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Gibbons. John Richard

Clona Lodge

Westport

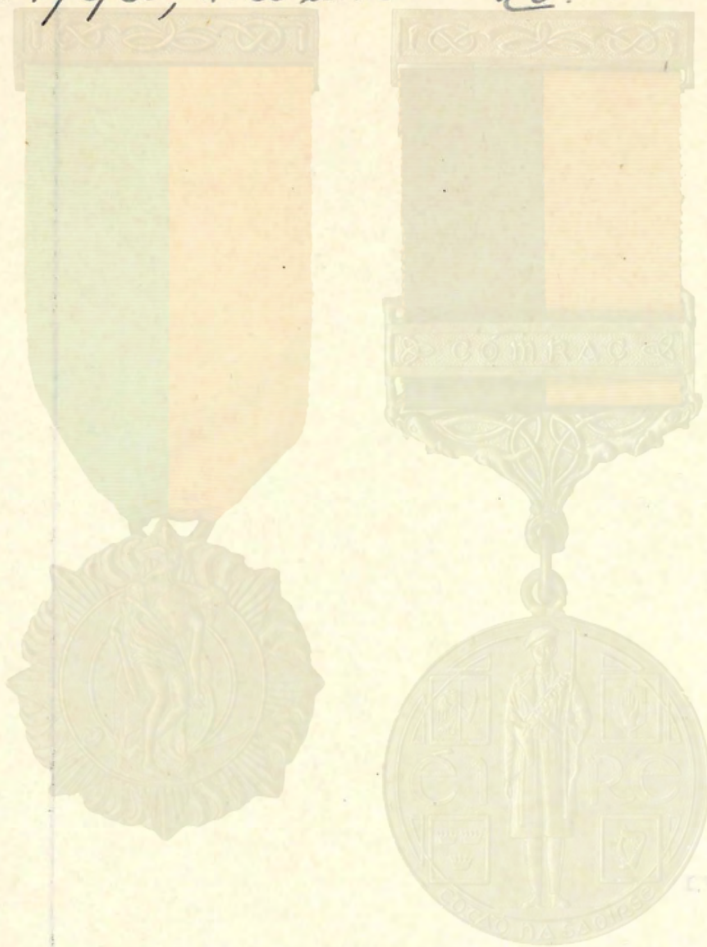
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Ref. No. 1225

Applicant's Name

Gibbons, John Richard

Address

bloona lodge, Westport

Unit

(1) Westport Battalion, Mayo Brigade  
(2) West Mayo Brigade  
(3) 4th Western Division.  
Co. Mayo

| (a)<br>Period                                  | (b)<br>Service claimed | (c)<br>Active Service allowed | (d)<br>Equivalent for pension purposes. | Remarks                        |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| (1) 23/4/1916-30/4/1916                        | Full Period            | nil                           | nil                                     | Active Service not established |
| (2) (a) 1/4/16-22/4/16<br>(b) 30/4/16-31/3/17. | Full Period            | nil                           | nil                                     |                                |
| (3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18                           | Full Period            | nil                           | nil                                     |                                |
| (4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19                           | Full Period            | nil                           | nil                                     |                                |
| (5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20                           | Full Period            | 1/4 Full Period               | 1/4 year                                | ✓                              |
| (6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21                           | Full Period            | Full Period                   | 2 years.                                | ✓                              |
| (7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/22                           | Full Period            | Full Period                   | 1 year                                  | ✓                              |
| (8) 12/7/21 - 30/3/22                          | Full Period            | Full Period                   | 1 year                                  | ✓                              |
| (9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23                           | Full Period            | Full Period                   | 2 years                                 | ✓                              |
| (10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23                          | Full Period            | Full Period                   | 1 year.                                 | ✓                              |

(a) first critical date;

(b) Second critical date.

Rank claimed on

Rank allowed:-

Capt. on Brigade

Grade E

Divisional ofc Transport

Grade D.

Total of column (d)

1 1/4 years

Signed:-

Admirals

John Mc Coy

P. Fahy

Mr. Fitzgerald

14 FEB 1935

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16 February, 1939.

Rúnaidhe,  
Coimisiun Talmhan na hEireann.

I am directed by the Referee to refer to Mr. Rooney's minute of 2nd November, 1938, and enclosure, regarding pre-Truce I.R.A. service claimed by John Richard Gibbons, Cloona Lodge, Westport, Co. Mayo, and I am to state that the replies to your queries as numbered are as follows:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Awarded £72. 10. 0. per annum.
- (3) Yes.

The enclosure is returned herewith, as requested.

RÚNAIDHE.

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KC

Eileadh reagra ar an litir seo ba chóir  
stíoraí chun

An Rúnai

Is n uimhir seo :-

(Any reply to this communication should  
be addressed to

The Secretary

(and the following number quoted :-)

2263.



SAORSCÁT ÉIREANN

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

SRÁID UACHTARACH MHUIRBHTEAN  
(Upper Merrion Street),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH  
(Dublin).

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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 Richard Gubbons,  
who is an applicant for land and to ask you to be bloona Lodge,  
good enough to state: Westport,  
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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# Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 34 SP/1347Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee-1225.

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

Gibbons, John Richard  
Bloomfield Lodge, Westport  
 for a Service Certificate. Co. Mayo.

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

To :

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

*Report transmitted to S.A.G. & 1-28*

*Registered 14<sup>3</sup>/35*

*Recorded 26<sup>14</sup>/35*

(SIGNED) J. K. O'CONNOR

Referee.

Date. 28th 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) 1/4 of entire period (6) 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..... 4 1/4 years ✓
4. Grade or rank, quoting relevant paragraph of First Schedule under which allowed : —
  - (a) On first critical date..... Grade E. Para 1(5) ✓
  - (b) On second critical date..... Grade D. Para 1(4)(16) ✓
  - (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 ✓

*J.B. Cusack*  
*S. A. G.*

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 ?.....

NO

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.....

*Westport Battn. Mayo Brigade*

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.....

*Westport Battn. Mayo Brigade* ✓

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.....

*Westport Battn. Mayo Brigade* ✓

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.....

*Westport Battn. 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

*4 of Entire Period* ✓

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

*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.....

*Westport Battr. 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

ENTIRE PERIOD ✓

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

*2 years* ✓

(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*  
*Assisting Brigade G.M.* ✓

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.....

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

*West Mayo Brigade*

*Bapt. on Brigade*

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.....

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

*West Mayo Brigade & 4th Western Division*

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—

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

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

*4th Western Division*

*Div. of Transport*

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—

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

Oglaigh na h-Eireann, ✓

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

4th Western Division ✓

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m.s.c.

Tsairt .....

Subject to verification by Michael Kilmay.  
as to rank at second critical date.

Confirmatory statement now on file  
E. 26  
26/1/31

SWORN STATEMENT MADE BEFORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY JOHN GIBBONS

ON THE 14TH FEBRUARY, 1935 - NO. 1225.

Q. You are claiming for Easter Week?

A. Yes.

Q. You were not fighting?

A. We were mobilised under arms.

Q. What day did you mobilise?

A. We mobilised on the Sunday before Easter Week and we mobilised again during the week.

Q. How long did you remain under arms?

A. We were under arms all day Sunday - we were on manoeuvres.

Q. You went home that night?

A. Yes. But we remained under orders.

Q. Third Period - April 1917 to March 1918 - you had no actual fighting during that time?

A. We had no actual fighting.

Q. What position did you hold at that time?

A. I was just an ordinary volunteer.

Q. Fourth Period - April 1918 to March 1919 - you had no fighting in that period?

A. No fighting - raids for arms and collecting arms.

Q. Fifth Period - collecting arms and making munitions. What munitions were you making?

A. Shot-gun stuff - buck-shot.

Q. Where did you make these things?

A. We had a portable forge. We also turned out spears during the conscription period.

Q. Sixth period - April 20 to March '21 - you were assisting the Brigade Quartermaster in procuring and purchasing arms in Dublin?

A. We came up to Dublin on several occasions. Tom Kitterick was Brigade Quartermaster. We managed to get them down successfully.

Q. What quantity of arms would you have?

A. I could not give you the exact amount.

Q. How often would you be up?

A. I would have been up about three times.

Q. When you brought the arms down you distributed them to the various units?

A. Yes.

Q. Were you employed at this period?

A. I was not.

Q. You were on the run?

A. Yes.

Q. When did you go on the run?

A. I went on the run at first some time in 1919. We were sleeping away from home under orders.

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Q. Were they raiding for you in 1919?

A. Yes.

Q. What time in 1919?

A. The latter part of 1919.

Q. What did they want you for?

A. I was under suspicion - they knew I was in the movement.

Q. Would there have been many of your men on the run in 1919?

A. Yes. Some were in jail.

Q. How many of your Company would be on the run in 1919?

A. In our area there would have been eight or nine of us.

Q. Was Tom Kitterick in jail?

A. I think so.

Q. You say you had three raids for petrol?

A. Yes.

Q. There was a raid on your house by R.I.C.

A. Yes. I think there were a few raids.

Q. In connection with your work about getting arms, I suppose you were coming to Dublin - you had not much else to do in connection with that work?

A. Sometimes, when the quartermaster would be away arms would come down and I would see that they were distributed to the various units for which they were intended.

Q. Was it difficult to get arms to the West?

A. Very difficult. We had to motor part of the way and where we would be known we had to cross the country.

Q. It was a job on which you risked your life and liberty?

A. Yes.

Q. April 1921 to July 1921 - were you very active during that time?

A. I was with the Unit.

Q. How many of you were in that?

A. About 60 or 70 in the Brigade area.

Q. When did you join the Column?

A. When it was formed. About March 1921 or before it.

Q. Once you joined the Active Service Unit you were active all time?

A. Yes.

Q. You spent your time in training camps during the Truce period?

A. Training Camps and Barracks.

Q. Whole-time?

A. Yes.

Q. From that period on you became whole-time?

A. From the time I joined the Column.

Q. The Civil War Period - you were fighting from the very beginning?

A. Yes.

Q. You were not captured?

A. No.

3.

Q. After the Cease fire were you on the run?

A. Yes, until August 1924.

Q. You are claiming to be Captain attached to the Brigade Staff on the date of the Truce?

A. Yes.

Q. Was that in connection with your duties in the column?

A. It was, of course. I was Captain on the Brigade Staff and I was in the Column and then I was detailed Staff Captain. Sometimes I would be put on intelligence work and sometimes I might be put on something else - munitions.

Q. When were you appointed O.C. Transport?

A. When the Divisions were formed - November 1921.

Q. Were you in charge of the transport of the Division?

A. Yes.

Q. What were you doing? How many cars would you have?

A. Before the fighting started in 1922 I sent out of the barracks about 80 cars, not counting the lorries. They went down into the 3rd Western and some to the 2nd Western.

Q. It was your duty to provide armoured cars?

A. I supervised the building of that.

Q. About the 6th Period - 1st April 1920 to March 1921 - were you on whole-time duty then?

A. I was not working. I was practically on the run.

Signed.....

Sworn before me on.....

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SAORSCÓL ÉIREANN

DÁIL ÉIREANN.

TIGH LAIGHEAN  
(Leinster House),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH  
(Dublin).

11. 2. 35

This is to certify that John Richard Gillon  
was in the Volunteer force and gave active service  
from 1915 to 1924. He was appointed Divisional  
Transport Officer and acted in that capacity from  
1921 to 1924

Truce

James E. O.C.

West Mayo Brig

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DÁIL ÉIREANN.

TIGH LAIGHEAN  
(Leinster House),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH  
(Dublin).

14. 2. 35

I certify that John Richard Gibbons was on active service with the West Mayo Brigade A.S.U. in 1921. Further that he was appointed Div. Transport Officer towards the end of that year. He was attached to the Div. A.S.U. from the closing of the Baracks in 1922 to the end of the fighting period or cease fire Order. He was in hiding until the end of 1924.

M Kilroy  
(ex command O.C.)

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Hallmark Mfg.

Was proc 11th Feb 1934

before and during Easter  
1916

Joseph W. McBride  
S/C Mags

This is to certify that  
John Richard Gibbons was a  
member of the Volunteers,  
joining in 1914 - from 1914  
to 1920.

He was at all times  
ready to do whatever  
duties he had been ordered  
to do, attended drills &  
parades regularly and was  
a thoroughly good member  
of the corps. He took  
part in two mobilisations

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17 JAN 1935  
PENSIONS BRANCH

M.S.P./34/1.

## 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). GIBBONS SURNAME. JOHN RICHARD CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS. CLOONA LODGE WESTPORT  
(to be written in block capitals). Co. 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 (I) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934).

- (e) "If any person so convicted as aforesaid is in receipt of a pension obtained by reason of such false declaration, application, or other written statement he shall forfeit such pension as from the date of such conviction." (Sec. 19 (2) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934).

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

SERVICE IN THE FORCES, THAT IS IN THE FOLLOWING MILITARY BODIES, OGLAIGH NA h-EIREANN (IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY) OR IN THE IRISH VOLUNTEERS OR IN THE IRISH CITIZEN ARMY OR IN FIANNA EIREANN OR IN THE HIBERNIAN RIFLES OR IN CUMANN NA mBAN.

For each of the periods set out in Parts I. and II. in which you claim to have rendered active service, state the name of the unit or units, name and address of the O/C., the names and addresses of three reputable references who can verify your service.

The following circumstances shall not be deemed to constitute a breach in the continuity of service:—

- (a) Absence from duty following arrest, imprisonment, internment, or deportation under the Defence of the Realm Act, 1914, the Restoration of Order in Ireland Act, 1920, or any regulations made thereunder;
- (b) Absence from duty following arrest, imprisonment, or penal servitude in respect of sedition, treason or treason felony prior to 11th July, 1921;
- (c) Absence from duty by reason of duties necessitating such absence undertaken at the instance of or on behalf of the Cabinet of the First Dail Eireann or of the Second Dail Eireann;
- (d) Absence from duty while under arrest, as a result of activities as a member of the Forces.

If you claim to have been absent from duty under these conditions, give particulars of the circumstances with respect to each such period of absence, and state its duration.

#### PART I.

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANTS WHO HAD PRE AND POST TRUCE SERVICE IN THE FORCES \* AS FOLLOWS:—

- (a) who served in the Forces at any time during the week commencing on the 23rd day of April, 1916,

or

- (b) who served in the Forces continuously during either of the following periods, the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1920, and ending on the 31st day of March, 1921,

or

- (c) the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1921, and ending on the 11th day of July, 1921,

and in addition

who served in the Forces at any time during the period commencing on the 1st day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923.

\* The following Military Bodies, and those only, are included in the term "the Forces," viz. :—

Oglaigh na h-Eireann (Irish Republican Army) or the Irish Volunteers, or the Irish Citizen Army, or Fianna Eireann, or the Hibernian Rifles, or Cumann na mBan.

(1). ACTIVE SERVICE AT ANY TIME DURING THE WEEK COMMENCING ON THE 23RD DAY OF APRIL, 1916.

- (a) Did you render active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916. If so, from what date in that week?.....
- (b) Unit or Units..... *Westport Batt Westpo Brigade*.....
- (c) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *Full period*.....
- (d) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... *Westport*.....
- (e) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *J.M. Bude*.....
- (f) In what way do you claim that your service was active service..... *Mobilisations under orders*.....
- (g) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the week..... *Military parades under arms at Larnagh etc.*.....
- (h) Absence from duty and cause..... *None*.....
- (i) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

| NAME.                 | ADDRESS.                        |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| <i>J.M. Bude</i>      | <i>Mallow Cottage, Westport</i> |
| <i>J. Derrig</i>      | <i>Dept. of Education</i>       |
| <i>B. Moane, T.D.</i> | <i>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..... *Westport Batt. Mayo Brigade*.....
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *Full period*.....
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... *Westport*.....
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *J.M. Bude*.....
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... *Military parades under arms & organizational work*.....
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *Ref to (b)*.....
- (g) Absence from duty and cause..... *None*.....

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

| NAME.     | ADDRESS.                  |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| Mr. Bride | Mallow Cottage, Westport. |
| E. Moore  | T.A. Westport.            |
| J. Malone | Capt. Westport.           |

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

(a) Unit or Units..... Westport Batt.

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

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

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

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

Raided for arms, active under orders.

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

during and leading to anti-conscription.

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

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

| NAME.       | ADDRESS.                  |
|-------------|---------------------------|
| Mr. Bride   | Mallow Cottage, Westport. |
| J. Derrig   | Dept of Education         |
| J. Ketricks | Westport.                 |

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

(a) Unit or Units..... Westport Batt.

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

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

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

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

Training, Military manoeuvres.

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *organisation work, procuring arms.*

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*J. Kithrick**Westport.**J. Malone, Capt.**Westport.**M. Gallagher.**Mc Bride's Lee, Westport.*

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Westport Batt.*

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

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

*Westport*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Mr. Bide*

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

*Making Munitions, collecting arms.*

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*J. Malone, Capt.**Westport.**M. Gallagher**Mc Bride's Lee, Westport.**Mr. Bide**Mallow Cottage, Westport.*

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

(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 and Dublin.*

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

*T. Derrig and M. Kilroy.*

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

*Asst Brigade 2. Masts in his work.*

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

the period.....

*assisting Bde 2. M. in procuring  
and purchasing arms in Dublin.*

*Distribution of arms to various units*

*Three Raids for Kettles, Raid by R.D.C.*

*to effect my arrest.*

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

*None.*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*E. Moane T.D. West port.*

*J. Malone Capt. West port.*

*J. Kitchick West port.*

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

*West port 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.....

*M. Kilroy T.D.*

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

*under arms with West Mayo A. S. unit.*

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

the period.....

*West port. Kilmeena.*

*Skindagh. Blogher. Carrorkenny*

*ambushes.*

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

*None.*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

M. Kilroy T.D. Newport.

E. Moane T.D. Westport.

J. Malone Capt. Westport.

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

(a) Unit or Units..... West Mayo Bde and 4th Western Division.

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

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... West Mayo,  
4th Western Division.

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... M. Kilroy, T.D.

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?.....  
Training camps, Full time in Banicks.

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during  
the period..... under arms with Divisional  
Staff.

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

M. Kilroy T.D.

Newport, Mayo.

John Fuhau.

Leenane, Co. Galway.

E. Moane T.D.

Westport.

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

(a) Unit or Units..... 4th Western Division.

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

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....  
4th Western Division.

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... M. Kilroy and Mr. Donnell, Capt.

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

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

..... *buslebar.*  
..... *Supervision of building of Annular bar*  
..... *area of west.*

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

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

| NAME.                               | ADDRESS.         |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| <i>E. Moane T.D.</i>                | <i>Westport.</i> |
| <i>J. A. Madden M.D. Baggot St.</i> | <i>Dublin.</i>   |
| <i>M. Kilroy T.D.</i>               | <i>Westport.</i> |

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *4th Western Division*

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

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

..... *4th Western Division.*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *E. Moane T.D.*

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

..... *Evading arrest after case fire wars.*

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

..... *Dumping arms and on*

..... *arm till all prisoners were*

..... *Released.*

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

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

| NAME.                | ADDRESS.                   |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>J. A. Madden</i>  | <i>M.D. Dublin</i>         |
| <i>E. Moane T.D.</i> | <i>Westport.</i>           |
| <i>Thos. Harney</i>  | <i>Louisburg, Co Mayo.</i> |

## 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.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

## PART III.

## GENERAL.

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS.

- (1). State in terms of the First Schedule to the Act the rank and nature of appointment held on the first and second critical dates, respectively:—

(a) On first critical date.

Captain on Brigade West Mayo.

(b) On second critical date.

Divisional of Transport  
4th Western Division.

References who can testify as to your statements:—

| NAME.               | ADDRESS.            |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| M. Kilroy T.D.      | Newport. Mayo.      |
| E. Moane, T.D.      | Wickport.           |
| John Fuhaw.         | Lunene, Co. Galway. |
| James Malone, Capt. | Westport.           |

- (2). Did you serve in the National Army as well as in the Forces on the 1st July, 1922, or on any subsequent date. If so, did you apply for a certificate of military service under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, and, if so, with what result. If you did not so apply, give your reasons for not doing so.

No

- (3). If you did not serve in both the National Army and the Forces on the 1st July, 1922, or on any subsequent date—state whether you applied for a Certificate of Military Service under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, and, if so, with what result.

No

(4). Did you apply for a wound or disability pension under any of the following Acts ? :—

Army Pensions Act, 1923.

Army Pensions Act, 1927.

Army Pensions Act, 1932.

If so, with what result.

.....  
 applied for Disability pension  
 1932 act and was <sup>not</sup> summoned  
 to appear before Board.  
 .....  
 .....

(5). Have you applied for, or are you in receipt of Unemployment Assistance under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1933 ? If so, quote the number of your qualification certificate .....

No

(6). Were you a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921 ? If so, give the dates between which you served.....

No

(7). Are you now, or were you at any time during the period for which you claim service, in receipt of any remuneration, or allowance payable out of public moneys, whether provided by the Oireachtas or out of the Central Fund, or by means of the poor rate or any other rate imposed by a local authority, state details.....

No

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

- |                                            |     |
|--------------------------------------------|-----|
| (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.....

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.

*Purchased my own arms and equipment,  
 and executed all military orders issued  
 before 1916. and steadfastly continued  
 in Irish Volunteers and the Irish R. Army.*

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

*John Richard Gellors  
 Gleona Lodge Westport Co Mayo*

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

*James Malone*

Address of Witness.....

*Gair Gna Westport  
 Co Mayo*

Qualification.....

*Captain A. A. O. Mayo*

Date.....

*15-1-35*

\* 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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