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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). AINSWORTH. THOMAS
SURNAME. CHRISTIAN NAMES.

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

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

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

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

was "a Divisional Adjutant" or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PART I.

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

- (a) who served in the Forces at any time during the week commencing on the 23rd day of April, 1916,
- or
- (b) who served in the Forces continuously during either of the following periods, the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1920, and ending on the 31st day of March, 1921,
- or
- (c) the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1921, and ending on the 11th day of July, 1921,
- and in addition*
- who served in the Forces at any time during the period commencing on the 1st day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923.

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

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

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

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

(b) Unit or Units..... *I was a member of Fianna Eireann Westport Coy.*

(c) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *Served during the week.*

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

(e) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Tom Derrig*

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

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

(h) Absence from duty and cause..... *not absence*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Tom Derrig *Minister for Education*
E. Hoane T. D. *Barrowban Lyst*

(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..... *Westport Coy Fianna Eireann*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *Continuous throughout the period*

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Tom Derrig for Mr. Brice*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... *did dispatch work and was active otherwise*

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

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... *not absence*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Tom Derrig	Junior Education
E. Moore I.D.	Barrowbarn
T. Kettick	Earlsfort Hotel

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

- (a) Unit or Units..... *Westport Boy Volunteers*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *Continuous Service throughout the period*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... *Westport Area*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Joe King*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... *carried dispatches and was active elsewhere*
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *carried dispatches took part in the Anti Corruption campaign*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause..... *not absence*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Tom Kettick	Earlsfort Hotel
J. R. Gibbons	Bloomagh Lodge

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

- (a) Unit or Units..... *Westport Boy*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *Continuous through out the period*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... *Westport Area*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Joe King*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... *carried out all orders and took part in drilling*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *carried out all orders*

(g) Absence from duty and cause... *not absence*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Tom Kettuck</i>	<i>Eddforth Hotel</i>
<i>E. H. Oane T. D.</i>	<i>Barrowburn</i>
<i>J. R. Gibbons</i>	<i>Bloomer Lodge</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units... *Westport Coy Volunteers*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *continuous service throughout*

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *Westport and Districts around*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *J. R. Gibbons*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *carried out all orders*

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

(g) Absence from duty and cause... *not absence*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>J. R. Gibbons</i>	<i>Bloomer Lodge Westport</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units... *Westport Coy and later West Hays Bde C.S.U.*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *Went on the Run 16 Dec. 1920*

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

West Mayo Bde Area

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

Mr. Kilroy T.D. J.P. Malone

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

took part in military activities member of A.S.U.

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

the period.....

Raided Doalt for arms burned hospital
May Barracks and lay in ambush through the
day near Murree

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

not absence

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Mr. Kilroy T.D.

Wurport

E. Malone T.D.

Barrowburn Hospital

Tom Ketterick

Carlisle Hotel

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

West Mayo Bde A.S.U.

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

continuous all through
the period

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

West Mayo Bde Area

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

Mr. Kilroy T.D.

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

I was a member of the A.S.U. during the full period

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

the period.....

6 longish ambush Kilmeena ambush
Shirdagh fight Barrowkenedy ambush
Etc.

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

not absence

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Mr Kilroy I.D.	harpot
E Hoane I.D.	barrowham hport
T Kethrick	Earlsfort Hotel

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

- (a) Unit or Units..... 3rd Batt Westport Area
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... Continuous Service
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... Westport Batt Area
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... W. Malone
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? in Barracks and training camp throughout the period
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period sent to Limerick on duty and took part in all operations
- (g) Absence from duty and cause..... not absent

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Mr Kilroy I.D.	harpot
E Hoane I.D.	barrowham hport
W Malone B-really	barrowham

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

- (a) Unit or Units..... Westport Batt and 4th Warr Div A.S.U.
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... 6 months

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... J. L. Baker O.C. Mr Kilroy I.D.

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? was a member of A.S.U. and took part in fights

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *heirport flight and blipder*

(g) Absence from duty and cause...

not absent except when arrested a few days before cease fire order

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

E. Hoare T. D.

barrowbarn

J. H. Gibbons

bloonash lodge

S. H. Hadden

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

(a) Unit or Units...

prisoners in Athlone and Mountjoy

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

continuous at the prison

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

in prison throughout the period

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance...

B. D. Malley D. B. prisoners

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

prisoners throughout the period

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

a prisoner throughout the period

(g) Absence from duty and cause...

in prison

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

T. Kettner

Earlsfort Hotel

M. Kewey T. D.

heirport

M. Gallagher

heirport

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.....

.....

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

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

.....

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

.....

.....

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

.....

.....

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

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

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

PART III.

GENERAL.

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS.

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

(a) On first critical date.

private

(b) On second critical date.

Batt Staff Captain

References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

E. Moore I.D.

Barrowham Street

H. Kelroy I.D.

Leamington

W. Malone

B. & B. Bar

J. L. Baker

Leamington

- (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.

yes but my claim was disallowed on the ground of not having served in the State Hon. &c.

(4). Did you apply for a wound or disability pension under any of the following Acts ? :—

Army Pensions Act, 1923.

Army Pensions Act, 1927.

Army Pensions Act, 1932.

If so, with what result.

no

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

certificate

I was in receipt of unemployment benefit but am not drawing it presently

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

no

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

no

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

- (a) As a member of the Civil Service.
- (b) As a member of the Garda Síochána.
- (c) As a member of any other Police Force.
- (d) As a member of the Prisons Service.
- (e) As a National School Teacher.
- (f) As a Secondary School Teacher.

no

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

If so, give details.....

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

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

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

Thomas Airlworth
 65 Albert St Westport

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

James Malone

Address of Witness.....

Pair Green Westport
 Co Mayo

Qualification

Captain A. A. O. Mayo

Date.....

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* 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

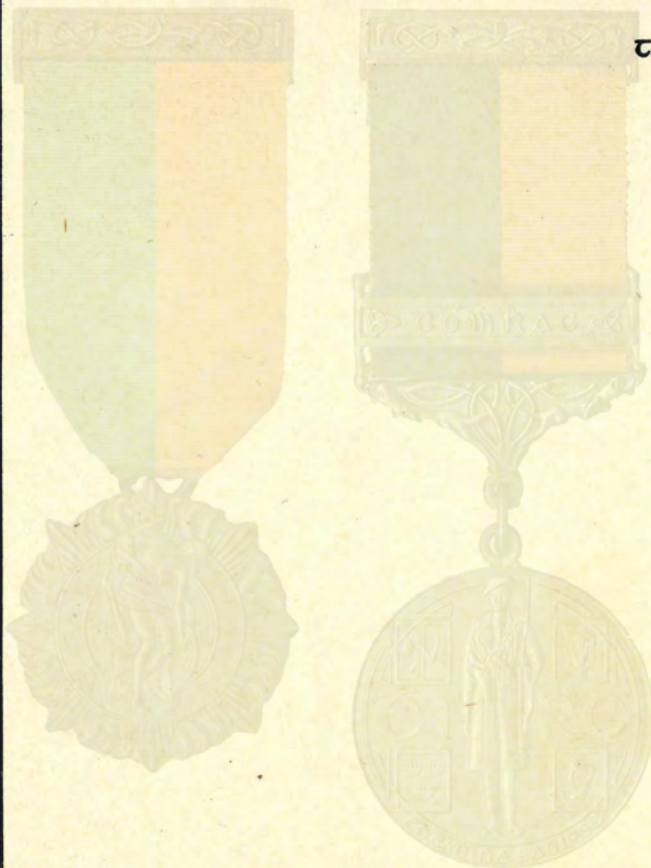
the expression "the second critical date" shall be construed as meaning the earliest date in the period between the first critical date in respect of such person, and the 12th day of July, 1921, on which such person held his highest rank in such last-mentioned period in the Forces.

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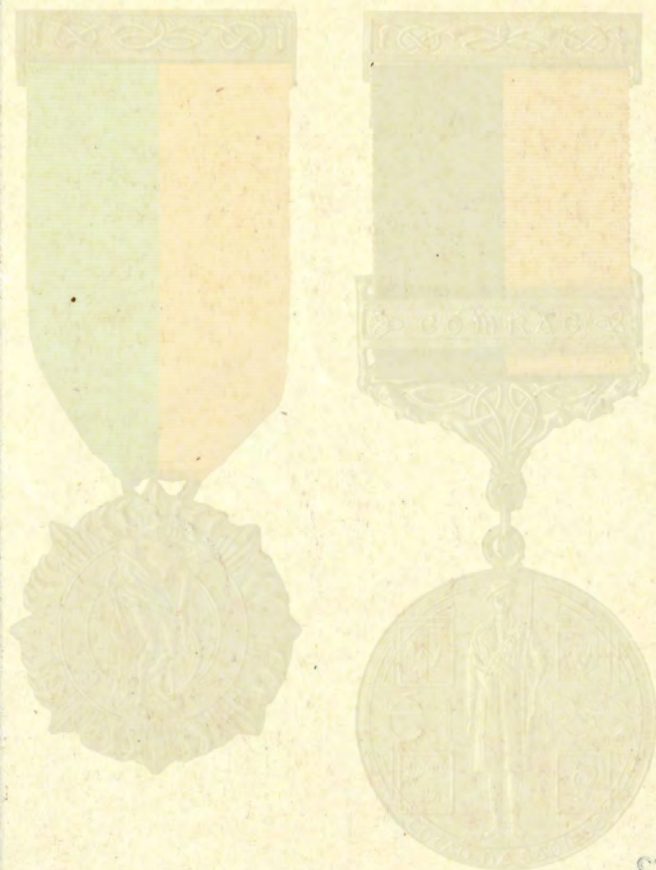


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SWORN STATEMENT OF THOMAS AINSWORTH (No. 1252)

MADE BEFORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

5th APRIL, 1935.

1st Period:

Q. You were in the Volunteers before 1916?
A. Fianna Eireann.

Q. You were not arrested after 1916?
A. No.

3rd and 4th Periods:

Q. You were drilling and carrying out orders, carrying despatches &c.
A. Yes.

5th Period:

Q. You took part in military activities - tell us what these were.
A. Parades and general Company routine.

6th Period:

Q. You raided houses for arms - burned Westport Barracks, was it an evacuated Barracks?
A. Yes.

Q. Did you join the Flying Column?
A. Yes, about the end of 1920.

Q. Were you whole time with the Column?
A. Yes.

7th Period:

Q. What fights had you?
A. Clogher Cross. I attacked a lorry load of police and a Ford Car. We wounded some of them - according to reports we wounded 7.

Q. Were you in Carrowkenedy?
A. Yes. We were fighting there from 6 in the evening until 10 at night.

Q. Had you a rifle from the start of the Column?
A. Yes.

8th Period:

Q. Did you spend any time at home during the Truce?
A. No. We were getting active with the Company areas that time.



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Q.
A.

You were in charge of training as Battalion Staff Captain?
Yes.

Q.
A.

Was that your sole duty as Battalion Staff Captain?
Yes.

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SWORN STATEMENT made before THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE by E. MOANE, T.D., on
17th JULY, 1935, on behalf of THOMAS AINSWORTH. FILE NO. 1252.

Q. Do you know Thomas Ainsworth?

A. Yes.

Q. Had he pre-Truce active service?

A. Yes.

Q. During the Truce, what was he doing?

A. He was put on the battalion staff of the 3rd Battalion, in charge of training.

Q. Was he whole-time during the Truce?

A. He was. We had the Workhouse in Westport occupied in November, 1921.

Q. He says he was appointed First Lieutenant during Truce?

A. Morrison went to America. He was put on the Battalion Staff during the Truce, not appointed First Lieutenant of his company. He was Director of Training for the Battalion.

Q. Was he whole-time?

A. Yes.

Q. After the "Cease Fire" what happened to him?

A. He would be able to go home after the Cease Fire, I think. He was arrested.

Q. A few days before the "Cease Fire"

A. Yes.

Q. In the 10th Period, he was a prisoner?

A. He was arrested a few days before the "Cease Fire" came. I could not be certain how long he was kept in - I think for three or four months. He was not strong. He was inclined to suffer from rheumatism.

Q. Some time in the New Year of 1924, he was released?

A. Yes.

SWORN BEFORE ME ON : _____

REFEREE.

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Mr. Sweeney

Have we any records of 3rd Batt. West Mayo Bde.
4th Western Div. Iles B. 3. with this file
E. 26

18/4/35.

Mr. Dooby for attn ppe.

Encl.

18/4/35.

Mr. Sweeney, No records of West Mayo Bde. recd. Bde. circular
issued to E. Moane T.D. 9/4/35
CR 12/5/35

OIFIG AN REITEÓRA,
(Office of the Referee).

BEAIRICÍ UÍ GRÍOBHTHA,
(Griffith Barracks),

CUAR-BHÓTHAR THEAS,
(South Circular Road),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(Dublin).

Uimhir Thagartha.
(Reference No.).

15th May 1935..

PINSIÚINÍ SEIRBHÍSE MILEATA, 1934.
(Military Service Pensions Act, 1934).

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to the following applications and to state that the Advisory Committee would be glad of an opportunity to discuss these with you :-

2984	Martin Berry	Mace, Ayle, Westport.
3143	Michael Kilcoyne	Murrivaugh, Mulranny.
3139	Peter Joyce	Owenwee, Knappagh P.O. Westport.
1323	Edward Sammon	Peter St., Westport.
2032	Sean Gibbons	12, Seafield Av., Seafield Road, Clontarf.
2993	James Chambers	Maryland, Castlebar.
1860	John Barrett	"Foil Tra", Church St., Howth.

I am to request you to attend at the above address on Saturday next, 18th instant, at 10.30 a.m. in connection with these applications. In case you are unable to attend on this date, perhaps you will be good enough to 'phone me (51028) so that a mutually convenient appointment may be made.

I am also to state that further consideration of the following applications from the West Mayo Brigade have been deferred pending the receipt of the organisation records of the Brigade, i.e., lists of Brigade Staffs, Battalion Staffs and Company Rolls for both critical dates :

1251	Jos. Leo Baker	Lr. Bridge St., Westport.
1250	John Bradley	Murrisk, Westport.
1252	Thos. Ainsworth	Castlebar St. do.
1253	John Duffy	Meneen, Westport.
1224	Mr. Gallagher	21, McBride Tee., do.

The Referee will be glad if you can do anything to expedite the furnishing of the necessary organisation particulars for each Brigade in the 4th Western Division in order that the disposal of applications from this Division will not be unduly delayed.

Mise, le meas,

RÚNAÍ.

M. Kilroy, Esq.. T.D.,
LEINSTER HOUSE.

Ref. No. 1252 Applicant's Name Ainsworth, Thomas Address Castlebar St. Westport, Co Mayo Unit (1) Westport Coy. Lianna Cream
(2) " " 9. V.
(3) West Mayo Brigade A.S.U.
(4) 3rd Batta. Westport
(5) 4th Western Div. A.S.U.

(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) 1/4/16-22/1/17 (b) 30/4/16-31/3/17.	Full Period	/	/	Batt 2nd officers. Not 1st Lieut.
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	Full Period	/	/	
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	Full Period	/	/	
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	Full Period	/	/	(whether 1st Lt) Rank - strength to be verified by Kelver.
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	Full Period	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$ yrs	(and cut date)
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/22	Full Period	Full	1 yr	Refer Moore - and Chambers contracts - Castlebar re strength
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	Full Period	Full	1 yr	of long on 2nd Cont. also rank
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	Full Period	Full	2 yrs	finished
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	Full Period	Full	1 yr	17/7/35 imposed J.K.H.

(a) First critical date; Rank claimed on Private
 Rank allowed:- E
 (b) Second critical date. Battn Staff Capt.

Total of column (d) 5 $\frac{2}{3}$ years

Signed:- Commissioner John Mc Coy. S. J. Kelly L. M. Fitzgerald

Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 3450/1323.Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee - 1252

To:

THE REFEREE.

To:

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

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

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

Ainsworth Thomas.
Castlebar St. Westport.
 for a Service Certificate. 60 Mayo.

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

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 Date. 28. Jan 1935.

.....
 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) $\frac{1}{3}$ of Entire Period (7) Entire Period
 (8) Entire Period (9) Entire Period (10) Entire Period
3. Total service for pension purposes as defined by Second Schedule of the Act.....
 $5 \frac{2}{3}$ years
4. Grade or rank, quoting relevant paragraph of First Schedule under which allowed: —
 (a) On first critical date. Grade E. Para. 1 (6)
 (b) On second critical date. Grade 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

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

no

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

no

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

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

nil

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

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces. *Fiana Ceann*

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

Westport Coy.

8. THE PERIOD COMPRISING :—

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

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

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

nil

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

✓

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.. *Fianna Cereann*.....

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

Westport Coy...... ✓

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*.....

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(3) State—

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

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

Westport Coy...... ✓

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*.....

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(3) State—

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

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

Westport Coy. Westport Batta. W. Mayo Bde...... ✓

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

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

nil

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

- (3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces. *Oglais na h-Éireann*

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

Westport Coy. Westport Battr. W. 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

$\frac{3}{3}$ of Entire Period

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

$\frac{2}{3}$ of 1 year

- (3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces. *Oglais na h-Éireann*

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

*Westport Coy. Westport Battr. W. Mayo Bde.
and West Mayo Brigade A.S.U.*

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. *Oglaig na h-Ireann*

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

West Mayo Brigade A.S.U. ✓

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

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

Entire Period

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

1 year ✓

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces. *Oglaig na h-Ireann*

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

Battn. III 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. *Oglaig na h-Ireann*

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

*Westport Battn. West Mayo Brigade
and 4th Western Division A.S.U.* ✓

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

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

Entire Period

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

1 year ✓

(3) State—

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

Ozlag na h-Deann

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

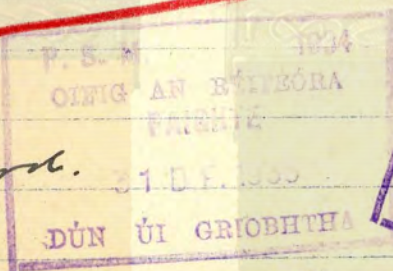
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Waseport Co.
Waseport

18/10/35

The Secy
Pension Board.
Dublin



Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of Service Certificate and Grants Pension in my case under 1934 Military Pension Act

I desire to appeal against decision on the grounds of rank allotted to me rank. E. accordingly I hereby appeal against the findings of the Board with regards to the rank held by me on the grounds that as Batt ~~Staff~~ Director of Training, I held the rank of Batt Staff Capt & furthermore I propose to tender fresh evidence that I was First-Lieut on the Waseport Coy on the 1st critical period

No mention of this letter yet was.

made by me when filling application form
because I understood that the greater rank
held by me on either critical date 1st or 2nd
was the rank that counted for pension
purposes, and in our organisation locally
at any rate, a Batt. Staff Officer was
supposed to be of higher rank than
a Coy. Lieut. However I believe I did
mention the fact when called before
the Board in early last.

I would ask for an early
acknowledgement to this appeal as
I would like the matter settled as
early as possible, as I am in debt
to the doctor who treated me for six
months last winter due to the effects
I suffered from rain. During the period
I served my country.

Thomas Amworth.

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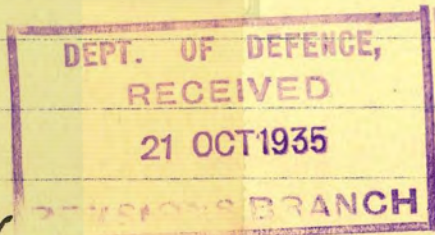
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Director H.
Westport

18/10/35.

The Minister of Defence.
Dublin



Dear Sir

I beg to inform
you that I have this day appealed
against the decision of the Pension
Board under 1934 Military Pension Act.

I was allotted Grade E £26.5.5h
per year. Accordingly appeal against the
finding of the board on the grounds that
as Batt director of training I held the
rank of Batt Staff Capt. and furthermore
I propose to furnish fresh evidence that
I was post Lieut on the Westport Coy
on 1st critical period

No mention of this latter post was
made by me when filling application form

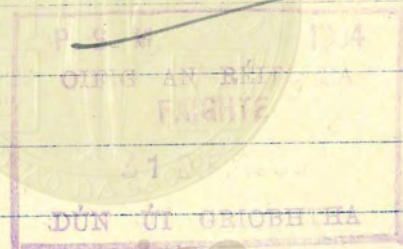
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held by me on either critical date 1st or
2nd was the rank that counted for pension
purposes and in our organization locally
at any rate in Batt. Staff Office was
supposed to be of a higher rank than
a Coy. Lieut. However, I believe I did
mention the fact when I was before the
Board early in April last.

I would point out that I
have retained certificates and all forms
unsigned by me to the Secy of Board
today per registered post.

In forwarding this letter to
you I would ask for any early
acknowledgement & would feel
grateful if you would give the
appeal personal attention, as I am
the only support of an old father
& mother who suffered much during
both periods. also I am in heavy

Debit to a local doctor here who
attended me for six months last winter
due to sickness which I contracted
during the two days & during the
Civil war period

I would refer you to our
local T.D.S. Mr. Mayo & Mr. Moore
for any information you require as
regards my appeal & also bear
out the foregoing statement as
regards my support sickness etc.
Thanking you in anticipation
Yours faithfully,
Thomas Anderson.



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Bartholomew St.
Wiseport
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Mr. F. Aiken
Minister for Defence
Dublin



Dear Sir

Further to my
letter of last week re appeal from Grade E
allotted to me to Grade D. Enclosed
herewith two certificates from Messrs Hogg &
Brown T. D. S. (South Mayo) in support of my
appeal from Grade E to Grade D. Class.

I would feel much obliged if you
would consider the certificates as regards the
appeal and put them in proper course in
my interest as support of appeal.

Yours faithfully,
Thomas Ainsworth.



GAELSCÉAT ÉIREANN

DÁIL ÉIREANN.

TIGH LAIGHEAN
(Leinster House),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
(Dublin).

DÚN 20 CRIOCHTA 33-

This is to certify that Thomas Ainsworth of Bussellian St was 1st Lieut Westport Co 120 strength in July 1921 he was promoted in charge of training of the Westport Batt 3rd. His duties carried with it the rank of 1st Lieut. It was due to his work in the Batt area that the Batt was so efficiently trained. In this certificate of military service he was given grade E. He ~~was~~ should in my opinion come out under grade D. He was on Active Service with the A.S.U. from its formation until the cease fire order 1923 and was specially promoted because of that fact and also his experience and service.

Wm E Moore Esq D.C.
West Mayor

BOARDS OF ÉIREANN

DÁIL ÉIREANN.

TIGH LAIGHEAN
(Leinster House),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
(Dublin).

DÚN ÚI 21. 10. 35

I certify that Thomas Ainsworth
battlebar st., Westport, was among
the first men to join the A.S.U.
in West mayo, early in 1921,
and served continuously until
the cease-fire in 1923.

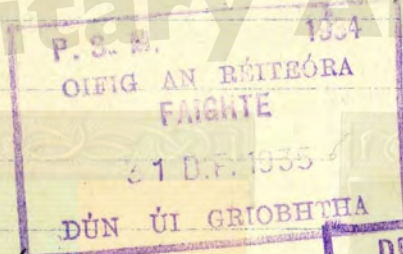
I remember him distinctly
while on active service to
be a most reliable member
of our unit whose word could
be always relied upon & who
was always prepared to give of
his best. I am given to understand
he held the rank of ~~Private~~ 1st Lieut.
and am therefore surprised that you
have not adjudged him deserving of
grade D. rank. Signed - Michael Kilroy
Ex. Dir. 4th Western Div

Appeal to Referee.

Castle St.,

Westport

23. 10. '35



The Secy to
Ministry for Defence
Dublin

Dear Sir

I am in receipt
of yours Ref. no 74/SP/1923 for which I am
obliged

I have already furnished to
the minister at Leinster House Dublin (per
registered post on 22nd inst.) fresh evidence
in support of my appeal to Grade D class
the evidence is in the nature of two certificates
signed by Mr Hilroy late Div of 6 and Mr.
Morse T.D. who was Bgd of 6. I would
ask you to refer to minister for this evidence.

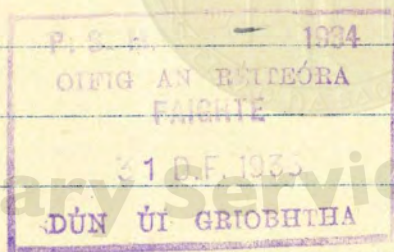
Further I would refer you to list
about to be furnished to the Board (who.

requested list to be furnished of the
Westport bay as regards the Bank I
claim.

Should you require any further
witnesses to evidence ~~of~~ any support in
my claim I'll only be too glad to have
any forms signed which you or the
Board would require or think fit.

I would ask you to have an
early decision made for as already
pointed out in my previous letter
I am very badly in need of the
money to clear my debt to the
Local Doctor at this inst.

Yours faithfully,
James Ainsworth.



GUTHAN 21681
(TELEPHONE)

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(REFERENCE NO.)

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(DEPT. OF DEFENCE),

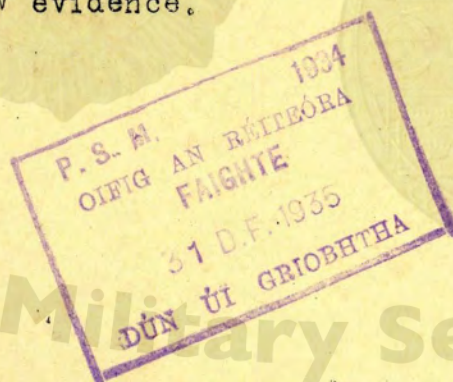
GEATA NA PAIRCE,
(PARKGATE),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(DUBLIN).

30 October, 1935.

Rúnaí,
Oifig an Réitheóra.

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to state that Mr. Thomas C. Deinsworth,
Castlebar St., Westport, Co. Mayo
has appealed against the findings of the Referee in his case. He has submitted the attached evidence, which purports to be additional to that already tendered. The Minister directs that the Referee will be good enough to review his report in the light of this new evidence.



J. J. Morgan

a.s. Rúnaí.

L.K.

Tagairt 36AP/1323.

An Rúnai,
Difig an Renteora.

Please attach documents herewith
to additional evidence already
submitted in support of appeal
of Thomas Sineworth (Ref. No.
M.S.P./34/Referee-1252)



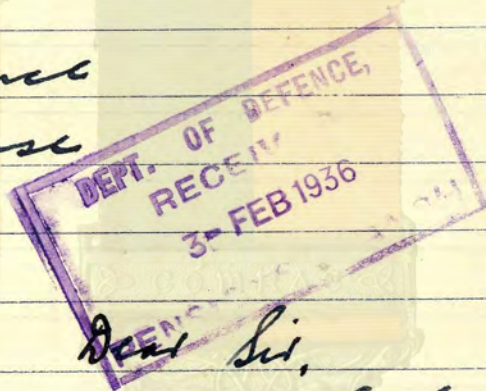
R. M. n. j.
t/c Rúnai

300/1323 ²⁰/₉ Corcoran

Castles St.
Westport

1-2-36.

Minister for Defence
Leinster House
Dublin



Dear Sir,

Enclosed

Please find two certificates in support of the rank which I claim forwarded to the Board sometime ago in the form of an appeal perhaps you could have some attached to my file please.

I would feel much obliged if you would kindly let me know when such appeals are likely to be heard

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours respectfully

Thomas Anscombe

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Bridge Street.
Westport.

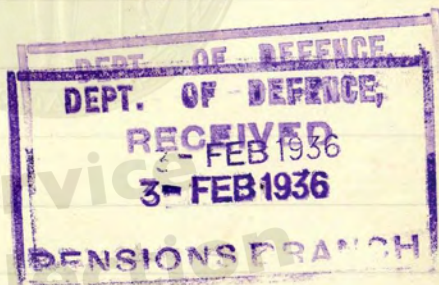
31st. January, 1936.

This is to certify that Thomas Fensworth of Beattiebar
Strut, Westport ^{appointed} was a Lieutenant of the Westport
company prior to the 11th. July 1921 and held
that position on the 1st. critical date.

Signed Joseph L. Baker. Adj.

3rd. Battl. on 11th. July 1921.

31st. January 1936.



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Jan. 21st 1936. +

10/ Secretary
Military Service Pensions Board,
Griffith Barracks,
Dublin.

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This is to certify that Thomas Ainsworth of
Castlebar Street, Westport was Batt. officer in charge of
Training of the 3rd Batt. No. 1 Brigade (West Mayo) I.R.A
on the 2nd Critical date July 1st 1922

W J M

William J. Malone

3rd Batt. Comdnt. 2nd Critical date.

William J. Malone,
Brassfield,
Castlebar.



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to the Hon. St
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to keep
25/5/36

The Sec
Military Pension Board
Griffith Barrack
Dublin

to Clara

I beg to inform you that I am
willing to accept award made by the Referee
to me for a Military Service Pension on the
conditions that same does not prejudice
my appeal.

I will be thankful if you will send
me back my service certificate which I sent
you and amount of money granted to me
up to the present date.

Yours truly

Thomas Ridworth

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MR. MICHAEL KIILROY GIVING EVIDENCE ON BEHALF OF
THOMAS AINSWORTH (1252) BEFORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ON 10th JUNE, 1936.

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- A. He is one of the A.S.U., men. I suppose he was heard early.
- Q. He was heard in April 1935, he got 5 2/3 years?
- A. I could not make a statement.
- Q. We had not the organisation records in when we dealt with his case? (Statement read).
- A. Yes.
- Q. He did not produce any verification of rank for the 1st critical date. It seems strange that he should put down private deliberately. Do you remember him?
- A. I remember him well, but about his rank I cannot make a statement. He was on active service with us. He was a fine fellow but unfortunately he is crippled with rheumatism.
- Q. Did he get a disability pension?
- A. I do not think he even applied for it. It is a recent thing this rheumatism, he is improved a bit lately.
- Q. He is down as first lieutenant alright on the records. He is not given as first or second lieutenant. It says Lieuts. Tom Ainsworth and Dan Gavin, it mentions him first. The total strength returned here is 163. Irrespective of whether he was first or second he gets rank, 163 men in type and four written in?
- A. You can allow him grade so.
- Q. He was appointed in the Truce on his own evidence, there must be some mistake in the records. Owing to his evidence I think you had better get it verified. The only thing we can do is to get you to trash it out between you. Is that Ned Mohan's brigade?
- A. Yes. Joe Baker's battalion.
- Q. It would be as well to get Mohan to clear it up?
- A. Can you meet Mohan this evening? I could get him over, he would be glad to get the thing trashed out.
- Q. He is claiming that he was appointed after the Truce. We could not ignore it?
- A. He made it difficult.
- Q. We will leave it for Mohan?
- A. Yes.

on 10.6.1936, by MR. E. MOANE, T.D. on behalf of:-

on 10.6.1936, by MR. E. MOANE, T.D. on behalf of
THOMAS AINSWORTH. (1252.)

Referee R.15.

Organisation Records supplied by E. Moane, Bde. O/C.
show that applicant was

(a) 1st Lt. Westport A Coy. 2nd Bn 11.7.21
West Mayo Bde.

Strength 175

(b) — 1.7.22.

Strength —

Signed: LD ²³/₆/₂₆

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4 July 1936

Secretary,
Dept. of Defence
(Pensions).

I am directed by the Referee to refer to Mr. Horgan's
minute 34.SP/1323 of 30th October last relative to
the appeal of Thomas Ainsworth.

Castlebar St. Westport. Co. Mayo
against the findings of the Referee in his case, and I am
to state that the Referee has reviewed his report in the
light of the additional evidence. The revised report is
transmitted herewith.

E. A. Burke
RÚNAÍ.

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5 December, 1936.

A Chara,

With reference to your representations on behalf of Thomas Ainsworth, Castlebar St., Westport, Co. Mayo, I am to inform you that the revised report in this case was transmitted to the Department of Defence on 4th July last.

Mise, le meas,

E. J. L.
~~Rúnaí~~

Mr. M. Kilroy, T.D.,
Carrabaun,
Newport,
Westport,
CO. MAYO.

KMD

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Mr Robinson
19/1/37

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Military Service Pension

Act 1934

Dear Sir:

Bathurst St

Wellport

60 Hago

18/1/37

It is ~~now~~ almost 10 months since I appealed against the Pension award made to me under the above Act you will admit that this is a long time to be kept waiting for an official notification as to the result of my appeal. I do not like complaining or putting on the 'poor mouth' but the honest truth is that I could do with my pension badly under the circumstances I would be thankful if you would let me have my Pension Certificate without delay or at least let me know how the matter stands at present.

Yours sincerely

Thomas Lindworth

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Rúnaí,
Roinn Cosanta.

Adverting to your minute of 30th March last regarding appeals under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934, the additional evidence submitted by the Appellants in each of the cases set out on the attached list is additional evidence as defined by the Attorney General.

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RÚNAÍ

10 September 1937.

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Ref. No.
WSP/34/Referee.

Dept. of Defence
Ref. 34/SP.

178	Butler, James	379
295	Rigney, Patrick J.	689
457	Kelly, Patrick	852
619	Donnelly, Charles	906
800	Boland, Michael	959
851	Kavanagh, Liam	1033
901	O'Connor, Joseph	1082
943	Brennan, James	867
1222	Flaherty, James	1350
1252	Ainsworth, Thomas	1323
1313	Kelly, Michael	1404
1814	O'Sullivan, Mortimer	1959
1818	Keyes, Raphael P.	1963
1822	Cotter, Edward	1967
1892	O'Shea, Edward	2044
1895	Barry, Standish	2048
1935	Crowley, James J.	2011

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Ref. No. 1252.

Applicant's Name

Ainsworth Lhos.

Address

Referee R.3

UNIT

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	REMARKS
PERIOD	Service claimed	Active Service allowed	Equivalent for pension purposes.	
(1) 23/4/16 - 30/4/16				Remained on duty. (7)
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17				Grade D. Recommended on 21st of Date. (8)
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18				no other changes. $\frac{10}{6}$ (9)
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19				36 (10)
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20				(11)
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21				(12)
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21				conf. J.R. (13)
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22				rev/6/34 (14)
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23				(15)
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23				(16)

(a) First critical date

(b) Second critical date

Rank claimed on -

Rank allowed -

D.E.

Total of Column (a)

SIGNED :-

Sumner RobinsonJohn McEvoyStahyJohn Jordan

Revised Report on Review

M.S.P./34/2.

Military Service Pensions Act, 1934:

Ref. No. *34 S.P./1323*

Ref. No. *M.S.P./34/Referee - 1252*

To:

THE REFEREE.

To:

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

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

Ainsworth, Thomas
Castellar St, Westport
for a Service Certificate.

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

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

(SIGNED) J. K. O'CONNOR

Referee.

Date *28. 1. 35*

Date *3. 4. 37*

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) 3 1/2

ENTIRE PERIOD

(7) Nil

ENTIRE PERIOD ✓

(8) ENTIRE PERIOD ✓

(9) ENTIRE PERIOD ✓

(10) ENTIRE PERIOD ✓

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

5 1/2 years ✓

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

(a) On first critical date *Grade D. Para. 1(4)(a)* ✓

(b) On second critical date *Grade E. Para. 1(6)* ✓

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

(d) Does applicant's case fall under either of the following sub-paragraphs, and, if so, which, viz., sub-paragraph (j) of paragraph 3 of Rule I. of First Schedule..... *no*

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

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

no

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

no

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

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

nil

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

nil

(3) State—

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

Irish Republican Army

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

Westport

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.....

Westport

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.....

Westport Coy, Mayo Bde

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

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

Nil

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

(3) State—

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

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

A Coy, Battr III, West Mayo Bde

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

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

Nil

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

(3) State—

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

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

A Coy, Battn. III, West Harp Bde.

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

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

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

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

$\frac{2}{3}$ of 1 year

(3) State—

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

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

A Coy, Battn. III, West Harp Bde, —
and A.S.U.

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

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

ENTIRE PERIOD

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

1 year

(3) State—

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

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

1st Lieut.
A Coy, Batten III, West Mayo Bde,
and A.S.U.

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

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

ENTIRE PERIOD

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

1 year

(3) State—

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

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

A Coy, Batten III, West Mayo Bde.

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

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

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.....

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

A Coy, Batten III, West Mayo Bde,
and A.S.U.,
and Internment.

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

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

.....
 ENTIRE PERIOD

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

1 year ✓

(3) State—

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

Oglaigh na h-Eireann,

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

Interred ✓

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Ein-shreagra ar an litir seo, ba chóir é
stiúradh chun

An Rúnaí

f'n uimhir seo:—

(Any reply to this communication should be
addressed to

The Secretary

(and the following number quoted:—)

I.R.A. 2797



ÉIRE

COIMISIÚN TALMHAN NA h-EIREANN
(Irish Land Commission),

SRAID UACHTARACH MHUIRBHTEAN
(Upper Merrion Street),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH 23 OCT 1939
(Dublin).

Confidential.

The Secretary,
Military Service Pensions Board,
Griffith Barracks,
Dublin.

P.S.M. 1934

OIFIG AN BÉITEÓRA
PAIGETE

24 OCT. 1939

DCN OF ST. PETER'S

I am desired by the Land Commission to
enclose a form containing particulars of Pre-Truce

I.R.A. Service claimed by Thomas Henry Ainsworth
Castlebar St., Westport, Co Mayo.

who is an applicant for land and to ask you to be
good enough to state:

- (1) Whether the information in the form is in
accordance with your records.
- (2) Whether the applicant has been awarded a
pension and if so, the amount of such
pension.
- (3) Whether your Board is satisfied that he
gave first class meritorious I.R.A. Service
during the Pre-Truce period.

The Land Commission will be much obliged for an
early reply and the return of the form.

LaRooney

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MMN.

1252

26 October, 1939.

Rúnaidhe,
Coimisiun Talmhan na hÉireann.

I am directed by the Referee to refer to Mr. Rooney's minute of 23rd October last, and enclosure, regarding pre-Truce I.R.A. service claimed by Thomas Henry Ainsworth, Castlebar Street, Westport, Co. Mayo, and I am to state that the replies to your queries as numbered are as follows:-

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Awarded £56.13.4. per annum.
- (3) Yes.

The enclosure is returned herewith, as requested.

RÚNAIDHE.