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Westport Company.

Flanagan, Thomas P. BE
Court-house, Castlebar
Co. Mayo.

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PENSIONS BRANCH

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). FLANAGAN SURNAME. THOMAS PATRICK CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS. CASTLEBAR CO. MAYO
(to be written in block capitals).

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

- (a) This form is divided into three parts. Part I. is to be completed where the applicant had, in addition to the required pre-Truce Service, Service in the Forces in the period commencing the 1st July, 1922. Part II. is to be completed where the applicant's qualifying service in the Forces was pre-Truce only. Only one of those two parts is to be completed by any one applicant. Part III. is of general application and should be completed by all applicants.
- (b) Before completing particulars as to rank the applicant should read carefully the First Schedule to the Act and also the definitions of the expressions "first critical date" and "second critical date" which are appended to this form for the information of applicants. He should then complete his replies to the questions in the terms of Rules 1 and 2 of the First Schedule which are applicable to his case, e.g. :—

was "a Divisional Adjutant" or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PART I.

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

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

or

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

or

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

and in addition

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

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

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

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

(a) Did you render active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916. If so, from what date in that week? *Yes 25th April 1916*

(b) Unit or Units..... *Galway University*

(c) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *full period*

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

(e) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Galway Dr. Thos. Walsh*

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

Will make statement to Board

(g) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the week..... *Will make statement to Board*

(h) Absence from duty and cause..... *will explain in statement*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>P. A. Callaghan D.E.</i>	<i>Ballina Omayo</i>
<i>Dr Cornelius O'Leary</i>	<i>Galway</i>
<i>Dr. Christopher Macken</i>	<i>Dublin</i>

(2). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD COMPRISING—

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

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Galway University Co*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *Reported back to Company*

for service Will amplify in statement

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Galway Dr. T. Walsh*

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

Reported back for service & to take all instructions

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *Travelled to Athlone to join Galway*

Brigade during Easter week

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
P. A. Callan, B.E. Ballina.	
Mrs Capt Jack Knice	The Carragh Camp.

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

(a) Unit or Units..... Galway University

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

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... Dr. Walsh. Tony McQuillan.

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? Carried out all instructions issued.

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

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
P. A. Callan, B.E. Ballina.	
Dr. Christopher Macken	Dublin.
Professor T. McQuillan	Galway.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... Dr. Walsh T.D.

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? attended parades of drill. Did dispatch work etc.

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

gave lectures in Engineering; had charge of Ball's plough district during 1918 elections.

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Richard Walsh Esq T.D. Balla
Park Fallon Balla
Mr Justice Mayne Dublin

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

Westport Batt.

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

Full period

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

Westport — 3rd Battalion Area

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

Joe Ring & James Malone Westport

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

gave instruction in Engineering & attended parade & training.

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

gave instructions in destruction of bridges & manufacture of mines etc.

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

James Malone (Capt) Castlebar
John R. Phelan Westport
James Roche Kiltiney

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

3rd Batt

West Mayo Brigade

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

Full period

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

Brigade area

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

M. Kilroy

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

Save instructions in use of explosives. Carried despatches

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

the period.....

Continuous service - giving instructions in use of explosives. Despatch work. Assisted at getting arms into area & got some wounded & wanted members away out of area

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Samson Moore F D Westport

James Malone (Capt) Castlebar

P. J. Kelly Contractor Westport

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

West Mayo Brigade

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

Full period

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

West Mayo Brigade area

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

M. Kilroy

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

Reported for active service in April

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

the period.....

Was on active service and outposts duty at Carrigrohenny. Assisted at demolition of Bridges & despatch work

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Samone Moane Sjt. TD.	Westport
Wm. Keating Sjt. TD.	Newport
James Malone (Capt) &	Castlebar

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

(a) Unit or Units..... West Mayo Brigade

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

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

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

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *attended lectures in Engineering in Dublin & took charge of training of Engineers for Brigade area*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *Took charge of training Engineers for the Brigade + afterwards Divisional area at Derryacloggan (Kerrang) and Phesum (Ballyarn) training camps*

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Samone Moane Sjt. TD.	Westport
James Malone (Capt)	Castlebar
John R. Gibbons	Clara Lodge Westport

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

(a) Unit or Units..... West Mayo Brigade

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... Full period up to February 1923

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

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

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *Was with active service unit & on outpost duty on attack on Castlebar. Ordered by my O.C. to return to Co. Council work in September was arrested and interned in Athlone till December*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... Was with the active service from attack on Castlebar Bks till September & was arrested & interned in Athlone

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... Interned in Athlone Camp September 1922

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Samson Moane Sgt. D.	D. S. S. S.
P. J. Kelly	W. S. S. S. S.
James Malone Capt.	Castlebar.

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

(a) Unit or Units..... None

(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 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.

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(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.

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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.....

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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(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.

GENERAL.

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS.

State in terms of the First Schedule to the Act the rank and nature of appointment on the first and second critical dates respectively.

- (a) On first critical date.

(b) On second critical date.

References who can testify as to your statements:—

ADDRESS.

(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.

Military Service

- (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.....

(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.....

was
Assistant Co. Surveyor from 1919 & paid salary
up to end of 1920 - then on half salary during the
Black & Tan period & was paid no salary owing to
Military activities from 1st August 1922 to 1st March
1923. At present receiving salary as County Surveyor

(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.....

*At present getting salary as
County Surveyor.*

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.

*Will furnish statement & certificates
from referees in due course*

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

Thomas J. Henagan

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

John Ryan P.C.

Address of Witness.....

*Courthouse Castlebar
County Mayo*

Qualification.....

County Surveyor

Date.....

30th December 1936

* 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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Barrowtown

Wexford

30.5.20

This is to certify that Thomas R Flanagan P.E.
County Surveyor was a member of the I.R.A since
1917 and was on continuous active service from
November 1920 as a member of the A.S.U and
Brigade Engineer. He was responsible for
the demolition of the Bridges & Co in connection
with the fight at Barrow Kennedy in June 1921
afterwards taking part in the fight there. His
name being supplied on the list sent forward
by the Brigade as one of those taking part in the
operation. Any further Evidence will be gladly
supplied by me if and when required

Signed

Edmund Moore
Late P.E. West Major Brigade
John R. Gibbons Late of 4th West Div. (Brigade)

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'The yews'
Westport Road.
castlebar.
4th. June, 1940.

This is to certify that Thomas Flanagan B.E. county surveyor, was a member of the I.R.A. since 1917, and was on active service from November 1920 with the A.S.U., West Mayo Brigade, being Brigade Engineer he was responsible for all demolition of bridges, roads etc. and the holding up of enemy movements in the Brigade Area. He took part in the fight at Carrowkennedy in June 1921. This man was whole time on his work as Brigade Engineer, and is one who I believe will receive the favourable consideration of your Board.

signed

J. Malone
(J. Malone)

captain.

A.A.O. Mayo Area Vol. Force.

Ex. Comdt. 3rd. Battalion West Mayo Brigade.

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MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL

Tiſ na Cúirt,
Caisteán a' Bannaig.

COURTHOUSE,
CASTLEBAR.

T. P. FLANAGAN, B.E.,

Forraicán an Connóae.

Sután—Caisteán a' Bannaig 28.

T. P. FLANAGAN, B.E.,
COUNTY SURVEYOR.

Telephone—CASTLEBAR 28.

No. 111111
5/6/40

4 June 1940

A Cúirt
With reference to my application for
a military service certificate I received
your circular letter dated 14 May 1940. All
the information you required was already
contained in the form sent to you a few
years ago. As the information and particulars
in that form do not seem to have been
used I now enclose certificates from my late
Brigade of Samona Moane - County Tyrone by
John D. Gibbons late of Transvaal 1st West Division
and a Certificate from Capt Jas. Malone ex Comdt.
2nd Battalion Area West Mayo Brigade. Any of these
Officers will testify of necessity
Thos. Flanagan

MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934.

Form R. 18.

Ref. No. 52186

APPLICANT'S NAME

Mr. Thomas P. Flanagan

For Discussion with

Miss Kilroy & Moane

Date 19 NOV 1940

PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)	Call	
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

(a) First Critical Date..... (b) Second Critical Date.....

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

Date.....

SUMMARY OF SWORN EVIDENCE GIVEN BEFORE INTERVIEWING OFFICERS BY
THOMAS P. FLANAGAN AND AGREED TO BY HIM ON THE 17TH. DEC., 1940.

Grade II

You joined the Vols. in Galway in 1913.

2a. Period.

For the three weeks before Easter Week you were home on holidays.

1st Period.

You tried to get in touch with the Galway crowd in Easter Week. You went as far as Athenry and were turned back.

3rd Period.

You left Galway in 1917, returned to your own district and helped to organise the Vols. there.

4th Period.

In 1918 you were in the Claremorris area. You took part in elections; gave lectures in engineering fairly regularly.

5th Period.

You were in the Claremorris area until about Oct. 1919 when you went to Westport. About the beginning of 1920 you were appointed Battn. Engineer and gave instructions and lectures on destruction of bridges and the making of mines, etc.

6th Period.

You were Battn. Engineer. You attended Battn. Council meetings; visited the Companies; gave instructions in the use of explosives. You lived close to D.I. Maguire and got information from him regarding raids on about six occasions. As a result of this information you saved McKetterick, Malone and Joe Ring on one occasion.

Your work as Assistant Surveyor took you around the country. You had a permit to travel for a radius of 55 miles. You carried despatches about once or twice a month. You also made use of your motorbike and sidecar to shift arms on two occasions and to shift wanted men from place to place when required. When McKetterick was wounded you took him in your motorbike and sidecar a distance of 20 miles.

You arranged for the blocking of roads, etc.

7th Period.

You were Battn. Engineer; blocked roads; helped to destroy some bridges.

Carrowkenedy Ambush. You blocked roads about a mile and a half from the scene of the ambush and then went to the scene of the ambush and you were posted with Johnny Gibbons on outpost duty.

You were unarmed. After the ambush you went with the col. and helped to carry some arms.

Is that a fair summary of your activities up to the Truce?
Applicant - Yes.

8th Period.

Immediately after the Truce you became a full-time member of the Vols. You came to Dublin and spent two or three weeks in a camp here. Returning from Dublin you went to Derrynacliggan Camp where you spent five or six weeks. From there you went to Ballycroy where you remained until you went into Westport Workhouse. You also went to Castlebar Bks.

You were full time as Brigade Engineer during this Period.

9th Period.

You were in Castlebar Bks. until they were evacuated. After the evacuation you went out on the col. You came into Castlebar one night when it was attacked. You were armed with a revolver.

In Sept. you were instructed by the Brigade O.C. to return to your work as Assistant Surveyor. When you returned you were arrested. About Christmas 1922 you were released from Athlone. You signed a form on the instructions of Ned Moane. No further activities after that.

Is that a fair summary of your activities?

Applicant - Yes, that's fair.

Are you satisfied with that?

Applicant - Quite satisfied.

PM/TM.

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Referee R.15.

Organisation Records supplied by _____

show that applicant was

(a) _____ 11.7.1921.

Strength _____

(b) Rank of Bde. Eng. not indicated on record 1.7.1922

Strength _____



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MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934.

Form R. 18.

Ref. No. 52186

APPLICANT'S NAME *Flanagan Thomas*

For Discussion with *Moane* Date *23/1/41*

PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
(1)	<i>Bdr Engineer</i>	
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)	<i>A S.U. Out road for C'Kennedy 2. - Outpost for info. for S.I. Magazine</i>	
(8)	<i>Camp - 1 month. Lectures in Dr. Back - Camp ... July & Aug -</i>	<i>sent back to civil life in mid Sept. 22 by Moane.</i>
(9)		
(10)		

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

(a) First Critical Date..... (b) Second Critical Date.....

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

Date.....

REF. No. 52186APPLICANT'S NAME Itanaga Shob.

ADDRESS.....

UNIT.....

W Mayo Bde.

(a) PERIOD	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active service allowed	(d) Equivalent for Pension purposes	REMARKS
(1) 23/4/16 - 30/4/16				(7)
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 } (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17 }				(8)
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18				(9)
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19				(10)
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20				(11)
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21				(12)
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21				(13)
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22				(14)
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23				(15)
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23				(16)

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

Rank claimed on.....

Rank allowed

Total of Column (d).....

SIGNED—.....

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ACT DOES NOT
APPEAR TO APPLY

REF. No. 52186

APPLICANT'S NAME

Flanagan Thos. P.

ADDRESS

Courthouse, Castlebar, Mayo. REFEREE R.3.

UNIT

Westport Coy. 3rd Bn. West Mayo Bde.

(a) PERIOD	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active service allowed	(d) Equivalent for Pension purposes	REMARKS
(1) 23/4/16 — 30/4/16	Full period	/	/	(7)
(2) (a) 1/4/16 — 22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16 — 31/3/17	- Do -	/	/	(8)
(3) 1/4/17 — 31/3/18	- Do -	/	/	(9)
(4) 1/4/18 — 31/3/19	- Do -	/	/	(10)
(5) 1/4/19 — 31/3/20	- Do -	/	/	(11)
(6) 1/4/20 — 31/3/21	- Do -	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{3}$ yrs.	Finished. $\frac{25}{41}$
(7) 1/4/21 — 11/7/21	- Do -	Full.	1 yrs.	(13)
(8) 12/7/21 — 30/6/22	- Do -	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$ yrs.	(14)
(9) 1/7/22 — 31/3/23	to Feb'y 1923	$\frac{1}{18}$	$\frac{1}{9}$ yrs.	(15)
(10) 1/4/23 — 30/9/23	-	/	/	(16)

(a) First critical date.

(b) Second critical date.

Rank claimed on

E.

Bde. Engineer.

Rank allowed

E.

D.

Total of Column (d)

17 1/9 years to

SIGNED—

25/1/21

J. Meavy

James Robinson

W. Moran

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. 52186

14th Feb. 1934

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 Years.
(1) Week commencing 23/4/16	nd	nd
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 } (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17 }	nd	nd
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	nd	nd
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	nd	nd
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	nd	nd
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	6 1/2 ENTIRE PERIOD	3 1/2
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	ENTIRE PERIOD	1
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	3 1/2 ENTIRE PERIOD	3 1/2
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	15 1/2 ENTIRE PERIOD	9
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	1	—

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

TOTAL— 1 7/8 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 26th February 1934

The Referee will give full consideration to any evidence or representations so submitted, and after such consideration will make his report to the Minister for Defence. 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,

Mr. Thomas P. Flanagan, B.E.

Coushinga

Castlebar,

Co. Mayo.

m. bremer

Rúnaidhe. (Sd.)

Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 34 S.P./54785.

Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee—52186

To:

THE REFEREE.

To:

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to transmit for report in accordance with Section 8 and the Regulations made under the Act the accompanying application of

Flanagan, Thomas P. *BE.*
Castles, Co. Mayo.
 for a Service Certificate.

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

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

(SIGNED) T. UA. DÓMHNAILL

Referee.

Date...19 JUN 1937

Date...3/3/41

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. *One**2 nil**3 nil**4 nil**5 nil**6 6 of*

ENTIRE PERIOD

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ENTIRE PERIOD

8 3 of

ENTIRE PERIOD

9 18 of

ENTIRE PERIOD

10 nil

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

1 9 years

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

(a) On first critical date...*Grade E.* *Para. 1(b)*(b) On second critical date...*Grade D.* *Para. 1(4)(f)*(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**6 Fund*

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 ?..... *County Surveyor* /

6. Does the applicant state in his application whether he applied for or is in receipt of unemployment assistance under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1933 ? If so, quote the number of his qualification certificate if given by him.....

No

7. THE WEEK COMMENCING ON THE 23RD DAY OF APRIL, 1916.

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

nil

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

(3) State—

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

Irish Volunteers

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

Galway University Coy.

8. THE PERIOD COMPRISING :—

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

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

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

nil

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

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces..... *Irish Volunteers*(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.....
..... *Galway University Bay.*
.....

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.....
..... *Galway University Bay.*
.....

10. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1918, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1919.

(1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction
nil(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act.....
..... *nil*
.....

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces..... *Irish Volunteers*(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.....
..... *Westport Bay, Bdr. III, West Mayo Bn.*
.....

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.

Bdr. III, West Mayo Bde.

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

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

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.

Bdr. III, West 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—

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

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

West Mayo Bde.

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

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

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

 $\frac{1}{3}$ 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.....

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

 $\frac{1}{18}$ of ENTIRE PERIOD

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

 $\frac{1}{9}$ 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.....

*West Mayo Bde.
and Internment**Bde. Officer*

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.....

(3) State—

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

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

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