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Military Service Pensions Act, 1924

REPORT BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

M.S.P. 2.

TO THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

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

(1) Periods of Military Service prescribed in the Act.	(2) Forces in which active service was rendered	(3) Duration of active service during each of the prescribed periods as established to the satisfaction of the Board	(4) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined by Section 4 (2) of the Act
(a) (1) Active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916 ...	...	...	...
(2) Continuous service from 1st April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917 ...	...	...	...
(b) Continuous service from 1st April, 1917, to 31st March, 1918 ...	...	...	...
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(i) " " " 1st April, 1923, to 30th September, 1923 ...	...	Entire Period	1

Rank of the applicant as defined by Sec. 4 (3) of the Act... Non-commissioned Officer

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

Dated this... 23rd ... day of... August, 1926 ...

(Signed)

[Signature]

Member of
the Board
of
Assessors.

M.S.P. 2.

We, the undersigned members of the Board of Assessors constituted under Section 3 of the above-mentioned Act, report as hereunder

on the application of.....James M. Speal.
for a Certificate of Military Service in accordance with the terms of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, and the Regulations made thereunder.

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*Rank of the applicant as defined by Sec. 4 (3) of the Act.....

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

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

(Signed) } Member of
..... } the Board
..... } of
..... } Assessors.

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James McGee, Altamont St. Westport

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M.S.P. 4.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS
(MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS),
DUBLIN.

To
The Officer,
i/c Personnel,
Adjutant-General's Department.

MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1924.

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

The particulars of service furnished are as follows:—

Army No. 19908 Age 28
Date of enlistment 23/7/1922 Station at which he enlisted Westport
Home address at date of joining Fox Glen Westport
Unit (Company, Battalion, Brigade, Division) 44th Inf
Date of resignation, or discharge or demobilisation 11/4/1924
Rank held at resignation, or discharge or demobilisation Sergeant
Rank on the 1st February, 1924, if serving on that date Sergeant

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

GEARÓID Ó SUILLEAVÁIN,
Runáí.

To
The Secretary,
Board of Assessors
(Military Service Pensions),
Dublin.

I hereby certify that James McFieal
has rendered service in the National Forces or Defence Forces of Saorstát Éireann in the
rank and during the periods set out hereunder:

Periods of Service prescribed in the Act.	Duration of Service during each period.	
	Date of commencement and date of ending.	Total number of days.
(1). Continuous service from 1st July, 1922 to 31st March, 1923.	23. 7. 22. 31. 3. 23.	252. ✓ Off at 1st
(2). Continuous service from 1st April, 1923 to 30th September, 1923.	1. 4. 23. 30. 9. 23.	183. d.
*Rank Sergeant	James McFieal Commandant for Officer i/c Personnel.	
Dated 28. 1. 24.		

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

BORD MEASTOIRI

(Board of Assessors),

PINSIN SHEIRBHISE MILEATA

(Military Service Pensions),

BAILE ATHA CLIATH,

1925.

To *Mr. James W. Peal*

A Chara,

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

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

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

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GEAROID O'SUILLEAVAIN,

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to 11th July, 1921. (3)

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to 30th June, 1922. (3)

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

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

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Regd. No. S.P. 12866

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

(MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS),

DUBLIN.

To

Mr Joseph W. Bide, J. & S.

Leinster House

In the application of

James W. Freal

Attendant St. George's

for a certificate of military service in accordance with the above-mentioned Act, your
name appears as a reference who can verify this applicant's service in the periods
"A1 A(2)." set out hereunder.

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

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

GEARÓID O SUILLEAVÁIN,

Runaí.

NOTE.—(a) "If any person with a view to obtaining either for himself or any other person a grant or payment
of a pension under this Act makes, signs, or uses any declaration, application or other written
statement knowing the same to be false, such person shall be guilty of an offence under this
section and shall be liable on summary conviction thereof to a fine not exceeding £25 (twenty-
five pounds) or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or at the discretion
of the Court to both such fine and imprisonment." (Sec. 7 (1) of the Military Service Pensions
Act, 1924).

(b) "If any person so convicted as aforesaid is in receipt of a pension obtained by reason of such false
declaration, application, or other written statement he shall forfeit such pension as from the
date of such conviction." (Sec. 7 (2) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924).

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

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

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

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	I know he joined the Volunteers & did nothing
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	Westport
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	Ordinary member
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	I think he was engaged about a shop
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	In command of Volunteers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Signature of reference

Joseph W. McBride

*Witness to Signature

Cleena MacBride

Address of Witness

Mallow Cottage, Westport

Qualification

Date

28th Jan 1926

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

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Lair. Green
Westport. Mayo
11/5/25



Sir.

With reference to my previous application for M.D.P. I. In which you state that my application was not in in time I humbly wish to point out to you that I applied last november and I also fill up a form with reference to my volunteers service and my service in the national army I never got a reply to same I think that is satisfactory evidence enough for my claim to hold good I expect to get my second form to fill the same as the rest of the ex national soldiers to give me a chance to get the pension as I was discharged medically unfit from the national army

I am your old servant
J M & Green

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Military Service Pensions Act, 1924.

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

SP. 12966

This form must be filled in by every person who seeks a Certificate of Military Service. The Form must be signed by applicant, and his signature witnessed, and it must then be forwarded so as to be received by the Minister for Defence *not later than 31st December, 1925*. In the event of an applicant being unable to write he should affix his mark, such act being witnessed.

NAME (to be written in block capitals). M. C. REAL JAMES
SURNAME. CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS (to be written in block capitals). ALTAMOUNT STREET
WESTPORT

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

- (a) All statements made in this application will be carefully investigated and satisfactory evidence must be forthcoming on request to substantiate each and every statement made.
- (b) “If any person with a view to obtaining either for himself or any other person a grant or payment of a pension under this Act makes, signs, or uses any declaration, application or other written statement knowing the same to be false, such person shall be guilty of an offence under this section and shall be liable on summary conviction thereof to a fine not exceeding £25 (twenty-five pounds) or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or at the discretion of the Court to both such fine and imprisonment.” (Sec. 7 (1) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924).
- (c) “If any person so convicted as aforesaid is in receipt of a pension obtained by reason of such false declaration, application, or other written statement he shall forfeit such pension as from the date of such conviction.” (Sec. 7 (2) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924).

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

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

For each of the under-mentioned periods in which you claim to have rendered active service, state the name of the unit or units, name and address of the O/C., the names and addresses of three officers at present serving in the Army who can verify your service.

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

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

- (a) Absence from duty following arrest, imprisonment, internment, or deportation under the Defence of the Realm Act, 1914, the Restoration of Order in Ireland Act, 1920, or any regulations made thereunder;
- (b) Absence from duty following arrest, imprisonment, or penal servitude in respect of sedition, treason or treason felony prior to 11th July, 1921;
- (c) Absence from duty by reason of duties necessitating such absence undertaken at the instance of or on behalf of the Cabinet of Dail Eireann or on behalf of the Provisional Government from 21st January, 1919, to 1st July, 1922.

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

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

- (a) Unit or Units. *Westport Volunteers*
- (b) O/C. *Comdt Joseph Ring*
- (c) References:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

✓ *Sgt Michael Heraty C. G. Dangan Offaly*
✓ *Dr M. Moran Castlebar St Westport*
X *James Ruddy Shop St Westport*

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

Yes

- (e) Unit or Units. *Westport Volunteers*
- (f) O/C. *Comdt Joseph Ring*
- (g) References:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

✓ *Sgt Michael Heraty C. G. Dangan Offaly*
✓ *Dr M. Moran Castlebar St Westport*
X *James Ruddy Shop St Westport*

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

organising the district dispatch carrier
drilling & field manoeuvring.

(3)

(i) Absence from duty.....

Nil

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

Westport Volunteers

(b) O/C.....

Comdt Joseph Ding

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

✓ Sgt Michael Michael Hensley G. dengan Offg.

✓ Dr M. Moran & Co. St. Westport

(d) Absence from duty.....

Nil

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

Westport Volunteers & Coy

(b) O/C.....

Comdt Joseph Ding

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

✓ Cwd Moran

Drummonds Westport

✓ John Walsh Derrygonan do

(d) Absence from duty.....

Nil

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

C. Coy. 3rd Bn. West. Inf. Regt.

(b) O/C.....

Capt Cwd Moran

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

✓ Cwd Moran

Drummonds Westport

✓ John Walsh Capt Derrygonan do

(4)

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

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

(a) Unit or Units... *E Coy 3rd Battalion Westport Mayo Brigade*

(b) O/C... *Cmdr Moran Capt E Coy Drumminder Westport*

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

E Moran Capt E Coy Drumminder Westport

John Walsh Lt E Coy Derrygonnan Westport

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

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

(a) Unit or Units... *E Coy 3rd Battalion West Mayo Brigade*

(b) O/C... *Cmdr Joseph Ring (Deceased)*

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Edward Moran Capt E Coy Drumminder Westport

John Walsh Lt Derrygonnan Westport

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

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

(a) Unit or Units... *E Company 3rd Battalion West Mayo Brigade*

(b) O/C... *Cmdr Joseph Ring (Deceased)*

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Edward Moran Capt E Coy Drumminder Westport

John Walsh Lt E Coy Derrygonnan

(d) Absence from duty *nil*

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SERVICE IN THE NATIONAL FORCES OR DEFENCE FORCES
OF SAORSTÁT ÉIREANN.

- (8). Army No. *19908* (9) Age *28*
- (10). Date of enlistment *29 day of July 1922*
- (11). Station at which you enlisted *Westport*
- (12). Home address at date of joining *Fair Green Westport*
- (13). Unit (Company, Battalion, Brigade, Division) *4th Battalion*
- (14). Date of resignation or discharge or demobilisation *11 of April 1924*
- (15). Rank held at resignation, or discharge or demobilisation *Private*
- (16). If serving on the 1st day of February, 1924, what was your rank on that date?
Private *Discharged in consequence of being medically unfit*
- (17). Were you a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive or of the Headquarter's Staff of Oglagh na h-Eireann at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921? If so, state the position you occupied, the department or branch and the dates of your service.
- (18). If you are in receipt of any remuneration, pension, or allowance payable out of public monies, whether provided by the Oireachtas or out of the Central Fund, or by means of the poor rate or any other rate imposed by a local authority, state details. *no*

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

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

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

Joined the Volunteers at their Inception in Westport in 1915 was an active member all through the troubles of the Anglo Irish War and the only motor driver in the Westport district that was trusted with dispatches during the Anglo Irish War. In the late trouble I went from Westport to Roscommon on two occasions when the Irregulars were in charge of all Mayo and with the Late Capt. Ruddy on once with dispatches and during the Anglo Irish War I brought Ammunition & Cavalries from Mallow Cross Station to a few miles of Westport.

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

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

Address of Witness.....

Qualification.....

Date.....

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

An applicant resident outside the area of jurisdiction of Saorstát Éireann may have his signature on this form witnessed by a Clergyman, Doctor, Solicitor or Barrister.

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Military Service Pensions Act, 1924.

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

*Duplicate Form of
S.P. 12966.*

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NAME (to be written in block capitals). *Mc GREAL JAMES*
SURNAME. CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS. *Fair Green Westport Co Mayo*
(to be written in block capitals).

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- (c) “If any person so convicted as aforesaid is in receipt of a pension obtained by reason of such false declaration, application, or other written statement he shall forfeit such pension as from the date of such conviction.” (Sec. 7 (2) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924).

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

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

For each of the under-mentioned periods in which you claim to have rendered active service, state the name of the unit or units, name and address of the O/C., the names and addresses of three officers at present serving in the Army who can verify your service.

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

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

- (a) Absence from duty following arrest, imprisonment, internment, or deportation under the Defence of the Realm Act, 1914, the Restoration of Order in Ireland Act, 1920, or any regulations made thereunder;
- (b) Absence from duty following arrest, imprisonment, or penal servitude in respect of sedition, treason or treason felony prior to 11th July, 1921;
- (c) Absence from duty by reason of duties necessitating such absence undertaken at the instance of or on behalf of the Cabinet of Dáil Eireann or on behalf of the Provisional Government from 21st January, 1919, to 1st July, 1922.

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

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

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

(b) O/C..... *Command Joseph Ring Received*

(c) References:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Mr Joseph M. C. Brien *I.D. Malton Cottage Westport*

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

(e) Unit or Units..... *Westport Volunteers*

(f) O/C..... *Command Joseph Ring Received*

(g) References:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Joseph M. C. Brien *I.D. Malton Cottage Westport*

John B. Attridge *Peppers Railway Westport*

Michael Heraty *Civil Guards Sainjean Offaly*

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

Organising the district carrying despatches

drilling and field maneuvers

(i) Absence from duty... *dit*

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

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

(b) O/C... *Command Joseph Ring, deceased*

(c) References:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

✓ Dr. Moran Castlebar Street Westport
✗ Patrick Jeffers Railway Hotel Westport
✓ Michael Hurley, Mount Street Westport

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

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

(a) Unit or Units... *E. Coy. 3rd Batt West Mayo Brigade*

(b) O/C... *Edward Moran Capt. John Walsh Lieut*

(c) References:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

✓ Edward Moran Capt. Drumindoo Westport Mayo
✓ John Walsh Lieut. Henry Gorman Westport Mayo
✓ James Moran (J.M.) Henry Gorman Westport Mayo

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

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

(a) Unit or Units... *E. Coy. 3rd Batt West Mayo Brigade*

(b) O/C... *Edward Moran Capt. John Walsh Lieut*

(c) References:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

✓ Edward Moran Drumindoo Westport Mayo
✓ John Walsh Henry Gorman Westport Mayo
✓ James Moran (J.M.) Henry Gorman Westport Mayo

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

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *E. Coy. 3rd Batt. West Mayo Brigade*

(b) O/C..... *Edward Moran Capt*

(c) References:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

✓ Edward Moran Capt Brummindoo Westport Mayo
✓ Jack Walsh Lieut Bony gorman Westport Mayo
✓ James Moran Bony gorman Westport Mayo

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

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *E. Coy. 3rd Batt. West Mayo Brigade*

(b) O/C..... *Condo Joseph Brig General*

(c) References:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

✓ Edward Moran Capt Brummindoo Westport Mayo
✓ Jack Walsh Lieut Bony gorman Westport Mayo
✓ James Moran (g. m.) Bony gorman Westport Mayo

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

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *E. Coy. 3rd Batt. West Mayo Brigade*

(b) O/C..... *C. Moran Capt*

(c) References:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

✓ Jack Walsh Lieut E. Coy
✓ Edward Moran Capt E. Coy

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

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

- (8). Army No. *19908*..... (9) Age *29 years*.....
- (10). Date of enlistment..... *25 July 1922*.....
- (11). Station at which you enlisted..... *Westport*.....
- (12). Home address at date of joining..... *Grain Green Westport*.....
- (13). Unit (Company, Battalion, Brigade, Division)..... *44 Bn 2 Western Division*.....
- (14). Date of resignation or discharge or demobilisation..... *on the 11th April 1924*.....
- (15). Rank held at resignation, or discharge or demobilisation..... *1st Lt*.....
- (16). If serving on the 1st day of February, 1924, what was your rank on that date ?
Yes Sergeant.....
- (17). Were you a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive or of the Headquarter's Staff of Oglagh na h-Eireann at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921 ?
If so, state the position you occupied, the department or branch and the dates of your service..... *No*.....
- (18). If you are in receipt of any remuneration, pension, or allowance payable out of public monies, whether provided by the Oireachtas or out of the Central Fund, or by means of the poor rate or any other rate imposed by a local authority, state details..... *No*.....

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

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

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

I joined the volunteers in Jan 1916.....
and was an active member through out.....
the whole of the war. I was carrying.....
despatches for the column during.....
part of 1920 and 1921. I also did scouting.....
and guard at night for the column.....
I also went to Roscommon from Westport.....
with the Late Capt. Ruddy during the.....
later portion of the Irregular War in the west.....

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

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

Address of Witness.....

Qualification.....

Date.....

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