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Fó-Roinn.

NÁ CUIRTEAR ÉANTUAIRISC AR AN gCLÚDACH SO.

Tá annso, leis,

DP 1711

An Uimhir.

An Gnó.

50/AMB/1239

Gibbons John Richard,
Gleanna, Lodge,
Westport,
Co Mayo

An Uimhir ag Roinn
Eile.

34 SP. 1347.
27. IR.B/2997
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Mr Murphy

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A.P. Board

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Mr Murphy

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Mr Murphy

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Mr Murphy

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Mr Murphy

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D.P. 1711.

Ainm:

J. Gibbons

	Dáta	Inisleacha	Réitithe ar an Treoir-chárta
1. Seóladh Foirm Iarratais A.P.46/1 do'n Iarratasóir			
2. Fuarthas Foirm Iarratais comhlánaithe			
3. Admháil curtha amach			
4. Ceanglaíodh Comhad P.S.			
5. Treoir-Chárta scríobtha			
6. Guireadh an comhad go A3C(b)			
7. Guireadh an comhad ath-uair go A3C(b)			
8. Guireadh Foirm tuarascála A.P.16A go O.L. Shóis. Stáisiún			
9. (a) Nóta cuimhne don O.L. Shóis (b) Nóta cuimhne don O.L. Shóis			
10. Nóta Cuimhne do'n Mhaor L. Shóis			
11. Fuarthas tuarascáil O.L. Shóis			
12. Iarradh ar an iarratasóir fianaise liachta a chur isteach (má's gá)			
13. Fuarthas fianaise liachta			
14. Guireadh an comhad go Bórd na nArm Phinsean			
15. Fuarthas tuarascail Bórd na nArm Phinsean			
16. Iarradh ar an iarratasóir a chur isteach (1) Teastas phósta (2) Teastas Bhreithe an chéile (3) Teastas Bhreithe leanbh faoi 18 blian d'aois.			
17. Freagra ar aithris cúise			
18. Aon ghnó eile			

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13 Márta, 1968.

A Chara,

With reference to your recent letter regarding your application for a special allowance under the Army Pensions Acts, I am directed by An tAire Cosanta to state that a statutory condition for the award of a special allowance is that the applicant's yearly means, will not equal or exceed a prescribed sum. The prescribed sum in your case is £130.

Your yearly means were calculated as follows:-

Military Service Pension (the first £30 of the rate as on 1 Deireadh Fómhair, 1964 and any subsequent increase are disregarded) £130. 2. 6.

Contributory Old Age Pension of 65/= per week (part of which is assessed) £32.11. 9.

Total: £162.14. 3.

As your yearly means thus exceed the prescribed sum it is regretted that an award of special allowance cannot be made to you under the terms of the Acts.

Mise, le meas,

A. MACGIOLLA PHÓIR
RÚNAÍ.

Mr. John Richard Gibbons,
Castlebar St.,
Westport,
Co. Mayo.

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Merr 7/5/2/3.

Clárlann.



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Muna bhfuil rian de chomhad DP, oscail ceann led'
thoil agus má tá tagairt eile nótaigh é ar gach comhad
obh; cuir leis seo is seol thar n-ais do'n Rannóig seo.

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N. 3608

CASTLEBAR STREET,

WESTPORT.

CO. MAYO,

To The Secretary ^{Does not refer}
Dept. of Defense

Ref. D.F.

a. Chava

I wish to apply for a Special
allowance form. I am in receipt
of a small Military Service Pension.

Inise le meas.

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John Richard Gibbons
(JOHN RICHARD GIBBONS).

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No reply necessary
as letters crossed.

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4.11.64

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DP 1711 PA. Castlebar Rd.
Westport.

Yr. Sec. Dept. of Defence
Darkgate Dublin

30-10-64

ack
gvr

ACARA. I wrote you some 4 weeks ago
re John (Dick) Gibbons Castlebar Street
Westport, who holds a military
Certificate 1916-1923 who requested
me to give us the information
if he is entitled to a Special
Allowance. I requested the Particulars
& Forms if so. I received an
acknowledgment to my previous letter
Mrs Gibbons has reached the age
of 74. No as above. The organisation
is wondering why there is ^{not} something
done in this matter. Please let same
have your immediate attention. RTR
Marie O'Reilly
Sec. Old G.R.A. Association

3 Deireadh Fómhair, 1964.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 25th ultimo, regarding the proposed application for a special allowance under the Army Pensions Acts of Mr. John R. Gibbons, Castlebar Street, Westport, I am directed by An tAire Cosanta to state that a statutory condition for the award of a special allowance is that the applicant's yearly means, will not equal or exceed a prescribed sum. The prescribed sum in Mr. Gibbon's case is £112.

Mr. Gibbon's yearly means were calculated as follows:

	£.	s.	d.
Military Service Pension (First £30 disregarded)	130.	2.	6
Contributory Old Age Pension (50s. per week).	36.	11.	9
Total:	£166.	14.	3

As his yearly means thus exceed the prescribed sum it is regretted that an award of special allowance cannot be made to Mr. Gibbons under the terms of the Acts.

A leaflet setting out the conditions governing the award of special allowance is enclosed for your information.

Mise, le meas,

a/RÚNAÍ.

Mr. Martin O'Reilly,
Secretary Old I.R.A. Association,
Castlebar Road,
Westport,
Co. Mayo.

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Deire Fómhair, 1964.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 25th ultimo regarding the proposed application for a special allowance under the Army Pensions Acts of Mr. John R. Gibbons, Castlebar Street, Westport, I am directed by An tAire Cosanta to state that a statutory condition for the award of a special allowance in Mr. Gibbon's case, is that his yearly means do not equal or exceed a prescribed sum. The prescribed sum in his case is £112 and his means as stated in your letter exceed that sum. Accordingly, it is regretted that he is not eligible for an award under the terms of the Acts.

A leaflet setting out the conditions governing the award of special allowances is enclosed for your information.

Mise, le meas,

Mr. Martin O'Reilly,
Secretary, Old I.R.A. Association,
Westport,
Co. Mayo.

Castlebar Road

on envelope S/S

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Ainm agus Seoladh John Richard Gibbons

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Cáilíocht { Deimhniú Seirbhíse Míleata
Bonn Seirbhíse (1917/1921) go cuí
Pinsean faoi na hAchtá C.R.

Rugadh 73
Rugadh an céile Baintreach

LEANAÍ FÉ 18 MBLIANA

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has se
25.4.61.

SUIM BHLIANTÚIL OIRIÚNACH	Ó			
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Iarratasóir (agus céile)	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Leanaí faoi 18(.. £11.14.0)	112.0.0	✓		
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IOMLÁN	£ - -	£ - -	£ - -	£ - -
Talamh, Gáirdín, Gnó	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Teach, Seomraí				
Tuarasdail				
Loisdín in aisce				
Cothú in aisce				
Cothú Tuillte				
Blianacht				
Airgead				
Pinsean Seirbhíse Míleata	£160.2.6 1/10/64.	130.2.6 ✓		
Sochar Éagumais	(108.15.0 ag 31.1.57)	(78.15.0)		
Pinsean Seanaoise/na nda	£0.0.0. 50/1.10.60.	36.11.9 ✓		
Pinsean Baintrí				
Pinsean Fostaíochta				
Sochar Breatanach				
Tuarasdail leanbh faoi 18				
Sintiúisí leanbh ós cionn 18				
Sochar ón Údarás Áitiúil				
Bronntanaisí				
MAOIN-IOMLÁN	£166-14-3	£ - -	£ - -	£ - -
LIÚNTAS ATÁ BEARTAITHE	£ 166-14-3	£ - -	£ - -	£ - -
INISLEACHA				

Quittagh. maoin sa ríis. T. 13/9/64

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A3(B), John Richard Gibbons

Please state the rate per annum
of Military Service/Disability/Conn
Ranger Pension to which the above-
named was entitled as on 31st July, 1.10.64
1959.

A3(A). P. Moore 7/10/64

A3A

£160 : 2 : 6

W. B. 2 p.m.

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A3B,
7/10/64

Ref No. DP 1711 PA.
D. Y.

Castlebar Road,
Westport.

25th 9-64.

To. Sec. Dept. of Defence
Parkgate



I am writing on behalf
of John Richard Gibbons, Castlebar ~~West~~
Westport. He is at present receiving a Pension
(Military Service Pension) of £152-10
He is also drawing contributory Old Age Pension
age 73 1/2 yrs. This man is incapacitated
through the effects of military activity from
1916 - 1923. I would be grateful if you
could inform me if he is entitled to
a Special Allowance or Disability.
and let me have full particulars of
hearing on above as set out and if so
Please enclose the necessary forms.

Truly Yours

Martin O'Reilly

Sec. Old & N. Association
Westport

A Chara.

3 Bealtaine, 1961.

I am directed by An tAire Cosanta to refer to your letter of the 25th ultimo in which you applied for a special allowance under the Army Pensions Acts, and to state that, from the information given by you, your means are in excess of the appropriate annual sum, which in your case is £91 per annum. A leaflet setting out the conditions governing the award of special allowances is enclosed for your information.

An tAire regrets, therefore, that under the present conditions you are ineligible for the grant of a special allowance.

Mise, le meas,

4. RÚNAÍ

Mr. John R. Gibbons,
Castlebar Street,
Westport,
Co. Mayo.

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means assessment:

M.S.D.

C.O.A.P.

£ 108.15.-

32.11.9

(before 1.8.1959).

141.6.9

A.A.S. £ 71

allowance - nil.

£
30/5/67.

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My Ref 34-D7
Sec of Defence,
Glasnevin,
Dublin.

Castlebar Street,

Westport

Co Mayo

25/4/61

a China.

Please forward application form for J. R. A special allowance.

1/ I am in receipt of an J. R. A Military Service pension of £121.1.9 per an. also Old age (contributory) Pension of £2 per week since 31/3/61.

I am a widow, and owing to age an infirmity I have to apply for the Special Allowance

2/ also all particulars of amount assessable to tax ~~on~~ on total award.

Thanking you in anticipation

Is mine to me as

John R Gibbons

T/S 8/5/61

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24 February, 1936

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to refer to your letter of the 31st ultimo, relative to your claim under the Army Pensions Act, 1932, and to state that the medical evidence and all the facts in connection with the case were very carefully and sympathetically considered. The Minister was advised however, that the degree of your disablement as at the date of your medical examination did not reach the minimum required by the Act for the grant of pension, viz: 80% in the case of disease. No award could, therefore, be made to you.

The Minister has fully reviewed the findings in the case but much regrets that he is unable to see any reason for a departure from the decision reached.

Mise, le meas,

J. J. [Signature]

é/c Rúnai.

Issued 24/2/36
Initials RS

Mr. John R. Gibbons,
Cloona Lodge,
Westport,
CO. MAYO.

RD

XB
Ref. No. 50/A.P.B/1239.

Bloona Lodge
Westport
Co Mayo

Jan. 31 1936

The Sec.

Dept of Defence
Parkgate
Dublin

A chéir,

I hereby lodge with the Minister of Defence, an appeal in my disability claim. Notice of the decision of the Board, disallowing same I received from you on January 29th 1936.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this appeal

Mise le Meas

John R. Gibbons.

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M. S. Gibbons



Ref. No. 50/APB/1239.

ROINN COSANTA,
(DEPT. OF DEFENCE),GEATA NA PAIRCE,
(PARKGATE),BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(DUBLIN).

27 January, 1936.

A CHARA,

Army Pensions Acts, 1923 to 1932.

I am desired by the Minister for Defence to state that your claim under the above Acts has been duly investigated. The Minister regrets that for the following reasons no award can be made to you.

Your degree of disablement does not reach the minimum required by the Act for the grant of pension, viz., 80% in the case of disease.

Mise, le meas,

Issued

Initials

Tealao Macneil

Mr. John R. Gibbons,

RUNAL.

Cloona Lodge, Westport,

Co. Mayo.

SP 2188 2000 9-34 RC 2/31497

MD.

ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1932.

**REPORT BY ARMY PENSIONS BOARD ON AN APPLICATION FOR
A WOUND OR DISEASE PENSION, OR A GRATUITY UNDER
SECTION 10 OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ACT.**

Ref. No.....

Ref. No.....50/413/1235.

To the Army Pensions Board.

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to transmit the accompanying application

of John Richard Gibbons
bloona Lodge, Westport, Co Mayo

for report and investigation in accordance with the Army Pensions Board (Investigation of Applications under Part II of the Army Pensions Act, 1932) Regulations 1933. The relevant service certificate is also sent herewith. The report should take the form of replies to the questions set out herewith.

Alb Maciada

Date 1st April 35

To the Minister for Defence.

The following members of the Army Pensions Board Attended:—

Mr. Michael Lurney.

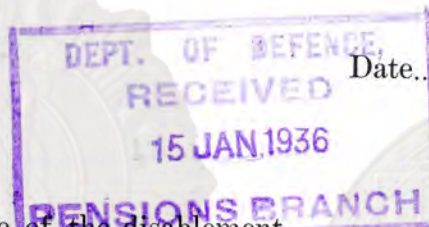
Dr. E. O. Hogan.

Capt. H. Macken.

The report of the Board is as follows:—

(Where the findings of the Board are not unanimous, separate reports signed by the individual members of the Board should be furnished.)

Signed Micéal Mac Mhuirí
Chairman of the Board.

Date 24th December 1935.

1. What is the nature of the disablement (or disablements) from which the applicant suffers?

pulmonary fibrosis.

2. What is the cause of the disablement or disablements?

Disease attributable to military service in Galician ha h-Birgoun (I.R.A.).

3. (In case it appears from the service certificate that the applicant received a wound or injury while engaged in military service) is the disablement due to the wound or injury stated in the service certificate issued in respect of the applicant to have been received by the applicant while engaged in military service.

N.A.

4. (In case it appears from the service certificate that the applicant contracted a disease during his military service) is the disablement caused by the disease stated in the service certificate issued in respect of the applicant to have been contracted by the applicant during his military service?

Yes.

5. What is the present degree of disablement of the applicant—assessing separately, where necessary, the disablement in each case.

(sixty)

60 per cent. months.

6. Was the disablement attributable to the applicant's own serious negligence or misconduct?

No.

7. Is the disablement permanent or temporary? If permanent, is it in its final condition?

Not final.

8. Would medical or surgical treatment prove beneficial, and, if so, to what extent?

N.A.

9. State the nature and the duration of the treatment recommended, and how it may be best carried out?

N.A.

10. Is the provision of any medical or surgical appliance considered necessary?

N.A.

11. Were there any special circumstances connected with this case which the Board consider should be taken into consideration by the Minister? (Note section 10 (5) of the Army Pensions Act, 1932.)

N.A.

12. Was applicant medically examined by the Board?

The applicant was examined by the Medical Members of the Board, who assessed his disability at 60% (sixty).

The Board, having considered the case, are unable to recommend an award as applicant's degree of disablement does not reach the minimum required by the Act for the grant of pension.

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Reference No. 50/APB/1239.



Expiry of
current Award.

(Wound or Disease).

MEDICAL REPORT ON AN EX-MEMBER OF OGLAIGH NA h-EIREANN (I.R.A.).

Name John R. Gibbons

Army No.

Rank

Unit and Corps

Age last Birthday 44

Date of entry into Service 1916

Date of discharge from Service 1923

Former trade or occupation

Home Address Cloona Lodge,
Westport, Co. Mayo.

NOTE:—The foregoing particulars are to be filled in by the Medical Board before the man presents himself for examination by the Board.

Statement of Case by the Medical Board.

1. State concisely the essential facts of the history of each disability recorded in the man's Medical History, and other relevant official documents, giving (a) date and place of origin of the disability, and other relevant particulars of the history; to these should be added (b) any supplementary details given by the man himself; when such details are from the man's own statements only, this will be clearly indicated.

Applicant claims for Pulmonary Tuberculosis contracted as the result of the exposure and hardships suffered on active service.

Dr. J.A. Madden, Westport and now resident in Dublin states he treated applicant for Pulmonary Tuberculosis from May 1921 until 1923.

2. Was an operation performed?
If so, when, and what was its nature?

No.

3. If an operation was advised and declined, was the refusal unreasonable?

N.A.

Opinion of the Medical Board.

NOTES:—

1. Clear and definite answers are to be filled in by the Board, as in the event of a man suffering from a disability it is essential that the Army Pensions Board should be in possession of full and accurate information to enable them to report upon the man's claim to pension.

Expressions such as "may," "might," "probably," etc., are to be avoided.

2. A report is to be made on any disability claimed. If it is found not to exist, this should be made clear. If it exists but it is not considered to be attributable to any form of military service, it should be reported on as fully as if it were attributable to service. The words "no disability" should never be used as equivalent to "no disability attributable to Service."

4. State precisely the nature of the wound or injury, or disease.

Tuberculosis of lungs (claimed).
Pulmonary Fibrosis (present).

5. (1) Give the diagnosis and particulars of any disability claimed or discovered (1), (2), (3), etc.

(2)

(3)

6. The present condition thereof, giving—

(i.) Symptoms and physical signs.

(ii.) Effect of disability on function.

Applicant C/O sweating at night
occasional cough with sputum.

Examination -

Breath sounds diminished over left chest. No adventitious sounds.

Heart - no murmurs.

Pulse regular.

See sputum and X-Ray reports.

7. Disability or disabilities in respect of which the claim for compensation should be considered (1), (2), (3), as per para. 5. (If no disability exists, enter Nil).

8. State whether each disability (as per para. 5) is attributable to

Wound,
Injury, or
Disease, attributable to
service in the Forces.

Disease attributable to Military
Service in Oglagh na h-Eireann
(I.R.A.).

9. If the claim is in respect of a wound or injury attributable to service in the Forces, is the present condition solely due to that wound or injury?

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10. Does the man claim in respect of any other disability from which he suffered during service with the Forces or in respect of a disability (naming it) medically identifiable with it?

11. If the man makes a claim as per paragraph 9, or 10:

(a) Had the man recovered from the disability before his discharge?

(b) If not, is it established that the present disability is continuous with that claimed for per paragraph 9 or 10, and that it is not a fresh attack unconnected with his service?

(i.) Is there direct evidence consisting entirely of medical reports and certificates covering the period since his discharge?

(ii.) Is there a continuous history of overt symptoms of ill-health since discharge, established by evidence partly or wholly of a non-medical character?

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- (c) Where a part of the period since discharge is not covered by evidence, is it considered that the disability must have persisted throughout, and, if so, for what reasons?

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12. If the man claims in respect of a disability attributable to service, but that such disability arose subsequent to discharge, what evidence is there in support of the claim that the disability claimed for is attributable to service?

- (a) Has this been established by a continuous history of overt symptoms of ill-health since discharge, consisting of evidence partly or wholly of a non-medical character?

- (b) Where a part of the period since discharge is not covered by evidence, is it considered that the disability must have persisted throughout, and, if so, for what reasons?

13. If evidence is furnished of a continuous medical history state whether—

- (a) The disability from which the person is now suffering is attributable to his service with the Forces;

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- (b) State briefly the reasons for the opinion given in answer to (a), and if the answer is in the affirmative, the nature of the conditions (as stated by claimant) which caused the disability.

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14. If no evidence of a continuous medical history is furnished, but the disability is one which for certain reasons the Board hold to be attributable to the conditions of the person's service in the Forces, state fully the medical grounds for the opinion and the evidence on which it is based (where the Board consider that the medical evidence for and against the claimant is not sufficiently definite, or otherwise feel doubt as to the expression of a confident opinion one way or the other on the question of entitlement, they may leave the question unanswered and instead set out in their report the pros and cons of the medical evidence).



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15. If there is evidence that any disability was due to serious negligence or misconduct on the part of the man, such evidence will be recorded here.

No.

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16. Is the disability in a final condition?

Not final.

If not—

How long is the present degree of disablement likely to last?

17. At what period will the Board require a further Examination?

N.A.

18. Does the man require further treatment? Is further treatment likely to benefit his condition, and if so, to what extent?

19. In the case of an amputated limb the following particulars will be entered—

(1) Limb affected.

(2) Site of amputation.

(3) Measurement of stump as defined in the fourth schedule of the Act.

(4) How long is stump soundly healed?

(5) Is patient fitted with an artificial limb?

N.A.

20. Report of any X-Ray examination. Diagram or radiograph where available to be attached.

See X-Ray report.

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21. Report (if any) of oculist, dentist, pathologist, or other specialist to be attached.

See Pathologist's reports.

22. Does the claimant's disability require any Surgical or Medical appliance? If so, state what appliance is needed.

No.

23. In the case of a nerve injury, the following particulars will be required:—

- (1) Nerve involved.
- (2) Muscles affected.
- (3) Area of loss of sensation—
 - (i) to pinprick.
 - (ii) to cotton wool.
- (4) Reaction to faradism.
- (5) Reaction to galvanism.
- (6) Is R.D. present?

Indicate on charts (and attach) where possible the site and extent of the injury.

ASSESSMENT.

24 What is the degree of disablement at which, in the Board's opinion, claimant should be assessed, having regard to his present condition?

60% (sixty).

25. What is the degree of disablement attributable to service (where there is more than one disablement separate assessments should be shown)?

60% (sixty).

Assessment to be stated in words as well as in figures.

Signatures:—

Micéal Mac Mhuirí CHAIRMAN

Samuel Hogan
Hulbert MacKen } Members

Date.....24th December 1935.

X-RAY REPORT ON PENSION CLAIMANT.

50/APB/1239. JOHN R. GIBBONS.

PLATE NO. 11,883. Date 27.6.1935.

CHEST :-

Marked peribronchial thickening
both lungs. Diaphragm moves
well. Heart small and hanging
in type. No evidence active
disease.

SIGNED. T.J.CROWLEY. LIEUT. AMS.

T.V.C. NOLAN. CAPT. " "

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50/APB/1239. JOHN R. GIBBONS.

SPECIMEN

27.6.1935	-	Urine	-	Acid 1010 Albumin and sugar negative.
28.6.1935	-	Sputum	-	No tubercle bacilli seen.
29.10.1935	-	Urine	-	Acid 1012 Albumin and sugar negative.
		Sputum	-	No tubercle bacilli seen.
30.10.1935		Sputum	-	No tubercle bacilli seen.
31.10.1935		"		DO
1.11.1935		"		DO
2.11.1935		"		DO
4.11.1935		"		DO
5.11.1935		"		DO

SIGNED. M.H. O'CONNOR. COMMDET.AMS.

O. I/C. LABORATORY.

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TELEPHONE 62508.
CONSULTING HOURS 2-4.
OR BY APPOINTMENT.

20, LOWER BAGGOT STREET,
DUBLIN.

19/12/35

This is to certify
that I first treated
Mr John H. Gibbons when
he was on active service
in either May or June
1921 and subsequently
at ^{Brigade} ~~Divisional~~ Hq. in Ross
House July 1921, later
about August or Sept 1922
at our hospital at Stona's
castle & practically con-
tinuously since up
to 1933.

J. A. Madden, M.D.

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ARMY PENSIONS BOARD,
ST. BRIGID'S HOSPITAL,
DUBLIN.

50/APB/1239.

14th December, 1935.

Dr. J.A. Madden, M.D.,
Dun Maev, Westport,
CO. MAYO.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Army Pensions Board to refer to my letter of 7th ultimo (copy herewith) relative to the case of Mr. John R. Gibbons, Cloona Lodge, Westport, and to request that you will be good enough to furnish a reply at your earliest convenience.

Mise, le meas,

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ARMY PENSIONS BOARD,
ST. BRIGIN'S HOSPITAL,
Dublin.

50/APB/1239.

7th November 1935.

Dr. J.A. Madden, M.D.,
Dun Maev, Westport,
CO. MAYO.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Army Pensions Board to state that they have under consideration a claim under the Army Pensions Act, 1932, from Mr. John R. Gibbons, Cloona Lodge, Westport, in respect of Pulmonary Tuberculosis which he attributes to Military Service in Oglaigh na h-Eireann during the period from 1920 to 1924.

The Board have before them in connection with the case your Certificate dated 4.11.1933, copy herewith, and they will be very much obliged if you will kindly state when you first treated Mr. Gibbons and his condition then.

With apologies for troubling you in the matter and thanking you in anticipation.

An addressed envelope, which need not be stamped, is enclosed for your reply.

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ARMY PENSIONS BOARD,

ST. BRICIN'S HOSPITAL,

DUBLIN.

To

SECRETARY,

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

An application for..... PENSION OR GRATUITY..... under the
Army Pensions Acts, 1923-1932, has been received in respect of the following:—

Name..... John Richard Gibbons..... Address..... Cloona Lodge,

Oglaigh na
Army No..... h-Eireann (I.R.A.)...... Westport, Co. Mayo.

Rank

Date of Wound, Injury or Death.....

Circumstances, &c. Applicant contracted Pulmonary Tuberculosis

..... as result of hardships and privations

..... endured while on active service 1920-1924.

Will you please state below whether any reward in respect of malicious injury
has been made or is being considered by you in this case.

REPLY.

.....
Secretary.
Roinn Airgid.

23. Bealtaine, 1935.

No application received. No award made.

ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1932.

SERVICE CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE MILITARY SERVICE REGISTRATION BOARD
IN RESPECT OF A LIVING PERSON ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF
AN ORGANISATION TO WHICH PART II OF THE SAID ACT APPLIES.

Registered No. of Applicant...I/RB/2997.

Name of Applicant.....Gibbons, John Richard.....

Address of Applicant.....Cloona Lodge,
.....Westport, Co. Mayo.....

WHEREAS an application for the grant of a pension *or* gratuity to the said applicant has been referred to us by the Minister for Defence under Section 8 of the Army Pensions Act, 1932 ;

NOW, We, the Military Service Registration Board, in pursuance of the said Section 8, hereby certify as follows :—

1. ~~The applicant was not at any time a member of any organisation to which Part II of the said Act applies.~~

or

The applicant was a member of.....Oglaigh na h-Eireann (I.R.A.).....
(State organisation or organisations of which applicant was a member.)

2. ~~The applicant was not engaged in military service within the meaning of Part II of the said Act.~~

or

The applicant was engaged in military service within the meaning of Part II of the said Act, and the following are particulars of such military service :—

Organisation or organisations of which applicant was a member	Particulars of military service		
	(*) Period of service		Nature and extent of military service
	From	To	
Oglaigh na h-Eireann (Irish Republican Army)	1916	1923	Divisional Director of Transport, 4th Western Division.
Irish Volunteers ...	-	-	-
Irish Citizen Army ...	-	-	-
Fianna Eireann ...	-	-	-
Hibernian Rifles ...	-	-	-
Cumann na mBan ...	-	-	-

(*) If the service was not continuous throughout, particulars of the period or periods of actual military service should be stated.

3. The applicant did not receive a wound or injury while engaged in military service.

or

~~The applicant received a wound or injury while engaged in military service and the following are particulars of such wound or injury—~~

(a) Nature of wound or injury

(b) Date on which wound or injury was received

(c) Circumstances in which wound or injury was
received

(d) Particulars of any negligence or misconduct
on the part of the applicant which in the
opinion of the Board should be taken into con-
sideration in determining whether the wound
or injury was attributable to military service

4. ~~The applicant did not contract any disease during his military service.~~

^{or}
The applicant contracted a disease during his military service and the following
are the particulars of such disease :—

(a) Nature of disease Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

(b) Actual conditions under which applicant ... Applicant was on active
performed his military service ... service from 1920 to 1924.

(c) Particulars of any illness from which the
applicant suffered during his military
service

(d) Detailed report on the applicant's state- It is certified that applicant
ments in reply to questions 3 D (i) and (ii) was on active service from 1920
in the application of the applicant ... to 1924, and that he contracted
T.B. during that service.

(e) Full particulars of any negligence or mis-
conduct on the part of the applicant which in Nil.
the opinion of the Board should be taken into
consideration in determining whether the
disease was attributable to military service.

5. *

* This paragraph will be used for certifying such other particulars in respect of the applicant as the Minister may
request the Military Service Registration Board to ascertain and certify.

Signed..... E. O'Leary.....Chairman

.....M. H. Hilliard.....Member

.....J. Collier.....Member

of
Military
Service
Registration
Board.

Dated this... 29th... day of... March... 1935.

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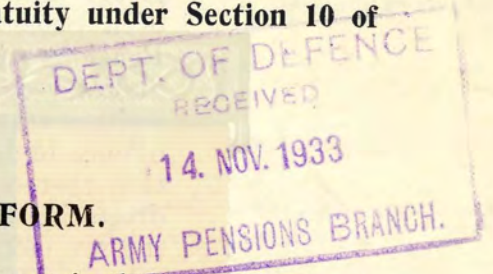
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ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1932.

FORM Re8 ISSUED
15 NOV 1933

Application for a Wound or Disease Pension or a Gratuity under Section 10 of the Army Pensions Act, 1932.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF THIS FORM.

1. In every case the name to be inserted as applicant is that of the person by whom or on whose behalf it is claimed that he is entitled to the pension or gratuity.

2. This application form is to be signed by the applicant, except where the Minister for Defence authorises it to be signed on behalf of the applicant by another person.

3. The attention of the person signing this form is directed to the declaration at the foot hereof to be made by such person.

4. The signature of the person signing this form is to be attested by a witness. (As to who may be a witness, see foot of this form).

5. In the event of the person making the application being unable to write he or she is to sign by affixing his or her mark and the attesting witness is to insert the name of such person.

No record of any
application under
A. P. Acts 1923 & 1927.
Initials *por*
Date *14/11*

Name of Applicant (To be *GIBBONS.*
written (Surname)
in Block
Capitals) *JOHN. RICHARD.*
(Christian Names)

Age last Birthday *42*

Present Address *Clouna Lodge, Westport,
Co Mayo.*

Nearest Gárda Síochána Station *Westport.*

Distance of Nearest Railway Station from Residence *3 miles*

Distance of Nearest Bus Route from Residence *3 miles*

Whether Railway or Bus is the more economical *either.*

Method of Transport between residence and Dublin *Train*

NOTE.—Before answering the questions below, the person making the declaration at the foot of this form is to note that:—

- (a) The statement made by him will be checked.

The Army Pensions Act, 1932, imposes a summary penalty for a false declaration:

“ Every person who, with a view to obtaining the grant or payment of a pension, allowance, or gratuity under Part II of the Army Pensions Act, 1932 either for himself or for any other person, makes, signs, or uses any declaration, application, or other written statement knowing the same to be false shall be guilty of an offence under this section and shall be liable on summary conviction thereof to a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds or, at the discretion of the court, to imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months or to both such fine and such imprisonment.”

(Section 12 (1) of Army Pensions Act, 1923, as applied by Army Pensions Act, 1932.)

- (b) In answering question 3D (1) any special circumstances involved in applicant's service which, it is considered caused any unfitness from which he may be suffering should be clearly stated.

If the declarant is unable to read, the above notes should be read over to him by the witness, who should so testify in his attestation of the claim.

1. Give particulars of applicant's service in any of the undermentioned Organisations:

ORGANISATION	Period of Service*		In what capacity he served	In what areas he served	Name of his Commanding Officer
	From	To			
(a) Oglaigh na h-Eireann (Irish Republican Army)	1920	1924	Div. O.B. 4th Transport supplies	Western Division	Michael Kilroy
(b) Irish Volunteers	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Irish Citizen Army	—	—	—	—	—
(d) Fianna Eireann	—	—	—	—	—
(e) Hibernian Rifles	—	—	—	—	—
(f) Cumann na mBan	—	—	—	—	—

* If the Service was not continuous throughout particulars of the period or periods of actual military service should be stated.

2. What is the nature of any wound or disease for which applicant now claims a pension?

Pulmonary Tuberculosis

- 3 (a) When, where, and in what circumstances was any such wound received or such disease contracted?

*active Service
1920 - 24
in above Division*

- (b) Who was applicant's Commanding Officer at the time?

Michael Kilroy

- (c) Give the names of any persons who can corroborate the answer to (a) above.

*Mr. J. A. Madden M. D.
Westport
Mr. Eamon Moane T. D.
Carrabawn
Westport.*

3D. Replies to questions 3D. (i) to (v) to be filled in **only** by applicants in respect of Disease.

- (i) In what way is it claimed that applicant's disease is connected with his Military Service, and what are the grounds for the claim?
(A detailed statement of the facts with dates should be given.)
- Contracted on active Service
see medical Certificate
enclosed.*
- (ii) Were there any particular conditions affecting applicant's service which it is claimed caused the disability or disabilities? Did the applicant suffer from any illness during the period of his service? If so, give particulars, including any treatment received.
- active service
yes.
Ill in 1923 & treated
in Field Hospital by Mr. J. A. Mather*
- (iii) Give particulars of the applicant's health for the 3 years prior to joining the particular Force in which it is claimed he incurred the disability (or disabilities). If possible, certificates should be furnished:—
- Good*
- (a) from his doctor, and
- (b) from his approved Society for the 3 years prior to joining the particular Force, or if he was not an insured person, certificates should be furnished by the Medical Practitioner who ordinarily attended him during these 3 years. A statement will also be required from his Employer or Employers in respect of the 3 years prior to his joining the particular Force.
- (iv) Give the names and addresses of the applicant's Employers:
- (a) During the 3 years prior to joining the particular Military Force in which it is claimed he contracted any disability referred to in the reply to Question 2 above.
- in business for self.*
- (b) During the period of his Military Service referred to at 1.

(c) During the period since the cessation of his Military Service.

unemployed.

(v) Was the applicant at any time prior to his service referred to at 1, a candidate for any appointment which necessitated a medical examination? If so, state the nature of the appointment and the result of the medical examination.

No

4. Give the names of the hospitals where the applicant has been treated for any Wound or Disease stated in reply to Question 2 above, and the approximate dates of admissions and Discharges.

5. Did the applicant suffer from any Wound or Disease mentioned in above answer to Question 2, or anything like it, prior to his service as stated in reply to question 1? If so, give details and dates.

No

6. Give the names of any hospitals in which the applicant received treatment as an in-patient or an out-patient, prior to the period of his service, and the nature of the ailment for which treatment was provided.

7. What was the nature of the applicant's employment?

licensed publican

(a) Before his Military Service referred to at 1. (State name and address of last employer).

business for self.

(b) During the period of his Military Service referred to at 1.

(c) After the cessation of his Military Service referred to at 1.

unemployed

8. Give particulars of any period, or periods, of unemployment since the cessation of the applicant's Military Service, and the cause of it (e.g., trade depression, ill-health, etc.).

ill health.

9. Has the applicant received compensation from his Employer, or from any person or body in respect of any accident, injury, or disease. If so, give full particulars and state the amount of such compensation.

No

10. Give the names and addresses of

any doctors who attended the applicant since the cessation of his Military Service, and particulars of the ailments for which they attended him.

*Mr J. L. Madden
Blun Maave.
Westport, Co Mayo
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.*

11. If the applicant has been treated at a hospital (either as an in-patient or an out-patient) since the cessation of his Military Service, give the name of the hospital or hospitals, dates of admission, or commencement of treatment, and the nature of the ailment for which treated.

12. Give particulars of the applicant's health since the cessation of his Military Service. These should be supported by:—

in ill health.

(a) medical certificates from any civilian doctors who have attended him and reports from non-military hospitals he has attended;

certificate enclosed

(b) certificates from his employers as to health and time lost.

13. Has the applicant received, in respect of any wound or disease mentioned in answer to Question 2 above, any payment;

No

(a) on a decree under the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Acts, 1919 and 1920;

No

(b) on an award made by the Personal Injuries Committee;

No

(c) From or on behalf of the person alleged to be responsible for the act which caused such wound;

No

(d) from any other source.

No

If so, give full particulars. —

14. Give the name of the applicant's National Health Approved Society and (if possible) his Membership Number.

15. Has the applicant at any time since the cessation of his Military Service been registered at a Labour Exchange? If so, give particulars as to the name of the Exchange and the period.

No

16. Is there any other information

No

which you can give, which is material to the Applicant's claim?

(Note.—Section 10 (5) of the Army Pensions Act, 1932).

17. Did the applicant make a claim for a certificate of Service under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924? If so, what was the result of his claim?

No.

18. Did the applicant make a claim for a pension or gratuity in respect of any wound or disease referred to at Question 2 above under the Army Pensions Acts, 1923,* and 1927? If so, what was the result of his claim?

No.

19. Give particulars of any pension or gratuity awarded to the applicant under the Army Pensions Act, 1923, or under the Army Pensions Act, 1927, in respect of a wound or injury received or disease contracted in the course of duty with the Irish Volunteers, Irish Citizen Army, 1916, or National Army.

20. Has the applicant served at any period with any of the following Military or Police Forces: (a) British; (b) Australian; (c) New Zealand; (d) South African; (e) Canadian; (f) American (U.S.A.); (g) Royal Irish Constabulary; (h) Dublin Metropolitan Police; (i) Garda Síochána; (j) National Army; (k) Defence Forces. If so, give particulars of service.

No

21. (a) Give full particulars of any pension allowance or gratuity which the applicant holds, or at any time held in respect of any wound or injury received in or disease contracted in the services mentioned in your reply to above question.

(b) State clearly the source from which payment of such pension allowance or gratuity is made or has been made.

Additional particulars to be given if by reason of applicant being a married man a further pension in accordance with the terms of the Act is claimed.

22. If applicant's wife is alive:—

(a) State the date of his marriage.

(b) State the name of his wife.

No.
18.
none mentioned

(c) Is his wife dependent on him?

(d) Does she ordinarily reside with him? (Certificate of marriage to be attached.)

23. (a) If the applicant's wife is dead, or the marriage has been annulled or dissolved, state the names and ages of any:

Sons under 18 years of age.

Unmarried Daughters under 21 years of age.

(Certificates of birth of living children to be attached.)

(b) State whether the children mentioned above are dependent on the applicant, and where they are living.

(c) State whether any of the above children are married.

I declare that—

- (a) I am the applicant mentioned in the foregoing particulars.
- (b) the said particulars have been read over by **or** to me before signing this declaration,
- (c) the said particulars are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature of Applicant.....

Address of Applicant.....

or where application is sent in by another person on behalf of applicant—

I declare that—

- (a) this application is made by me on behalf of the above mentioned applicant,
- (b) that the foregoing particulars have been read over by **or** to me before signing this declaration,
- (c) that the said particulars are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature of Declarant.....

Address.....

Description.....

Signature of Witness.....

(See Note overleaf)

Qualification.....

Date 11/11/33

John Richard Gibbons
Glenn Lodge Westport
Co Mayo
James Malone
Peace Commissioner
Yair Ynear Westport
Co Mayo

NOTE.—To be signed by 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.

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TELEGRAMS:
"DR MADD WESTPORT."
PHONE 12.

DÚN MAEVE,
WESTPORT,
Co. MAYO.

4/11/33

This is to certify
that Mr John H. Gibbons
is suffering from
Pulmonary Tuberculosis
contracted while on
active service in I.R.A.
(with me) 1920-1924.

J. Madden, M.D.
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Pensions Collection

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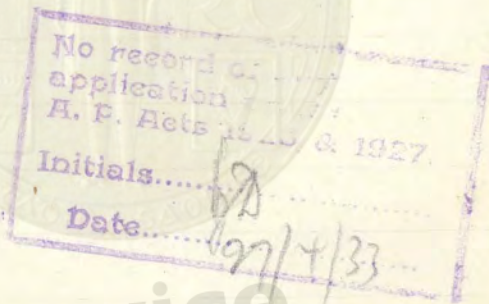


A. Phara

Please forward me the necessary
application forms, in order to apply for a
disability pension owing to ill health

Yr's to yr's

John R. Gibbons



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