
Military Service (1916-1923) Pensions Project

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MILITARY SERVICE PENS. GUARANTY.

DEPARTMENT

Name or Subject

Thomas Lynch

Ballyvary

Loxford, Co. Mayo

Date _____

6. 11. 1924

Particulars

OF MS. P. 2.

DATED 22/4/35 PASSED TO DEPT OF DEFENCE 27/4/35

Lat. Captain TOTAL SERVICE FOR PENSION $6\frac{109}{137}$ years

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M.S.P. 1.

Military Service Pensions Act, 1924.

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

S.P. 158

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

NAME (to be written in.....) Lynch..... Thomas.....
block capitals). SURNAME. CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS... Ballyvary Foxford Co. Mayo.....
(to be written in
block capitals).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) O/C.

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

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(e) Unit or Units.....

(f) O/C.

(g) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

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(i) Absence from duty.....

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Castlebar Batt.*
 (b) O/C..... *Comdt. McHugh*
 (c) References :—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
☒ <i>Mr. M. Kelly T. D.</i>	
☒ <i>Comdt. McHugh Personby Bks. Curragh</i>	
☒ <i>Guard James Kelly Lalee Bks. Co. Kerry</i>	

(d) Absence from duty.....

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

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 (b) O/C..... *Comdt. McHugh*
 (c) References :—

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☒ <i>Comdt. McHugh Personby Bks. Curragh</i>	
☒ <i>Guard James Kelly Lalee Bks. Co. Kerry</i>	

(d) Absence from duty.....

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *Castlebar Batt.*
 (b) O/C..... *Comdt. McHugh*
 (c) References :—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
☒ <i>Mr. M. Kelly T. D.</i>	
☒ <i>Comdt. McHugh Personby Bks. Curragh</i>	
☒ <i>Guard James Kelly Lalee Bks.</i>	

(d) Absence from duty.....

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

(a) Unit or Units... *West Mayo Column*
 (b) O/C... *Michael Kilroy "Irregular"*
 (c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

✓ *Mr. M. Kelly T.D.*
✓ *Comdt. McHugh Pousanky Bks. Lurgagh*
✓ *Guard James Kelly Grace Bks.*
 (d) Absence from duty.....

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

(a) Unit or Units... *West Mayo Column*
 (b) O/C. *Michael Kilroy "Irregular"*
 (c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

✓ *Mr. M. Kelly T.D.*
✓ *Comdt. McHugh Pousanky Bks. Lurgagh*
✓ *Guard James Kelly Grace Bks.*
 (d) Absence from duty.....

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

(a) Unit or Units... *West Mayo Training Camp & Co. Bar Bks*
 (b) O/C. *Michael Kilroy* untill the split
 (c) References :— *in March & afterwards Comdt McHugh*

NAME.

ADDRESS.

✓ *Mr. M. Kelly T.D.*
✓ *Comdt. McHugh Pousanky Bks. Lurgagh*
✓ *Guard James Kelly Grace Bks.*

(d) Absence from duty.....

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

- (8). Army No..... (9) Age... *29 Years*.....
- (10). Date of enlistment... *27th April 1922 at convention held in Galway*
by the Chief of Staff
- (11). Station at which you enlisted... *Castlebar*.....
- (12). Home address at date of joining... *Ballyvaughy*
Lorford Co. Mayo.....
- (13). Unit (Company, Battalion, Brigade, Division)... *Castlebar Batt*
West Mayo Brigade.....
- (14). Date of resignation or discharge or demobilisation... *7th March 1924*
- (15). Rank held at resignation, or discharge or demobilisation... *Capt.*.....
- (16). If serving on the 1st day of February, 1924, what was your rank on that date ?
Capt......
- (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.....

- (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.....

Received £ 80 (Eighty Pounds) on discharge from National Army for service rendered in Irish Vols.

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.

With R. to Service from the 12th of July 1921 to the 30th of June 1922 after the Truce in July I went to the West Mayo Training Camp & later to Castlebar Bks. After the Split I went to the Galway convention held by the Chief of Staff to reorganise the 4th Western Division at that convention all Officers were asked to recruit for the Army & Civil Guards. In accordance with that I recruited for the Guards & Army for which I was arrested by the Irregulars in Castlebar & was detained until the 26th of July.

Signature (or Mark) of Applicant. *Thos. Stanton*

*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.



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S.P. 158



The Ministry of Defense

Q. Chavo,

Some time ago I filled
a form in connection with
the application of Thomas
Mynch. Ex Capt. Ballyvann
Fourford, to name for a
Military service pension, in
forwarding same I did not
read it carefully, so much as
I got a Gandhi in the Station
to witness my signature which
I am informed is wrong and
may cause applicant a
considerable amount of over

inconveniences.

I will be very
thankful if you be so kind
as to return same. so that
I may have it signed by my
Supr. and so that it will
cause him no further delay.

Sorry for troubling
you in this manner, but as
it is my mistake, and one
which I will have rectified
immediately I receive same.

Thanking you in anticipation
for an early reply.

Miss L. Mas.

James Kelly, Gardn.

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FOGRA.

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

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

, of an Applicant

No. S.P. 158

PENSIONS BOARD,
DUBLIN.

9/12/24.

To *Garaa James Kelly*
Civic Grd Bks. Treace

In the application of *Thomas Lynch (captain)*
Ballyvary Foxford Co Mayo

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

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

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

Gerard O'Sullivan

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

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

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

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

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

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

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	Joined the volunteers in latter part of 1916. helped to organize the local company also organized the surrounding districts
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	F. company 1st Batt. West Mayo Brigade 4th Western Division
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	Lieut
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	Farmer. Almost wholly as his activities were known to the police and he could not continue his usual employment also a active organizer
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	Personal. Member of F. company volunteers

(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?	Very active volunteer
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	F. company. 1st Batt. West Mayo Brigade 4th Western Division
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	Captain
(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?	Almost wholly
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	Member of the local Volunteers F. company

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

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	<i>Very Active member</i>
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	<i>F Company 1st Battalion West Mayo Brigade 4th Western Division</i>
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	<i>Captain</i>
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	<i>Farmer Almost wholly work of organising kept him wholly engaged also was a much warier man.</i>
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	<i>personal knowledge member of local Volunteers</i>

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

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military services did applicant render? Insert particulars of attacks on enemy forces or positions; destruction of enemy property; manufacture, purchase or disposal of munitions; collection of information to enable these acts to be done; or organising or training to the same ends.	<i>Joined West Mayo column in 1920. Ballyvaughan R.I.B. Barracks on the 18th August 1920. captured all ammunition & guns. Barracks evacuated next day and was destroyed on same night.</i>
(ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period and to what Unit or Units was he attached?	<i>Member of West Mayo flying column.</i>
(iii.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	<i>Farmer. Wholly.</i>
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	<i>Captain</i>
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	<i>Member of the local volunteers. Local Officer of S. R. P.</i>

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

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(ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period, and to what Unit or Units was he attached?	<i>West Mayo column</i>
(iii.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	<i>Farmer: could not follow his ordinary occupation</i>
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	<i>Captain</i>
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify to his service?	<i>Personal Local Officer of I.R.P.</i>

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

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military duties were discharged by applicant under authority during this period?	<i>In Ballycroy Training Camp from June till November, from that till the split in February in Castlebar barracks.</i>
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	<i>I company. 1st Batt. West Mayo Brigade. 4th Western Division</i>
(iii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer?	<i>Wholly.</i>
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	<i>Captain</i>
(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?	<i>His duties kept him wholly occupied. and was away from home all this period</i>
(vi.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify to his service?	<i>Personal Local Police Officer</i>

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.

Attended the Galway convention in April 1922, which was held by the Chief of Staff for the purpose of reorganising the 4th Western Division, also recruited for the Army and Guard for which he was recruited by the Irregulars in June 1922 and detained by them till he was released by the National troops on their arrival in Mayo joined the National Army in August 1922 and was demobilised on the 7th March 1924.
Held the rank of Captain

Signature of reference.....

James Kelly. Gardai

*Witness to Signature.....

Thomas Hyland J.P.

Address of Witness.....

Civic Square Bho Jralie

Qualification

Nil

Date.....10.12.24.....

* 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.

N. B. My reference is disqualified as my income does not exceed £200 per annum

SP158

BT. 29/12/24

9/12/24

The Board of Assessors,
Military Pensions Board,
Dublin.



I wish to draw your attention to the claims
of two ex-National Army officers from this
locality.

To my own knowledge
they were active members of the I. R. A since
1917, and they were fine brave young fellows
when there were very few of their sort in
East Mayo. They are now out of
employment, have no homes of their own,
but are living with relations. They certainly
deserve consideration from the Government,
and I respectfully recommend them to you.

Their names are Captain Thos. Lynch
(of Ballyvarry, Co. Mayo.) and Lieut. John Corley,
Keelogue, Ballyvarry.

Katherine C. Sheridan.

1 copy please

Lynch

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MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1924.

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Form

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moill do bheith ar an bhfreagra a tabharfar
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PENSIONS BOARD,

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To.....*Conar Mc Hugh*..........*Ponsonby Bkts*.....In the application of.....*Thomas Lynch (Captain)*..........*Ballyvary, Foxford Co Mayo*.....

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

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

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

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

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	<i>He assisted in organizing a Company of volunteers in Parish of Keelogue</i>
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	<i>Keelogue Company Barribarr Battalion</i>
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	<i>Captain</i>
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	<i>He worked at home with his father who is a small Farmer This was a time when the Volunteers did a lot of work for the Political side He devoted a good deal of time to both during this time of Volunteers</i>
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	<i>I was Second in Command of Mayo Brigade at the time</i>

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

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	<i>He was a Company Captain and carried out his duties as such</i>
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	<i>Keelogue Company</i>
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	<i>Captain</i>
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	<i>Worked at Home with his father</i>
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	<i>I was Second Command Mayo Brigade</i>

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

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	<i>He was doing duties of Company Captain</i>
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	<i>Keelogue's Company</i>
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	<i>Captain</i>
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	<i>He worked on the land with his father who is a small Farmer He devoted a lot of his time to volunteer work</i>
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	<i>Second Command Mayo Brig</i>

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

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military services did applicant render? Insert particulars of attacks on enemy forces or positions; destruction of enemy property; manufacture, purchase or disposal of munitions; collection of information to enable these acts to be done; or organising or training to the same ends.	<i>Organizer & trainer his Company assistant on an attack on Ballyvaughan Police Bhs. helped to plan same collected funds for arms</i>
(ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period and to what Unit or Units was he attached?	<i>Keelogue's Company</i>
(iii.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	<i>Captain</i>
(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?	I was in Bureau from 22 Nov 1920 until Dec 1921 and cannot answer for that period. I was very closely connected with the volunteer before my arrest and after my arrest release I was informed and believe it to be true that Captain Lynch was on active service from April 21 to July 21 and was a very good officer.
(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 to his service?	I was Vice Brigadier West Mayo Brigade

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

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military duties were discharged by applicant under authority during this period?	He was in a Training Camp and looked after all the work that had to be done in his district during this period.
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	Kelloggs Company
(iii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer?	In all this period I should say he devoted half his time to volunteer work.
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	Captain
(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?	Worked at Home with his father.
(vi.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify to his service?	I was Vice Brigadier West Mayo Brigade

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.

From 1917 I know this man was a very good
 Officer and carried out his duties well I believe
 he was on Active Service from April 1921 to July 1921
 He did a lot of work organizing for National Army &
 Civil Guards in 1922

Signature of reference..... *M. McHugh Comdt.*

*Witness to Signature..... *Joseph Plunkett Lieut.*

Address of Witness..... *Convent Barracks Curragh Camp*

Qualification *Officer in National Army*

Date..... *23-12-24*

* 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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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.



Regd. No. S.P. 158.

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MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS BOARD,

DUBLIN.

8/12/24.

To..... *M. Nally. Esq. T.D.*

In the application of..... *Thomas Lynch (Captain)*
..... *Ballyvary, Foxford, Co Mayo.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	When the Volunteers were organized he was made Capt. of Keelogue's Coy
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	1st Battalion. Castlebar West Mayo Brigade
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	Captain
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	As a small farmer soon he worked on the land for his father. Had to attend Batt. meetings, Organize and drill his Coy. which took up the greater part of his time.
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	As Vice President of the South Mayo Sinn Féin Executive. I met him frequently during that period.

(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?	Helped to organize two Coys in Castlebar Battn, 1st Coimhirs & Castlebar.
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	1st Battn Castlebar West Mayo Brigade
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	Captain
(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?	Worked on his father's land. attended Battn meetings. Drilled his Coy. organized several Coys, which took up nearly all his time.
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	I was Vice President of the South Mayo Executive Sinn Féin & frequently met Capt Lynch doing duty at that period.

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(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?	He was at this period Organizer & Drill Instructor,
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	1st Bn. Castlebar West Mayo Brigade
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	Captain.
(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?	Farm labourer on his father's land. At this period, all his time was taken up as Drill Instructor
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	Saw him Met him frequently at Castlebar & saw him doing duty.

(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.}	Collected information and helped to plan attack on Ballyvary R.D.C. Barracks. & took part in same attack on 27th August & captured it. He was in charge of party which burned same barracks on Aug 29. He also collected at the Armistice in that area.
(ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period and to what Unit or Units was he attached?	West Mayo Column. His house raided many times. Could not come home.
(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?	Had no occupation. joined West Mayo Column
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	Captain
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	Met him frequently at meetings & was always aware of his rank & service in

(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?	Carrow Kennedy Ambush Served under (Gen) M. Kibbey, Irregular. Then in charge of West Mayo Column. Blocked roads from East Mayo. & Cut wires. & dug trenches. to allow retreat.
(ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period, and to what Unit or Units was he attached?	As he was in the West Mayo Column he was a whole-time Officer.
(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?	Being an only Son & absent from his fathers farm of 8 acres the crops & land was neglected.
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	Captain.
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify to his service?	Regarded him as an officer to be trusted only. At this period I was District Justice.

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

South Mayo Republican
Courts.

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military duties were discharged by applicant under authority during this period?	He was in West Mayo Training Camp. Afterwards took over a house in Keelogue for his Coy. in which he had to camp two nights a week. Attended Convention in Galway held by Gen O'Duffy & recruited for the Army & Civil Guard
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	Castlebar Batt.
(iii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer?	He was in Training Camps and took over the Barracks in his area & Recruited for Army & Civil Guard
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	Captain
(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?	Farm Labourer. As his work was neglected by his absence the loss sustained on his fathers farm was considerable.
(vi.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify to his service?	Met him frequently on active duty.

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.

Signature of reference..... *Martin M. Nally*

*Witness to Signature..... *Edward Fitzgerald*

Address of Witness..... *Ballinrobe*

Qualification *Solicitor*

Date..... *7th January 1925*

* 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.

Regd. No. S.P. 158

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE,
MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS BOARD,
DUBLIN.

To

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

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

Thomas Lynch, Ballyvary, Loxford Co. Mayo.

The particulars of service furnished are as follows:—

Army No. Age. 29 years.Date of enlistment. 27th April 1922 Station at which he enlisted. BastibosHome address at date of joining. Ballyvary, Loxford, Co. Mayo.Unit (Company, Battalion, Brigade, Division) Bastibos Batt, West Mayo Brigade.Date of resignation, or discharge or demobilisation. 7th March 1924Rank held at resignation, or discharge or demobilisation. Capt.Rank on the 1st February, 1924, if serving on that date. Capt.

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.

Secretary.

To

The Secretary,
Military Service Pensions Board.SDR/1712.
SP/158.I hereby certify that Thomas Lynch.

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.	<u>29th July, 1922-</u> <u>31st March, 1923.</u>	<u>246.</u>
(2). Continuous service from 1st April, 1923 to 30th September, 1923.	<u>1st April, 1923-</u> <u>30th Sept., 1923.</u>	<u>183.</u>

* Rank. CaptainDated 20th January, 1925.

Major
General Staff Officer i/c Staff Duties.

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

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BORD MEASTOIRI
(Board of Assessors),



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(Military Service Pensions Act, 1924).

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

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

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

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LIST OF CENTRES.

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

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

Signed..... *Theo. Lynch*.....

Address..... *Kevin St.*.....
(in full)

D. M. P. Depot
Detective Branch

Sydney Thomas Bulgrin Oxford
Bo Mayo joined as in form April
1917 I was working with my father
farming up to August 1920 I responded
for in my district in 1917 &
in other districts in 1918 In
elections in 1918 & established
I did forget all drills & parades
I was a bayonet. Attack on Bulgrin
Barracks capture 28 August 1920
I was on the run before this
I went on the column for the Killiney
ambush cut the railways & flew
trigges same for farrowfarrow
ambush on the column up to Paul
Duce to joining in training camps
& drilled twice a week then back
Barrack joined April 1922. I
am in the New Police Force now
(Detective)

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Military Service Pensions Act, 1924.

M.S.P. 2.

REPORT BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

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 Thomas Lynch, Ballyvary, Liscador, Co. Mayo for a Certificate of Military Service in accordance with the terms of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, and the Regulations made thereunder.

(1) Periods of Military Service prescribed in the Act.	(2) Forces in which active service was rendered.	(3) Duration of active service during each of the prescribed periods as established to the satisfaction of the Board.	(4) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined by Section 4 (2) of the Act.
(a) (1) Active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916 ...	—	—	—
(2) Continuous service from 1st April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917 ...	—	—	—
(b) Continuous service from 1st April 1917, to 31st March, 1918 ...	—	—	—
(c) " " " 1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919 ...	Oglagh na hEirann	—	—
(d) " " " 1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920 ...	"	—	—
(e) " " " 1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921 ...	"	Entire Period	2 years
(f) " " " 1st April, 1921, to 11th July, 1921 ...	"	"	1 "
(g) " " " 12th July, 1921, to 30th June, 1922 ...	Oglagh na hEirann	"	1 "
(h) " " " 1st July, 1922, to 31st March, 1923 ...	Brady's Battalion, 1923	246 244 of Entire Period	1 109 137 "
(i) " " " 1st April, 1923, to 30th September, 1923 ...	"	Entire Period	1 "

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

Total service for pension purposes, as defined by Sec. 4 (2) of the Act. 6 109 137 years

Dated this 22nd day of April, 1925.

(Signed)

John J. O'Connell
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John J. O'Connell

Member of
the Board
of
Assessors

S.P. 158.

Military Service Pensions Act, 1924.*Draft.***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 *Thomas Lynch, Ballyvary, Foxford, Co Mayo* for a Certificate of Military Service in accordance with the terms of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, and the Regulations made thereunder.

(1) Periods of Military Service prescribed in the Act.	(2) Forces in which active service was rendered.	(3) Duration of active service during each of the prescribed periods as established to the satisfaction of the Board.	(4) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined by Section 4 (2) of the Act.
(a) (1) Active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916 ...			
(2) Continuous service from 1st April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917 ...			
(b) Continuous service from 1st April 1917, to 31st March, 1918 ...			
(c) " " " 1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919 ...	<i>On leave</i>	<i>—</i>	
(d) " " " 1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920 ...	<i>"</i>	<i>—</i>	
(e) " " " 1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921 ...	<i>"</i>	<i>EP</i>	<i>2 m</i>
(f) " " " 1st April, 1921, to 11th July, 1921 ...	<i>"</i>	<i>EP</i>	<i>1</i>
(g) " " " 12th July, 1921, to 30th June, 1922 ...	<i>"</i>	<i>EP</i>	<i>1</i>
(h) " " " 1st July, 1922, to 31st March, 1923 ...	<i>57 T.P</i>	<i>246 EP</i> <i>274</i>	
(i) " " " 1st April, 1923, to 30th September, 1923 ...		<i>EP</i>	<i>1</i>

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

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