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File Ref. No. *L.P. 3416*



DEPARTMENT.....

Name or Subject *Walsh John*

~~Denny Gorman~~

Altman St Westport

Co Mayo

Date *2-1-25*

Particulars *of MS P2*

DATED 17.5.26 PASSED TO D/DEFENCE 20/5/26

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<i>Mr Keane</i>	<i>2/10/25</i>		
<i>M. O'Connor</i>	<i>5/10/25</i>		
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<i>Mr Keane</i>	<i>3/11/25</i>		
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<i>Reg</i>	<i>1/12/25</i>		
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Military Service
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S.F. 3416

Military Service Pensions Act, 1924

REPORT BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

M.S.P. 2.

TO THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

We, the undersigned members of the Board of Assessors constituted under Section 3 of the above-mentioned Act, report as hereunder on the application of John Walsh, Altamont Street, Westport, Co. Mayo; formerly of Army Gorman, Westport, Co. Mayo, for a Certificate of Military Service in accordance with the terms of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, and the Regulations made thereunder.

(1) Periods of Military Service prescribed in the Act.	(2) Forces in which active service was rendered	(3) Duration of active service during each of the prescribed periods as established to the satisfaction of the Board	(4) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined by Section 4 (2) of the Act
(a) (1) Active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916 ... ..	.....	.....	.....
(2) Continuous service from 1st April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917 ... ..	.....	.....	.....
(b) Continuous service from 1st April, 1917, to 31st March, 1918 ... ..	.....	.....	.....
(c) „ „ „ 1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919 ... ..	.....	.....	.....
(d) „ „ „ 1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920 ... ..	.....	.....	.....
(e) „ „ „ 1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921	Oglaigh na hEireann.	.....	.....
(f) „ „ „ 1st April, 1921, to 11th July, 1921	„ „ „	Entire Period.	1 Year
(g) „ „ „ 12th July, 1921, to 30th June, 1922	Oglaigh na hEireann [Detachment Forces (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923]	250 274 OF	1 11/13 Years
(h) „ „ „ 1st July, 1922, to 31st March, 1923 ... ..	.....	.....	.....
(i) „ „ „ 1st April, 1923, to 30th September, 1923	„ „ „	Entire Period.	1 Year

Rank of the applicant as defined by Sec. 4 (3) of the Act... LieutenantTotal service for pension purposes, as defined by Sec. 4 (2) of the Act... 4.824 Yrs.Dated this... 17th day of... May 1926.

(Signed)

Member of
the Board
of
Assessors.

S.P. 3416

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Total service for pension purposes, as defined by Sec. 4 (2) of the Act..

Dated this.....day of.....

(Signed)

Member of
the Board
of
Assessors.

SP 3416

Dec
5-1-26



Albany St
Wexford
4 Jan 1926

To/
The Board of Assessors
Military Service Pensions

Dir/
Reference yours 3416 regarding Service
pension I wish to submit the names
of Comdt W. McHugh Customs Bks Athlone
and Sergt M. Heraty Civic Guards
Daingean Offaly. Any of the above
are prepared to swear as to my
activities during the Tan regime

Yours Faithfully
John Walshe
Ex-1st Lieut

Military Service
Pensions Collection



Upper Albemount St
Warrpost

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L/
The Board of Assessors
Military Service Pensions
Dublin.

Sir/

Regarding my pension, I am in receipt of
your communication of a recent date, and
am surprised at you asking for further
particulars.

I gave full details to Gen. G. O. Sullivan
on 7th July last at Castlebar.

As the matter is now so long on hand
I will thank you for an early settlement
otherwise I am appealing the case
which please note

Yours Faithfully

John Vatske.
Ex 1st Lieut

DÁIL EIREANN.

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TIGH LAIGHEAN
(Leinster House),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
(Dublin).

11th December 1925.

BH16
12/12/25
The Secretary
Board of Assessors,
Dublin.

A chara,

I understand that the claim to military pension of Mr. Jack Walsh, Altmont Street, Westport, has met with the same fate as many more of his colleagues.

I think I mentioned this man's case to you specially on more than one occasion. If any man is entitled to a pension certainly he is. He has been in the movement since 1914 and he has rendered most valuable service ever since. It is really too bad to find that he has now been forgotten after all his good work, and it is very poor reward. I ask you in all justice to have this man's case reconsidered and meted more favourable consideration in the future. Walsh was depending on this money, and he is a ruined man financially. He finds it very hard and I really sympathise with him.

Is mise do chara,

Wm. Sead
Military Service
Pensions Collection

UIMHIR THAGARTHA
(REFERENCE NO.)

BORD MEASTOIRI,
(Board of Assessors),

M.S.P. 10.

S.P. 3416.....

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(Military Service Pensions)

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.

Mr John Walsh

MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1924.

A CHARA.

I am directed by the Board of Assessors constituted under the terms of the above-mentioned Act to notify you that

- (1) your application to the Minister for Defence for a certificate of military service has been referred to the Board ;
- (2) the Board have considered your application ;
- (3) the evidence submitted to them is not considered by the Board to be sufficient to establish as fact that you did render service of the *nature and duration* necessary to qualify for any pension whatsoever under the Act ; and
- (4) following the issue to you of this notification twenty-one days shall elapse before the Report of the Board of Assessors in your case shall be communicated to the Minister.

I am to add that any additional evidence which you may wish to put forward will be submitted to the Board for consideration if such evidence reaches this Office *within twenty-one days of this date*. No good purpose will be served by mere repetition of statements already made in connection with your application. *New evidence* of a trustworthy nature is essential if you desire to establish your claim to have rendered service of the nature and duration necessary to qualify for a pension under the Act.

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GEAROID O SUILLEAVAIN,

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Dated 1/12/25.....

MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1924.



Form to be filled in by a person testifying to the Service, if any, of an Applicant for a Certificate of Military Service.

Regd. No. S.P. *3416.*

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

(MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS),

DUBLIN. *7-4-26*

To *Courth M. M. M. M.*

Customs Bks. Athlone

In the application of *John Walsh Altamont St. Westport. Co Mayo.*
(formerly of: *Derrygorman. Westport.*)

for a certificate of military service in accordance with the above-mentioned Act, your name appears as a reference who can verify this applicant's service in the periods *b. c. d. e. f. g.* set out hereunder.

You are therefore requested to reply in Column 2 to the queries in Column 1 for each of the periods above referred to. It will **not** be sufficient to make one general reply. Each period must be dealt with separately, and it is essential that your reply for each period should clearly set out the actual position you formerly held which entitles or enables you to testify as to the service, if any, of the applicant during such period.

The utmost accuracy should be observed in the replies made to the queries on this form. Persons making false statements render themselves liable to severe penalties. See notes (a) and (b) at foot of this page.

GEARÓID O SUILLEAVÁIN,

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NOTE.—(a) "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. 7 (1) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924).

(b) "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. 7 (2) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924).

(a) (1) Active Service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) Did the applicant render active service?	
(ii.) At what posts?	
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	
(iv.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	

(a) (2) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	

(b) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1917, to 31st March, 1918.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	He was a volunteer
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	Westport Company
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	Private
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	working on his father land living not interfere with
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	I was a Brigade Officer

(c) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	He assisted in organising
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	A. Company 3 rd Batt West Mayo Brigade
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	1 st Lieutenant
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	working on his father land living not interfere with
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	I was a Brigade Officer

(d) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	<i>He was training & organising</i>
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	<i>A Company 3rd Batt West Mayo</i>
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	<i>Lieutenant</i>
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	<i>Working on his father's land not interfered with</i>
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	<i>I was a Brigade Officer</i>

(e) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military services did applicant render? Insert particulars of attacks on enemy forces or positions; destruction of enemy property; manufacture, purchase or disposal of munitions; collection of information to enable these acts to be done; or organising or training to the same ends.	<i>organising & training and went out with A.S.U. about middle of March</i>
(ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period and to what Unit or Units was he attached?	<i>He was full time from middle of Mar about half time before that A. Comp'y 3rd Batt West Mayo</i>
(iii.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	<i>He was working on his father's land could not work at his ordinary occupation from Dec 1920 (Could not work whole time)</i>
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	<i>Lieutenant</i>
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	<i>I was a Brigade Officer</i>

(f) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1921, to 11th July, 1921.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military services did applicant render? Insert particulars of attacks on enemy forces or positions; destruction of enemy property; manufacture, purchase or disposal of munitions; collection of information to enable these acts to be done; or organising or training to the same ends.	<i>He was out with the A.S.W.</i> <i>all this period</i>
(ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period and to what Unit or Units was he attached?	<i>He devoted all his time</i> <i>A. V. W. 3rd Batt West Mayo</i>
(iii.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	<i>Working on his Father's land</i> <i>Could not work at his ordinary work</i> <i>at all</i>
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	<i>Lieutenant</i>
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	<i>I was a British Officer</i>

(g) Continuous Service from 12th July, 1921, to 30th June, 1922.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military duties were discharged by applicant under authority during this period?	
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	
(iii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer?	
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	
(v.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(vi.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify to his service?	

You may at your discretion write hereunder a statement of any additional information which you consider may be of assistance to the Board in determining the application,

This man was in the Volunteer movement since 1916
 he was always enthusiastic and reliable he remained
 loyal to G.H.O. at the time of the split and
 did very useful work in rounding up the Irregulars
 it was he that captured the G.O.C. 4th Western Division
 also 2 or 3 other leaders

Signature of reference M. M. Hugh Conant

*Witness to Signature James Power Lieut

Address of Witness Customs Bk. Athlone

Qualification Officer in National Army

Date 12. 4. 26

* Witness must be a Commissioned Officer at present serving in the Army ; or a Member of the Oireachtas or an Officer of the Garda Siochana or Dublin Metropolitan Police ; or a permanent Civil Servant (active or retired) whose salary is or was not less than £200, on a scale rising to not less than £300 ; or a Justice of a District Court ; or a Clergyman ; or a Registered Physician or Surgeon ; or a Barrister-at-law ; or a Solicitor.

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MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1924.

M.S.P. 7.

17 APR. 1926

Form to be filled in by a person testifying to the Service, if any, of an Applicant for a Certificate of Military Service.

Regd. No. S.P. 3416.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

(MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS),

DUBLIN. 7-4-26

To *Sept me O'Leary*

6/12 Kingston Offaly

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(iii.) What rank did he hold?	
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	

(b) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1917, to 31st March, 1918.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	He was a lieutenant in E. Coy. 3 rd Batt West Mayo Brigade and gave satisfaction
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	as mentioned above
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	1 st lieutenant.
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	Farmer by trade. He lost his claim as Heir to his father's farm of land owing to his political and military activities
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	I was attached to same Batt as applicant, and knew Walsh very well.

(c) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	I knew him to be a member during this period.
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	as mentioned above.
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	1 st lieutenant
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	Same occupation and circumstances as mentioned in (Col) IV-B.
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	being to the fact that I was attached to same Unit (Batt).

(d) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	as mentioned overleaf.
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	E. Coy. 3 rd Batt. West Mayo Brigade
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	1 st Lieut.
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	as given overleaf.
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	Because I was attached to same Batt. as applicant.

(e) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military services did applicant render? Insert particulars of attacks on enemy forces or positions; destruction of enemy property; manufacture, purchase or disposal of munitions; collection of information to enable these acts to be done; or organising or training to the same ends.	He took part in the burning of muroske and Dyle R.I.C. Barracks. He was also a good volunteer in every respect.
(ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period and to what Unit or Units was he attached?	He was a member of The West Mayo Flying Column (full time)
(iii.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	as already stated He lost his claim to Farm of land.
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	1 st Lieutenant.
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	I was a member of Westport Coy. of the Republican Police at this time and know the circumstances of applicant's service.

(f) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1921, to 11th July, 1921.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military services did applicant render? Insert particulars of attacks on enemy forces or positions; destruction of enemy property; manufacture, purchase or disposal of munitions; collection of information to enable these acts to be done; or organising or training to the same ends.	He was engaged during this period manufacturing explosives etc and also took part in one or two engagements against the British Forces.
(ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period and to what Unit or Units was he attached?	He was a full time member of the West Mayo Flying Column.
(iii.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	as already stated.
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	1 st lieutenant
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	as stated on opposite page

(g) Continuous Service from 12th July, 1921, to 30th June, 1922.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military duties were discharged by applicant under authority during this period?	He was engaged in Westport and vicinity organizing the F.S. Army and he was obliged to shun the irregulars owing to his activity.
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	1 st lieutenant
(iii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer?	He was continually recruiting for the National Army.
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	1 st lieut.
(v.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	Farmer. He was a full time officer
(vi.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify to his service?	Because I was a member of the Free State Forces at this time.

You may at your discretion write hereunder a statement of any additional information which you consider may be of assistance to the Board in determining the application,

Military Archives

Signature of reference.....

Michael Heraty Sergeant.

*Witness to Signature.....

Address of Witness.....

John D. W. Dineen

Qualification

Peace Commissioner for Offaly

Date.....

15/4/21

* Witness must be a Commissioned Officer at present serving in the Army ; or a Member of the Oireachtas or an Officer of the Garda Siochana or Dublin Metropolitan Police ; or a permanent Civil Servant (active or retired) whose salary is or was not less than £200, on a scale rising to not less than £300 ; or a Justice of a District Court ; or a Clergyman ; or a Registered Physician or Surgeon ; or a Barrister-at-law ; or a Solicitor.

Military Service Pensions Collection

John Walsh.

No. 3416.

Derrygorman. Westpar. Co Mayo.

Joint 1915 Durrer
Mobilised in Easter week
Spilled field roadwork
learned how to take
over throw bombs
At that time column started
joint column cut roads
wires, dis patches chiefly
ammunition & rifles
Kilmenna ambush 2 fuses
blown from ambush 8 fuses
in till split big was taken
prisoner & we went to
rescue him from there
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demolition of that 1924
1 captured Kilroy & 2 fuses
Kilmenna Mayo

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*Copy for file SP 3416 - John Walsh,
Altmount St, Westport.*

Mr. W. Sears, T.D.,
Leinster House,
D U B L I N.

A Chara,

In reply to your letter of the 25th ultimo,
I am to state that further search has been made for an
application by Mr. John Walsh, Robeen Cross, Hollymount,
but without success.

Neither can we trace an application from Mr.
John Walsh, The Bungalow, Westport. We have an application
from applicant of same name, the address being Derrygorman,
Westport. Since my letter of the 22nd ultimo we have
received notification of a change of his address to
Altmount Street, Westport. Possibly this may be the
applicant's case to which you refer. If so, investigation
of his application is proceeding, and it will be submitted
to the Board immediately it is ripe for decision.

Mise,

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H/c RUNAI.

7 D'Foghmhair, 1925.

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UIMHIR THAGARTHA
(REFERENCE NO.)

S.P. 3416.

BORD MEASTOIRI,
(Board of Assessors),

PINSIN SHEIRBHISE MILEATA,
(Military Service Pensions),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.

Mr. John Walsh.
Altitude St. Westport.

A Chara,

With reference to your application for a certificate of military service, I have to inform you that investigation of your case is proceeding.

Sittings of the Board in Dublin have been temporarily suspended as oral evidence of applicants is now being taken at Provincial centres. When the Board resume sittings at Dublin your application will be submitted for consideration.

Mise,

E. Archer
E/c RUM.I.

30/9/25.

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TIGH LAIGHEAN
(Leinster House),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
(Dublin).

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Mr. J. Walsh,
Altmount Street,
Westport.

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Ní féidir le General Ua Maolchatha
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thabhairt do chúrsaí gnótha coitcheanta
fé láthair nó go ceann tosach Mí na Samhna,
toisg a bheith sáidhte i n-obair fé leith a
choimeádfaidh ó bhaile é.

Do cuireadh do leitir den (undated)---
ámhthach ag triall ar an ~~Aireacht~~ Secretary, Military
~~Service Pensions Board.~~
agus gheobhair freagra uatha na thaobh.

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Secretary,
Military Service Pensions Board,
Forwarded.

To. General Mulcahy T.O.
Esq. Leinster House
Dublin

Altmoont St
Westport.
Co Mayo

Dear Sir

May I ask you to do me a favour

Re my pension I appeared before Mr. J. O. Sullivan at Castlebar on July 7. 1925 to investigate my claim for pension and has heard nothing more about it, I would be more than thankful to you if you would look it up, I am a married man for the past 9 months and has never got any employment since not as much as one penny have I earned since I was demobed from the army, I also applied for pension on the Shannon Scheme Works to Dr. J. M. C. Longlin & E. Government Buildings Dublin and never got any reply, I think you will agree with me that it is not fair to me after so many years doing my bit for the country I was an active volunteer from 1916 and remained on until the trouble broke out and in to engagements against British Forces in 1921 and after the truce I remained with colour in Bhs till the split, after the split I left the Bhs and organised the young men of my company which I was Lieut of to join the Free State Army and give guards and organised several districts besides for the State. Before the landing of the Free State Army in Westport I had to leave my home and go on

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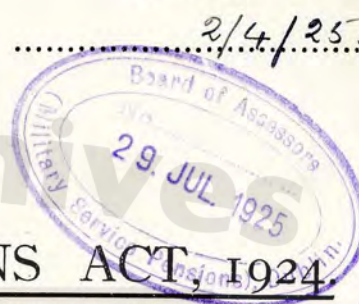
the run from the irregulars for 3 weeks and sleep in an out house with horses and cattle, I joined the National Army, July - 24th 1922 with the rank of Captain and held that rank untill the reorganisation in June 1922 which i was gazetted 1st Lieut and held that rank untill i was demoted on March the 7th 1924. During my time in the army i kept my own respect and respected the uniform i wore. I can refer you to T.R. Patterson Westport or Dr. M. Moran Westport. And during my time in the army i captured some wanted men namely Michael Gilroy Newport, John Trehan Killbucka Newport and P.J.M.C. Donnell Seerom and many others, I am prepared to stand to my statement given down. I am placing my record before you and i think you will agree with me that it is very unwise of the government to treat me in this manner. It is heart breaker to think to have to go to some country and earn my living after so many years doing my best to bring freedom to the country, It is not easy to pay ^{£ 12} 7-6 a week for a house and no employment but it must come out of some place and i dont see any way for it but to go to dirty England if the government does not give me some assistance. I know men in Westport that took up arms against the government and some of them burned the Rhs when leaving it and now the have positions and salaries of some what 5 or 6 hundred pounds a year i did not think that there were the men we were fighting for. I would be more thankful to you than i can express in words if you would look up my pension, My address was when making application for same was Derry Gorman Westport and rene i got me moved i changed to Westport the address given at head of letter. Hoping you will do all in your power in my case. and please reply if you can do anything for me i need it bad

Yours faithfully Jack Walsh

Regd. No. S.P. 3416

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE,
MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS BOARD,
DUBLIN.

To

The General Staff Officer,
i/c Staff Duties,
Chief of Staff's Department.MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1924.

An application for a Certificate of Military Service has been received from

Mr. John Walsh

The particulars of service furnished are as follows:—

Army No. Age. *27*
 Date of enlistment. *25/7/22* Station at which he enlisted. *Westport*
 Home address at date of joining. *Derrygorman Westport*
 Unit (Company, Battalion, Brigade, Division) *44th Batt*
 Date of resignation, or discharge or demobilisation. *4/3/24*
 Rank held at resignation, or discharge or demobilisation. *1st Lieut*
 Rank on the 1st February, 1924, if serving on that date. *1st Lieut*

Will you please certify at foot of this form as to the service, if any, rendered by this applicant in the National Forces or Defence Forces of Saorstát Éireann at any time subsequent to the 1st day of July, 1922, and prior to the 1st day of October, 1923.

Eos.
Secretary.

To

The Secretary,
Military Service Pensions Board.SDR/3178.
SP/3416.I hereby certify that *John Walsh*

has rendered service in the National Forces or Defence Forces of Saorstát Éireann in the rank and during the periods set out hereunder:

Periods of Service prescribed in the Act.	Duration of Service during each period.	
	Date of commencement and date of ending.	Total number of days.
(1). Continuous service from 1st July, 1922 to 31st March, 1923.	25th July, 1922 - 31st March, 1923.	250
(2). Continuous service from 1st April, 1923 to 30th September, 1923.	1st April, 1923 - 30th Sept. 1923.	183

* Rank. *Lieutenant.*Dated *27th July, 1925.**M. O'Riordan*
Major
General Staff Officer i/c Staff Duties.

* "Every military service pension shall be based upon the rank of the applicant at the time of his discharge from the National Forces or from the Defence Forces of Saorstát Éireann or the rank held by him on the 1st day of February, 1924, whichever of those ranks shall be higher....." (Sec. 4 (3) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924).

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FOGRA.

Is moille-de a breithneofar cás an iarratasóra
moill do bheith ar an bhfreagra a tabharfar
ar so.

Any delay in replying to this communication
will defer consideration of the applicant's case.

M.P.W.—Wt. 5977.—B.9.—Gp. 23.—10,000.—4/25. (A.S.) 1
Wt. 906.—B.11.—Gp. 23.—10,000.—6/25.

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service, if any, of an Applicant
Service.

Regd. No. S.P. 3416

10 OCT. 1925

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

(MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS),

DUBLIN.

To *Mr Jas Ruddy, P.C.*
Mayor

In the application of *John Walsh*
Altmount St, Westport, Co Mayo

for a certificate of military service in accordance with the above-mentioned Act, your
name appears as a reference who can verify this applicant's service in the periods
b, c, d, e, f, g set out hereunder.

You are therefore requested to reply in Column 2 to the queries in Column 1 for
each of the periods above referred to. It will **not** be sufficient to make one general
reply. Each period must be dealt with separately, and it is essential that your
reply for each period should clearly set out the actual position you formerly held
which entitles or enables you to testify as to the service, if any, of the applicant
during such period.

The utmost accuracy should be observed in the replies made to the queries on
this form. Persons making false statements render themselves liable to severe
penalties. See notes (a) and (b) at foot of this page.

GEARÓID Ó SUILLEAVAIN,

Runaí. *9*

NOTE,—(a) “ If any person with a view to obtaining either for himself or any other person a grant or pay-
ment 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. 7 (1) of the
Military Service Pensions Act, 1924).

(b) “ 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. 7 (2) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924).

(a) (1) Active Service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) Did the applicant render active service?	
(ii.) At what posts?	
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	
(iv.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	

(a) (2) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	

(b) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1917, to 31st March, 1918.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period? (a)	I know him to be actively engaged as a volunteer during the period
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached? (b)	Westport Volunteers. (There was no Battns. or Cos. at this period)
(iii.) What rank did he hold? (c)	Volunteer
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer? (d)	He was working for his people as a farmer. I know he lost a holding by this and subsequent absences from home
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service? (e)	He was a pupil of mine attending the local Secondary School in which I was a teacher. In the evening he worked at home on the farm.

(c) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period? (a)	Same as (a) above
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached? (b)	b. Coy. 3 rd Bttn., West Mayo Brigade
(iii.) What rank did he hold? (c)	1 st Lieutenant
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer? (d)	Same as (d) above
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service? (e)	He had now left School but I was indirectly connected with the Volunteers and knew of his connection with them

(d) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	Same as (a) above
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	Same as (b) above
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	Same as (d) above
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	Same as (e) above
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	Same as (f) above

(e) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military services did applicant render? Insert particulars of attacks on enemy forces or positions; destruction of enemy property; manufacture, purchase or disposal of munitions; collection of information to enable these acts to be done; or organising or training to the same ends. (m)	Applicant took part in distributing arms and also in two of the ambushes that took place in locality
(ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period and to what Unit or Units was he attached? (N)	On the run as a Lieutenant in B. Coy. 3 rd Battr. W. Mayo Brigade
(iii.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	Same as (e) above
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	Same as (f) "
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	Same as (g) above

(f) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1921, to 11th July, 1921.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military services did applicant render? Insert particulars of attacks on enemy forces or positions; destruction of enemy property; manufacture, purchase or disposal of munitions; collection of information to enable these acts to be done; or organising or training to the same ends?	Same as (m) above
(ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period, and to what Unit or Units was he attached?	Same as (n) above
(iii.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	Same as (e) above
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	Same as (f) above
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify to his service?	Same as (g) above

(g) Continuous Service from 12th July, 1921, to 30th June, 1922.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military duties were discharged by applicant under authority during this period?	Same as (m) above
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	Same as (n) above
(iii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer?	Same as (d) above
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	Same as (f) above
(v.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	Same as (f) above
(vi.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify to his service?	Same as (g) above

You may at your discretion write hereunder a statement of any additional information which you consider may be of assistance to the Board in determining the application.

I consider that the applicant is
 as most deserving case for a Military
 Pension as he was one of the first
 of the Old Volunteers who joined the
 National Army when they first came
 to Westport. He served consistently
 as a Soldier and an officer during the
 Irregular Campaign and was the most
 trusted man serving under my brother the
 late Capt Ruddy.

Signature of reference.....

Seamus O'Rodriguez

*Witness to Signature.....

Marlin Thomas Moran

Address of Witness.....

Westport Co Mayo

Qualification.....

R.C. & Medical Practitioner

Date.....

Dec. 2nd 25.

*Witness must be a Commissioned Officer at present serving in the Army; or a Member of the Oireachtas; or an Officer of the Garda Siochana or Dublin Metropolitan Police; or a permanent Civil Servant (active or retired) whose salary is or was not less than £200, on a scale rising to not less than £300; or a Justice of a District Court; or a Clergyman; or a Registered Physician or Surgeon; or a Barrister-at-law; or a Solicitor.

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BORD MEASTOIRI
(Board of Assessors),

PINSIN SHEIRBHISE MILEATA
(Military Service Pensions),

BAILE ATHA CLIATH,

2nd April 1925.

To.....*m/r. John Walsh*.....

A Chara,

In connection with your application for a certificate of military service, I have to direct your attention to the fact that Section 3 (5) of the Military Service Pensions Act prescribes that the onus of proof of service shall rest on the applicant.

Before your case can be considered by the Board, you must give for each period of your service the names and addresses of three persons who can give evidence in support of your claim to service at that time. These three references should be, preferably, officers at present in the Army, or else members of the Oireachtas, or of the Garda Siothchana, or of the Dublin Metropolitan Police, or Peace Commissioners, or Justices of District Courts, or permanent Civil Servants, whose salary is or was not less than £200.

Your application form is incomplete in this respect and you are therefore, requested to give hereunder the names and addresses of.....*three additional*..... qualified references for each of the periods in respect of which you have made a claim. *as indicated below*

Mise,

GEAROID O'SUILLEAVAIN,

Runai.

Active service in (1)
week commencing (2)
23rd April, 1916. (3)

From 1st April, 1916 (1)
to 31st March, 1917 (2)
(3)

3 From 1st April, 1917 (1)
to 31st March, 1918. (2)
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to 31st March, 1919. (2)
(3)

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to 31st March, 1920. (2)
(3)

3 From 1st April, 1920 (1)
to 31st March, 1921. (2)
(3)

3 From 1st April, 1921 (1)
to 11th July, 1921. (2)
(3)

3 From 12th July, 1921 (1)
to 30th June, 1922. (2)
(3)

James Ruddy Peace Commr., Mayo.
Martin Y. Moran Peace Commissioner Mayo
Rev P. Patterson adm Westport
James Ruddy P.C., Mayo
Martin Y. Moran P.C. Mayo
P. Patterson adm Westport
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Martin Y. Moran P.C. Mayo
P. Patterson adm Westport

S.P. 3416

BORD MEASTOIRI
(Board of Assessors),

ACHT NA bPINSEAN SEIRBHISE MILEATA, 1924
(Military Service Pensions Act, 1924).

Applicants for certificates of Military Service under Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, should note that, number of applications being sufficient, sittings of the Board will be held in the undermentioned places.

Attention is directed to the fact that the onus of proof rests on the applicant and that no claim for expenses on the part of any witnesses can be entertained by the Board.

Applicants will enter on this form the centre at which they desire their claims heard, and return form without delay.

GEAROID O'SUILLEAVAIN
Runai.

LIST OF CENTRES.

Athlone	Claremorris	Kilkenny	Port Laoighse
Ballina	Clones	Letterkenny	Roscommon
Ballinasloe	Cork	Limerick	Sligo
Buncrana	Donegal	Longford	Thurles
Bantry	Dublin	Mallow	Tipperary
Caherciveen	Dundalk	Mullingar	Tralee
Carrick-on-Shannon	Dungloe	Naas	Tullamore
Carlow	Ennis	Navan	Waterford
Castlebar +	Enniscorthy	Nenagh	
Cavan	Galway	Oldcastle	

Centre at which applicant desires his claim to be heard.... *Castlebar*

Signed..... *John Walsh*

Address..... *Berry Gorman Westport*

(in full)..... *C.O. Mayo*

..... *Ireland*



Military Service Pensions Act, 1924.

APPLICATION TO THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE FOR A CERTIFICATE OF MILITARY SERVICE.

S.P. 3416

This form must be filled in by every person who seeks a certificate of military service, and must be signed by him, and signature witnessed, on or before the 1st March, 1925. In the event of an applicant being unable to write he should affix his mark, such act being witnessed.

NAME (to be written in.....) *WALSH JOHN*
block capitals). SURNAME. CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS.....*DERRYGORMAN,*
(to be written in block capitals). *WESTPORT*

NOTE.—Before answering the questions below, the applicant is requested to note that *Co Mayo*

- (a) 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.
- (b) “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. 7 (1) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924).
- (c) “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. 7 (2) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924).

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

SERVICE IN OGLAIGH NA h-EIREANN OR IN THE IRISH
VOLUNTEERS OR IN THE IRISH CITIZEN ARMY OR IN
FIANNA EIREANN OR IN THE HIBERNIAN RIFLES.

For each of the under-mentioned periods 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 officers at present serving in the Army who can verify your service.

If you are unable to name officers at present serving you may state the names of Members of the Oireachtas, Officers and Men of the Garda Siochana, or of the Dublin Metropolitan Police, or of Peace Commissioners, or Permanent Civil Servants (Active or Retired) whose salary is or was not less than £200 on a scale rising to not less than £300, or Justices of District Courts.

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 Dáil Eireann or on behalf of the Provisional Government from 21st January, 1919, to 1st July, 1922.

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.

(1). FROM THE 1ST APRIL, 1916, to 31st MARCH, 1917.

(a) Unit or Units.

(b) O/C.

(c) References:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Joseph McBride T.D. Westport

(d) Did you render active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916?

(e) Unit or Units.

(f) O/C.

(g) References:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Joseph McBride T.D. Westport

(h) Particulars of any Military operations or engagements or services rendered during this period:—

Organising the District, bringing
despatches, drilling and field
manoeuvres

(3)

(i) Absence from duty.....

Nil

(2). CONTINUOUS SERVICE FROM 1ST APRIL, 1917, TO 31ST MARCH, 1918.

(a) Unit or Units.....

Westport Volunteers

(b) O/C.....

Comdt. Joseph Ring

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Dr. M. Moran

Westport

Patrick Malley

Bridge St. Westport

John O'Donoghue

Shop St. Westport

(d) Absence from duty.....

Nil

(3) CONTINUOUS SERVICE FROM 1ST APRIL, 1918, TO 31ST MARCH, 1919.

(a) Unit or Units.....

E. Coy., 3rd Bn. West Mayo Brigade

(b) O/C.....

Edward Moran (Capt. E. Co.)

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Edward Moran

Drummonds Westport

James Moran (B.M.)

Ardaygonman

Westport

(d) Absence from duty.....

Nil

(4). CONTINUOUS SERVICE FROM 1ST APRIL, 1919, TO 31ST MARCH, 1920.

(a) Unit or Units.....

E. Coy. 3rd Bn. West Mayo Brigade

(b) O/C.....

Edw Moran (Capt.)

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Edward Moran

Drummonds Westport

James Moran (B.M.)

Ardaygonman

Westport

(d) Absence from duty.....

Nil

(5). CONTINUOUS SERVICE FROM 1ST APRIL, 1920, TO 31ST MARCH, 1921.

(a) Unit or Units.....

E. Coy. 3rd Battr. West Mayo.

(b) O/C.....

Edward Moran (Capt)

Brigade

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Edward Moran (Capt) Drummindoo

Westport

James Moran (Q. M.) Araygomman

Westport

(d) Absence from duty.....

Nil

(6). CONTINUOUS SERVICE FROM 1ST APRIL, 1921, TO 11TH JULY, 1921.

(a) Unit or Units.....

E. Coy. 3rd Battr. West Mayo. Brigade

(b) O/C.....

Comdt King (Deceased)

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Edward Moran (Capt E. Coy) Drummindoo,

Westport

James Moran (Q. M.) Araygomman,

Westport

(d) Absence from duty.....

Nil

(7). CONTINUOUS SERVICE FROM 12TH JULY, 1921, TO 30TH JUNE, 1922.

(a) Unit or Units.....

E. Coy. 3rd Battr. West Mayo. Brigade

(b) O/C.....

Comdt King (deceased)

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Edward Moran (Capt E. Coy) Drummindoo

Westport

James Moran (Q. M.) Araygomman,

Westport

(d) Absence from duty..... *Nil*

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SERVICE IN THE NATIONAL FORCES OR DEFENCE FORCES
OF SAORSTAT EIREANN.

- (8). Army No..... *Nil* (9) Age..... *27 years*
- (10). Date of enlistment..... *25th July 1922*
- (11). Station at which you enlisted..... *Westport*
- (12). Home address at date of joining..... *Derrygorman Westport*
- (13). Unit (Company, Battalion, Brigade, Division)..... *44th Bn. 2nd Western Division*
- (14). Date of resignation or discharge or demobilisation..... *7th Mar. 1924*
- (15). Rank held at resignation, or discharge or demobilisation..... *1st Lieutenant*
- (16). If serving on the 1st day of February, 1924, what was your rank on that date ?
..... *1st Lieutenant*
- (17). Were you a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive or of the Headquarter's Staff of Oglagh na h-Eireann at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921 ?
If so, state the position you occupied, the department or branch and the dates of your service..... *No*
- (18). If you are in receipt of any remuneration, pension, or allowance payable out of public monies, 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*

- (19). Give full particulars of any pension, allowance, grant or gratuity which you hold or at any time have held in respect of service in the National Forces or Defence Forces of Saorstát Éireann or in Oglagh na h-Eireann, or in the Irish Volunteers, or in the Irish Citizen Army, or in Fianna Éireann, or in the Hibernian Rifles.....

I received £100 Gratuity on leaving National Army

NOTE.—You will subsequently have to furnish any further particulars and to submit any evidence which the Minister for Defence, or the Board of Assessors constituted under the Military Service Pensions Act, or any person or persons duly authorised by them may require in connection with this application for a certificate of military service. In this connection attention is directed to the fact that Section 3 (5) 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.

I joined the Irish Volunteers on their formation in 1915 and was a member of the O'Rahillys Bodyguard in Westport on his visit on 19th March 1916. I continued on in the Volunteers during the Anglo-Irish War and on Civil War being declared joined the National Forces and served until I was demobilised on 7th March 1924

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

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

Address of Witness..... Shop St. Westport

Qualification..... Peace Commissioner

Date..... 9th Dec. 1924

* Witness must be a Commissioned Officer at present serving in the Army; or a Member of the Oireachtas; or an Officer of the Garda Síochána, or Dublin Metropolitan Police; or a Peace Commissioner; or a Permanent Civil Servant (Active or Retired) whose salary is or was not less than £200 on a scale rising to not less than £300; or a Justice of a District Court.