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Butler, Michael

Shraheem

Angazowen
Westport

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R. D. 4/1/36					
BE					
22/4/36	27/7/36				

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Ref. No. 2441 Applicant's Name Butler, Michael Address Shraheen, Anghagower Westport Co. Mayo. ^{1) Bragh boy. South Mayo Bde.} ^{2) Shraheen boy. West Mayo Bde.}

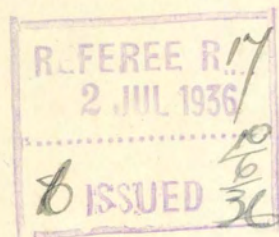
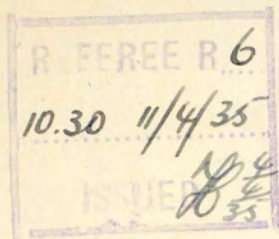
(a) Period	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active Service allowed	(d) Equivalent for pension purposes.	Remarks
(1) 23/4/1916-30/4/1916	<i>Nil</i>			Very hard to understand new
(2) (a) 1/4/16-22/4/15 (b) 30/4/16-31/3/17.	<i>Nil</i>			Boy formed... 65 etc. Small for age. dealt in full with the period
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	<i>Nil</i>			more 17/3
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	<i>Nil</i>			Must defer until we emphasise types re 9
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	$\frac{10}{19} - \frac{31}{20}$			Truncated. $\frac{12}{36}$ check with <u>late</u> 40m by
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	<i>Full Period</i>	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$ yrs	Write Moore re Rank strength of boy
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/22	<i>Full Period</i>	<i>Full</i>	$\frac{1}{2}$ yrs	and activities in 2 nd period
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/3/22	<i>Full Period</i>	<i>Full</i>	$\frac{1}{2}$ yrs	11. to date of signing
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	<i>Full Period</i>	$\frac{2}{9}$	$\frac{4}{9}$ yrs	Boy list not yet supplied
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	<i>Full Period</i>			Await further definite particulars re 9 th period. 9/7/35

(a) first critical date; (b) Second critical date.
Rank claimed on Vol.
Rank allowed: E

Signed: James Robinson John McElroy S. Fahy John Jordan
Total of column (d) 2 $\frac{11}{18}$ years

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Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 34 S.P. 2623

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

Butler, Michael

for a Service Certificate.

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

J. J. Morgan

Date 14 MAR 1935Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee - 2441

To :

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

J. J. + R.

8/7/36

(SIGNED) J. K. O'CONNOR

Referee.

Date 8/7/36

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) Nil (6) 12 of ENTIRE PERIOD (7) ENTIRE PERIOD

(8) ENTIRE PERIOD (9) 9 of ENTIRE PERIOD (10) Nil

3. Total service for pension purposes as defined by Second Schedule of the Act.

2 1/8 years ✓

4. Grade or rank, quoting relevant paragraph of First Schedule under which allowed: —

(a) On first critical date. Grade E. Para. 1(6)

(b) On second critical date. Grade D. Para. 1(4)(b) ✓

(c) Was applicant a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921. ho

(d) Does applicant's case fall under either of the following sub-paragraphs, and, if so, which, viz., sub-paragraph (j) of paragraph 3 of Rule I. of First Schedule

or under sub-paragraph (m) of paragraph 4 of Rule I. of First Schedule, as a Medical Officer. ho

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5. Does the applicant state in his application whether he is at present in receipt of any remuneration, pension or allowance payable out of public moneys whether provided by the Oireachtas or out of the Central Fund or by means of the poor rate or any other rate imposed by a local authority ?.....

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.....

(3) State—

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

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

8. THE PERIOD COMPRISING :—

(a) THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1916, AND ENDING ON THE 22ND DAY OF APRIL, 1916, and

(b) THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 1916, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1917.

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

nil

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

(3) State—

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

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

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.....

(3) State—

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

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

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.....

(3) State—

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

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

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

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.

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

Sragh boy, Claremorris Battr, South Mayo Bde.

12. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1920, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1921.

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

$\frac{1}{12}$ of ENTIRE PERIOD

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

$\frac{1}{6}$ of 1 year

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

Sragh boy, Claremorris Battr, South Mayo Bde.

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.....

Sagh Coy, Claremorris Battr, South Mayo Bde.

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.....

Sraheen Coy, Battr. III, West Mayo Bde.

15. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF JULY, 1922, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1923.

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

 $\frac{2}{9}$ of ENTIRE PERIOD

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

 $\frac{4}{9}$ 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.....

Sraheen Coy, Battr. III, West Mayo Bde.

16. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1923, AND ENDING ON THE 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1923.

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

Nil

(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.....

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

Irish Coy, Battr. III, West Mayo Bde.

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Referee R.15.

Organisation Records supplied by E. Moane, T.D. o/c West Mayo Bde, 2nd L. Date
show that applicant was

(a) _____ 11.7.21

Strength _____

(b) Capt. "I" (Shraheen)⁶⁰ 3rd Battn. West Mayo Bde. 1.7.22.

Strength 46.

Signed: B $\frac{4}{6}$ 38

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SWORN STATEMENT made before THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE on the
19th MAY, 1936, by EDWARD MOANE, T.D. on behalf of:-

MICHAEL BUTLER. (2441).

- Q. He is getting 1/12th of 6, all 7, all 8; had he any Civil War?
- A. He was not in any fights during the Civil War.
- Q. Was he full-time during the Truce?
- A. He was. Butler was a man who could not have remained at home during the Civil War period, on account of his activities in the pre-Truce period. His Company was the border between us and the 2nd Western Division. He was in South Mayo Brigade the first date.
- Q. He signed the Form in Christmas, 1922; he was arrested in December; he said he was "on the run" before his arrest?
- A. Yes.
- Q. He would be carrying dispatches - was that all he was doing?
- A. Yes, communications.
- Q. Why was he not fighting in the Civil War?
- A. We put him in charge - there was a Company organised there during the Truce period - it had not been taken in in the West Mayo Brigade in the Tan War. He was South Mayo Brigade. The Company was organised, and he was put in charge. It was used exclusively by the Column, both 2nd and 4th Western.
- Q. He was only doing dispatches; was he guarding men "on the run?"
- A. He was.
- Q. Would he be Company Captain there?
- A. Yes. He would be the man whom anybody coming into the District would call on.
- Q. And he did dispatches between two Divisions; and he had no fighting activity?
- A. Not in the second time.
- Q. He was arrested in December, and signed the Form - he had no activity after he signed the Form?
- A. No.
- Q. Were his activities valuable?
- A. His job now would be - that place was a very backward, mountainous district. The columns were continually there. We spent two days there, and he brought us on to South Mayo, into Tourmakeady. He would take dispatches on to Berry who would deliver them further on.
- Q. He was full-time on the job, but had no fighting: had he a lot of men in his Company the second date - he is claiming 65 on the second date.
- A. Yes.
- Q. On the 1st July?
- A. They were Truce men.
- Q. We will check with the Organisation.
- A. -

Extract from letter dated 27.3.36 from E. Moane, T.D.
Leinster House.

Further to our conversation of today the following are
the cases I wish to have discussed with the Board next week -

1323	Edward Sammon	Peter St. Westport
2984	Martin Berry	Maas, Aughagower, Westport
3139	Peter Joyce	Owenea, Westport
2441	<u>M. Butler</u>	Shraheen, Aughagower do "

(Original of letter on File RO/S/Mayo. Bde.)

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15th May 1935

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to my letter of 1st instant regarding the application of Messrs. James Flaherty and James Harney, and to state that in addition to these, the Advisory Committee desires to discuss with you the applications of :-

Deferred. 2441 Michael Butler Sraheen, Aghagower, Westport.
624 Owen Sweeney Cornanool, Castlebar.

and I am accordingly to request you to be good enough to attend at the above address on Saturday next, 18th instant at 11.30 a.m.

In case you are unable to attend on Saturday, perhaps you will 'phone me (51028) in order that a mutually convenient appointment may be arranged.

Mise, le meas,

E. Moane
RUNAI.

E. Moane, T.D.,
LEINSTER HOUSE.

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SWORN STATEMENT made before THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE by
E. MOANE, T.D., on behalf of MICHAEL BUTLER (No.2441)
on 17th JULY, 1935.

Q. Do you know him?

A. I was over before about his case.

Q. What Company?

A. Shraheen Company. He was attached to the South Mayo Brigade. He was on active service with them, and was transferred to us during the Truce, some time in 1921.

Q. He was in training camp for six months, giving instruction. He was an ex-soldier?

A. He was ex-Navy.

Captain

Q. He was Company Captain about 22nd July, 1921?

A. Yes, that would be the time that the company was organised.

Q. Shraheen Company?

A. Yes, 3rd Battalion.

Q. Was it during the Truce it was organised?

A. Yes.

(If Butler is left out in the Shraheen Company, it is my mistake. I am certain it was organised that time.)

Q. In the Civil War he had no fighting - stayed at home in his own area?

A. Yes.

Q. He was arrested and kept a couple of days in Westport?

A. Yes.

Q. Had he any active service?

A. No. He was keeping up communications there, and doing a lot of dispatch work, etc.

SWORN BEFORE ME ON : _____

REFEREE.

SWORN STATEMENT MADE BEFORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY EDWARD MOANE
ON THE 18TH MAY, 1935, ON BEHALF OF MICHAEL BUTLER - NO.

Q. Do You know Butler?

A. I do.

Q. He was Captain of Straheen Company, West Mayo Brigade. He was in the British Navy?

A. He was.

Q. When the Truce came he was transferred to the 4th Western Division under Ned Mahon. He was training in camps for six months. About the 22nd July, '21, He was made Captain?

A. That is correct. He was transferred to us from South Mayo. He was a private in the A.S.U.. Like many more in the A.S.U. we gave them rank on account of their experience and their ability to take charge.

Q. What was the strength of that Company when the civil war started?

A. About 40 or 50 men.

Q. He was definitely the Company Captain?

A. He was.

Q. He was in Tourmakeady in the 7th period?

A. Yes.

Q. He was in the flying column in the 7th period?

A. Yes. He has a certificate from Tom Maguire.

Q. He joined up when he was demobilised?

A. After that.

Q. 9th Period - He was in no fight with the Free State forces?

A. No.

Q. Was he active at all?

A. He was active. There were never any military operations in that district. It was an isolated district.

Q. Were there many men like him in the West?

A. In West Mayo Brigade Area there would be about 10 or 11 men like that who would really be entitled to recognition of their service, although we had not them on active service.

Q. On what grounds should be recognised?

A. They volunteered for active service - they were anxious to go on active service. We had to leave some men at home to take charge. Even if we had arms it is very doubtful if we would let them go.

Q. You had not the work?

A. The work would be there but there was equally important work at home.

Q. What was he doing?

A. He was keeping up communications.

Q. He signed the form at Christmas. Would You be able to give us a list of the 9 or 10 men?

A. I will.

Q. Would they be all Company Captains?

A. No. They would be officers of some kind.

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Q. He says the strength of the Company would be 76?

A. I would not know. ~~I think I sent in a list.~~ They are compiling lists.

Q. You mean to say we have not got the strength of that Company here yet?

A. I don't think so.

Q. Why did he sign the form?

A. We gave some of these men permission to sign and get out.

Q. Did he get permission?

A. He did and so did Harney.

Q. Were these two men on the run while in the area?

A. They had to be. There were raids for them during all the time. They really had a very bad time of it. Some of the local people wondered why they were not with the A.S.U. and they could not give any reason.

Sworn before me on.....

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REFEREE.

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SWORN STATEMENT OF MICHAEL BUTLER (No. 2441)

MADE BEFORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 11th APRIL, 1935.

5th Period:

- Q. You gave rifle instruction and were 6 months absent in England.
- A. Yes, my sister died in England and I had to go there. That was my business there at the time.
- Q. When did you come back?
- A. I came back some time before March 1920.

6th Period:

- Q. You were in raids for arms, lectures, &c. - anything else?
- A. No.

7th Period:

- Q. You were in an attack on Crown Forces at Tourmakeady - tell us about that.
- A. There was an ambush carried out there. I was in the ambush and had a rifle. I was on the Flying Column at the time - Tom Maguire was in charge. That took place on the 3rd May 1921. After the ambush we had a fight on a hill with the Crown Forces. We lost one man - Michael O'Brien.
- Q. Any other ambushes?
- A. No.
- Q. Were you away from home during this period?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did you hold any rank?
- A. Volunteer.
- Q. How many men were in the ambush at Tourmakeady?
- A. About 62 - 6 of them were from my own Company.
- Q. Had you all rifles?
- A. No, we had 4 rifles - the rest were shotguns. The men from my own Company were in that ambush were:-

William Duffy,
Tom Meneghan,
Patrick King,
Philip Halloran,
and myself.

- Q. Had you any other 'scrap' in the following two months?
- A. No.
- Q. What were you doing from May until the Truce?
- A. Training.
- Q. Were you with the Column all the time?
- A. Yes.

8th Period:

- Q. What ~~is~~ did you do when the Truce came?
A. When the Truce came I was transferred to the 4th Western Division under Ned Moane. The boundary was changed and where we lived came under West Mayo.
- Q. What were you doing?
A. Training. I was in a Training Camp for 6 months.
- Q. Were you giving instruction?
A. Yes.
- Q. You did not go home at all?
A. No.
- Q. Were you in the British Army?
A. I was in the Navy for nearly 3 years.
- Q. Did you get a pension?
A. No.
- Q. Did you go into Barracks when they were taken over?
A. Yes, Moor Hall.
- Q. Did you get promotion in this period?
A. No.
- Q. Were you Company Captain all the time?
A. No, not until I was transferred in 1921 after the Truce.
- Q. When were you made Company Captain?
A. About 22nd July 1921.

9th Period:

- Q. What were you doing this time?
A. I kept on all the time.
- Q. Were you in any fights?
A. No, I was keeping the communications going - we had a difficult job to do this. The Free State Forces used to only come out at night.
- Q. Were you 'on the run'?
A. Yes.
- Q. You were arrested this time?
A. Yes, I was detained 2 days in Westport. I was released on signing the Form about Christmas 1922.
- Q. What was the strength of your Company?
A. 76.
- Q. What area were you Company Captain of?
A. Sraheen area.
- Q. What exactly were you doing keeping communications open?
A. I was training, looking after despatch stations, covering up arms and transferred arms from one District to another. There was no fighting in my area during the Civil War.

Q. You said the Free State soldiers came out at night - why did you never attack them?

A. I could not say. The Brigade Officer would be able to tell you that.

Q. Who was your Brigade Commandant?

A. Captain Malone.

Sworn before me on _____

REFEREE.

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To all whom It may Concern.

I certify that Mr. Michael Butler, Sraheen, Aghagower, Westport, was an active member of South Mayo Bde. I.R.A. from April 1st 1919 to July 11th 1921. His activities consisted of taking part in all drills and parades, ~~to~~ instructing men in the use of firearms and other war material — he was a qualified instructor — establishing and maintaining communications, allpost duty, scouting, spearheading arms, enforcing decisions of Republican Courts and taking part in operations against enemy forces.

He took part in Loughkeedy ambush 3rd May 1921 and later in a stand-up engagement with British military and R.P.C. In each his service was outstanding.

He was all through the period ~~and~~ a trustworthy and reliable volunteer.

Thomas Maguire

Lt Col G. O. C. 2nd West Div
Oglavin's H. C. 2nd Div

4-3-35

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Quay Road,
Westport,

11th February 1935.

I hereby certify that Michael Butler was a member of the Irish Republican Army, Irish boy. South Mayo Brigade from April 1st 1919 to July 11th 1921. He took part in various military activities during the period, including the attack on Crown Forces at Tourmakeady, 1921.

He gave valuable assistance as instructor in the use of arms and drilling and his services generally were highly beneficial in the company area.

Signed: William Rablett
o/c Irish boy. South Mayo Brigade.

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BOARDSÁT ÉIREANN

DÁIL ÉIREANN.

TIGH LAIGHEAN
(Leinster House).

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
(Dublin).

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This is to certify that
Mickel Butler of Strabreen was
transferred from South May to
No 1 Brigade West May 4th Western
Div. in 1921. He gave full
service active and was on special
service work. until the cease fire
order in 1923

Sydney

J Moore

O.C. 1 Brigade
4th Western Div



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.

BUTLER MICHAEL

NAME (to be written in block capitals). MICHAEL BUTLER
SURNAME. CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS. SRAHEEN AVGHACOWER
(to be written in block capitals). WESTPORT.

NOTE.—Before answering the questions below, the applicant is requested to note that :

(a) This form is divided into three parts. Part I. is to be completed where the applicant had, in addition to the required pre-Truce Service, Service in the Forces in the period commencing the 1st July, 1922. Part II. is to be completed where the applicant's qualifying service in the Forces was pre-Truce only. Only one of those two parts is to be completed by any one applicant. Part III. is of general application and should be completed by all applicants.

(b) Before completing particulars as to rank the applicant should read carefully the First Schedule to the Act and also the definitions of the expressions "first critical date" and "second critical date" which are appended to this form for the information of applicants. He should then complete his replies to the questions in the terms of Rules 1 and 2 of the First Schedule which are applicable to his case, e.g. :—

was "a Divisional Adjutant" or

was "a Battalion Quartermaster whose Battalion was (at the critical date) not less than one hundred in strength," or

was "an officer of Fianna Eireann commanding one hundred members or more."

If applicant's case falls within either Rule 3 or Rule 4 of the First Schedule full particulars of the claim as required by those Rules should be given, if necessary, in a separate statement.

(c) All statements made in this application will be carefully investigated, and satisfactory evidence must be forthcoming on request to substantiate each and every statement made.

(d) "If any person with a view to obtaining either for himself or any other person a grant or payment of a pension under this Act, makes, signs, or uses any declaration, application or other written statement knowing the same to be false, such person shall be guilty of an offence under this section and shall be liable on summary conviction thereof to a fine not exceeding £25 (twenty-five pounds) or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or at the discretion of the Court to both such fine and imprisonment." (Sec. 19 (1) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PART I.

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

- (a) who served in the Forces at any time during the week commencing on the 23rd day of April, 1916,
- or
- (b) who served in the Forces continuously during either of the following periods, the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1920, and ending on the 31st day of March, 1921,
- or
- (c) the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1921, and ending on the 11th day of July, 1921,

and in addition

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

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

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

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

(a) Did you render active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916. If so, from what date in that week ?.....

(b) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

(g) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the week.....

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(2). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD COMPRISING—

(a) period from 1st April, 1916, to 22nd April, 1916, and

(b) period from 30th April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917.

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

(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..... *Dragh company South Mayo Brigade*

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

October 1919 - 31st March 1920

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

Dragh company District, South Mayo Brigade area

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *William Rabbett*

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

Active Volunteer

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *Gave rifle instruction and took part in*

drill etc etc

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

Six months absence in England

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

William Rabbett Quay Road Westport

Thomas Lally Civil Guards, Carraroe, Galway

Martin Conway, Gortnasculin, Dragh, Ballinrobe

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Dragh company South Mayo Brigade*

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

Full period

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

Lragh company area, South Mayo

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *William Rabbett*

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

carried out all duties assigned me by O/C

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

Raids for arms in Glenmask and Inaben, lectures on use of arms etc etc.

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... *No absence*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Wm Rabbett, Quay Road, Westport

Thomas Lally, Civic Guards, Camaroo, Galway

Marion Conway, Gortnasculin, Inab, Ballinrobe

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Lragh company South Mayo Brigade*

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

Full period

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

Inab company area, South Mayo

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Wm Rabbett*

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

Served in attack on Crown Forces.

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

Attack on Crown Forces, Tourmakeady 3rd May 1921, Dispatch Work etc.

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

No absence.

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
W ^m Ralston	Quay Road, Westport
Thomas Lally	British Guards Barracks, Galway
Martin Conway	Gortnacullin, Trah, Claremorris

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

(a) Unit or Units... *Incheen company, West Mayo Brigade*

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

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *West Mayo Brigade area*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Edward Moone T. O.*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?... *Kept military activities going in Incheen as company O/C*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *Same as under "e"*

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Edward Moone T. O.	Westport
Captain J. Malone	Westport
Joseph Baker	Westport

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

(a) Unit or Units... *Incheen company, West Mayo Brigade*

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

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *Incheen, West Mayo area*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Edward Moone T. O.*

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

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

.....*dispatches etc. arrested six times*.....
*detained two days*.....

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

.....*Edward Moane T. D.*.....*Westport*.....

.....*Captain J. Malone*.....*Westport*.....

.....~~John A. Gibbons~~.....*Westport*.....

.....*John A. Gibbons Cloona*.....

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

(a) Unit or Units.....*Irish company West Mayo Brigade area*.....

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

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....*Irish District West Mayo Brigade area*.....

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

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

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....*Kept company intact, served on*.....
*outpost duty for men on run after dump arms*.....

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

.....*Edward Moane T. D.*.....*Westport*.....

.....*Captain J. Malone*.....*Westport*.....

.....*John A. Gibbons Cloona*.....*Westport*.....

PART II.

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANTS WHOSE QUALIFYING SERVICE IN THE
FORCES* WAS PRE-TRUCE ONLY, *i.e.* :—

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

or

(b) who served in the Forces continuously during the period commencing on the 1st
day of April, 1921, and ending on the 11th day of July, 1921.

.....
.....

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

(a) Did you render active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916 ? If so,
from what date in that week.....

(b) Unit or Units.....

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

.....

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

.....

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

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

.....

(g) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during
the week.....

.....

.....

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

.....

.....

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(2). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD COMPRISING :—

(a) period from 1st April, 1916, to 22nd April, 1916 ;

(b) period from 30th April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917.

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(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.

Active Volunteer, Irish Company.
South Mayo Brigade

(b) On second critical date.

Captain, Irish Company.
West Mayo Brigade

References who can testify as to your statements :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

William Rabbett	Quay Road Westport
Edward Moore T. D.	Westport
Capt. J. Malone	Westport
Joseph Baker	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.

no

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

certificate *no*

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

no

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

no

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

(a) As a member of the Civil Service.

(b) As a member of the Garda Síochána.

(c) As a member of any other Police Force.

(d) As a member of the Prisons Service.

(e) As a National School Teacher.

(f) As a Secondary School Teacher.

- (g) As an Officer of any Local Authority.
 (h) In any other employment.

If so, give details.....

NOTE.—You will subsequently have to furnish any further particulars and to submit any evidence which the Minister for Defence, or the Referee appointed under the Military Service Pensions Act, or any person or persons duly authorised by them may require in connection with this application for a Service certificate. In this connection attention is directed to the fact that Section 8 (4) of the Act prescribes that the onus of proof shall rest on the applicant.

Careful consideration will be given to any documentary evidence which you may wish to submit herewith. You may also at your discretion write hereunder a statement of any additional information which you consider may be of assistance in determining your application.

..... *was in the British Service from June 28th 1916*
 *until 25th July 1918*

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

Michael Butler

Shraben Aughaguer

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

Westport Co Mayo

Address of Witness.....

Anthony J. Lool P.P.
Aughaguer Westport

Qualification

C. Bergin

Date.....

Jan 26th 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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