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PENSIONS.

AIREACTH CHOSANTA

(MINISTRY OF DEFENCE).

OIFIG AIRM AIRGID

(ARMY FINANCE OFFICE).

Register Number

From whom, number, and date

Officer or Soldier

P.B.

John Mc Greal
Boleybriar,
Knappa,
Westport.

Name Mc GREAL JOHNRank..... Unit M.P.Army No. 48444 Date of Death.....Address BoleybriarKnappa, Westport

Date of Discharge.....

Referred to	Date	Referred to	Date	Referred to	Date	Referred to	Date	Referred to	Date	Referred to	Date
Regy.	1/12/24										
P.A.	1/12/24										
M. Greal	22/2/28										
Regy.	12/4										
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M. Greal	20/4/28										
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M. Greal	10/10										
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B/F	27/10/20										
P.A.	30/10/20										

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MINUTE SHEET.

M.S.B.
(Argumist).

I.

Reference 3/P/337 19.

Alg's File 6.2.2017

2.

Application Form A.P.1 received 14/4/23.

2Q.

3.

A.P. 14 to M. of Finance 15/1/24

4.

copy of claim on A.P.1 and Alg's File to Alg. 15/1/24.

5.

Letter from Applicant 1:2:24.

5A.

6.

Reply to 5: dated 13/2/24.

6A

7.

A.G's report

Report of file from A.G. 11:2:24.

7A

8.

Letter to applicant rejecting claim 23.2.24.

8A.

9.

Letter from Applicant 1:3:24.

10.

Letter to applicant for particulars of the accident which caused the wound 15.3.24. 10A.

11.

Reply to 10. 22:3:24.

12.

Letter from Applicant 7:4:24.

Letter to applicant

Reply to 12 23/4/24.

13A

14.

Letter to A.G.

Letter to A.G. 22:4:24.

14A

15.

A.P.14

A.P.14 from M of Finance 3:4:24.

15A

16.

A.G. Report
Dms. Report.

Adj Gen's Report. A.P.11 from Dms. 10-7-24

17.

Medical Report.

Medical report received 10.2.24.

18.

H. Quarr. Claimant notified 19/8/24.

[OVER]

19.

Letter from claimant 26/9.

20.

Reply sent 3/10.

21

Letter of appeal from Solicitor 24/10/24

22.

Reply to no. 21 sent 5/11/24

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Letter from claimant recd 28/11/24

22.

Letter sent to Maj. Gen Price 2/12/24

23.

Reply to 21 sent Claimant 24/12/24

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Ref. ✓ 4095

Office of Adjutant General,
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS,
Parkgate,
Dublin.

Date 10th January, 1924.

TO/

Officer i/c Records,
Portobello Barracks,
DUBLIN.

Subject: John McGrawle, Boleybrian, Westport.

I am directed by the Adjutant General to forward the attached application for Wound Pension, from above named, for your attention, please.

CAPTAIN

For ADJUTANT GENERAL

Reminders
1/2/24

For ADJUTANT GENERAL

Bohnbrian

Knappa

Westport

21/8/23

Sir

having made several
enquiries to where I should
put in my claim. I found
out that it was to the Claims
offices. Dublin. On getting
wounded in the national
army, through the left
arm on the 4th March 1923
and is now discharged.
from the army —

on the ^{II}~~11th~~ August 1923
I am absolutely not fit
to do anything with my
arm at home. it is coming
against me terribly. so
the only thing I can do
is to fall back on the
government. I would be
very much obliged if
you would be so kind as
to have my case settled

I remain

Yours Truly

John McGee

To the Claims
(Officer Dublin)





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SUMMARY OF CLAIM.

Date *August 23 1923*

Reg. File No. ... *B 3130 A*

Claimant ... *John Mc Greal*

Address ... *Bolynrian Knappa Westport*

Nature of Claim ... *Personal injuries*

Amount of Claim ...

Report of Officer (state whether satisfactory or unsatisfactory) ...

Report of Assessor ditto ...

Date Certified for payment ...

Date paid ...

REMARKS :

To A-G 23-8-23

Reminders sent :

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S DEPT.,
CLAIMS BRANCH,
PORTOBELLO BARRACKS,
DUBLIN. 29th Aug. 1923.

Our Ref. B/3130a.

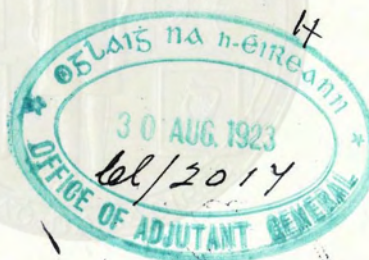
Adjutant General,
Parkgate Street,
D U B L I N.

JOHN MCGREAL, WESTPORT.

Respectfully submitted for
your attention, please.

L. J. M. Walsh CAPT.,
CLAIMS OFFICER.

FJR/LMCK.



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Our ref. 2017.

Office of Adjutant General

General Headquarters

Parkgate,

DUBLIN. 1st, September, 1923.

To/-

Mr. John McGreal,
Boleybriar,
Knappa,
Westport.

A chara,

I am directed by the Adjutant General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st ult., and to request the following particulars in order to have your claim fully investigated.

- (1). Army number.
- (2). Name of Commanding Officer.
- (3). Unit attached to.
- (4). Where and how wounded.
- (5). When discharged, and any other particulars to hand.

Mise le meas,

R/LS.

FOR: ADJUTANT GENERAL.

LIEUT.

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Bolybrian
Knappa
Westport

8/9/23

Sir,

In reply to your letter
dated the first Sept
requesting me to forward
to you the following
particulars.

(1) Army number 48444

Captain Farrell _____

was the ^{II} commanding
officer when I got wounded,
but some time afterwards
transferred to military
Police my Command Officer
then was the Provost
Marshal

(3) Unit was military police

(4) I was wounded in the town
hall barracks Westport,
by a comrade soldier

(5) I was discharged on the
11th August 1923.

reference^{no} on letter dated
1st Sept- 2017

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Remain

Yours faithfully.

John McGeal

To the Adjt-
General }

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Pensions



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Our Ref.CL/2017.

Office of Adjutant General
General Headquarters,
Parkgate,

DUBLIN.15th September, 1923.

To/-
John McGreal Esq.,
Boleybrian, Knappa,
Westport,

A chara,

I now beg to inform you that your case
shall be dealt with by the Pensions' Board, when
that body functions.

Mise le meas,

McG/LS.

LIEUT.

for: ADJUTANT GENERAL.

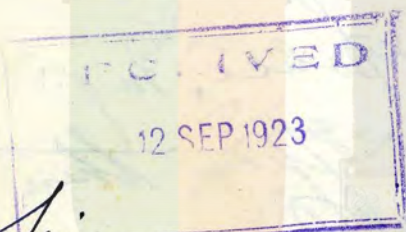
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Boly/brian

Knappa

Westport-

5/9/23



Sir

In reply to your letter
of the first inst requesting
me to forward to you
the following particulars

- (1) Army number 48 444
- (2) Inf commanding Officer
when wounded was

¹¹
Captain Farrell, but
some time afterwards
being transferred to
Military Police. My
Command Officer then
was the Provost
Marshal.

(5) I was wounded in Westport
barracks by a comrade
soldier.

(5) And I was discharged
on the 11th August 1923.

Reference no on letter
dated 1st Sept
was 2017

I remain
Yours faithfully
John McEneaney

To the Claims Officer, Dublin

{ For Adjutant
General }

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S DEPT.,
CLAIMS BRANCH,
PORTOBELLO BARRACKS,
DUBLIN. 15th Sept. 1923.

Our Ref. B/3130a.

Adjutant General,
Parkgate Street,
D U B L I N.

Respectfully submitted for
enclosure in our File B/3130a sent you on the
24/8/23 please.

L. M. O'Sh CAPT.,
CLAIMS OFFICER.

FJR/LMCK.



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OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL,

General Headquarters,

PARKGATE,

DUBLIN. 28th November, 1923.

To:

John McGreal, Esq.,
Boleybrian,
Knappa,
Westport,
CO. MAYO.

A Chara,

In reply to yours of the 20th instant, I beg to inform you that you should make application for the necessary forms to the Secretary, Army Pensions Bureau, 34 Molesworth Street, Dublin.

Mise le meas,

A. Rasdale

Lieutenant

for: ADJUTANT GENERAL.

AR/SO'D.

31P/337
Boley brian
Knappa

3.12.23

Dear Sir

I wish to inform you, that I got wounded accidentally by a comrade soldier in the national army, on the 3rd March 23, a gun shot through the left arm. I was discharged on 11th August and is unable to do any work with my arm since. I informed the Adjutant General on the matter the 21st August, and recieved information telling me that my case shall be delt with by the pensions board. The last form I got. was telling me to make application for necessary forms to you.

I enclose the form

Yours faithfully
John McCreal

Address

John M^cCreel
Boley brian
Knappa
Westport
Idaho

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A.P. 1.

ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1923.

WOUND PENSION OR GRATUITY.

STATEMENT BY AN EX-OFFICER OR EX-SOLDIER CONCERNING
HIS OWN CASE.

NOTE.—This form is to be filled in by every ex-Officer or ex-Soldier who has been discharged from the forces as medically unfit, and who claims a pension or gratuity in respect of any wound or injury received in the course of his duty whilst on active service on or since 1st April, 1922.

The questions are to be answered in the ex-Officer's or ex-Soldier's own words, and the form is to be signed by him and the signature witnessed. In the event of the ex-Soldier being unable to write he should affix his mark, such act being witnessed.

Army No. 48444 Rank Private (Military Police)
Unit and Corps 2nd Western Division (afterwards) 44 Inf. Batt.
Name and Rank of Commanding Officer Peter Farrell
Captain O/c Westport Beks.
NAME (TO BE WRITTEN IN BLOCK CAPITALS.) Mc GREAL JOHN.
(Surname) (Christian Names)
Present Address Bolynbrian, Westport, Co. Mayo.
Nearest Police or Civic Guard Station Westport.

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

- (a) The statements made by him will be checked by official records.

Section 12 (1) of the Act imposes a summary penalty for a false declaration:—
“If any person, with a view to obtaining a grant or payment of a pension, allowance or gratuity 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 and shall be liable, on conviction under the Summary Jurisdiction Acts, to a fine not exceeding five pounds.”

In answering question 2 (a) any special matters which, in his opinion, caused any unfitness from which he may be suffering or which aggravated it, should be clearly stated.

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

1. (a) For what period have you served?
(b) In what area?
2. (a) State the nature of any wound or injury, from which you are suffering, the date upon which, and the place and circumstances in which, it was received.

(b) Who was your Commanding Officer upon that date?

(c) Give the name of any witnesses who can corroborate your answer to (a) above.

(d) State the date upon which you were discharged from the Army as medically unfit.
3. Give the names of any hospitals where you have been treated for the above wound or injury, and the approximate dates of admissions and discharges if possible.
4. Did you suffer from the injury mentioned in above answer to question 2 (a) or anything like it before joining the Army? If so, give details and dates.
5. Give the names and addresses of any hospitals you were in, or doctors who attended you before you joined the Army.
6. What is the name and address of your last employer before joining the Army?
7. What was your occupation or trade before joining the Army?
8. Have you received in respect of the wound or injury mentioned in above answer to question 2 (a) any decree for compensation under the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Acts, 1919 or 1920? If so, give full particulars.
9. Have you received in respect of the wound or injury mentioned in above answer to question 2 (a) any compensation from or on behalf of the person alleged to be responsible for the act which caused the wound or injury? If so, give full particulars.
10. Have you received in respect of the wound or injury mentioned in the answer to question 2 (a) any payment from any Relief Organisation such as National Aid or White Cross Association? If so, give full particulars.
11. Give the name of your National Health Approved Society, and (if possible) your membership number.

12 months.
Westport area, 44th Batt.
Claremorris Command.
G. S. W. left arm on 3rd day
of March 1923 at Westport,
accidental.

Capt. P. Farrell of Beks Westport.

Mother also Capt Farrell.

11th August 1923. Was never
on medical board.

St. Breilis Hospital about
10th March admitted. About
2 months in that Hospital.

No.

never in Hospital.
never attended a Doctor.

North British Railway Co.
Edinburgh.

Plate-layer.

No.

No.

No.

National Foresters,
29535 mem. no.

12. Have you served at any period with any of the following military or police forces? If so, give full particulars of service.

- (a) British.
- (b) Australian.
- (c) New Zealand.
- (d) South African.
- (e) Canadian.
- (f) American (U.S.A.)
- (g) Royal Irish Constabulary.

no.
no.
no.
no.
no.
no.
no.

13. (a) Give full particulars of any pension, allowance, or gratuity which you hold or at any time have held in respect of any wound or injury received in, or disease contracted in, the service mentioned in your reply to above question 12.

none.

- (b) State clearly the source from which payment of such pension or allowance or gratuity is made or has been made.

none.

The above statement has been read over to me; I agree to it, and have nothing further to add.

Signed John Mc Greal Address Bolton Brian Westport Bk Mayo
(ex-Officer or ex-Soldier)
Signed* Charles J. Ellison Address Miltany Beks Westport, Co Mayo
(Witness)
Qualification L.R.C.S.I. (St. Amc) Date Dec 15th 1923

*To be signed by one of the following:—

A Commissioned Officer serving in the Free State Army.

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, or a Divisional Magistrate.

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.

An Officer of the Civic Guard or Dublin Metropolitan Police not below the rank of Inspector or Station Sergeant.

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.

ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1923.

Statement by an ex-Officer or ex-Soldier who claims as a married man a further pension in accordance with Section 2 of the Act.

14. If your wife is alive

- (a) State the date of your marriage.
- (b) Is your wife dependent on you?
- (c) Does she ordinarily reside with you?
(Certificate of Marriage to be attached).

15. (a) If your wife is dead, or the marriage has been dissolved, state the names and ages of any

(to be filled in by ex-Officers)

Sons under 18 years.

Daughters under 21 years.

(to be filled in by ex-Soldiers)

Sons under 16 years.

Daughters under 18 years.

(Certificate of Birth of youngest living child to be attached).

(b) State whether the child or children mentioned above are dependent on you and where they are living.

(c) State whether any of the above children are married.

16. If your wife is alive, but your marriage has been dissolved, and you claim a further pension in respect of the children mentioned in reply to question 15 (a) above, please furnish copy of the decree or order of the Court.

The above statement has been read over to me; I agree to it, and have nothing further to add.

Signed Address
(ex-Officer or ex-Soldier)

Signed* Address
(Witness)

Qualification Date

*To be signed by one of the following:—

A Commissioned Officer serving in the Free State Army.

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, or a Divisional Magistrate.

A Peace Commissioner.

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Head Teachers of Secondary or National Schools.

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Bolton, Brian SA

Knappa
Westport

Comapp
30.1.24



Sir

some time ago, I got a
necessary pension form from you,
and answered the questions
referred to on it. I would be
glad to know what you are
going to do on the matter.

I never was under any medical
board when leaving the army,
as I knew nothing about such
board. I was considered not
fit for duty in the army after
being wounded. The only duty I
done was ordinary Police duty.

I remain

Yours

faithfully

John M. C. Greal

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6.A.

13th. February

4.

Mr. John McGreal,
Bobybriar,
Knapoa,
Westport.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 1st.
instant in connection with your claim under the Army
Pensions Act 1923, I am to inform you that your case
is receiving every attention and a communication
on the subject will be forwarded you at the earliest
opportunity.

Mise, le meas,

DO'S/JS.

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Ref. No. 3. P. 334

A.P.1.A

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE,

ARMY PENSIONS DEPARTMENT,

34, Molesworth Street,

DUBLIN.

15th January 1924.

ADJUTANT GENERAL.

An application for a Wound Pension has been received in respect of which details are given on the attached form.

In order to enable the Minister of Defence to decide whether the claim is sustainable under the Army Pensions Act 1923. will you kindly certify:-

- (1) Date on which the applicant was discharged as medically unfit from the Forces.
- (2) Rank in the Forces.
- (3) That the wound or ~~injury~~ in respect of which he was discharged was received on active service in the course of duty and was not due to any serious negligence or misconduct on his part.



E. J. O'Connell
for Minister of Defence.

*all. Ant.
No. A 4085-
Para 4 deleted
as man was dead J.F.*



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S.A.

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23rd February

1924.

Mr. J. McGreal,
Bobybrian,
Westport,
CO MAYO.

A chara,

With reference to your Application for a Wound Pension or Gratuity I am to inform you that, as you were not discharged from the Army "medically unfit" it is regretted that, your case does not come within the scope of the Army Pensions Act 1923 and it is not possible for this Department to make any financial provision for you.

Mise le meas,

DO'S/AL.

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Boley, Brian
Knappa



28/2/24

Dear Sir

I received your
letter today, seeing by it
as I was not discharged
from the army medically
unfit; my case did not
come under the Pensions
Act 1923. I don't think it
is fair for a man that
got wounded in the army
to be put off in such a
manner, and does not see

II
what is to keep me in
the future, as my arm
is not fit for work. I did
not know anything about
going under a medical
board when leaving the
Army. I also informed
the Adjutant General
about the arm coming
against me when left-
the Army. I think I should
be entitled to a medical
board at the present-
time. Also I would like
to know if I could make
an appeal

I would ^{III} be very thankfull
iff you would let me
know what arrangements
are ye going to make to
that effect-

Trusting to have a reply
as early as possible.

I remain

Yours

faithfully

John Mc. Greal

Address

John M. Greal
Bohobrian
Knappa
Wisconsin

Will for
account of pension

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34, Molesworth Street,

15th March,

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Mr. J. McGreal,
Boleybrian,
Knappa,
Westport,
Co. Sligo.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 28th
ultimo in connection with your claim for a Wound
Pension or Gratuity, I am to request you to please
furnish full particulars of the accident which
caused the Wound for which you claim compensation.

Mise, le meas.

DOS/EK.

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Boley brian
Knappa
Westport
Chmap

21/3/24

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Sir
In reply to your letter requesting me to forward full particulars of the accident which caused my wound. Myself and Peter Jennings were sleeping in the one room, as we belonged to the P. A. Staff, and about seven o'clock in the morning as we were getting out of bed, he took his revolver from under his head where he slept; I was only about half dressed at the time, when all of a sudden it went off and got me in the arm. He pointed his revolver at me, so I don't know whether ~~he~~ meant it or not. But I never remember to have

any dispute with him.

Doctor Walsh was then sent for
untill he dressed my wound,
As he was then medical doctor.

I remain

Yours faithfully

John McEgual

To. L J Horgan)

Military Service
Pensions Collection

File please
7/4
Riffon letter got was
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Section $\frac{1}{4}$
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Sir

Boley brian
Knappa
Westport
Co Mayo
5.4.24



On the 15.3.24 I got
a letter from you, asking me
to forward full particulars
of the accident which
caused my wound for
which I claim compensation
Having sent on to you

II

full details on that
matter I have not
received any information
from you since

I remain

Yours Obediant Servant

John Mc Greal

To
Mr J J Horgan }

Military Service
Pensions Collection

3/P/337.

34, Molesworth Street,

22nd April,

4.

Mr. John McGreal,
Boleybrian,
Westport,
Co. Mayo.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the
5th instant in connection with your claim to
Wound Pension, I have to inform you that your
case is being reconsidered and you will be notified
of the result in due course.

Mise, le meas,

doe

Runaidhe.

DOS/EK.

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34 Molesworth Street,

22nd. April

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Adjutant General,
General Headquarters,
Park Gate,
Dublin.

With reference to the attached A.P.1 and relative correspondence in connection with a claim to Wound Pension by John McGreal of Westport, Co. Mayo, I have to inform you that in view of your Certificate No. A 4085 of the 1st. February, 1924 (attached herewith) the claim was rejected, but having regard to the further statement by the Applicant in his letter dated 21st. ultimo, I am to suggest that he might be given the opportunity to appear before the Pensions Medical Board.

Runaidhe .

DOS/JS.

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No trace

h. p. s.

h.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE,

ARMY PENSIONS DEPARTMENT,

31, Molesworth Street,

DUBLIN.

No App. 31/



15th January

1924.

To/ Secretary,
Ministry of Finance.

An application for Pension under the

Army Pensions Act 1923 has been received in respect of the following:-

Name John m^cCreale Address Boleybrea
Army No. 48444. Westport
Rank Pte Co Mayo.
Date of Wound, Injury or Death 3 - 3 - 23
Circumstances etc. G.S.W. left Arm at Westport

Will you please state below whether any award in respect of malicious injury has been made or is being considered by you in this case.

Refused

for Minister of Defence.

REPLY.

Military Service

Ministry of Finance.

No award has been made.
No application received by Ministry of Finance or by the Compensation (Personal Injuries) Committee.

C. S. Almond

April 1924.

Guthan 4788.
(Phone)

Uimhir Thagarta.....
(Reference No.)

3/P/337.

C O P Y.

ROINN NA BPINSEAN AIRM
(Army Pensions Department),

AIREACHT CHOSANTA
(Ministry of Defence)

34 Molesworth Street,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH
(Dublin),

23rd February 1924.
.....~~22nd~~ April..... 1924.

Mr. J. McGr^{al}al,
Boleybrian,
Westport,
Co. Mayo.

A Chara,

With reference to your Application for a Wound Pension or Gratuity I am to inform you that, as you were not discharged from the Army 'Medically unfit' it is regretted that, your case does not come within the scope of the Army Pensions Act 1923, and it is not possible for this Department to make any financial provision for you.

Mise, le meas,

DOS/AE.

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ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1923.

WOUND PENSION OR GRATUITY.

STATEMENT BY AN EX-OFFICER OR EX-SOLDIER CONCERNING HIS OWN CASE.

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Army No. 48444 Rank Private (Military Police)

Unit and Corps 2nd Western Division (afterwards) 44th Infantry Batt.

Name and Rank of Commanding Officer Peter Farrell

Captain O/c Westport Barracks

NAME (TO BE WRITTEN IN BLOCK CAPITALS.) M. O' G. R. E. A. L. J. O. H. N.
(Surname) (Christian Names)

Present Address Boleybrian, Westport, Co. Mayo

Nearest Police or Civic Guard Station Westport

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

- (a) The statements made by him will be checked by official records.

Section 12 (1) of the Act imposes a summary penalty for a false declaration:—
“ If any person, with a view to obtaining a grant or payment of a pension, allowance or gratuity 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 and shall be liable, on conviction under the Summary Jurisdiction Acts, to a fine not exceeding five pounds.”

In answering question 2 (a) any special matters which, in his opinion, caused any unfitness from which he may be suffering or which aggravated it, should be clearly stated.

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

1. (a) For what period have you served? **12 months.**
 (b) In what area? **Westport Area, 44th Infantry Batt. Claremorris, Command.**
2. (a) State the nature of any wound or injury, from which you are suffering, the date upon which, and the place and circumstances in which, it was received. **G.S.W. Left Arm, on 3rd March, 1923 at Westport, accidental.**
 (b) Who was your Commanding Officer upon that date? **Captain P. Farrell, O/c Barracks, Westport.**
 (c) Give the name of any witnesses who can corroborate your answer to (a) above. **Mother. Also Captain Farrell.**
 (d) State the date upon which you were discharged from the Army as medically unfit. **11th August, 1923. Was never on Medical Board.**
3. Give the names of any hospitals where you have been treated for the above wound or injury, and the approximate dates of admissions and discharges if possible. **St. Bricin's Hospital, about 10th March, admitted about 2 months in that Hospital.**
4. Did you suffer from the injury mentioned in above answer to question 2 (a) or anything like it *before* joining the Army? If so, give details and dates. **No.**
5. Give the names and addresses of any hospitals you were in, or doctors who attended you *before* you joined the Army. **Never in Hospital, never attended by a doctor.**
6. What is the name and address of your last employer before joining the Army? **North British Railway Co., Edinburgh.**
7. What was your occupation or trade before joining the Army? **Plate-layer.**
8. Have you received in respect of the wound or injury mentioned in above answer to question 2 (a) any decree for compensation under the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Acts, 1919 or 1920? If so, give full particulars. **No.**
9. Have you received in respect of the wound or injury mentioned in above answer to question 2 (a) any compensation from or on behalf of the person alleged to be responsible for the act which caused the wound or injury? If so, give full particulars. **No.**
10. Have you received in respect of the wound or injury mentioned in the answer to question 2 (a) any payment from any Relief Organisation such as National Aid or White Cross Association? If so, give full particulars. **No.**
11. Give the name of your National Health Approved Society, and (if possible) your membership number. **National Foresters, 29535 Mem.No.**

12. Have you served at any period with any of the following military or police forces? If so, give full particulars of service. **No.**

- (a) British.
- (b) Australian.
- (c) New Zealand.
- (d) South African.
- (e) Canadian.
- (f) American (U.S.A.)
- (g) Royal Irish Constabulary.

13. (a) Give full particulars of any pension, allowance, or gratuity which you hold or at any time have held in respect of any wound or injury received in, or disease contracted in, the service mentioned in your reply to above question 12.

None.

(b) State clearly the source from which payment of such pension or allowance or gratuity is made or has been made.

None.

The above statement has been read over to me; I agree to it, and have nothing further to add.

Signed **John Mc'Greal,**
(ex-Officer or ex-Soldier)

Address **Bobeybrian, Westport, Co. Mayo.**

Signed* **Charles J. Ellison,**
(Witness)

Address **Military Bks., Westport, Co. Mayo.**

Qualification **L.R.C.S.P. (St. A.M.C.)** Date **15th December, 1923.**

*To be signed by one of the following:—

A Commissioned Officer serving in the Free State Army.

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, or a Divisional Magistrate.

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.

An Officer of the Civic Guard or Dublin Metropolitan Police not below the rank of Inspector or Station Sergeant.

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.

ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1923.

Statement by an ex-Officer or ex-Soldier who claims as a married man a further pension in accordance with Section 2 of the Act.

14. If your wife is alive

- (a) State the date of your marriage.
- (b) Is your wife dependent on you?
- (c) Does she ordinarily reside with you?
(Certificate of Marriage to be attached).

15. (a) If your wife is dead, or the marriage has been dissolved, state the names and ages of any (to be filled in by ex-Officers)

Sons under 18 years.

Daughters under 21 years.

(to be filled in by ex-Soldiers)

Sons under 16 years.

Daughters under 18 years.

(Certificate of Birth of youngest living child to be attached).

(b) State whether the child or children mentioned above are dependent on you and where they are living.

(c) State whether any of the above children are married.

16. If your wife is alive, but your marriage has been dissolved, and you claim a further pension in respect of the children mentioned in reply to question 15 (a) above, please furnish copy of the decree or order of the Court.

The above statement has been read over to me; I agree to it, and have nothing further to add.

Signed Address
(ex-Officer or ex-Soldier)

Signed* Address
(Witness)

Qualification Date

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Office of Adjutant General,

Records Office,

Portobello Barracks,

DUBLIN.

1. 2. 1924.

To:
The Secretary,
Army Pensions Department.

In reply to your 3/P/334 re John McGreal,

I HEREBY CERTIFY that, according to my records,

(1) Above-named was discharged 11.8.23 - time expired

(2) Medical Board proceedings

None

Medical History Sheet

attached (copy)

(3) Rank

Private

(4) ~~That the wound or injury in respect of which he was discharged was received on active service in the course of duty and was not due to any serious negligence or misconduct on his part.~~



Seairíod Sullivan Whiston Commandant.

OFFICER I/c RECORDS.

Medical History of

Constable John McGreal. P.A.

Regimental No. 48444.....

Station 44th Baltn Area.

Surname..... McGREAL.....
(Block capitals)

Christian Names.....JOHN.

TABLE III.—BOARDS, COURTS OF ENQUIRY, VACCINATION, INOCULATIONS, &c.; EXTENSION, RE-ENGAGEMENT, OR PROLONGATION OF SERVICE; ISSUE OF SURGICAL APPLIANCES; PARTICULARS OF DENTAL TREATMENT, &c.

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ONS TO HOSPITAL or to SICK LIST in case of WARRANT OFF

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C O P Y.

3/P/337.

Boleybrian,
Knappa,
Co. Mayo.

28/2/24.

Dear Sir,

I received your letter to-day, seeing by it I was not discharged from the Army Medically Unfit, my case did not come under the Pensions Act 1923, I dont think it is fair for a man that got wounded in the Army to be put off in such ~~manne~~ manner, and does not see what is to keep me in the future, as my arm is not fit for work. I did not know anything about going under a medical board when leaving the Army. I also informed the Adjutant General about the arm coming against me when left the Army. I think I should be entitled to a Medical Board at the present time. Also I should like to know if I could make an appeal.

I would be very thankful if you would let me know what arrangements are ye going to make to that effect.

Trusting to have a reply as early as possible.

I remain,

Yours Faithfully,

(Signed) John McGreal.

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Ref.No.3/P/337.

34, Molesworth Street,

15th March 1924.

Mr. John McGreal,
Boleybrian,
Knappa,
Westport,
Co. Mayo.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 28th
ultimo in connection with your claim for a Wound
Pension or Gratuity, I am to request you to please
furnish full particulars of the accident which caused
the Wound for which you claim compensation.

Mise, le meas,

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3/P/337.

Boleybrian,
Knappa,
Westport,
Co. Mayo.

21-3-24.

Sir,

In reply to your letter requesting me to forward full particulars of the accident which caused my wound. Myself and Peter Jennings were sleeping in one room, as we belonged to the P.A. Staff, and about seven o'clock in the morning as we were getting out of bed, he took his revolver from under his head where he slept, I was only about half dressed at the time. When all of a sudden it went off and got me in the arm. He pointed his revolver at me, so I don't know whether he meant it or not, but I never remember to have any dispute with him.

Doctor Walsh was then sent for until he dressed my wound, as he was then medical doctor.

I remain,
Yours Faithfully,

(Signed) John McGrael.

To/
J. J. Horgan.

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Óthán 4788.

(Phone)

Uimhir Thagarta.....3/P/337.

(Reference No.)

ROINN NA BPINSEAN AIRM

(Army Pensions Department),

AIREACHT CHOSANTA

(Ministry of Defence)

34 Molesworth Street,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH
(Dublin),

.....22nd.....April.....1924.

Adjutant General,
General Headquarters,
Park Gate,
Dublin.

With reference to the attached A.P.1 and relative correspondence in connection with a claim to Wound Pension by John McGreal of Westport, Co. Mayo, I have to inform you that in view of your Certificate No. A 4085 of the 1st. February, 1924 (attached herewith) the claim was rejected, but having regard to the further statement by the Applicant in his letter dated 21st. ultimo, I am to suggest that he might be given the opportunity to appear before the Pensions Medical Board.



a/c. Runaidhe .

DOS/JS.

My Ref. No. A/4085.

OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL,

General Headquarters,
Parkgate,

DUBLIN: 25th April, 1924.

Director General,
Medical Services.

John McGreal, Westport, Co. Mayo.

I forward you herewith my complete file in the case of JOHN MCGREAL, Boleybrian, Westport, Co. Mayo. In view of the letter from the Pensions Board, dated 22nd April, I would be glad if you would arrange that MCGREAL be brought before a Medical Board as soon as possible.

M. S. Cunniffe

Commandant.

K/MF.

For: ACTING ADJUTANT GENERAL.

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CERTIFICATE OF ASSESSMENT.

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Reference

P.B. _____

A claim made by John Mc Greal.
of Boheryman. Westport. Co Mayo.
for Pension or Gratuity
in respect of Wound Recd.

was considered by the Army Pensions Board at a Meeting held
on 18/7/24

The recommendation of the Board is as follows:-

nil
no disability due to mil. service

A.P. _____ and A.P. 11 forwarded to Army Finance
Officer on the _____

NM.

J. Callan
2/5 Runaidhe.

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Reference No. **3. P. 337**



Expiry of
current Award. **NIL**

MEDICAL REPORT ON AN EX-SOLDIER CLAIMING DISABILITY
IN RESPECT OF SERVICE.

Name **McGreal John** Army No. **48444.** Rank **Private.**

Unit and Corps **44th Batt.** Age last birthday **22 years.**

Date of entry into Service **13/6/22.** Date of discharge from Service **11/8/23**

Former trade or occupation **Plate Layer** Home Address **Bobeybrian, Westport, Mayo.**

NOTE:—The foregoing particulars are to be filled in before the man presents himself before the Board.

Statement of Case by the Medical Board.

1. State concisely the essential facts of the history of each disability recorded in the man's Medical History, and other relevant official documents, giving (a) date and place of origin of the disability, and other relevant particulars of the history; to these may be added (b) any supplementary details given by the man himself; when such details are from the man's own statements only, this will be clearly indicated.

On 3/3/23 at Westport, Co. Mayo, Military Bks. got a G.S.W. of left forearm, accidental, discharge of companion's revolver, was admitted the next day to Claremorris Military Hospital, was about 7 days there: then transferred to St. Bricin's Hospital, Dublin, was a patient there for about 4 weeks: was discharged to duty to Westport, had treatment for it from time to time after going back to Westport. Discharged from the Army as "Time Expired" on 11/8/23.



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2. Was an operation performed?
If so, when, and what was its nature?

NO.

3. If an operation was advised and declined, was the refusal unreasonable?

NO.

Opinion of the Medical Board.

NOTES:—

1. Clear and definite answers are to be filled in by the Board, as in the event of a man suffering from a disability it is essential that the Pensions Board should be in possession of full and accurate information to enable them to decide upon the man's claim to pension.

Expressions such as "may," "might," "probably," etc., are to be avoided.

2. A report is to be made on any disability claimed. If it is found not to exist, this should be made clear. If it exists but it is not considered to be connected with any form of military service, it should be reported on as fully as if it were connected with service. The words "no disability" should never be used as equivalent to "no disability connected with Service."

4. State precisely the nature of the wound or injury.

G.S.W. Left forearm.

5. (1) Give the diagnosis and particulars of any disability claimed or discovered (1), (2), (3), etc.

(1) G.S.W. left forearm

(2)

(3)

6. The present condition thereof, giving—

- (i.) Symptoms and physical signs.
- (ii.) Effect of disability on function.

(1) Complains of Pain in left arm when working: Loss of power in left arm. No wasting in left arm, forearm, or hand. Movements of left shoulder, elbow and wrist complete. Apparent loss of Muscular power left arm, also diminished grip left hand: sensation lost on inner aspect of left forearm from elbow: joint down to fingers the area extends on to anterior aspect of forearm, about to mid line and palm ring and little finger, and on to posterior aspect for inner $\frac{2}{3}$ back of hand, and back of ring and little fingers. Ext. wound on outer aspect of left forearm at level of elbow joint: exit at about same level on inner aspect of forearm. Scar well healed non adherent or tender. Anaesthesia is assumed. (Does not respond to a hard rap with knuckles on supposedly anaesthetic area.) (ii) No disability

7. Disability or disabilities in respect of which the claim for compensation should be considered (1), (2), (3), as per para 5. (If no disability exists, enter NIL).

G.S.W. Left forearm.

8. State whether each disability (as per para. 5) is attributable to

Wound.

Injury.

Wound.

9. If there is evidence that any disability was due to serious negligence or misconduct on the part of the man, such evidence will be recorded here.

See A. G!'s file.

10. Is the disability in a final stationary condition?

N. A.

If not—

How long is the present degree of disablement likely to last?

N. A.

11. At what period will the Board require a further Examination?

N. A.

12. Does the man require further treatment? Is further treatment likely to benefit the condition?

NO.

13. Will the patient require local medical attendance? If so, how many attendances per week will be necessary?

NO.

14. In the case of an amputated limb the following particulars will be entered—

NO.

(1) Limb affected.

(2) Site of amputation.

(3) Measurement of stump as defined in the first schedule of the Act.

N. A.

(4) How long is stump soundly healed?

(5) Is patient fitted with an artificial limb?

15. Report of X-Ray examination. Diagram or radiograph to be attached.

Plate 1690 no abnormality

16. Report of oculist, dentist, pathologist, or other specialist report indicated.

Surgeon: Commdt. Burke reports - no disability due to service - no treatment necessary.

17. Does the claimant's disability require any Surgical appliance? If so, state what appliance is needed.

N. A.



18. In the case of a nerve injury, the following particulars will be required :—

- (1) Nerve involved.
- (2) Muscles affected.
- (3) Area of loss of sensation—
 - (i.) to pinprick.
 - (ii.) to cotton wool.
- (4) Reaction to faradism.
- (5) Reaction to galvanism.
- (6) Is R.D. present ?

N. A.

Indicate on charts (and attach) where possible the site and extent of the injury.

ASSESSMENT.

19. What is the degree of disablement at which, in the Board's opinion, he should be assessed, independent of any allowances, or future treatment ?

NIL.

(Degree of disablement should be expressed in the following percentages :—

100, 90, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, less than 20, or Nil.)

Assessment to be stated in words as well as in figures.

Signatures :—

W. H. Maguire President.
J. R. Bonnell Capt. }
Molonnos Capt- } Members

Date... 24. 6. 24

Ref. No...3/P/337.....

A.P. 19.

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ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1923.

CLAIM FOR WOUND PENSION OR GRATUITY.

Applicant's Name.....JOHN MC GREAL.....

Address.....Boleybrian, Westport, Co. Mayo.....

Army No.....Rank.....Private.....

*Force in which served.....National Army.....

Unit.....44th Battn.....

Married or single at date of Injury.....Single.....

Date of Discharge Medically Unfit.....11-8-'23.....

Particulars of Payments made from Army Funds to Applicant since his discharge from the Forces.

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NIL.

* Irish Volunteers, Irish Citizen Army, 1916, or National Army.

Particulars of any Payments received in compensation from the person responsible for the wound or injury.

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NIL.

Medical Board Report :

NIL.

MH/

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RECOMMENDATION OF ARMY PENSIONS BOARD.

Army Finance Officer.

I am to request that you will place before the Minister for Defence the recommendation of The Army Pensions Board that in accordance with Section 1,
Section 3,

First Schedule, para.....of the Act, there shall be granted to

Mr. John McGreal,

a ~~pension of~~
~~gratuity~~

weekly
~~per annum~~

that in accordance with Section 2 of the Act a ~~furth~~er pension

of

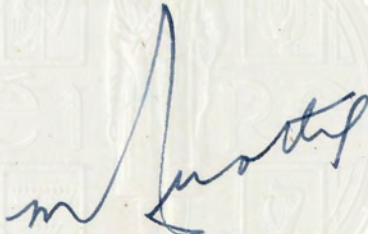
weekly
per annum

~~the pension and further pension to be payable from~~

to

Nil - no disability due to Military Service.

18th July, 1924.


J. Runaidhe.

/NM.

To/

The Secretary,

Ministry of Finance.

Subject to the consent of the Minister of Finance I propose to grant
pension
a allowance in accordance with the foregoing recommendations of the Army
gratuity

Pensions Board.

To/

Army Finance Officer.



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ROINN NA BPINSEAN AIRM
(Army Pensions Department),

Guthan 4738.
(Phone)

Uimhir Thagarta.....
(Reference No.)

AIREACHT CHOSANTA
(Ministry of Defence),

BAILE ATHA CLIATH
(Dublin),

3/1/33/1
Mr. John Mc Greal *19th Aug.* 192 *4.*
Bokephrian.
Westport. Co. Mayo.

A Chara,

With reference to your application for
Wound Pension or Gratuity, I am directed to inform
you that the Pensions Medical Board, before which
you were medically examined, is unable to certify
that you are suffering from any disability within
the terms of the Army Pensions Act, 1923.

In the circumstances it is regretted that
the Army Pensions Board cannot recommend an award
in your case.

Medical Certificate returned
herewith. *Mise, le meas,*

Encl.:- (1)

[Signature]
RUNAIDHE.

AOC/EK.

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Bohyan

Knappa

Westport

C Mayo

Sir

I am in receipt of
your letter, seeing by it
ye are trying to do me
out of my pension. It is
not fair to do a man out
of my pension that fought
for my country. If ye want
any further particulars I
can get my doctor that.

II

attended me to certify
that I cannot work.

two of my fingers are
crippled. I have a pain
in my arm often, and
cannot lift any weight
with my arm. I have no
means for living, and I
would be pleased to
know what are you going
to do with me.

Waiting for an early reply

Yours & B.D.
Servant

John M^c Greal

3/P/337.

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9th Oct.

4.

Mr. John McGreal,
Boleybrian,
Knappa,
Westport, Co. Mayo.

A chara,

In reference to your letter of the 26th ult., I have to inform you that the Army Pensions Act, 1923 makes provision for pensions or gratuities only in cases where the Applicant is suffering from the effects of some specific wounds or injuries received in the course of duty while on Active Service as a member of the Irish Volunteers or National Army.

As the report of the Pensions Medical Board before which you were examined shows that you are not suffering from any such disability the Army Pensions Board cannot recommend any award in your case, and in the circumstances no further action can be taken by this Department.

Mise le meas,

AO'C/AL.

RUNALDHE.

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Mise le meas,

AO'C/AL.

RUNALDHE.

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GARVEY & SMITH,
SOLICITORS.

J. C. GARVEY, LL.B.
J. J. SMITH.

DUBLIN OFFICE: TPKE/BH
12 MOLESWORTH STREET

CASTLEBAR,
CO. MAYO,

24th Oct. 1924.

Dear Sir,

Ref. 3/P/337

Re John McGreal---Boleybrian--Westport--Ex National Soldier

Your letter of the 19th August last in the above reference has been handed to us and we observe therefrom that the above-named has been medically examined by the Pensions Medical Board. We further observe that the latter body is unable to certify that our clients suffers from a disability as a result of wounds received while serving as a soldier in the National Army.

We have seen O'Brien this day and there can be no doubt in our opinion that he suffers from a serious disability of the right arm. His occupation is that of a Plate Layer which as will be readily understood is strenuous work and he informs us that he is now quite unable to follow this occupation owing to the lifting power of his arm being seriously impaired.

Under these circumstances we have to request that our client be subjected to a further medical examination with a view to granting him either a pension or a sum by way of gratuity and in this connection we shall be obliged if you will let us hear from you at your early convenience.

Yours faithfully,

The Secretary,
Army Pensions Board,
Ministry of Defence,
DUBLIN.

Garvey & Smith
RB

5th November

4.

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Messrs Garvey & Smith,
Solicitors,
Castlebar,
Co. M A Y O .

A chairde,

In reply to your letter of the 24th ultimo,
I am to inform you that Mr. John McGreal was examined
before the Pensions Medical Board on the 24th June last.
The result of the examination revealed that this man is
not suffering from any disability attributable to
Military Service.

In dealing with Mr. McGreal's claim the Army
Pensions Board, which includes two Surgeons other than
those before whom the Claimant was examined, carefully
considered the the Medical report and agreed with the
findings as indicated above.

An award within the terms of the Army Pensions
Act, could not, therefore, be made and in these c
circumstances I am to inform you that no useful purpose
would be served by a further Medical examination.

Mise, le meas,

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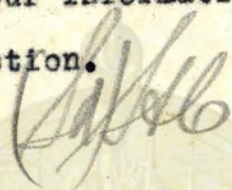
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2nd December

4.

Major General E. Price,
Officer i/c Resettlements,
Ministry of Industry & Commerce,
Lord Edward Street,
D U B L I N.

The attached correspondence
is forwarded to you herewith for
favour of your information and
necessary action.



Runaidhe.

Encl./
WJR/AL.

Military Service Pensions Collection

Guthan 4738.

(Phone

Uimhir Thagarta.....

(Reference No.)

copy

Original sent to

May. Gen Price

11/12/24

W.J.R.

ROINN NA BPINSEAN AIRM

(Army Pensions Department),

AIREACHT CHOSANTA

(Ministry of Defence),

34 MOLESWORTH STREET,

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH

(Dublin).

27 November 1924

Bolybuar

Knapka

Westport

to Mayo

Ser.

Having received an answer referring to
Army Pensions, seeing there is no pensions made
for me after getting wounded in the national
Army whilst on active service, and my arm
having lost some power, I would be
very thankful if you would recommend
me for a job, that would suit my
Complaint, as I need it very badly.
Hoping to have an early reply

To
Your Obedient Servant
John M. J. Greal
The Secretary
Army Pensions Board

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2nd December

4.

Mr. John McGreal,
Boleybrian,
Knappa,
Westport,
Co. Mayo.

A chara,

With reference to your letter of the 27th ultimo, I am to inform you that the matter has been referred to Major General Price, Officer i/c Resettlements, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Lord Edward Street, Dublin, to whom all future communications on the subject of employment should be addressed.

Mise le meas,

[Signature]
Runaidhe.

WJR/AL

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Dollybrown, Derryport West,
Wexford

3/P/337

to nags

March 20th/1928

To The Secretary
Dept. of Defence
Pensions Branch
Dublin.

Dear Sir

I wish to inform you
that my son ~~Mr~~ John McGreal who served
in the P.A. National Army & was stationed
in Roscommon, Castlebar, & Wexford.
He got wounded at Wexford in the left
arm & never got the right use of it since.
I understand that he is entitled to something
under the 1927 Act. Will you please bring
the matter before your Dept. so as to have
it considered. Thanking you in anticipation
yours faithfully
Mary McGreal.

Bridge St.
New York.

Feb 4. th 1928.

Re J.S. Wheatvale.

Dear Michael,

I received yours of the 2nd ult.
re above. I did everything in my power to get the
information you asked for, but, unfortunately
I did not succeed in getting a statement from
anyone that was actually on the boat, when
it was taken to New York.

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(Army Pensions Branch)

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(Army Finance Office)

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(Department of Defence)

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(Griffith Barracks)

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(Dublin)

22 MAR 1928

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A CHARA,

ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1927.

With reference to your application of the 21st inst. I am
directed to inform you that ^{this} ~~your~~ claim has already been dealt with under the
Army Pensions Act, 1923.

The Army Pensions Act, 1927, makes no provision for the further
consideration of claims such as yours. In the circumstances, it is regretted that
no further action in the matter can be taken by this Department.

Mise, le meas,

Wm M. McGeale

(Sgd) H. Morgan
.....
Army Finance Officer.

ARMY PENSIONS ACTS, 1923 and 1927.

DISABILITY PENSION.

Application by a person claiming a Disability Pension under Sections 9, 10, or 13
of the Army Pensions Act, 1927.

The questions are to be answered in the claimant's own words, and the form is
to be signed by him and the signature witnessed. In the event of the claimant
being unable to write he should affix his mark, such act being witnessed.

Army No..... Rank..... *Plt*

Unit and Corps..... *Military Police, Natl Army*

Name and Rank of Commanding Officer..... *Capt Forrel*

Name(To be written in Block Capitals.) *McCREAL* *JOHN*
(Surname) (Christian Names)

Irish Volunteers..... *Plt*

Rank in { Irish Citizen Army, 1916.....

{ National Army..... *Plt*

Age last Birthday..... *26 years*

Present Address..... *Deerfort West Murrisk Westport.*

Nearest Garda Siochana Station..... *Westport*

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

(a) The statement made by him will be checked from official records.

Section 12 (1) of the Act imposes a summary penalty for a false declaration :

“ Every person who, with a view to obtaining the grant or payment
of a pension, allowance, or gratuity under this Act either for himself
or for any other person, makes, signs, or uses any declaration, appli-
cation, or other written statement knowing the same to be false shall
be guilty of an offence under this section and shall be liable on summary
conviction thereof to a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds or, at
the discretion of the court, to imprisonment for any term not exceeding
six months or to both such fine and such imprisonment.”

(b) In answering question 3 any special circumstances involved in his service
which, in claimant's opinion, caused any unfitness from which he may
be suffering should be clearly stated.

If the applicant is unable to read, the above notes should be read over to him
by the witness, who should so testify in his attestation of the claim.

1. State for what period you served in

Irish Volunteers.

Two years

Irish Citizen Army.

National Army.

1 1/2 years

Defence Forces.

(a) In what capacity, and in what area, or areas.

Westport, & Castlebar.

(b) Who was your Commanding Officer, or Officers, in the several Forces?

Capt Forrell & Logher

(c) If you served in the National Army or Defence Forces, state the date upon which you were discharged from the Army or Forces.

April 1924

2. What is the disability (or disabilities) for which you now claim a pension?

loss of use of arm as a result of wound received in that Army

3. In what way do you claim that your disability is connected with your Military Service, and what grounds have you for the claim?
(A detailed statement of the facts, with dates, should be given).

a bullet wound in the arm

4. (a) When, and in what district, did the disability (or disabilities) commence?

Westport

(b) Who was your Commanding Officer at the time?

Capt Forrell

(c) Give the names of any persons who can corroborate your answer to (a) above.

*John F. Kilcoyne Drummindoo,
as Pte Kearns Westport,*

5. Were there any particular conditions affecting your service which you claim caused the disability (or disabilities)?

Lisacorney

Westport

Co Mayo.

Pete Jennings S.S.

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Good

Westport.

6. Give particulars of your health for the 3 years prior to joining the particular Force in which you claim to have incurred the disability (or disabilities). If possible, certificates should be furnished:—

(a) From your doctor, and

(b) from your approved Society for the 3 years prior to joining the particular Force, or if you were not an insured person, certificates should be furnished by the

Medical Practitioner who ordinarily attended you during those 3 years. A statement will also be required from your Employer or Employers in respect of the 3 years prior to you joining the particular Force.

7. Give the names of the hospitals where you have been treated for the disability (or disabilities) stated in reply to Question 2 above, and the approximate dates of admissions and discharges.
8. Did you suffer from the disability (or disabilities) mentioned in above answer to Question 2, or anything like it, prior to your service as stated in reply to Question (1). If so, give details and dates.
9. Give the names of any hospital, or hospitals in which you received treatment as an in-patient or an out-patient, prior to the period of your service, and the nature of the ailment for which treatment was provided.
10. What was the nature of your employment?
 - (a) before joining the Irish Volunteers, Irish Citizen Army, or National Army.
 - (b) During the period of your service with the Irish Volunteers or Irish Citizen Army.
 - (c) after the cessation of your Military Service.
11. Give the names and addresses of your Employer, or Employers.
 - (a) during the 3 years prior to joining the particular Military Force in which you claim to have contracted the disability (or disabilities) referred to in the reply to Question 2 above.
 - (b) during the period of your service with the Irish Volunteers or Irish Citizen Army.
 - (c) during the period since the cessation of your Military Service.
12. Were you at any time prior to joining the Forces a candidate for any

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not able to do any work

none

Platelayer

none

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appointment which necessitated a medical examination? If so, state the nature of the appointment, and the result of the medical examination.

13. Give particulars of any period, or periods, of unemployment since the cessation of your Military service, and the cause of it (e.g. trade depression, ill-health, etc.).
14. Have you received compensation from your Employer, or from any person or body in respect of any accident, injury, or disease. If so, give full particulars and state the amount of such compensation.
15. Give the names and addresses of any doctors who attended you since the cessation of your Military Service.
16. If you have been treated at a hospital (either as an in-patient or an out-patient) since the cessation of your Military Service, give the name of the hospital or hospitals, dates of admission, or commencement of treatment, and the nature of the disease for which treated.
17. Give particulars of your health since the cessation of your Military Service. These should be supported by—
 - (a) medical certificates from any civilian doctors who have attended you and reports from non-military hospitals you have attended.
 - (b) certificates from your employers as to health and time lost.
18. Have you received, in respect of the disability (or disabilities) mentioned in answer to Question 2 above, any payment:
 - (a) on a decree under the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Acts, 1919 and 1920.
 - (b) On an award made by the Personal Injuries Committee.
 - (c) from any relief organisation, such as National Aid or White Cross Association. If so, give full particulars.

Medical Practitioner who
attended you during
those 3 years. A statement
also be required from your
Employer or Employer in
respect of the period of
your leaving the service.

no

ill health

no

no

no

no

none

no

no

Health is bad & not able
to work

no

no

no

19. Give the name of your National Health Approved Society, and (if possible) your Membership Number. *not a member of any Society*
20. Have you at any time since the cessation of your military service been registered at a Labour Exchange? If so, give particulars as to the name of the Exchange and the period. *no*
21. Is there any other information which you can give, which is material to your claim.
22. Did you make a claim for a certificate of Service under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924? If so, what was the result of your claim. *I made no claim so far.*
23. Give particulars of any pension or gratuity awarded to you under the Army Pensions Act, 1923, in respect of a wound or injury received in the course of duty with the Irish Volunteers, Irish Citizen Army, 1916, or National Army. *Received none*
24. Have you served at any period with any of the following Military or Police Forces? If so, give particulars of service.
- (a) British. *no*
 - (b) Australian. *"*
 - (c) New Zealand. *"*
 - (d) South African. *"*
 - (e) Canadian. *"*
 - (f) American (U.S.A.). *"*
 - (g) Royal Irish Constabulary. *"*
 - (h) Dublin Metropolitan Police. *"*
 - (i) Garda Siochana. *"*
25. (a) Give full particulars of any pension, allowance or gratuity which you hold, or at any time have held in respect of any wound or injury received in or disease contracted in the services mentioned in your reply to above question. *none*
- (b) State clearly the source from which payment of such pension allowance or gratuity is made or has been made. *none*

This statement has been read over to me. It is my own statement and is correct and complete. I have nothing to add to it.

(Signed) John McVeal Address Deerpark West
(~~ex-Officer~~ or ex-Soldier).

(Signed*) Michael J. Hanrahan Address Murrisk Westport, Co Mayo
(Witness).

Qualification Catholic Cergymen Date 25th April 1928

*To be signed by 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 Siochana.
- 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.

Statement by a person who claims as a married man a further pension in accordance with the terms of the Acts.

26. If your wife is alive :—

- (a) State the date of your marriage.
- (b) Is your wife dependent on you ?
- (c) Does she ordinarily reside with you ? (Certificate of marriage to be attached).

27. (a) If your wife is dead, or the marriage has been dissolved, state the names and ages of any (to be filled in by ex-Officers).

Sons under 18 years of age.

Daughters under 21 years of age.

(To be filled in by ex-Soldiers).

Sons under 16 years.

Daughters under 18 years.

(Certificates of birth of living children to be attached).

(b) State whether the child or children mentioned above are dependent on you, and where they are living.

(c) State whether any of the above children are married.

28. If your wife is alive, but your marriage has been dissolved, and you claim a further pension in respect of the children mentioned in the reply to question 27 (a) above, please furnish copy of the decree or order of the Court.

The above statement has been read over to me. I agree to it, and have nothing to add.

(Signed)..... Address.....
(ex-Officer or ex-Soldier).

(Signed*)..... Address.....
(witness).

Qualification..... Date.....

* To be signed by 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 Siochana.

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.

Please state the name and address of the Doctor
of the Dispensary district in which you live.

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This is to certify that I attended John M. Greul in my
Capacity of Acting Medical Officer to Free State Troops
Westport in March 1923 He was severely wounded
by a revolver bullet in left arm. I had him removed
to Chennoin's Military Hospital

Since then I have on several occasions attended him
the complaints of pain shooting down the arm & forearm
from site of wound stiffness of arm, and inability
to work at times owing to said wound Has not same
power in said arm as before being wounded

John F. Walsh L.R.C.P. & S.J.

M.B. M.B.H.

Westport



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BAILE ATHA CLA.
(Dublin).
28th June

28th June 1928.

A Chara,

A Chara,
With reference
the 25th April
your claim has already
Pensions Act, 1923.

such as yours. In
that no further act
this Department.

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Mr John McGreal

2/22/6

Deerpark West.
Westport

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June 27th 1928

To The Minister for Defence
Griffith Barracks
Dublin:

A chara,

I made an application some time ago for a wound pension and I did not hear anything about it for some time. I served in the National Army and in the Irish Volunteers.

I got wounded in the National Army at Westport. & I am more or less disabled since. Hoping that you will favourably consider my case.

Yours faithfully
John McFreal

Recd by of 28th Inst
8/29/6

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Deerpark, West.
Westport.



F.O.

Dear Sir,

I have sent in
an application for a wound
pension some time ago and
I have heard nothing about
it ~~recently~~ recently. Will
you please let me know
how my case stands or is there
any further evidence wanted

Yours faithfully

John M. O'Neal.
The Secretary,
Ministry for Defence.

31/10/33

By 11/5/28



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(Brainnse Pinsean an Airm),

19th October, 1928.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 10th instant, relative to your claim under the Army Pensions Act, 1927, I am directed by the Minister for Defence to refer you to my communication of the 28th June last (copy enclosed) to which I regret there is nothing to add.

Mise, le meas,

Edw. Morgan
a.s. Runaidhe.

Mr. John McGreal,
Deerpark, West,
Westport,
Co. Mayo.

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48 Cleveland Ave
Haverlton Hill
Billingham
Co Durham

Aug 29, 1950

Dear Sir Or Sirs

It has come to my notice
that the Irish Government are going to pay
pensions to men who were in the Free State
army some years ago. If such may be the
case, I wish to register my claim.

I was attached to the military police
in the Free State army from the 13th June
1922 to 11th August 1923.

I got a gunshot wound in the
left arm and was discharged
without a pension or gratuity.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours faithfully

John Mc Greal

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If this is the same man please notify
Registry AS 5-9-50

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(Department of Defence),
(Finance Branch),
(St. Kevin's College),
(Glasnevin),
(Dublin).

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14 September, 1950.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 29th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Defence to state that a claim by you for a Wound Pension in respect of a wound received in March, 1923, while serving in the National Army was dealt with under the Army Pensions Act, 1923. You were medically examined in June, 1924, but as you were not found to be suffering from any disability due to service, no award could be made to you under the Act. In the circumstances, it is regretted that no action can be taken in the matter.

I am to add that there is no legislation in force whereby a pension could be granted to you in respect of your service in the National Army from the 13th June, 1922 to the 11th August, 1923.

Yours faithfully,

for SECRETARY.

Mr. John McGreal,
48, Cleveland Avenue,
Haverton Hill,
Billingham,
Co. Durham,
England.

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