter concerned, I will be pleased to forward same on request.

Signed Joseph L. Baker.

dated 1st day of November, 1937.

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THAN 71881
[Telephone]

UIMHIR THAGARTHA.
[Reference No.]

34/SP/1351.

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ROINN COSANTA,
(DEPT. OF DEFENCE),

GEATA NA PAIRCE,
(PARKGATE),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(DUBLIN).

November, 1937.

Mr. Robinson
22/11/37
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OILEIG AN RÉITEÓIR
FAIGETE 22
22 SAMH. 1937
DÓN UÍ GÁIOBHITHA

Rúnaí do'n Réiteóir.

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to refer to the application of Mr. John Duffy, Knockrooskey, Westport, Co. Mayo, under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934, and to state that Mr. Duffy appealed against the findings of the Referee as shown in his report dated the 2nd August, 1935. In response to his appeal Mr. Duffy was requested on the 1st instant to furnish the following information:-

1. A summary of the additional evidence he proposed to submit.
2. The nature of the additional documents (if any) and the name and address of every additional witness who is prepared to give evidence on his behalf.
3. When such additional evidence became available, and
4. Why such additional evidence was not available at the original hearing of his application.

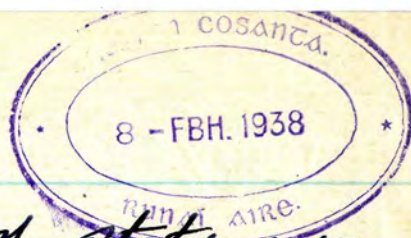
In addition, a statement to be furnished embodying the above information, and sworn before a Peace Commissioner.

In reply, the appellant submitted the attached documents. Will you please advise the Minister whether the evidence contained therein can be regarded as additional evidence in the light of the advice tendered to the Minister by the Attorney-General.

J. J. Morgan
t/c Rúnaí.

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John Duffy
Knockroosky
Westport



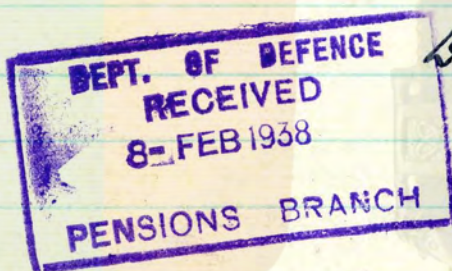
we hereby Certify the enclosed statements
regarding John Duffy to be true and correct
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Rec'd.
10/2/38
[Signature]

Signed Emoane J. D. L. O. G. Two Members
Signed James Chambers West Mayo
Countersigned J. A. Tierney Brigade Commander
Secretary

West Mayo Brigade old I. R. A. Association



Bartholomew
Castletown
7-2-38

Mr. Cogan.

I enclose herewith statements submitted
by Mr. J. Duffy, Angharad, Westport in
connection with his appeal regarding his
Military Service, together with the Certificate of the
Brigade.

I have been directed to request that
this case be dealt with immediately as this
case is a very long time outstanding

The Secretary
Office of the Referee
Griffith Barracks
South Circular Road
Dublin

Yr. Obedt Servt
J. A. Tierney
Hon. Secretary

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Statement re. John Waffy, Knockrooskey,
Westport, Co. Mayo.

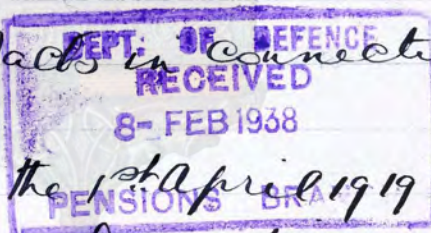
Appeal against the findings of the Board
under the Military Service Pensions Act 1934.

Re. the period commencing 1st April 1919 to 31st
March 1920 and the period commencing on the 1st
day of April 1920 and ending on the 31st March 1921

I beg to state the following facts in connection
with my appeal:—

During the periods from the 1st April 1919 to the
1st April 1920 I was continuously active on I.R.A.
work as Captain of (H) Aughagower Company
3rd Battl. West Mayo Brigade (I was appointed
captain in 1917) I held daily drills and
parades of the company during the above periods.

I was arrested and charged with illegal
drilling and imprisoned for two months—
September & October 1919. On being released
again I took charge of my company and
practically all my time was taken up with
army duties. I was then appointed to the
special work of drilling four companies
in the Battl. area:— Bushlough (K) Co.



Ki-avally (F) Co. Drummin, at that
time, a Co. in the Battl. area and my own
company (H.)

Three of these companys were drilled by me
one night each week and H. Co. was drilled
by me two nights each week. I also had to
attend the weekly Battl. meeting on another
night. This meant that on six nights of each
week all my time was taken up with I.R.A.
organisation work with the result that I
could not attend to my ordinary daily work
because generally when I was finished drilling
a company that was several miles distant
from my home and returned home on
foot (the only means of travelling I had at the
time) it was usually in the small hours of
the morning when I got to bed and naturally
I was too tired the following day to do much
manual work. The same would apply to
attending a Battl. meeting if it was far away.
Also there was always reports to be made
out the following day and occasional
court-martials of men who had not turned
out on parades, in addition to dispatches
having to be attended to. This continued
right up until the time I went on the run

in September 1920.

Also I ordered and took part in raids for arms in the following villages:- Lanmore (Thos. O'Malley's) Curdarragh (Austin Mullholland's) Doon (Anthony Waters) Bushlough

Burleigh (Pat K. Hoban's)

Lackdarg. (Pat K. McQuire's)

Also I succeeded in taking a shot gun, cartridges & a pair of binoculars from Pat K. McLaughlin, Mill St, Westport when he was out shooting game.

I was in charge of the burning of Bushlough R.I.C. barracks in June 1920.

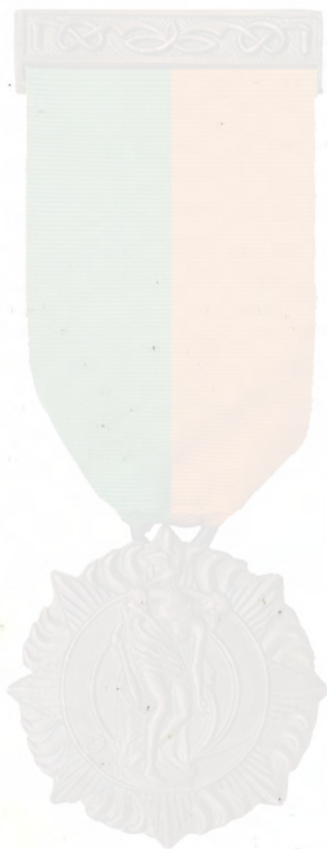
During this time the Republican courts were established and I as Capt. had to attend them on military duty. During July & August 1920 I was nightly engaged in giving instructions in the use of arms 'Lebufré's' Rifles 'Smith & Wesson' webley & Bulldog type revolvers also 'Peter the Painter' and 'Parabellum' automatic revolvers as I was supplied with a sample of each of these for the purpose.

In Sept. 1920 I went on the run and remained throughout until the truce - 11th July 1921. I was a whole time member of the West Mayo

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active Service Unit and occupied
the position of section leader in
the column.

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Statement re John Duffy, Knockrooskey
(late of Bloonskill and Meneen) Westport
Co. Mayo, in connection with appeal
under the Military Service Pensions Act 1934.

Concerning the period from 1st July 1922 to
the 31st March 1923 & the period from 1st April
1923 to 30th Sept. 1923.

During the above mentioned periods I was
detailed for special service by E. Moane, T.D.,
at that time Brigade O.C.

In addition to evidence already supplied by
me when before the board, I beg to add the
following facts:—

I took part in the escape of Seamus M. Ball
(now Special Irish correspondent for the Sunday
Dispatch) from the Westport workhouse (then a
Free State Military Barracks) and was under
fire in the event about January 1923.

Also I brought rifles from Miss Gallagher's
Bridge St., Westport on three or four different
occasions, during both the above-mentioned
periods. Also I guided Active Service Unit

men through a Free State Military round up at Mount Browne, Westport and I guided a full column from Lougee, Aughagower, to near Castlebar. Also I cycled in front of Gen. Ml. Kilroy from Lanmore outside Westport to near Newport, Ml. Kilroy was in a motor car and I was cycling in front with a drawn revolver. On each of the occasions when I was guiding men or columns I was armed with a revolver and ammunition. After the "dump arms" order (in April 1923, I think) I took charge of a Lewis machine gun and several smaller arms and looked after them until 1924.

I would point out that although I could have gone home, so far as I knew, still I had to be on the watch all the time and going home would be risky. Also ~~owing~~ owing to the nature of my work at that time in the I.R.A. I could not possibly attend to my own work as I was most of the time away from home on I.R.A. work and sometimes in the vicinity of home.

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ROINN COSANTA,
(Department of Defence),

GEATA NA PAIRCE,
(Parkgate),

BAILE ATHA CLIATH.
(Dublin).

P.S.M.

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February, 1938.

E. de Burca, Uas.

Further to my communication of 22nd November last in connection with the appeal of John Duffy, Knockrooskey, Westport, against the findings of the Referee on his application under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934. I am transmitting herewith correspondence received from the Honorary Secretary West Mayo Brigade, Old I.R.A. Association.

J. Horgan

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MD.

Carrabau.

Westport

Tuesday

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The case of -J Dufty ~~is~~ could
not be discussed last day. Attached is a detailed
statement which I have examined and certified
I would feel grateful if you would have
it attached to -J Dufty's file immediately
so that the members of the board will have it
before them when discussing it with Mr. Kelly.

Yours

G. Moore

Lt. Col. West Major

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1919

(Period April 1st to March 31st 1920) $\frac{1}{8}$ Period

List of Activities During This Period I was arrested and sentenced to prison for Illegal drilling being released in October or November. Two days after my arrival home I was raided for by R.I.C. at my home seeing them come from the distance I made good my escape at least twice weekly my home was raided. I was instructed to go on the run to evade capture by my Bath Council. During the period I carried out twenty or thirty different raids for arms and equipment in the Bath area at an earlier period I took part in a bomb attack on Westport R.I.C. B.K.S. in which two R.I.C. men were wounded. For all this period I only got $\frac{1}{8}$ I submit as I had to remain all this time on the run and carried out so many activities raiding for arms in the Bath area I am justly entitled to the full Period of Service.

(Period April 1st to March 1921) $\frac{1}{3}$

I was still on the run my home being continually raided for me. My time was taken up in Raids for arms Court-martial. I burned Cammell Kennedy R.I.C. B.K.S. in June 1920. I also carried out under arms four different raids for Petrol at Westport Railway Station getting over 1000 gallons of Petrol the proper storing of this spirit was carried out by me personally. I joined the 3rd Bath A.S.U. under Command Joe King about the 2nd week in November. During this month we lay for several hours at Gifford for a patrol of two Lorries that had travelled to Lanes. They failed to turn up. I called at the Westport Railway Hotel in November with Charles Gavin and Captain J. Malone to interview some members of the Murder Gang staying there they were out when we called. In March I was in charge of a section of men to attack Loughborough R.I.C. B.K.S. the attack did not come off. On March 17th I was with the A.S.U. and waited for at least 10 hours. Mr. Kilroy was in charge on this occasion. For all this time I have only got $\frac{1}{3}$ the entire Period. I submit I am justly entitled to the full Period as other members of the A.S.U.

Period July 1st 1922 to March 1923

August Took part in charge of Seven men in an attack on Westport Railway station which was occupied. The attack lasted about Three hours.

September Took part with the brigade A.S.U. in an attack on Castlebar this lasted about 7 hours. There were two enemy killed and several wounded. Also took part with part of Brigade A.S.U. in an attack on Westport lasting about 2 hours. In October I carried out with Dan Gavin a bomb attack on Westport Town Hall. Our escape on this occasion was very close and our position very dangerous. In October also with Dan Gavin and some others we held up and disarmed a military patrol of 6 soldiers in Westport capturing their rifles and 700 rounds of ammunition.

(October) I escorted the armoured car and columns through Westport district to Lennane on their way to Clifden and again on their return journey after the capture of Clifden.

December I took part with portion of the Brigade A.S.U. and Brigade D.B. and staff in an armed attack on Westport Workhouse which lasted about six hours. This attack was carried out in daylight and was done to relieve pressure on the Newport district.

(November) after the Battle for Newport I escorted a column of about 130 or 150 men through the Westport district to Tuomeedady and Connemara.

Jan 1923

I arranged for the escape of Seamus M'Call now special Irish Correspondent for the Sunday Dispatch and then called by members of the National Army the new Polish Pope imprisoned at Westport Workhouse. This escape I was able to bring off successfully. In Feb and March I carried out at least 4 if not more attacks on the forces in Westport and constructed a dugout on my own land which was used by several Irish officers as well as Brigade H.2 for some time.

From April, 1st 1923 to September all my time
was taken up securing the safety and safe
conduct of Air officers passing through my area.
I submit I have been harshly treated as during
this period my work was very much harder
than the period prior to July 11th 1921.
I hold I gave the best service possible and
rendered a good account of myself during
the period.

Signed by my J. Duffy
Captain B Company 3rd Batt

I certify that this statement supplied by
Captain John Duffy in connection with
his appeal is true and correct in fact I
believe there are several other attacks
he has been in during this period that he has
not claimed for attack.

Yours

Edward Moore

Late O.C. West Mayo

Brigade

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Mr. Robinson

Attach to the
relative file & B. D. phase.

The case is probably an
old appeal

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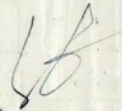
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34.SP/1351.

16 January, 1939.

Rúnaidhe,
Roinn Cosanta.

With reference to Mr.Horgan's minute of 17th
February last and previous correspondence regarding the
appeal of Mr. John Duffy, Knockrooskey, Westport, Co.
Mayo, the evidence now produced is, in my opinion,
additional evidence as defined by the Attorney General.


RÚNAIDHE.

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ROINN COSANTA,

GEATA NA PAIRCE,

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.

P.S.M.

OLFG AN TEORA

TAIGETE

23 Eanáir 1939

Dún 1

27 January 1939.

Rúnaidhe do'n Réiteoir.

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to state that Mr. John Duffy
Knockrooskey, Westport, Co Mayo.
has appealed against the findings of the Referee in his case. The Minister directs that the Referee will be good enough to review his report in the light of the additional evidence furnished by the applicant.

Kgan

as Rúnaidhe.

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An Rúnaí

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(Any reply to this communication should
be addressed to

The Secretary

(and the following number quoted:—)

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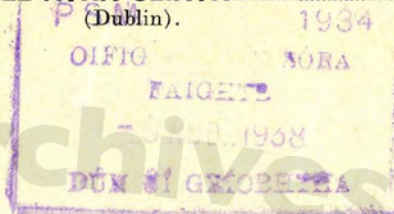
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COIMISIÚN TALMHAN NA h-ÉIREANN
(Irish Land Commission),

SRAID UACHTARACH MHUIRBHTHEAN
(Upper Merrion Street),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH

(Dublin).

8 DEC 1938



Confidential.

The Secretary,
Military Service Pensions Board,
Griffith Barracks,
Dublin.

I am desired by the Land Commission to
enclose a form containing particulars of Pre-Truce
I.R.A. Service claimed by John Duffy, Knockrooshy
who is an applicant for land and to ask you to be Westport
good enough to state: Co. Mayo

- (1) Whether the information in the form is in
accordance with your records.
- (2) Whether the applicant has been awarded a
pension and if so, the amount of such
pension.
- (3) Whether your Board is satisfied that he
gave first class meritorious I.R.A. Service
during the Pre-Truce period.

The Land Commission will be much obliged for
an early reply and the return of the form.

E. Rooney

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30 January, 1939.

Rúnaidhe,
Coimisiun Talmhan na hÉireann.

I am directed by the Referee to refer to Mr. Rooney's minute of 8th December last, and enclosure, regarding pre-Truce I.R.A. Service claimed by John Duffy, Knockrooskey, Westport, Co. Mayo, and I am to state that the replies to your queries as numbered are as follows:

(1) Yes.

(2) Awarded £38. 6. 8. per annum.

(3) Yes.

The enclosure is returned herewith, as requested.

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RÚNAIDHE.

WEST MAY BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

To:-

The Referee,
Military Pensions Board
Griffith Barracks,
DUBLIN.

Castles.

13. 2. '39.



Sir,

With reference to the appeal of John Duffy and the enclosed statement on his behalf subscribed by us, we beg to point out that for the 5th period he was allowed only 1/6. Because of the fact that he was on full time Active Service and all his time away from home an injustice has been dealt him for this period. We believe he his deserving of full service.

6th period. The above applies to this period also and he has been accessed for only 1/3rd the period. This is only reasonable as he lost all his time on Active Service.

9th & 10th periods. As those were the most trying periods of his whole service and in which the greater risks had to be taken, we are of opinion that he should be allowed whole time for each period as he gave full time service.

Edward Moore

Late D.C. Western Mayo Brigade

Michael Kilroy

Late D.C. Western Command

J.A. Toner

Gen. Secretary

Applicant's Name ... *John. Haffy* Address: *Allen Westport*

Unit: -... *Capt. H. Coy.*

3rd Batt. West. Map Brigade

PERIOD.

1. 23/4/16-30/4/16

2. 1/4/16-22/4/16
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. Was arrested and imprisoned for illegal drilling. Released in Oct. or Nov. Two days after his return home his house was raided. On seeing the Tans come in the distance he made a lucky escape. His home was regularly raided after that for months, about twice weekly. The Batt. Council ordered him to go on Active Service as a result of this attention. He carried out about 25 raids for arms. Earlier he took part in a bombing attack on the Westport R.I.C. Barracks in which two R.I.C. men were wounded.

6. 1/4/20-31/3/21. He was still on regular service. He gave particular attention to discipline and carried out seven courtmartials in his Batt. area. He had many raids for arms during this period. He also secured a 1,000 glns. of petrol which he securly dumped. He joined the Third Batt. A.S.U. under Joe Ring the second week in Nov.

6. 1/4/20-31/3/21.

In Nov. 1920 they lay in ambush for a patrol of lorries that went towards Leenane. They failed to return the same road. He called with Charles Gavin and Capt. J. Malone at the Railway Hotel, Westport for some of the murder gang who had been boasting. They were missing. Was in charge of a section to attack Louisburgh Bks. He was with the A.S.U. at Glos Patrick on the 17th March in Ambush.

7. 1/4/21-11/7/21.

Military Archives

8. 12/7/21-30/6/22

9. 1/7/22-31/3/23. He was in charge of seven men in an attack on Westport Railway Station then occupied by Free State Troop. This fight lasted three hours.

In September was with Brigade A.S.U. in an attack on Castlebar. Two of the enemy were killed and several wounded. Attack lasted seven hours. He took part with Brigade A.S.U. in attack on Westport lasting three hours.

October, he carried out a bomb attack on Westport Town Hall. He had a very narrow escape owing to central position of Hall. Held up and disarmed a patrol of six in Westport. Got their rifles and 700

rounds of ammunition. He was with the Div. A.S.U.s and escorted the 1/7/22-31/3/23 armour car and column through the Westport district and on to Clifden. In January he arranged for and secured the escape of Seamus McColl, (now special Irish Correspondent of the Sunday Despatch) who was imprisoned at Westport Workhouse. He carried out at least four attacks on Westport in February and March. He constructed a dug-out on his land which was used by Div. and Brigade Officers. For long after the Cease Fire Order he was responsible for the safe conduct of Officers and men in his Batt. area.

10. 1/4/23-30/9/23

Rank claimed on D

Rank allowed D

Signed: John Duffy

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Edward Moane

Late D.C. West Mayo Brigade

Michael Kilroy

Late D.C. Western Command.

J.A. Tierney Hon. Secretary

MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934.

Form R.18.

Ref. No. 1221.

APPLICANT'S NAME

Duffy John

1673/39

For discussion with Messrs Milroy & McNamee

Date

24/11/38

PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
(1)	Case brought forward as requested of.	
(2)		
(3)		
(4)	In Bomb attack on hospital N 1 c B/Ls	
(5)	4/1 answer to Duffly - released Oct 1940 in how is. - on run the raised. 7 raised for 1000.	
(6)	6 on run. He was in B/Ls for 1000. 3 4 raised for Peter & R/Ls etc (+ stores etc) (R/Ls) for AS in 200 miles - how is Lay in the. how is. called in hospital for murder gang. handing. 400 of which to attack B/Ls. Lay in the with AS in (Kilroy 400)	
(7)	(7) Charles Campbell Helmore was killed in hospital B/Ls	
(8)	all	
(9)	[9] April 400 of 7 men attack on hospital B/Ls etc sp. + AS in Campbell (144) attack on hospital Oct. Bomb attack on 7 men Hall dressed 6 soldiers with help escort work	
(10)	beer - with AS in attack on hospital. with house how. sent for Col	

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK

(a) First Critical Date

(b) Second Critical Date

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

for hand 4 attacks.

all

10

seeing report of Bill McNamee
in hospital on run.

Date

NEW R.3. — FOR USE IF REQUIRED.

REFEREE R.3.

REF. No. 1224APPLICANT'S NAME DUFFY JOHN.ADDRESS KNOCKROOSKEY, WESTPORT, CO. MAYO.UNIT H Coy Aughragower,
West Mayo S.S.W.

(a) PERIOD	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active service allowed	(d) Equivalent for Pension purposes	REMARKS
(1) 23/4/16 - 30/4/16	<u>Full period</u>			(7)
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 } (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17 }	<u>do</u>			(8)
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	<u>do</u>			(9)
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	<u>do</u>			
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	<u>do</u>	$\frac{1}{4}$.	$\frac{1}{4}$ yrs. ✓	Question of additional evidence to be determined before Advisory (11) etc can deal with the case
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	<u>do</u>	$\frac{1}{3}$.	$\frac{2}{3}$ yrs. ✓	(12)
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	<u>do</u>	<u>Full</u>	1 yrs. ✓	<u>25/x/38</u> (13)
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	<u>do</u>	<u>Full.</u>	1 yrs ✓	<u>Finished.</u> $\frac{16}{3}$ (14)
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	<u>do</u>	<u>Full.</u>	2. yrs. ✓	<u>Conf</u> $\frac{16}{39}$ (15)
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	<u>do</u>	<u>Full.</u>	1 yrs. ✓	<u>200</u> <u>23-3-39</u> (16)

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

Rank claimed on Leay Capt.Rank allowed D.Bgde Staff (ant. Special Service)Total of Column (d) 5 $\frac{11}{12}$ years - 10

SIGNED—

John O'ByP. H. H.John Jordan

Revised Report on Review

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M.S.P./34/2.

Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 34 S.P./...../351/

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

Duffy, John
Kinschinsky, Westport,
for a Service Certificate. *Co. Mayo.*

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

Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee—...../1221/

To:

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

Revised Report. J.D.H.R.

File
17/4/39

(SIGNED) T. U. DÓMHNAI

Referee.

Date.....

Date...14-4-39

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 (1).....*nil*
(2).....*nil* (3).....*nil* (4).....*nil*
(5).....*1 1/4* of ENTIRE PERIOD (6).....*1 1/3* of ENTIRE PERIOD (7) ENTIRE PERIOD
(8) ENTIRE PERIOD (9) ENTIRE PERIOD (10) ENTIRE PERIOD
3. Total service for pension purposes as defined by Second Schedule of the Act.....*5 11/12* years
4. Grade or rank, quoting relevant paragraph of First Schedule under which allowed:—
(a) On first critical date Grade.....*D* para.....*1(4)(6)*
(b) On second critical date Grade.....*E* para.....*1(5)*
(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.....*no*
or under sub-paragraph (m) of paragraph 4 of Rule I. of First Schedule, as a Medical Officer.....*no*

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? *casual Employment by*

Mayo Co. Council

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.....

Aughagower bay.

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.....

Aughagower 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.....

Aughagower Coy.

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.....

"H" Coy, Btro. III, West Mayo Co.

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

$\frac{1}{4}$ of ENTIRE PERIOD

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

$\frac{1}{4}$ of 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.....

H Coy, Bn. III, West Mayo Bde.

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

$\frac{1}{3}$ of ENTIRE PERIOD

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

$\frac{2}{3}$ of 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.....

H Coy, Bn. III, West Mayo Bde,
and A.S.U.

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—

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

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

H Coy, Bde. III, West Mayo 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—

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

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

H Coy, Bde. III, West Mayo 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—

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

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

West Mayo Bde, and Imprisonment

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—

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

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

West Mayo Bde.

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15 April 1939

Rúnaí d'he
Roinn Cosanta.

I am directed by the Referee to refer to Mr. Egan's minute dated 21st January last (Ref. 34.SP/1351) relative to the appeal of Mr. John Duffy, Knockrooskey, Westport, Co. Mayo, against the findings of the Referee in his case, and I am to state that the Referee has reviewed his Report in the light of the additional evidence.

The revised Report is transmitted herewith.

RÚNAÍ DHE

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Eín-fhreagra ar an litir seo, ba chóir é
áiríadh chun

An Rúnaí

fe'n ainmhir seo :-

(Any reply to this communication should be
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The Secretary

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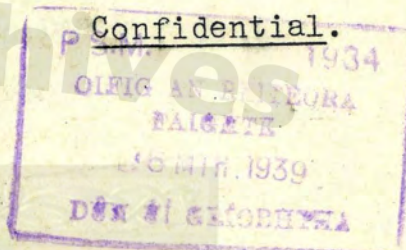
COIMISIUN TALMHAN NA h-ÉIREANN
(Irish Land Commission),

SRÁID UACHTARACH MHUIRBHTHEAN
(Upper Merrion Street),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
(Dublin).

15 JUN 1939

The Secretary,
Military Service Pensions Board,
Griffith Barracks,
Dublin.



I am desired by the Land Commission to
enclose a form containing particulars of Pre-Truce
I.R.A. Service claimed by John Duffy
Knockrooskey, Westport, Co. Mayo
who is an applicant for land and to ask you to be
good enough to state:

- (1) Whether the information in the form is in
accordance with your records.
- (2) Whether the applicant has been awarded a
pension and if so, the amount of such
pension.
- (3) Whether your Board is satisfied that he
gave first class meritorious I.R.A. Service
during the Pre-Truce period.

The Land Commission will be much obliged for an
early reply and the return of the form.

E. Rooney

G.H.O.

17/4/1939

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1221.

25 September, 1939.

An Rúnaidhe,
Coimisiun Talmhan na hEireann.

I am directed by the Referee to refer to Mr. Rooney's minute of 15th June last, and enclosure, regarding pre-Truce I.R.A. service claimed by John Duffy, Knockrooskey, Westport, Co. Mayo, and I am to state that the replies to your queries as numbered are as follows:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Awarded approximately £59. 3. 4
per annum.
- (3) Yes.

The enclosure is returned herewith, as requested.

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