

SAORSTÁT ÉIREANN.

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(MINISTRY OF DEFENCE).OIFIG AIRM AIRGID
(ARMY FINANCE OFFICE).

Register Number	From whom, number, and date	Officer or Soldier
P.B. <i>L 3143</i>		Name..... <i>McGreal John</i> Rank..... Unit..... Army No..... Date of Death..... Address..... <i>Boleybrian, Knappe, Westport.</i> Date of Discharge.....

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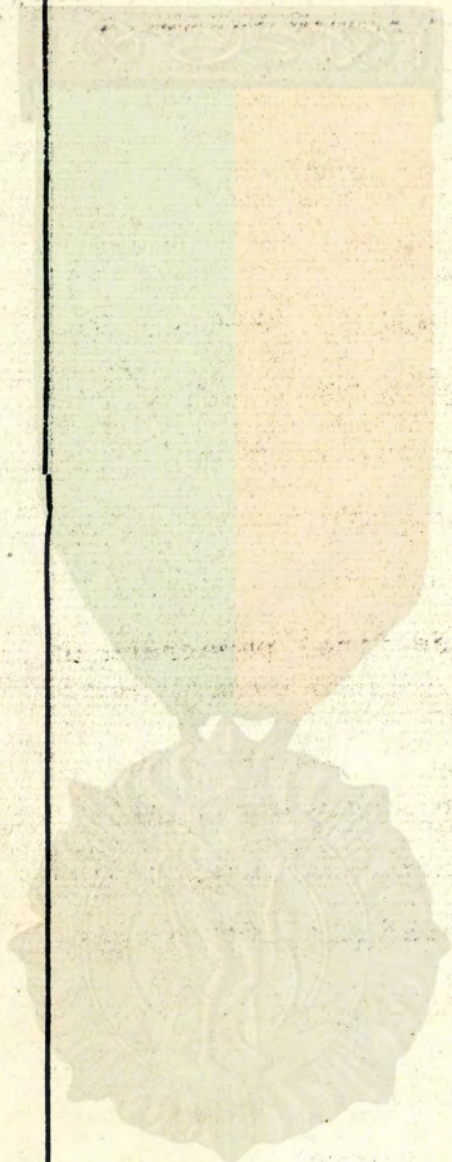
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M.S.P. 1.



Military Service Pensions Act, 1924.

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

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
block capitals).

John

SURNAME.

McGreal

CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS
(to be written in
block capitals).

Boley Brian Knappa Westport
Co Mayo

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(e) Unit or Units.....

(f) O/C.

(g) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(i) Absence from duty.....

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) O/C.....

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

From 1918 I was a member
of the Sinn Féinn Club in
Westport with Com. Joseph
Ring who was shot
in the Nat Army
his address was Carranacloy Westport
Chap

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) O/C.....

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(d) Absence from duty.....

About 1919 I became
a member of the Irish
Vol — I was
Capt. J. Kearns
Owenwee
Knappa
Westport
Chap

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) O/C.....

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Some time about 1919 I fell
away from the Vol Iers and had to
go to Scotland to earn my
living where I
became a
member of the Sinn
Féinn Club
there

(4)

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) O/C.....

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) O/C.

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) O/C.

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(d) Absence from duty.....

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

- (8). Army No. 48 444 (9) Age 22
- (10). Date of enlistment 13th June 1922
- (11). Station at which you enlisted Roscommon
- (12). Home address at date of joining Bohey Brian
Knappa Westport Co Mayo
- (13). Unit (Company, Battalion, Brigade, Division) 2nd Western Div.
- (14). Date of resignation or discharge or demobilisation 1st Aug 1923
- (15). Rank held at resignation, or discharge or demobilisation Plt Military Police
- (16). If serving on the 1st day of February, 1924, what was your rank on that date ?
✓
- (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 Eireann or in Oglagh na h-Eireann, or in the Irish Volunteers, or in the Irish Citizen Army, or in Fianna Eireann, or in the Hibernian Rifles.....

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

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

If there is any further information needed please inform Mr Joseph M. & Bride M.R. Westport - Quay Chasms

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

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

Address of Witness.....

Qualification.....

Date.....

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

March, 1925.

To:

A Chara,

With reference to your application on Form M.S.P.1 for a certificate of military service under the provisions of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, I am directed by the Minister for Defence to inform you that Regulations made under Section 9 of the Act lays it down that the application should have been made not later than the 1st March, 1925. A notification to this effect appeared in the Public Press on the 25th October and the 14th February last.

As your application was not received until the instant it cannot be entertained unless you furnish satisfactory evidence that you could not owing to circumstances beyond your control have made it in the time prescribed.

I am to invite your attention to the fact that the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, applies only to persons

- (1) who rendered military service in Oglagh na h-Eireann, or the Irish Volunteers or the Irish Citizen Army, or Fianna Eireann, or the Hibernian Rifles, during the week commencing the 23rd April, 1916; or throughout the period from 1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921; or throughout the period from the 1st April, 1921, to the 11th July, 1921,

and who in addition

- (2) served in the National Forces or Defence Forces of Saorstát Eireann at any time subsequent to the 1st day of July, 1922, and prior to the 1st day of October, 1923.

Unless you have rendered pre-Truce and post-Truce military service in accordance with these terms an application for the grant of a certificate of military service and a pension would be of no avail.

Beir Beannacht,

C.B. O'CONNOR.

M.S.P.23.

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M. S. P. 27.

ARMY FINANCE OFFICE,
(Pensions Branch)

GRIFFITH BARRACKS,
DUBLIN.

26th Nov 1925.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to state that the Form of Application for a Military Service Certificate forwarded by you has been duly received. The Form has, however, not been properly completed as your signature thereon was not witnessed by a person entitled to do so (See final paragraph of M.S.P.l. Form, page 6.).

A fresh Form of Application is enclosed, and you should take care to ensure that same is properly executed and returned so as to reach this Office not later than the 31st December, 1925.

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740 hy
ARMY FINANCE OFFICER.

Mr John McEneaney

53 Leinster

Knappa, Westport

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For information please
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21st May, 1928.

Private Secretary,
Minister for Justice.

With reference to your minute C.419/28 of the 4th ultimo regarding the applications of James and John McGreal, Deerpark West, Murrisk, Westport, under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, I am directed by Mr. Fitzgerald to inform you that applications under the Act do not appear to have been received from the persons named at the address given. Applications were, however, received from James McGreal, Altamount Street, Westport, and from John McGreal, Boleybrian, Knappa, Westport. If these applicants are identical with those to whom you refer, the position in the cases is as follows:-

James McGreal. He did not establish to the satisfaction of the Board of Assessors that he had rendered the minimum amount of active pre Truce service required by the Act. A certificate of military service and a pension could not therefore be granted to him. He was so informed on the 26th August, 1926. Since that date no appeal has been received from him, and it is not practicable at this date to take steps to have his case reconsidered.

John McGreal. A form of application was received from him in March, 1925. As it had not been properly completed, a fresh form of application was sent to him, but there is no trace of its having been received back in this Office. It would not be practicable to entertain an application from him at this date.

As regards the application of John McGreal under the Army Pensions Act, 1923, the position is that, on examination, he was not found to be suffering from any disability due to military service and an award could not therefore be made to him. He was so informed on several occasions.

LS.
The Enclosure
Runsidhe Aire.

REFERENCE.

L. 343.

NAME.

Mc Lual, John
Boleybrian
Kappa
Westport

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