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Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

APPLICATION TO THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE FOR A SERVICE CERTIFICATE.

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

NAME (to be written in
block capitals).

BURKE

SURNAME.

WILLIE

CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS.

(to be written in
block capitals).

DRIMLONG
NEWPORT MAYO

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

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

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

was "a Divisional Adjutant" or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PART I.

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

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

and in addition

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

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

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

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

- (a) Did you render active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916. If so, from what date in that week?..... *Yes.*
- (b) Unit or Units..... *Newport Co.*
- (c) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *All Time*
- (d) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....
..... *Newport.*
- (e) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *P. O'Donnell.*
- (f) In what way do you claim that your service was active service.....
..... *Drilling and Organising*
- (g) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the week..... *Collecting money for arms*
- (h) Absence from duty and cause.. *none*
- (i) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>M. Hilroy & D.</i>	<i>Newport Mayo</i>
<i>Owen Heane</i>	<i>Cuilmore Newport Mayo</i>
<i>P. O'Donnell</i>	<i>Newport Mayo</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..... *Newport Co.*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *All Time*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....
..... *Newport.*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *M. Hilroy & D.*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?.....
..... *Drilling and Organising*
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *Drilling and despatch carrying*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause..... *none*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
M. Kilroy Y.D.	Newport Mayo.
Jack Quinn	Newport Mayo.
J. Kilroy	Newport Mayo.

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

(a) Unit or Units... Newport Co. Newport Batt.

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

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

Newport Slenhest Mulranny.

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

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

Drilling and Resisting Conscription

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

the period... Drilling organising and Despatch Carrying

(g) Absence from duty and cause...

None.

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
M. Kilroy Y.D.	Newport Mayo.
E. Meane Y.D.	Westport Mayo.
Michael Morgan	Slenhest Newport Mayo

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

(a) Unit or Units... Newport Batt Newport Co.

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

All Time

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

Newport Slenhest

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

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

Drilling and Collecting money for Arms.

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

..... *Resisting Conscription*

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

..... *none*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>M. Kilroy J. D.</i>	<i>Newport Mayo</i>
<i>Larry Mc Govern</i>	<i>Yernaun Mulranny Mayo</i>
<i>Owen Keane</i>	<i>Culmore Newport Mayo</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units... *Newport Batt Newport Co.*

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

..... *All time*

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

..... *Glenhest Skirdagh Mulranny*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *M. Kilroy J. D.*

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

..... *Police duty Raiding for arms*

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

the period... *Arm raid for Petrol Burning R.I.C*
Barracks Preparing fire arms and making dumps.

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

..... *none*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>M. Kilroy J. D.</i>	<i>Newport Mayo</i>
<i>E. Moane J. D.</i>	<i>Westport Mayo</i>
<i>M. Mangan</i>	<i>Glenhest Newport Mayo</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units... *Newport Batt Newport Co.*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *All time*

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

Culmore Mulranny Westport Road

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance. *M. Kilroy Y.D.*

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

Mulranny R.I.C. Barracks Holding up R.I.C. Transport

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

the period. *Arm. Hold up of R.I.C. Transport*
and Petrol taken Police duty Ambush on
Westport Road.

(g) Absence from duty and cause.

None

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

M. Kilroy Y.D. Newport Mayo

J. McSwire Mill Road Newport Mayo

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

(a) Unit or Units. *Newport Batt Newport Co.*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service. *Arrested on the 19th May 1921*
Released on the 13 December 1921

(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?

Saol

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

the period.

(g) Absence from duty and cause.

Saol

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
M. Kilroy J. D.	Newport Mayo
John M. Suire	Mill Road Newport Mayo
Peter Kilroy	Bleachy and Newport Mayo

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service. *Appointed drill Instructor for Batt in Maam J. R. A Barracks*

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

Maam.

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

J. Doherty

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

Batt drill Instructor

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

Drilling the different Companies

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

Nil

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
P. J. Mc Donald	Lunane Salway.

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

(a) Unit or Units. *4th Western Div. West. May Brig Newport Batt*

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

All time

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

Newport, Slough, Buncagh, Sharnamore, Yernaun, Clifden, Maam, Kilmulfin, Culmore

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

P. J. Mc Donald

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

Fighting and in Jail

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

Ambushing and Fighting

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

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>P. J. McDonald</i>	<i>Leenane Salway</i>
<i>E. Moane 4 D.</i>	<i>Westport Mayo</i>
<i>J. Baker</i>	<i>Westport Mayo</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service. *Arrested in March 1923*

Released in December 1923.

(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?.....

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

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

Saol

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>J. Baker</i>	<i>Westport Mayo</i>
<i>E. Moane 4 D.</i>	<i>Westport Mayo</i>
<i>P. J. McDonald</i>	<i>Leenane Salway</i>

PART II.

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

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

or

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

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(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.....

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

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

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

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

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.....

(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.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

PART III.

GENERAL.

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS.

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

(a) On first critical date.

Company Captain

(b) On second critical date.

Batt drill Instructor

References who can testify as to your statements :—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
M. Kilroy Y. D.	Newport Mayo
E. Moane Y. D.	Westport Mayo
Larry M. Severn	Yurnaus Mulraney Mayo

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

no.

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

no.

X (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.

X If so, with what result.

Yes.
I applied for a gratuity under the
1932 Act, and got a reply back
that it did not come under the act.

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

no.

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

no.

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

no.

X (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.....

NO.

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.

*I joined the I.R.B. in 1913. Joined the Irish
 Volunteers in 1914. Joined the I.R.A. in 1918.
 Was arrested in 1921 and 1923 and sentenced
 to death in both terms. I was standing to
 arms in 1916 with Michael Glynn. Henry D.
 Michael Glynn.*

Signature (or Mark) of Applicant *Willie Burke*

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

M. S. O'Callaghan

Address of Witness

*Tasc Mhuinn, Béal Uí Éilíocháin
 Co. Mayo*

Qualification

Com. Síochána

Date

15th Feb, 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.

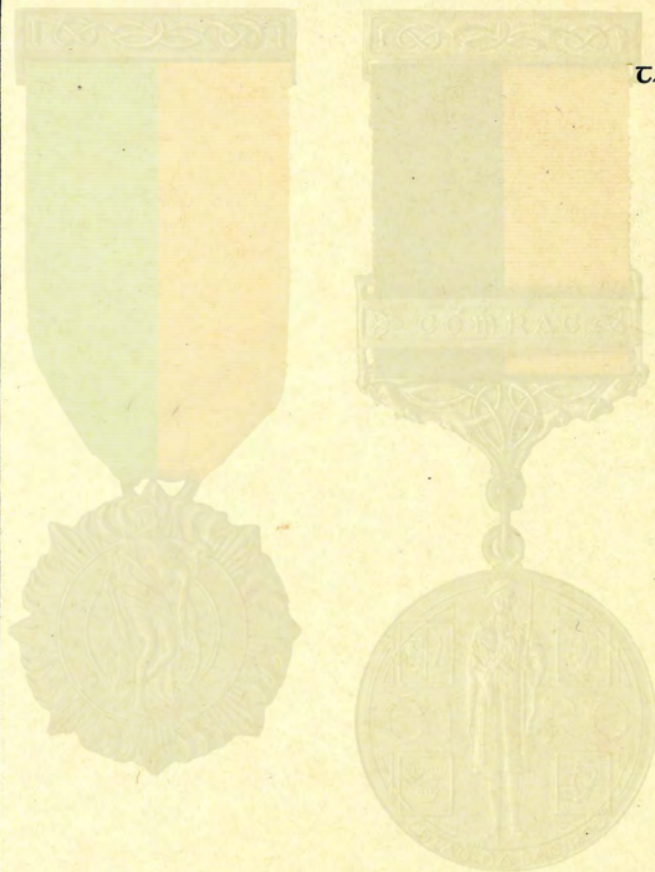
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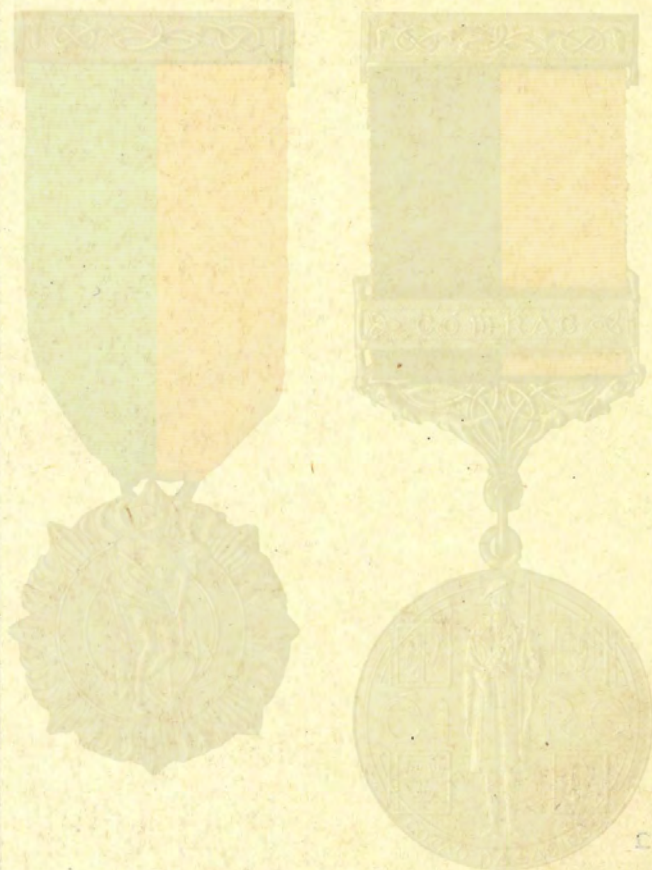


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SWORN STATEMENT MADE BEFORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY WILLIAM BURKE ON THE
22nd MAY, 1935 - NO. 4119.

Up to the 5th Period - drilling and organisation and general training?

A. Yes.

5th Period. Q. Armed raid for petrol. Burning R.I.C. barracks. What was the armed raid for petrol?

A. The petrol was scarce at that time and we had to get it to burn the barracks.

Q. Where did you raid for it?

A. In Devine's Hotel in Newport. We got 11 guns there from a traveller.

6th Period Q. Burning Mulranny barracks. That was evacuated?

A. It was.

Q. Hold up R.I.C. transport?

A. That was a fellow from Achill who was driving the police to Castlebar; with prisoners. We got him when returning and burned the car.

Q. Ambush in Westport Road?

A. On Fodge, on the 16th March. He was an Inspector over the Tans; that was the first ambush we planned in that area; we fired on him and missed him.

Q. How many were on that?

A. 13.

Q. What were you armed with?

A. We had three rifles and one revolver.

Q. How did he get through?

A. We were not sure about the car until he was nearly out of the fire.

Q. Was he in a motor car?

A. He was in a Ford car.

X Q. Arrested on the 19th May, '21. Were you charged?

A. With the shooting of Sgt. Butler. He was shot the day before.

Q. Were you on the run when arrested?

A. I was. I was going for ammunition when I walked into them.

Q. Did you join the column?

A. I did.

Q. Michael Kilroy's?

A. Yes.

Q. When did you join?

A. The column was only just starting at that time.

Q. What time?

A. In 1921. Butler was the first policeman that was shot.

Q. Was that by the column?

A. It was.

Q. Were you sentenced?

A. They sentenced me to death and they put me back twice and then I suppose they could get no proof against me.

Q. How did they identify You in connection with the policeman?
 A. They brought up two policeman; they said I was in sympathy with the I.R.A. but they could not prove that it was me that shot him.

Q. They did not prove You were in the ambush?
 A. No. If they did they would have had me.

Q. Did they sentence You to death?
 A. They told me that I would be shot.

Q. How do You know they would shoot You?
 A. They told me that I would be shot.

Q. If You were tried by a court was any sentence passed on You saying You were sentenced to death?
 A. No.

Q. Were You sent to Ballykinlar?
 A. No. I was about two months in Galway jail and was transferred to Oranmore Internment Camp and the truce came on then. We were transferred to the Rath Camp and I was released at the general release.

Q. Had You any rank when arrested?
 A. I was Coy. Captain from '18.

Q. You had no arms when arrested?
 A. No. I was going for the arms.

Q. What was the strength of Your Company when arrested?
 A. About 78 or 79.

Q. When were You appointed Coy. Capt.?
 A. In 1918.

8th Period.

Q. Appointed Drill Instructor for the Battn. after coming out of jail. Did You spend much of Your time at home until the barracks were taken over?
 A. No. I was about three weeks at home.

Q. Did You go into barracks?
 A. Yes - Maan Barracks.

Q. What experience had You that You were appointed Drill Instructor?
 A. I was trained.

9th Period.

Q. When the Civil War started did You go on the column?
 Yes.

Q. What fights were You in?
 A. I was in the attack on Clifden.

Q. With Michael Kilroy?
 A. I was in Michael Kilroy's column and P. McDonnell's

Q. You were arrested in March '23?
 A. Yes, either on the 7th or 9th March.

Q. When were You released?
 A. In December '23.

3.

Q. What camp were You in?

A. About three or 4 months in Galway jail and was then sent on to Tintown No. 2 camp.

Q. Were You a CoV. Capt. all the time?

A. No. When I went into jail another chap was appointed - Michael Gibbons - he was first lieutenant when I was arrested.

Q. You were Battn. Drill Instructor on the second critical date?

A. Yes.

Sworn before me on.....

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SWORN STATEMENT made before THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE by E. MOANE, T.D.,
on behalf of WILLIAM BURKE (File No.4119). on 17th JULY, 1935.

Q. Do you know Wm. Burke?
A. I do.

Q. Was he on the column?
A. I think he was in prison.

Q. He says he was appointed a Drill Instructor after coming out
of gaol;
A. -

Q. He says he was in the attack on Clifden, was arrested in
March, 1923, and released in December, 1923?
A. That is correct.

Q. Was he company captain while arrested?
A. I could not be certain of that. I think he was.

Q. What company was that?
A. Second Battalion, Newport Company, I think.

Q. Was he company on the first date?
A. He would be company captain the time he was arrested.
Gibbons would probably fall in afterwards.

I understand from the Battalion O.C., and Battalion Adjutant
that they have supplied the lists.

Q. No doubt of his having been company captain when arrested?
A. I expect he would be correct.

Q. Is there any possibility of checking up on that?
A. I will find out and send a note.

SWORN BEFORE ME ON : _____

R E F E R E E.

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Mr Dooley

write applicant
and request him
to submit
company list.

Encl.

27/7/35



Mr. Sweeney.
Rank correct. (copy bank
1st. C. Date: (insurance)
strength of boy - 72
22/11/35

Mr. Sweeney

If rank is correct accd. to our records, notate
file - prepare Report forms.

En. no

26/7/35

Mr Dooley,

Is Company list to hand?

State applicant's rank and strength
of company on 1st critical date.

Encl. 11/11/35
27/7/35.

Mr. Sweeney,

Report may

Applicant was boy. Captain interned
on 1st C. Date according to evidence.
We have no record of this. 27/7/35

Ref. No. 4119 Applicant's Name Bunke, William Address Quimlong, Newport, Co. Mayo. Unit (1) Newport Coy. Newport Batta
(2) Newport Batta. West Mayo Bde
14th W. Div

(a) Period	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active Service allowed	(d) Equivalent for pension purposes.	Remarks
(1) 23/4/1916-30/4/1916	Full Period	/	/	
(2) (a) 1/4/'16-22/4/'16 (b) 30/4/16-31/3/17.	Full Period	/	/	
(3) 1/4/'17 - 31/3/'18	Full Period	/	/	Rank may be right. List sent in
(4) 1/4/'18 - 31/3/'19	Full Period	/	/	moand
(5) 1/4/'19 - 31/3/'20	Full Period	/	/	17/7/35
(6) 1/4/'20 - 31/3/'21	Full Period	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	- Subject to verification by Mr Kilroy re
(7) 1/4/'21 - 11/7/'22	Full Period	Full	17	- activities rank and strength of Coy
(8) 12/7/'21 - 30/6/'22	Full Period	$\frac{5}{6}$	$\frac{5}{6}$ W	-
(9) 1/7/'22 - 31/3/'23	Full Period	Full	27	-
(10) 1/4/'23 - 30/9/'23	Full Period	Full	1 W	-

(a) first critical date; (b) Second critical date.
Rank claimed on Boy Capt.
Rank allowed:- D

Total of column (d) 5 1/6 years

Signed:- A. O'Rourke

John McDoyle

E. J. F. F. F.

L. M. Fitzgerald

Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 34SP/8833

To:

THE REFEREE.

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

Burke, William
Drimlong, Newport Co Mayo
 for a Service Certificate.

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

Date.....

Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee - 4119

To:

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

Report - Enq. and 1. - $\frac{2}{10}$
 $\frac{35}{35}$

Recorded $\frac{2}{10}$ Registered $\frac{35}{35}$

Referee.

Date.....

1. Is the Applicant a person to whom the Act applies? Yes
2. If so, total actual service in the different service periods, as established (1) nil (2) nil (3) nil (4) nil (5) nil (6) $\frac{1}{6}$ of Entire Period (7) Entire Period (8) $\frac{5}{6}$ of Entire Period (9) Entire Period (10) Entire Period
3. Total service for pension purposes as defined by Second Schedule of the Act.....
5 $\frac{1}{6}$ years
4. Grade or rank, quoting relevant paragraph of First Schedule under which allowed: —
- (a) On first critical date Grade D Para 1(4)(b) —
- (b) On second critical date Grade E Para 1(5) —
- (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 —

no

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

no

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

no

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

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

nil

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

(3) State—

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

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

Newport boy

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.....

Newport boy.

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.....

Newport boy, Newport Battr.

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.....

Newport boy, Newport Battr, West Mayo Brigade

11. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1919, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1920.

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

.....*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.....*O'flaigh na h-Ulster*.....

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

Newport Coy. Newport Battr. West Mayo Brigade

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

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

..... *$\frac{1}{6}$ 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—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.....*O'flaigh na h-Ulster*.....

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

Newport Coy. Newport Battr. West Mayo Brigade

13. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1921, AND ENDING ON THE 11TH DAY OF JULY, 1921.

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

.....*Entire Period*.....

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

.....*1 year*.....

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.

Oglaj na h - Uceann

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

*Company Captain**Newport Btry. Newport Batta. West Mayo Brigade**Imprisoned*

14. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 12TH DAY OF JULY, 1921, AND ENDING ON THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 1922.

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

 $\frac{5}{6}$ of Entire Period

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

 $\frac{5}{6}$ of 1 year

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.

Oglaj na h - Uceann

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

Newport Batta. West Mayo Brigade

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

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

Entire Period

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

2 years

3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.

Oglaj na h - Uceann

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

*Newport Batta. West Mayo Brigade**Imprisoned*

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

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

Entire Period

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

1 year ✓

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces..... *Oflag no. 11 - Bremen*

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

Interned. ✓

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