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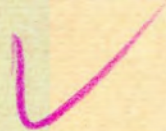
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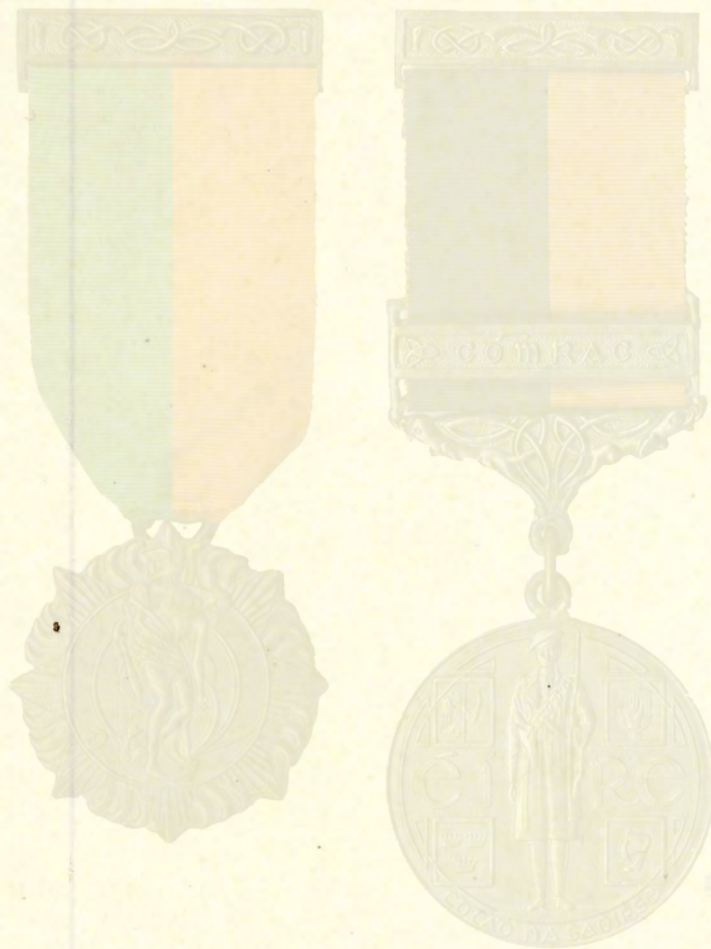
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Applicant's name

Harney, Thomas

Address

Garage, Chapel St., Louisville, Mo. Moys.

REFEREE R. 3

UNIT:

(1) Louisville Co., (2) "A" Coy., 4th Battn., Dublin Bde., (3) 4th Western Div.,
(4) West Moly Bde. A.S. U.

(a) PERIOD	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active Service allowed	(d) Equivalent for Pension purposes	REMARKS
(1) 23/4/16 - 30/4/16.	Nil	/	/	Held for John Overlin, was the ambulance in (7) 6 or 7 hours. $\frac{4}{5}$ $\frac{1}{26}$
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17	Nil	/	/	Held for Wm. Mahan. (8) I think a red cross
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18.	$\frac{1}{6}$ to $\frac{3}{18}$	ful	ful	Amal. Report from Int. Hq. re Rank (9) on 2nd 6 Dec. $\frac{10}{36}$
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	Full Period	do	do	Finished $\frac{19}{36}$ $\frac{4}{12}$ $\frac{12}{36}$ (10)
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20.	Full Period	do	do	(11)
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	Full Period	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{3}$ yrs.	(12)
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	Full Period	Full.	1 yrs.	(13)
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	Full Period	$\frac{5}{12}$	$\frac{5}{12}$ yrs.	(14)
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	Full Period	Full.	2 yrs.	(15)
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23.	Full Period	Full.	1 yrs.	(16)

Rank claimed on -
Rank allowed -

(a) First critical date

Vol.

(b) Second critical date

Divn. Staff Capt. *
D. * 5

Div Transport Officer.

Total of Column (d)

3
4 1/2

SIGNED: Sumner Robinson John McCoy.

S. H. H. by

John Jordan

Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 34 SP / 3727

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

Harney, Thomas

Garage, Chapel St., Louisburgh, Co. Mayo.
for a Service Certificate.

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

Date.....

Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee - 3153

To :

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

22nd. Dec
2/2/37

(SIGNED) J. K. O'CONNOR

Referee.

Date.....

1. Is the Applicant a person to whom the Act applies? yes2. If so, total actual service in the different service periods, as established Phil

① Phil ③ Phil ④ Phil

⑤ Phil ⑥ 6 of ENTIRE PERIOD ⑦ ENTIRE PERIOD

⑧ 5 of ENTIRE PERIOD ⑨ ENTIRE PERIOD ⑩ ENTIRE PERIOD

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

4 $\frac{3}{4}$ 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)(K)

(c) Was applicant a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921..... no

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

..... no
or under sub-paragraph (m) of paragraph 4 of Rule I. of First Schedule, as a Medical Officer..... no

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

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. *Nil*

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces *Irish Volunteers*

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

Louisburgh Coy, Marys Bde.

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.....

Louisburgh Coy, Btw IV, West Marys Bde.

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.

A Coy, Btro. IV, Dublin 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

1/6 of **ENTIRE PERIOD**

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

1/3 of 1 year

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces. *Oglaigh na h-Eireann,*

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

A Coy, Btro. IV, Dublin 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—

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

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

A Coy, Btm. IV, Dublin 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

 $\frac{5}{12}$ of ENTIRE PERIOD

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

 $\frac{5}{12}$ of 1 year

(3) State—

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

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

*A Coy, Btm. IV, Dublin Bde,
and 4th Western Div.*

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

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

ENTIRE PERIOD

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

2 years

3) State—

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

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

*Divisional Officer
4th Western Division,
and A. S. U.*

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.....

.....
West Mayo Bde. A.S.U.

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Referee R.17.

OIFIG AN RÉITEÓRA,
(OFFICE OF THE REFEREE),

BEAIRICÍ UÍ GRÍOBHTHA,
(GRIFFITH BARRACKS),

CUAR-BHÓTHAR THEAS,
(SOUTH CIRCULAR ROAD),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(DUBLIN).

Ref. No. 3153

22nd Dec. 1936.

A CHARA,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to your application under the terms of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934, and in accordance with the provisions of Statutory Rules and Orders 1936, No. 61, I am to notify you that on the evidence submitted, the findings of the Referee in respect of your application are as follows:—

Service Period.	Duration of Active Service during each period, as established to the satisfaction of the Referee.	Appropriate pensionable service.
(1) Week commencing 23/4/16		
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 } (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17 }		
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	Nil	Nil
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	Nil	Nil
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	Nil	Nil
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	1/2 of ENTIRE PERIOD	1/2 of 1 year.
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	ENTIRE PERIOD	1 year.
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	5/12 of ENTIRE PERIOD	5/12 of 1 year.
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	ENTIRE PERIOD	2 years.
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	ENTIRE PERIOD	1 year.

Grade of rank on 1st critical date.....E

TOTAL—4 3/4 years.

" " " " 2nd " ".....D

I am also to inform you that if you desire to submit any additional evidence or to make any representations with a view to the revision of these findings, such evidence or representations must be submitted in writing to the Referee and must reach this office not later than 14th Jan. 1937.

The Referee will give full consideration to any evidence or representations so submitted, and after such consideration will make his report to the Minister. If no additional evidence or representation is furnished before the date indicated, the Referee will thereupon make his report to the Minister.

I am to add that the report of the Referee, when made, will, subject as mentioned in Section 9 of the Act, become final and conclusive and binding on all persons and tribunals whatsoever.

Mise, le meas,

Wm. Thomas Haney,

.....

Chapel Street
Lr. Mayo. Louisburgh.

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Rúndi.

SP 3464 5000 3-36 RC 2/40371

Committee

Application of Thomas Hurney. T. G. AIRC. 3153.

What rank is it proposed to award in this case for the second critical date.

It would appear from a letter beneath (Tab. "A") from Mr. Michael Kilroy and from the evidence of E. Moane T.D. on the 19th ult. that applicant was appointed Assistant Divisional Transport Officer.

File No. 3153

Name of applicant

Harvey, Thomas,

Discussed with

Messrs Moane & Kilroy on 4/12/36

REMARKS

Applicant was Deputy Divl. Transport officer from May to late Aug., 1922. Served afterwards continuously in various senior ranks.

Noted by Mr. C. G. G.
23/12/36
JH

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no card
2/9/36

DÁIL ÉIREANN



saorscát éireann

TIGH DAIGHEAN
(Leinster House)

Newport
mayo

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
(Dublin)

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To The Secretary
Military Pensions Board
Griffith Barracks
Dublin.

accd



Sir,

In reference to yours of the
17th ~~Aug~~ ^{Aug} I have made enquiry regarding
the Rank held by Thomas Hearney, Garage
Chapel St., Louisburgh. He was Deputy
D.C. of Transport in May 1922.

I have been asked to press for the
calling before your Board of the Pannell
which has been given you some months
back & which I was promised would be called
last July. Will you please see that this
will be done without further delay and
oblige. Yours truly
M. Delroy

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3 November 1936

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to my letter dated 2nd October last relative to the application of Thomas Harney, Chapel St. Louisburgh, Co. Mayo, and to state that consideration thereof has been deferred pending receipt of the statement which, it is understood, you promised to submit regarding the rank held by this applicant on the 1st July 1922, and indicating the nature of the services on which he was engaged.

Mise, le meas,


RÚNAÍ

Mr. Michael Kilroy, T.D.,
Newport,
CO. MAYO.

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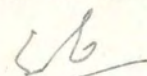
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✓ October 1936

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to the application of Thomas Harney, Garage, Chapel St., Louisburgh, Co. Mayo, and to state that consideration thereof has been deferred pending receipt of the statement which, it is understood, you promised to submit regarding the rank held by this applicant on the 1st July 1922, and indicating the nature of the services on which he was engaged.

Mise, le meas,


RÚNAÍ

Mr. Michael Kilroy, T.D.,
Newport,
CO. MAYO.

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3153.

16 September, 1936.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to my letter dated 17th August (copy enclosed) and to inquire if you are now in a position to furnish the information requested therein.

Mise, le meas,

Ed
~~RÚNAÍ.~~

Mr. Michael Kilroy, T.D.,
Newport,
CO. MAYO.

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3153

17th August 1936

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to the application of Thomas Harney, Garage, Chapel St. Louisburgh, Co. Mayo, and to state that further consideration thereof has been deferred pending receipt of the statement regarding the rank held by this applicant on the 1st July 1922, which, it is understood, you promised to submit.

Mise, le meas,

Mr. Michael Kilroy, T.D.,
Newport,
CO. MAYO.

RB
y/s RÚNAÍ

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2 July 1936

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to the applications of -

3153 Thomas Harney Garage, Chapel St. Louisburgh,
Co. Mayo,

and
3565 Patrick McLoughlin Sandhill, Carrowbeg P.O.
Westport, Co. Mayo,

and to state that further consideration thereof has been deferred pending receipt of the statements which, it is understood, you promised to submit in these cases.

Mise, le meas,

E. J. Burke
RÚNAÍ

Mr. Michael Kilroy, T.D.,
Newport,
CO. MAYO.

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SWORN STATEMENT MADE BEFORE THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY

MICHAEL KILROY on behalf of THOMAS HARNEY - No.3153.

10th JUNE, 1936.

- Q. We want to verify Harney's rank on the 2nd critical date?
A. He was Assistant Divisional Transport Officer.
- Q. Had he much responsibility?
A. They handled a hugh amount of stuff. They commandeered all the cars that were in the place at one period. We had three Active Service Units.
- Q. How did the Divisional Transport man and this man divide the work between them?
A. I do not know.
- Q. Every Divisional Staff Officer does not get grade of rank, there must be a case made that he was doing responsible duties?
A. There was a big amount of stuff handled all that period.
- Q. A Divisional Officer has a grade of 'D', if he was merely an assistant he could not get the same grade of rank. The reason I asked you if they divided up the work is it might be a question of grading him for the work he was doing?
A. I could not tell you that.
- Q. Had he as much responsibility as a Company Captain?
A. Yes, and more in a sense. Transport was really very important.
- Q. Would you like to make a note of how he worked with the Divisional Transport man and send us in a statement about him?
A. Yes.

GB.

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ST. ENDA'S,
48, Cherryfield Avenue,
Ranelagh,
DUBLIN.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

This is to certify that I first met
Thomas Harney (then known as Thomas Gibbons) early
in 1919 when he was transferred from Mayo to the
Dublin Brigade. He continued to be an active
member of A. Coy. 4th Batt. until March 1921 when I
was transferred from the Company.

He took part in all the Company activities and was
one of the Party that attacked the British Forces in
Rathmines in January 1921.

I always found him a capable and courageous
Volunteer and I have pleasure in recommending his case
to the Army Pensions Board for favourable consideration.

Mise, le meas,

Patrick S. Morrisey

Late A. Coy. 4th Batt.
Dublin Brigade.

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SWORN STATEMENT made before THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE on the
19.5.1936 by ED. MOANE, T.D. on behalf of THOMAS HARNEY.

FILE NO. 3153.

Q. He had service in Mayo in the 6th and 7th Periods.

A. Yes.

Q. 1/6th of 6, and all 7; was he with you in the Civil War also?

A. Yes, he was. The only thing I am sorry about in his case, we were rather doubtful about his rank. He was a spare-part officer who was doing a lot of important work. We would be very anxious he would get his rank.

Q. What was he on the 2nd date?

A. He was Assistant Divisional Transport Officer.

Q. 1/6th of 6, all 7, 1/3rd of 8 - is that right?

A. There were four brothers of that family on active service.

Q. He was a week in camp, on Belfast Boycott work, came back to Louisburgh in March, and was full-time till July?

A. Yes.

Q. 5/12ths of that. He is full for the Civil War?

A. Yes. He will appeal it. He will try to get a rank.

Q. If his boss gets "D", how can he get "D"?

A. As a matter of fact, we contemplate in Harney's case, he possibly could not get a rank, but we would have to fight for him.

Q. At the time he was up here he made no special case for himself - if it had been a Cork case.....

A. I know that whatever has taken place in the actual Act there seems to have been some special idea, for the day the Division was formed the Divisional Transport Officer was one of the officers given rank that day. The Divisional O.C., Adjutant, and Transport Officer, those three appointments were made by representatives from H.Q. that day; the others were voted in later on. Transport in the Division, with Four or five Brigades, was a big job for one man.

Q. We will give him twenty-one days' notice.

HARNEY'S GARAGE,

(T. HARNEY, PROPRIETOR.)

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of Cycles Stocked

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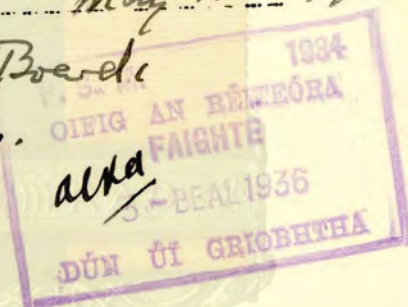
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Chapel Street, LOUISBURGH, Co. Mayo

Customers' Cars Garaged & Driven by our Staff at Owners' Risk.

May 2nd 1936

The Sec. Army Pensions Board
Griffith Barracks.
S.C. Rd Dublin.



A Chava,

I enclose herewith certificate
from Mr P. Morrissey. As I was unable
to get in touch with Mr Morrissey
before going before the Board
I was unable to have this certificate
hand in with others on April 3rd

Yours truly

Thomas Harney

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SWORN STATEMENT MADE BEFORE THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY

THOMAS HARNEY - File No. 3153 - 3rd APRIL, 1936.

3rd Period.

- Q. When did you join the volunteers?
A. In 1917.
- Q. You were organising, training men, collecting arms and making munitions?
A. Yes
- Q. What munitions were you making in this period?
A. Refilling cartridges and putting lead balls into them. We had a good many pikes made down there in that period.

4th Period.

- Q. Organising; training in the use of arms; collecting arms; making munitions; clashes with R.I.C. - what do you mean by that?
A. The police tried to break up our parades on a few occasions we had to beat them off. In 1918 we had a big fight with the R.I.C. when they arrested our Commanding officer. We had to knock out the R.I.C. in order to rescue the officer.
- Q. You rescued the officer?
A. Yes, Captain McDonald.
- Q. Were you armed?
A. Only with a flag staff.
- Q. Were they armed?
A. Yes, with rifles. The two men sent out to drag McDonald and I into the Barracks were not armed. I knocked one of them out and then I knocked out the one who was arresting McDonald and I rescued McDonald.

5th Period.

- Q. You came to Dublin at this time?
A. Yes. From June 1918, before the clash with the R.I.C., I was on the run. I came to Dublin some time in the Summer of 1919.
- Q. Had you any raids for arms?
A. Yes, 4 or 5 in Dartry - Murphy's house and others.

6th Period.

- Q. What intelligence work were you doing in this period?
A. We spent two weeks on intelligence work and two weeks under arms alternately all during this period, watching the enemy movements on the ~~xxx~~ streets and making reports.
- Q. Were you working at this time?
A. A few days a week.
- Q. How many armed patrols would you have in the week?
A. Six and sometimes every day in the week.

Q. You had no fighting in this period?

A. No.

Q. Seizure of enemy property - what was that?

A. There was a seizure of Postmen's bicycles, one on Richmond Hill and another at Crumlin Cross, beside Terenure.

Q. You were lying in ambush for enemy, where was that?

A. Palmerstown Park and Castlewood Avenue.

Q. Nothing came along?

A. No. We lay in ambush on several occasions at Palmerstown Park and Castlewood Avenue and there was a successful ambush at Rathmines Church.

Q. When was that?

A. It must have been early in 1921. It was just opposite Portobello Barracks, it was before the Church was burned.

7th

Period.

Q. You took part in the ambush at Rathmines Church?

A. Yes.

Q. How many raids had you on the Post Office?

A. Two on Portobello Post Office and there was a raid on the Post Office in Richmond Street

Q. Seizure of enemy property - what was that?

A. That was the seizure of bicycles I referred to in the last period. There was one in the 6th Period and one in the 7th.

Q. Burning of Custom House, what did you do?

A. I was at the holding up of the Rathmines Fire Brigade.

Q. Is that all you wish to mention?

A. We were out on patrols in this period. I would be out every night or day for two weeks and then patrolling the streets for the next two weeks to get information of the enemy troops. It was continuous.

8th Period.

Q. Were you in training camps?

A. Yes, in the Dublin Mountains for part ~~xxx~~ of two weeks - about one week in all.

Q. Did you occupy any Barracks?

A. Not until I returned to Louisburgh.

Q. When did you go home?

A. I did not go home at all, but I returned to Louisburgh Barracks in 1922. I was at the taking over of the Four Courts on Good Friday and shortly afterwards I went to Louisburgh. I was there until some time in May and then I went to Castlebar Barracks.

Q. Were you in Barracks until the Civil War started?

A. Yes.

9th Period.

Q. When did the Civil War start with you?

A. We left Castlebar Barracks some time in July.

Q. You were in charge of Transport - were you Transport Officer?

A. Yes, in Louisburgh.

- Q. You were Assistant Transport Officer?
 A. Yes, in the Division.
- Q. You say you had attacks on Castlebar - when was that?
 A. About August or September, there were a few men killed there.
- Q. Were you in Barracks up to the time that fight took place?
 A. No. I was in Castlebar Barracks from the end of May until July. We returned to attack Castlebar some time in September.
- Q. When was Westport?
 A. It was shortly afterwards, about the end of October.
- Q. When was Newport - were you in more than one fight in Newport?
 A. I was in one fight in Newport and I took ~~part~~ part in protecting Newport for a fair or the landing of flour that arrived in the bay.
- Q. Were you at the taking of Clifden?
 A. Yes.
- Q. You were sniping enemy posts?
 A. Yes.
- Q. Were you with a column all this time?
 A. Yes.
- Q. Whose column was it?
 A. Eamon Marran (or Moane)
- Q. Were you full time with the column?
 A. Yes.
- Q. Were you attached to Baker's column at any time?
 A. No.
- Q. Were you full time with the column until the end of the fighting at the Dump Arms?
 A. Yes, I was captured on the run on July 1924. I was released on the 24th November 1924.

10th Period.

- Q. You attacked enemy posts?
 A. Yes.
- Q. Were you on the run up to 1924?
 A. Yes.
- Q. You were Section Commander of 'A' Company, 4th Battalion, Dublin Brigade on 1st critical date?
 A. Yes.
- Q. On 2nd critical date you were Vice O/C. Divisional Transport?
 A. Yes.



AGORACÓC ÉIREANN

DÁIL ÉIREANN.

TIGH LAIGHEAN
(Leinster House),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
(Dublin).

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This is to certify that Thomas Kearney of Louisburgh
Co Mayo was, in Lent Louisburgh Co from 1917 to 1919
To my own personal knowledge he was continually on
the run in that district during this period. He was pursued
by enemy forces to such an extent in connection with his
army work there including the rescue of a prisoner in
which an R.I.C. Sergeant named Higgins was severely
wounded by him that we got him transferred to the
Dublin Brigade where he was on continuous Active Service
until he returned to the 4th Western Division in March 1922
where he served as O.C. Transport 4th Batt until May 1922
he was then promoted with the rank of Captain to as
Assistant Transport officer 4th Western Div. which rank
he held on ^{second} ~~first~~ critical date. In Sept 23 he was he
was appointed Brigade Adj. 4th Brigade. He took
a prominent part in all the major operations in the
Div during that period. It was mainly due to his
splendid work in the Louisburgh district that the
organisation in that area was so efficient I have no
hesitation in stating definitely that Captain Kearney
was a splendid officer and rendered invaluable service
both in the 4th Western Division and the Dublin
Brigade area

Wm J. Edward Moore, Cdt. West Mayo
Brigade



SGORSTÁC ÉIREANN

DÁIL ÉIREANN.

TIGH LAIGHEAN
(Leinster House),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
(Dublin).

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The Referee
military Pensions Board
Griffith Barracks
Dublin

Sir,

I certify that Thomas Hearnery of
Louisburgh, Mayo, joined the Irish
Volunteers at an early date and was on
the run in June 1918 and had to leave
his native district in 1919 & come to Dublin
where he joined A Co. 4th Batt. He returned
to Louisburgh in 1922 & was appointed
assistant Transport Officer in Castle
Barracks. He went on Active when the fighting
started in our district & served through
all the principal engagements in West
Mayo & West Galway. He was appointed
Brigade Adj. while on active service. He
was a most reliable and painstaking Officer

Signed Michael Delroy
late Command O.C.

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Fire St.
Rathmines Road.

2-4-'36.

The Secretary,
Board of Assessors, Military Service Pensions.

Sir,
I certify that Thomas Harney, now residing in Louisville,
Co. Mayo, was 1st Lieutenant of Louisville Company of
Volunteers from 1917 to December 1918, and in my absence,
Commanding Officer from December 1918 to about the middle
of 1919.

He assisted me in organising, collecting arms, ammunition,
etc., also carrying out field training under Armed Protection.
In June 1918 the R.I.C. Authorities raided his home, with other
houses in the area, in search of him, when the enemy
forces called he was not to be found (due to information
of the raid received beforehand) and consequently
went on to run.

Despite active raiding and searching by the R.I.C.
he ~~at~~ carried on his duties as a Volunteer Officer; assisting
me in the holding & searching of a Coast Guard Officer, who
had made threats amongst the civilian population, of
using a gun; had clashes with unduly aggressive

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members of the R. I. C. etc.

On the 9th of December 1918, Lieutenant Harney knocked out a Police Sergeant, who acting on the instructions of his Inspector, during a Parade of the Company, tried to arrest the Commanding Officer. He commanded the company after the arrest of the C.O. Due to the serious nature of the injuries received by the Police Sergeant, Harney's description, etc., was in the Police Hue & Cry, for, as far as I remember, "Attempted Murder of a Police Sergeant," as a result of which the Lonsburgh area was searched for him day & night with such intensity that ~~the~~ the Battalion, & Brigade, Commanding Officer's arranged his transfer into the Dublin Brigade.

I also served with him in A. & G. Companies, IV Battalion, Dublin Brigade from 1919, to 1922, when he returned to Lonsburgh.

He was in every engagement of importance in A. Coy. during the period's 1919 up to the Truce, ~~which~~ which I am sure his Company Officer will verify.

Austin McDonald.

O.C. Lonsburgh Company 1917-19.

Volunteer A. Coy. IV B.B. 1919-21.

" " C. " " " " 1921-22.

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To The Sec.

Pension Board
Griffiths Bks
Dublin

Castlebar Road

Westport 29/3/36

This is to certify that Thomas Harney
of Louisburgh was transferred from Dublin
to Louisburgh area in March 1922,
+ rendered me invaluable assistance
at Transport + Engineering work, till June
when when he was again transferred to
Divisional H.Q. + promoted to ^{asset} Divisional of
Transport,

He was at good Office + fought in
all the Major Engagements through the
Civil war in West Mayo + Connemara areas
He was much sought after + was not able
to return home till late ~~October 1923~~

November 1924

is mise PJ Kelly

late of 4th Battalion

West Mayo - Bde

Referee R.15.

Organisation Records supplied by (a) John O'Loorman 2nd Lt.
(b) P. J. Mc. Donnell Bde. O/C
show that applicant was

(a) Vol. A Coy. 4th Bn. Dublin Bde 11.7.21

Strength —

(b) No particulars of Rank on records 1.7.22.

Strength —

Signed: W.D. 26/3/36

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Pensions Collection

4. ~~Bar~~mouth Square.
Leeson Park
Dublin

March 20th 1936.

This is to certify that Mr Tom Harney of
Louisbuge & Mayo. was transferred from A Co
of 4th Battn. Dublin Brigade to B Co of the same
Battn on the reorganisation of the unit during the
truce period (about the end of 1921)

He was a very efficient soldier and was
appointed Co adjutant shortly afterwards. Giving
much of his time to drilling and training the men
of G. Co. He was present with G Co at the
taking over of the four Courts in 1922.

He left Dublin however before the Civil war
to fight with an Active Service Unit in the West.

Frank Lowrip

Capt. G Co. Batt. 4

Dublin Brigade.

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Clona Lodge.
Westport,
Co Mayo.

4/3/36

This is to certify that Thomas Harney, Louisaburgh,
Co. Mayo was appointed Deputy of. Transport
4th Western Division I.R.A. in May 1922 and
held that rank on the 2nd critical date.

He gave continuous Active service through out
the period of the civil War.

He was a very capable, trustworthy officer, and
executed all orders and duties entrusted to him in
a most competent manner.

Signed

John R. Gillons of. Transport
4th Western Division I.R.A.

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Bloomskill

Westport

Jul 7th 1936

To: Whom it May Concern

This is to certify that Thos Harney served with me as a member of the West Mayo Brigade Staff from the 1st July 1922 till the end of 1923

He took part with me in attacks on Castlebar and Westport Barracks, in the defence of Newport and the capture of Blifden.

He was continuously on the run during 1922 and 1923 and assisted in all the various minor operations of our A.S. Units

I will gladly give full particulars and details on request

Patrick Duffy

Lt Col West Mayo Brigade

Meadow Lands, Churchtown, Dundrum,
Co Dublin
6-2-36.

The Secretary,
Board of Pensions,
M.S. Pensions

Dear Sir

Mr Tom Hamey, now of Limerick, Co. Mayo
was an active member of H. Coy., Batt. IV, Dublin Brig
from about the end of 1919 till my transfer in Dec '21
as O.C. of D. IV., Dublin Brigade.

He was regularly utilized by me in
all important activities of his Half-Company
and was for a period an N.C.O. - incidentally
one of the best during a very difficult time. He
took part frequently in armed patrols in Rathmines,
Rathgar, Harold's Cross and Terenure districts
and was several times in the same areas in
positions for ambush. He also participated
with one in an ambush on Rathmines Road,
early in 1921 on British troops. It is scarcely
necessary to add that he took an active and
thorough part in the other activities of H. Coy.,
including raids, protection work, etc.

I may also mention that he came to us
on transfer from the Mayo Brigade, where I understand
he had a very creditable record.

Yours truly,
Andrew T. Walsh BA.

O.C. H. IV. Dublin Brig 1910-23
1921-22

Malloy to Wage
Wexford 21st Feb 1935

he joined a Service Unit in
the City

Joseph M. M. ^{W.}Bride
1/2 hours

I certify that Thomas
Haneey joined the
Lonsburg section of
the Volunteers in 1917
and when Captain M. J. Donnell,
who was in command,
went to reside in Dublin
Mr Haneey took command.
He was a very diligent
and useful & ultimately
had also to go to Dublin
in order to escape arrest
in Dublin I understand

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Fauldoff Lodge
Wesport

On the reorganisation of the
Volunteer movement in 1917 in
the Parish of Kellgeon
housing of James Porten
enough to recruit Thomas
Harney and his friend
Austin McDaniel and
I wish to state that to them
is due the credit of all
the work done for the Union
Cause in the ensuing years

Thomas Hamey and
Austin McDonald killed
all the Companies in the
District. was engaged
in the manufacture of
Rifles and seizure of
Ammunition and means
came into conflict with
the R.I.C. in Limerick
on December 1918
where a Sergeant R.I.C. was
seriously injured by Hamey in
the attempt to rescue
Austin McDonald.

I know what time and energy
they put into this from June
1917 onwards and I know
that owing to their activity they
had to go on the run early
in 1918. Thomas Hamey
had to leave the District
to go to Dublin where
he was an active member in
and a Company 4th
Dublin Brigade.

I can bear testimony to
the sacrifices made by Thomas
Hamey and his family in the
Cause until Cease fire order
1923. I/O John O'Dowd
4th Dublin Brigade.

164 Shelbourne Road
Ballinacorney

Mos. Kearney was transferred
from W. Mayo Brigade, and
became attached to A Coy, 10 Batt.
D/B in Sept 1919.

I hereby certify that all
duties entrusted to him were
carried out.

Muse Sean Tracer

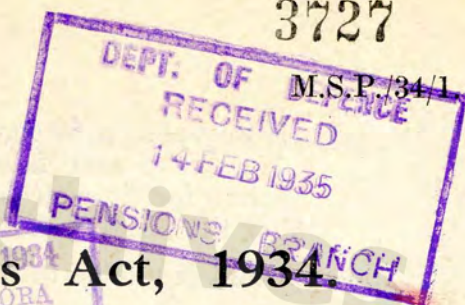
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Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

APPLICATION TO THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE FOR A SERVICE CERTIFICATE.

This form must be filled in by every person who seeks a Service Certificate, and must be signed by him, and signature witnessed, on or before the 31st day of December, 1935. In the event of an applicant being unable to write he should affix his mark, such act being witnessed.

NAME (to be written in block capitals). HARNEY SURNAME. THOMAS CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS. GARAGE, CHAPEL STREET
(to be written in block capitals). LOUISBURGH 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 (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..... *Louisburgh Company*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *June 7th 1917*

continuous

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

Louisburgh Coy. Area

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Capt. Austin McDonald*

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

Military operations

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

the period..... *organising, training men*

collection of arms. Making Munitions

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Austin McDonald

Fire Station Rathmines Dublin

Joseph M^{re} Brides

Malton Cottage Westport Co Mayo

John O'Dowd

Felduff Lodge

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Louisburgh Company*

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

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

Louisburgh Co Area

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Capt. A McDonald*

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

on the Run. Military operations

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

organising, Training in use of arms
Collection of arms. Making Munitions. Clothes with R.I.C

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Austin McDonald	Live Stn. Rathmines
Canon Moane J.D.	Canowbanon Westport
John O'Dowd.	Felduff Westport

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

(a) Unit or Units..... Louisaburgh Co. and A.C. 4 Batt Dublin Bde

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... Continuous on the Run

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... Louisaburgh Co.
Rathmines A.C. Area.

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... Capt A McDonald & Lt W. Barnett

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

Military work. on the Run.

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....
Training, organising and Collection of arms

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Austin McDonald	Live Stn Rathmines Rd
A.J. Walsh N.Y.	Churchtown Rd Dundrum
Paddy Morrissey	Tullistown Doo Rathmines

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

(a) Unit or Units..... A Coy. 4th Batt Dublin Brigade

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... on the Run

Continuous

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

A Co. Area Rathmines District

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance. Capt. L. McDermott. G.A.T. Walsh

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

on the Run Military operations

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

the period. Intelligence work. Training
in use of arms. Seizure of Enemy Property
Raids on Post Offices. Lying in ambush
for Enemy

(g) Absence from duty and cause. None

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
A. J. Walsh R.I.	Churchtown Rd. Dundrum Dublin
P. Morrissey	7 Gullistan Lee. Rathmines
Austin McDonald	Five Station Rathmines Rd.

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

(a) Unit or Units. A Co. 4th Batt. Dublin Brigade

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service. Continuous.
on the Run.

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

A Co. Area Rathmines District

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance. A. J. Walsh

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

Military operations

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

the period. Ambushing Enemy. Raids on
Post Offices. Seizure of Enemy Property.
Care of arms. Assisting burning of Custom House

(g) Absence from duty and cause. None

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
R. J. Walsh N. J.	Churchtown Rd. Dundrum C. Dublin
Paddy Marney	7 Gullistan Lee Rathmines
Austin McDonald	Fire Station Rathmines Rd.

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

(a) Unit or Units... *A and G Coy. 4th E. Batt. Dublin Brigade*
4th Western Div. Mayo

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

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

Few Courts. Lonsburgh. Castlebar

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *R. J. Walsh, P. O'Connell, F. Doling*
P. J. Kelly, M. Milroy

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

Military operations

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *enforcing Belfast Boycott. organisation, training, Military Duty. Transport.*

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
R. J. Walsh N. J.	Churchtown Rd. Dundrum C. Dublin
P. J. Kelly	Castlebar Rd. Westport C. Mayo
M. Milroy J. D.	Newport. C. Mayo
John R. Gibbons	Clona Westport " "

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

(a) Unit or Units... *4th E. Western Div. Transport. + West Mayo Bde. S.V.*

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

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

Westport, Newport, Clifden

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *M. Milroy, P. J. O'Connell*
E. Moane

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

Military operations

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *Care of Transport. Attacks on*

Castlebar, Westport, Newport Clifden
Sniping Enemy posts

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>E. Moane J.D.</i>	<i>Craebawn Westport</i>
<i>M. Kilroy J.D.</i>	<i>Newport B. Mayo</i>
<i>John R. Gibbons</i>	<i>Clona Westport "</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units... *West Mayo Brigade Active Service Unit*

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

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

Newport, Castlebar, Westport, Roseshun

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

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

Military operations

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

Attacks on Enemy posts
Care of arms on the Run

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Eamon Moane J.D.</i>	<i>Craebawn Westport</i>
<i>John R. Gibbons</i>	<i>Clona "</i>
<i>P.J. Kelly</i>	<i>Castlebar Rd "</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.

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(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.

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(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.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

(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.

Sgt. Section Commander A. Coy.
4th Batt. Dublin Brigade

(b) On second critical date.

Captain Vice of Divisional Transport.
4th Western Division

References who can testify as to your statements :—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
A. J. Walsh R.I.	Churchtown Rd. Dundrum Co Dublin
P. Morrissey	7 Callaghan Lee Rathmines
John R. Gibbons	Clonsilla West End Co Mayo
E. Mooney J.D.	Cavanahara " "
M. Kilroy J.D.	Newport Co Mayo

- (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.

no

- (g) As an Officer of any Local Authority.
 (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.

During to R.I.C. Searches & Enquiries
 I was known as Thomas Gibbons while
 in A and G. Coy. ^{45 Batt} Dublin Brigade.
 The following Ranks were held by me 1st Lieut.
 Louisburgh Co. Sect. Com. A Coy. and Coy. ady. G. Coy. Dublin Bde
 Vice of in transport. of Blum unit West Mayo Bde.

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

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

Address of Witness.....

Qualification

Date.....

Patrick Fallon Gdn 2880

Garda Síochána
 Louisburgh Company
 Craaa

3rd February 1935

* Witness must be one of the following :—

- A Commissioned Officer serving in the Defence Forces.
- A Permanent Civil Servant (active or retired) whose salary is or was not less than £200 and on a scale rising to not less than £300.
- A District Justice.
- A Peace Commissioner.
- A Barrister-at-Law, a Solicitor, or a Commissioner for Oaths.
- A Minister of Religion (denomination to be stated).
- A Registered Physician or Surgeon.
- Managers, Secretaries, Chief Cashiers and Accountants of Banks, and Officials in charge of Branch Banks.
- A Member of the Garda Síochána.
- A Postmaster or Postmistress in actual charge of a Post Office.
- Head Teachers of Secondary or National Schools.
- A Secretary of a Registered Friendly Society.
- A Notary Public.
- A Consul-General.
- A Consul.
- A Vice-Consul.

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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