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~~Mr.~~ Governor Lawrence

Newfield

Rostuk P.O

Westport Co Mayo

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Mr. Dooley	24/10/35				
Mr. Sweeney	26/10/35				
Ruairí	29/10/35				
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Ref. No. 16 96 Applicant's Name Mc Govern, Lawrence Address Newfield, Rosstuck P.O. Westport, Uni
 1) Liernaur Coy. Newport Baltn, Maryo Bde.
 2) West Maryo A.S. H.
 3) F Coy. Baltn. II, W. Maryo Bde.
Co. Maryo

(a) Period	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active Service allowed	(d) Equivalent for pension purposes.	Remarks
(1) 23/4/1916-30/4/1916	Full Period	/	/	
(2) (a) 1/4/'16-22/4/'16 (b) 30/4/16-31/3/17.	Full Period			
(3) 1/4/'17 - 31/3/'18	Full Period			
(4) 1/4/'18 - 31/3/'19	Full Period			
(5) 1/4/'19 - 31/3/'20	Full Period			J.J. Connolly Dismal
(6) 1/4/'20 - 31/3/'21	Full Period	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{3}$ yr	write to Connolly re applicant's
(7) 1/4/'21 - 11/7/'22	Full Period	Full	1 yr	activities & rank - enquire re 10th
(8) 12/7/'21 - 30/6/'22	Full Period	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ yrs	period. date of app.
(9) 1/7/'22 - 31/3/'23	Full Period	Full	2 yrs	
(10) 1/4/'23 - 30/9/'23	Full Period	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ yr	check rank (strength) with list 5/9/23

(a) First critical date; Rank claimed on Coy. Capt.
 Rank allowed:- D
 (b) Second critical date. Coy. Capt.
D

Total of column (d) 4 years

Signed:- A. O'Connell

John McGoy

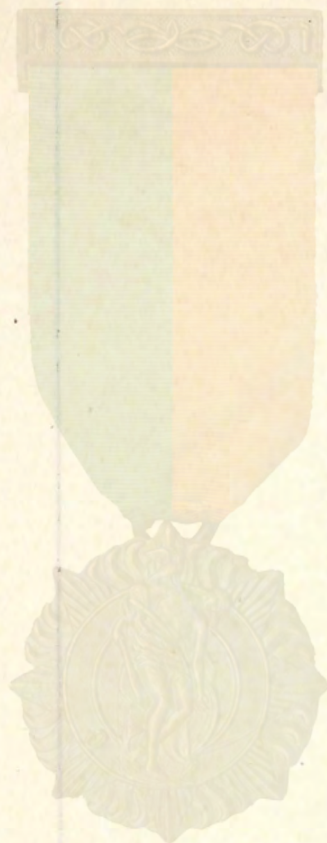
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Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 345.1/1780

Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee - 1696 -

To:

THE REFEREE.

To:

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

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

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

McCormack, Lawrence
Newfield, Cork P.O. Westport
for a Service Certificate. *McCormack*

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

(SIGNED) J. K. O'CONNOR

Date 16 FEB 1935

Date

Referee.

1. Is the Applicant a person to whom the Act applies? *Yes*
2. If so, total actual service in the different service periods, as established:
(1) *Nil*
(2) *Nil*
(3) *Nil*
(4) *Nil*
(5) *Nil*
(6) *6 of Entire Period*
(7) *Entire Period*
(8) *6 of Entire Period*
(9) *Entire Period*
(10) *2 of Entire Period*
3. Total service for pension purposes as defined by Second Schedule of the Act.
4 years
4. Grade or rank, quoting relevant paragraph of First Schedule under which allowed:—
(a) On first critical date. *Grade D. Para. 1(4)(b) -*
(b) On second critical date. *Grade D. Para. 1(4)(b) -*
(c) Was applicant a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921. *No*
(d) Does applicant's case fall under either of the following sub-paragraphs, and, if so, which, viz., sub-paragraph (j) of paragraph 3 of Rule I. of First Schedule
No
or under sub-paragraph (m) of paragraph 4 of Rule I. of First Schedule, as a Medical Officer. *No*

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

6. Does the applicant state in his application whether he applied for or is in receipt of unemployment assistance under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1933? If so, quote the number of his qualification certificate if given by him. *No*

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

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

Nil

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

(3) State—

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

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

Tiernan's boy

8. THE PERIOD COMPRISING :—

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

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

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

Nil

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

(3) State—

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

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

Tiernau's Coy., Mayo Bde.

9. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1917, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1918.

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

Nil

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

(3) State—

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

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

Tiernau's Coy., Newport Battr., Mayo Bde.

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

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

Nil

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

(3) State—

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

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

Tiernau's (F) Coy., Battr. II, West Mayo Bde.

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

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

Nil

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

- (3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.

Oplaj na h. Uleam

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

"F" Coy, Battr. II, West Mayo Bde.

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

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

1/6 of Entire Period

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

1/3 of ~~Entire~~ 1 year

- (3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.

Oplaj na h. Uleam

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

*"F" Coy, Battr. II, West Mayo Bde.,
and A. S. M.*

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

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

Entire Period

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

1 year

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces *Oglaj na h. Uleann*

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

F. boy, Battr. II, West Mayo Bde,
and A. S. U.

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

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

1/6 of entire period

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

1/6 of 1 year

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces *Oglaj na h. Uleann*

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

F. boy, Battr. II, West Mayo Bde.

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

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

entire period

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

2 years

3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces *Oglaj na h. Uleann*

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

F. boy, Battr. II, West Mayo Bde.

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

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

1/2 of entire Period

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

1/2 of 1 year

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces

Oglaj na h. Likanu

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

"F" Coy, Battr. II, West Mayo Bde.

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Co. Mayo

The above is shown as

V. O. C. 2nd Battalion, West
Mayo Bde. on 1st. C. Date
and

Battalion O.C. (same Batt.)
on 2nd. C.D.

according to records
submitted by H. Moore T.D.

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The body present to sign minutes today's date.

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21/10/35

Mr Sweeney

according to R.O. particulars

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was Battn vice o/c on 11/4/21*

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9/9/35

Mr. Sweeney

If & when our records confirm applicants rank for both C. dates, notate this minutely accdly. & prepare Report forms.

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9/9/35.

Mr. Sweeney
 Accd. to applicants
 own evidence John Connolly was
 Cpt. Capt. when they went on the
 Column a ^(appears) he was promoted around
 (after) the Tree. What rank
 is Connolly shown as holding on
 the 1st July 24
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Mr. Soley for attention

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9/9/35

Mr. Sweeney.

Applicant's rank correct
(per E. Moore) on both dates and is
entitled to rank D on both c. dates.
Strength (1st b. Date) = 78 members
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To Office of Referee
Griffith Barracks
South Circular Rd
Dublin



Military Service Pensions Act 1934

Dear Sir

Yours 22 inst (Refer 1696)

Re Mr Laurence McGovern's Application I here furnish details requested by you to the best of my knowledge & beliefs.

1/4/20 He was actively engaged in the organisation preparing for the fight by every means at his disposal helping to procure arms & ammunition for Lemaire Coy, 1/3/21. Been a member of Active Unit West Mayo Brigade from 1/4/21 - 11/7/21 With active service Unit West Mayo Brigade took part in raids on enemy posts also took part in Killmena, Skerdash & Corrowkenaredy Ambushes
From 12/7/21 - 30/6/22 Actively engaged in Bringing Lemaire Coy, to the highest possible standard for further Military operations if necessary organizing training at Week End Camps
From 1/7/22 - 31/3/23 On active service in against F. S. Army, Organized his Coy very Satisfactorily & supplied as many men as was required for Active Service & kept his Coy Area a safe & usefull place for Belliting men on A. S.

Continued over.

(2)

From 1/4/23 - 30/9/23

Active & reliable always dependable
for carrying out instructions

Rank held by Applicant 11th July 1921
Captain & Coy Liemaer

Rank 1st July 22 Captain & Coy Liemaer.

I remain

Respectfully Yours

J.J. Connolly



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1696

22nd July, 1935.

A Chara:

I am directed by the Referee to refer to the application of Mr. Laurence McGovern, Newfield, Rosturk P.O., Westport, Co. Mayo, and to request you to submit a detailed statement regarding the service rendered with the Forces by this applicant during the following periods:-

1/4/20	-	31/3/21,
1/4/21	-	11/7/21,
12/7/21	-	30/6/22,
1/7/22	-	31/3/23,
1/4/23	-	30/9/23,

I am also to request you to state the rank held by this applicant on the 11th July 1921 and on the 1st July 1922.

Mise, le meas,

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RÚNAÍ.

Mr. J. J. Connolly,
Tourmakeady.

SWORN STATEMENT made before THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE by SEAN GIBBONS, of
12, Seafield Avenue, Seafield Road, Clontarf, ON BEHALF OF LAWRENCE
McGOVERN (File No.1696) on 12th APRIL, 1935.

- Q. What do you know of Lawrence McGovern?
A. He joined the Active Service Unit in 1921, and served until the Truce period. As well as I remember, he was in the active service afterwards. He joined the A.S.U. in pre-Truce days.
- Q. What was his rank?
A. Lieutenant or Captain, I think.
- Q. What was he doing after the "Cease Fire?"
A. I think he was identified with our Forces after the Truce. I could not be definite. He was in the A.S.U., in 1921. He joined in February or March.
- Q. Was he in different engagements with the A.S.U. - in Kilmeena, Skerdagh, and Garrowkennedy?
A. He was in Kilmeena, as well as I remember.
- Q. Was he in Skerdagh?
A. He was there the time of the operation.
- Q. Had he a rifle?
A. I think so. In the Skerdagh engagement, we had to send off 200 men of the Flying Column, and the delaying action devolved on seven. In that way, I expect he was one of the men in charge of the 200 men. Four days after the Kilmeena attack, they got after us at Skerdagh. They got us by surprise. We had to get away our wounded men, and fight them as well.
- Q. Garrowkennedy was a real fight?
A. Yes.
- A. Also Kilmeena?
A. Yes.

SWORN BEFORE ME ON: _____

R E F E R E E.

SWORN STATEMENT made before THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE by LAWRENCE MCGOVERN,
on 12th APRIL, 1935. FILE NO. 1696.

Q. All statements on your form are correct?

A. Yes.

1st PERIOD: Q. When did you join the Volunteers?

A. In 1914.

Q. You continued till the "Cease Fire" in 1923?

A. Yes.

Q. Had you any fighting during Easter Week?

A. No.

Q. You were awaiting instructions?

A. Yes.

Q. You scouted the Area, etc.?

A. Yes.

2nd PERIOD: Q. You were engaged in general observation of enemy, etc.?

A. Yes.

3rd PERIOD: Q. You were training your Section, and carrying out orders issued by your superior officer?

A. Yes.

Q. Had you any rank?

A. No.

Q. Were you a Section Leader?

A. Yes.

Q. Who was Company Captain?

A. Michael McMenamin. He is dead.

4th PERIOD: Q. You were raising funds for Volunteer purposes?

A. Yes.

Q. You had the same Captain?

A. Yes, McMenamin.

5th PERIOD: Q. You were filling shot-guns cartridges, and attending lectures, and training half Company of which you were a Lieutenant?

A. Yes.

Q. When did you become a Lieutenant?

A. Some time in October, 1919.

Q. The Company Captain was a different man?

A. Yes, John Connolly.

Q. What happened the other man?

A. He had gone on to the Battalion.

6th PERIOD: Q. You were "on the run?"

A. Yes.

Q. Why did you go "on the run?"

A. In or around October, anyone who held any little commission, and whom the police had "an eye on", were told not to be captured. Ml. McMenamin was captured some time in October. The Brigadier gave us instructions not to be captured at any cost.

Q. Did you remain in your own Area, or parish?

A. There were three parishes in the Newport Battalion Area.

Q. Did you sleep at home?

A. Very seldom.

Q. Where did you sleep?

A. Anywhere from the Borders of Galway to Achill - sometimes with ~~fix~~ friends.

Q. Did you go out of your own Company Area?

A. Yes.

Q. When did you join the A.S.U.?

A. In February or March, 1921.

Q. Who was the Commander?

A. In the Battalion, Jo Doherty; in the Brigade, Ml. Kilroy, all organised into one big column.

Q. Were you with the Column?

A. Yes.

Q. Before you joined, you were moving about saving yourself?

A. Yes.

Q. You took part in the burning of Mallaranny R.I.C., Bks.?

A. Yes.

Q. When was it?

A. About September, 1920.

Q. Was it a vacated barracks?

A. Yes.

Q. You took part in raiding for arms?

A. Yes.

Q. You organised parish courts, prepared dumps, etc.?

A. Yes.

7th PERIOD: Q. You were still a member of the A.S.U.?

A. Yes.

Q. Were you in any engagements while with that Unit?

A. Yes, Kilmeena.

Q. Were you armed?

A. Yes, with a rifle.

Q. Had you any other engagements during the period?

A. Yes, Skerdagh.

7th Period
(Contd.)

- Q. Were you armed?
A. I was armed with a rifle.
- Q. How many rifles were in that Column?
A. In our Battalion Area, there were two long Enfields, and a short, two Mausers, and a Martini; there were eleven revolvers, and a lot of shot-guns. We made ammunition.
- Q. Had every man in the Column a rifle?
A. Some had revolvers, and some shot-guns. In Kilmeena, we had shot-guns.
- Q. Was there any other engagement?
A. There was Carrowkenedy, and there were several ambushes prepared.
- Q. Were you fighting in Carrowkenedy?
A. Yes.
- Q. Did you engage in raids on Newport and Westport?
A. Yes, on the towns.

8th PERIOD:

- Q. What was your rank at the Truce?
A. At the time we went on the Column John Connolly was Coy., Captain. I was First Lieutenant when I went on the Column.
- Q. What was the strength of your Company at that time?
A. Roughly 70.
- Q. Had you any rank in the Column?
A. No.
- Q. When did you become Company Captain?
A. I was promoted some time around the time of the Truce.
- Q. After the Truce you were promoted Company Captain?
A. Yes.
- Q. Who promoted you?
A. The Battalion O.C., Joe Doherty. (Vice O.C. was John Connolly.)
- Q. Where were you when you were promoted?
A. At a Battalion mobilisation in Newport.
- Q. Was this before you went into Barracks?
A. Yes.
- Q. Who was Company Captain before you?
A. John Connolly.
- Q. What happened to him?
A. He was promoted to Battalion O.C.
- Q. This was the same Company in which you were First Lieut.?
A. Yes.

9th PERIOD:

- Q. How many were in that Company at the start of the Civil War?
A. 70. (I was senior officer of the other companies while the other officers were in gaol.)

8th PERIOD
(Contd.)

- Q. Were you at home?
A. I was in a few training camps.
Q. Otherwise, you were at home?
A. Yes, most of the time.

- Q. Did you go into Barracks?
A. Yes, towards the end of 1921.

- Q. Did you stay in barracks till the start of the Civil War?
A. No, I was sent back again.

- Q. How long were you in Barracks?
A. About two months.

9th PERIOD:

- Q. What rank did you hold in this period?
A. Company Captain. I had been made Company Captain during the Truce, and still maintained it.

- Q. You recruited ~~fre~~ men from your company for active service?
A. Yes.

- Q. You were constantly on active service?
A. Yes.

- Q. You operated all the time between the two Brigade Areas?
A. Yes.

- Q. You were constituted that rank?
A. Yes.

- Q. You were on attack on Newport town?
A. Yes.

- Q. You were blocking roads and railway?
A. Yes.

- Q. You helped to blow up bridges at Burrishoole, and Kilmeena? You had to see to all these things as Company Captain?
A. Yes.

- Q. What did you do at Newport?
A. There were several attacks on Newport town. We attacked the Free State troops. It was not captured.

- Q. Was that outside your area?
A. It was outside the Company Area, but in the Battalion Area.

- Q. How many attacks at that?
A. Four (4) - In August and September.

Q. You were fighting up to the "Cease Fire" order?
A. Yes.

Q. After the "Cease Fire" what did you do?
A. I tried to keep out of the way.

Q. When were you able to go home?
A. In May, 1924. It was not safe till then.

Q. How often did you sleep at home after the "Cease Fire" until the end of the period?
A. About ten times. We used billet out, in our own Area.

Q. They did not get you?
A. No.

Q. You were not arrested?
A. No. Our Area was an island district. There were 365 islands in the bay. I was living on the mainland, and

Q. You say you were senior Company Captain, and had to manage the affairs of the Battalion?
A. That is correct.

SWORN BEFORE ME ON : _____

R E F E R E E.



Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

APPLICATION TO THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE FOR A SERVICE CERTIFICATE.

This form must be filled in by every person who seeks a Service Certificate, and must be signed by him, and signature witnessed, on or before the 31st day of December, 1935. In the event of an applicant being unable to write he should affix his mark, such act being witnessed.

NAME (to be written in block capitals). McGOVERN LAWRENCE
SURNAME. CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS. NEWFIELD, ROSTURK P.O.
(to be written in block capitals). WESTPORT, CO. MAYO.

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

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

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

was "a Divisional Adjutant" or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PART I.

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

- (a) who served in the Forces at any time during the week commencing on the 23rd day of April, 1916,

or

- (b) who served in the Forces continuously during either of the following periods, the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1920, and ending on the 31st day of March, 1921,

or

- (c) the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1921, and ending on the 11th day of July, 1921,

and in addition

who served in the Forces at any time during the period commencing on the 1st day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923.

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

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

I joined the Irish Volunteers in 1914 and continued on till the cease fire order in 1923.

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

- (a) Did you render active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916. If so, from what date in that week? *I was awaiting instructions*
- (b) Unit or Units *Tiernaur Company I.V.*
- (c) Duration (giving dates) of service *Whole Period*
- (d) District or Districts in which active service was rendered *Tiernaur Company Area*
- (e) Officer Commanding in each instance *Late Michael McManamon (Dead)*
- (f) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *Late of Knockbegna Barrowbeg Westport
Kept in communication with outlying Companies*
- (g) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the week *Scouted the Area which is situated on the shores of Blew Bay*
- (h) Absence from duty and cause *Nil*
- (i) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Patrick McLoughlin</i>	<i>Sandhill Barrowbeg Westport</i>
<i>Patrick Lavelle</i>	<i>Knockbegna Barrowbeg Westport</i>
<i>Michael Cormack</i>	<i>Boskeen Barrowbeg Westport</i>

(2). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD COMPRISING—

- (a) period from 1st April, 1916, to 22nd April, 1916, and
- (b) period from 30th April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917.
- (a) Unit or Units *Tiernaur Company*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service *Whole Period*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered *Tiernaur Company Area generally*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance *Late Michael McManamon
Knockbegna Barrowbeg Westport*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *Was engaged in general observation of Enemy and helped to organize the Company Area.*
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period *Watched and reported movements of Enemy
Kept look out on Blew Bay, Raised money to help*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause *None (the men that were interned)*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Patrick M'Loughlin	Sandhill Carrowbeg Westport
Patrick Lavelle	Knockbregua Carrowbeg Westport
Michael Cormack	Roskeen Carrowbeg Westport

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

(a) Unit or Units. *Tiernaur Company. Newport Battn.*

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

Whole Period

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

Tiernaur, Coy Area Generally

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

(Coy Capt) Michael M'Manamon (Deed)
Knockbregua Carrowbeg Westport

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

I was engaged training my section and carrying out all orders issued by my superior officer.

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

the period. *Intensive campaign against Conscriptio*
menace, making Dugs out soliciting money for Volunteer
Purposes. attended Battn Mobilizations Etc Etc.

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

Nil

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Michael Kilroy J. D.	Carrabann Newport Mayo
John J. Connelly	19 Coldeakes Ave. Huzhills Leeds 9.
Patrick M'Loughlin	Sandhill Carrowbeg Westport

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

(a) Unit or Units. *Tiernaur Coy. Newport Battn. Mayo Brigade*

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

Whole period

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

Newport Battn Area generally

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

(Coy Capt) Michael M'Manamon (Deed)

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

During that time I was engaged with others in raising funds for Volunteer purposes.

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

the period. *Was actively engaged in resisting conscription attended several Bathn mobilizations, and training generally.*

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

Nil

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Michael Kilroy J.D. Carrabaun Newport Co Mayo
John J. Connelly 19 Coldcaves Ave. Hairhills Leeds 9.
Patrick McLoughlin Sandhill Carrrowbeg Westport

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

(a) Unit or Units. *Tiernaur Coy Newport Bathn West Mayo Bgde*

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

Whole Period

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

Newport Battalion Area

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

John J. Connelly (Coy Capt.)

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

Engaged on training and collecting monies for Arms fund

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

the period. *Refilling shot-gun cartridges attended lectures given by Sean MacMahon. Training 1st Coy of which I was 10. Lieut collecting arms and ammunition.*

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

Nil

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Michael Kilroy J.D. Carrabaun Newport Co Mayo
John J. Connelly 19 Coldcaves Ave. Hairhills Leeds 9.
Thomas Cleary Inceclaur Newport Co Mayo.

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

(a) Unit or Units. *1 Coy (Tiernaur) 2nd Batt. West Mayo Brigade*

and later West Mayo active service unit

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

Whole Period

I went on the Run in the New year of 1921

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

..... *West Mayo Brigade Area*

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

..... *M. Kibroy J.D. Newport*

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

..... *Being a member of the Active Service Unit*

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

the period..... *Burning of Mulranny R.D. Barracks. Raiding for Arms. Preparing in every way for to resist British occupation organized Parish Courts. Prepared dumps. Made Dugs out. Sakerintended the placing of Scouts, whilst in my Home Area.*

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

..... *None*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Michael Kibroy J.D. Carrabawn Newport Co Mayo
Eamon Moane J.D. Carrowbawn Westport Co Mayo
John J. Connelly 19 Goldcaves Ave Hairhills Leeds 9.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

..... *West Mayo Active Service Unit*

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

..... *Whole Period*

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

..... *West Mayo Brigade Area.*

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

..... *M. Kibroy Generally & John J. Connelly Bath Vics O/c*

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

..... *Being on active Service with Active Service Unit*

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

the period..... *Preparing ambush points cutting roads and Bridges raiding Post offices for letters of a suspicious nature dismantling telegraphs Raids on Newport & Westport towns occupied by British. Engaged in the Battles of Killmeena, Sherdagh and Carrowkenedy. Etc Etc*

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

..... *Rail*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Michael Kilroy J.D.	Carrabaun Newpost Co Mayo
Eamon Moane J.D.	Carrowbawn Westpost Co Mayo
John J. Connelly	19 Coldeakes Ave Hairhills Leeds 9.

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

(a) Unit or Units. *F Coy 2nd Battr. West Mayo Brigade*

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

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

2nd Battr Newpost Battalion Area Generally

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....
Self in Coy. L. McFourn

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?.....
(in Battr) John J. Connelly

Was engaged in Command of Coy. (and other services)

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

also week end the period. Intensive organization work attended Battr training camps, trained my Coy in the use of arms, attended Battr Councils made secret dumps, and improved our military positions generally

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

Nil

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
John J. Connelly	19 Coldeakes Ave Hairhills Leeds 9.
William Chambers J.L.C. Ganger	Ballyeroy Co Mayo
Thomas Cleary	Greenlaur Newpost Co Mayo

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

(a) Unit or Units. *F Coy 2nd Battr. West Mayo Brigade*
4th Western Division

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

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

Newpost Battr Area. and F Coy Area

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....
Self L. McFourn (in Coy) &

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?.....
John J. Connelly (in Battr area)

Recruited men from my company for Active Service and I myself was constantly on Active Service as my Coy. Was the connecting link between West Mayo & North West Mayo Brigades.

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

the period. Attacks on Newport town, Blocking of Roads & Railway. Helped to blow up bridges at Buncroole & Kilmuna, had also to place scouts at Vantage Points owing to the geographical situation of the Boy Area. I had also an immense amount of explosives under my care, there was also an Hospital for I.R.A. use in my area, on which I had to place guards.

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

Nil

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

John D. Gibbons Cloonagh Lodge Westport Mayo
Dr. John Callaghan Bangor Erris Co Mayo
Patrick Honkan Castlebar Co Mayo

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

(a) Unit or Units. F. Coy. 2nd Bn. West Mayo Brigade.....

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

Whole Period

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

(Newport Battalion) 2nd. Generally

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance. Self. Lawrence McGovern

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? I was evading arrest & helping others to evade arrest also.

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

the period. I had to see to the safety of hunted men, catered for their safety, and also helped to get them about from place to place. As all the officers of the Bn. were arrested, I as senior Coy. Capt. had to manage the affairs of the Battalion.

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

None

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

John J. Connelly 19 Coldeshee Ave. Harthill Leeds 9.
Patrick Lavelle Knockbregua Carrowbeg Westport
Patrick McLoughlin Sandhill Carrowbeg Westport

PART II.

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANTS WHOSE QUALIFYING SERVICE IN THE FORCES* WAS PRE-TRUCE ONLY, *i.e.* :—

(a) who served in the Forces at any time during the week commencing on the 23rd day of April, 1916,

or

(b) who served in the Forces continuously during the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1921, and ending on the 11th day of July, 1921.

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

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

(b) Unit or Units.....

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

.....

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

.....

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

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

.....

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

.....

.....

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

.....

.....

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

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

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

PART III.

GENERAL.

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS.

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

(a) On first critical date.

Rank D. Company Captain

(b) On second critical date.

Rank D Company Captain (and manager of
Battn affairs after March 1923 no specified
rank)

References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

John J. Connelly	19 Goldcaves Ave. Hairhills Leeds 9.
Michael Gallagher	Quay Road Westport
Thomas Cleary	Greenlawr Newport Co Mayo
Patrick McLoughlin	Sandhill Carrowbeg Westport

- (2). Did you serve in the National Army as well as in the Forces on the 1st July, 1922, or on any subsequent date. If so, did you apply for a certificate of military service under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, and, if so, with what result. If you did not so apply, give your reasons for not doing so.

I did not serve in National Army

- (3). If you did not serve in both the National Army and the Forces on the 1st July, 1922, or on any subsequent date—state whether you applied for a Certificate of Military Service under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, and, if so, with what result.

did not apply

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

Army Pensions Act, 1923.

Army Pensions Act, 1927.

Army Pensions Act, 1932.

If so, with what result.

No.

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

No.

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

No.

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

I am presently Poor Rate Collector for Mayo County Council. I was appointed about three years ago. But want of sufficient knowledge of Irish will oblige me to resign at the end of this financial year.

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

(a) As a member of the Civil Service.

(b) As a member of the Garda Síochána.

(c) As a member of any other Police Force.

(d) As a member of the Prisons Service.

(e) As a National School Teacher.

(f) As a Secondary School Teacher.

P.S. The lack of knowledge is attributable in a large way to my military service as I couldn't get sufficient time to study the Language.

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

If so, give details.....

Boat Collector for Mayo County Council

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

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

My company area is situated on the North shore of Clew Bay and owing to Garrisons being in Newport & Mallowanny practically all the transport had to be done by boats. And as the Bay is studded with Islands that are at times inaccessible it was up to me to make the most of the ^{natural} ~~available~~ conditions that prevailed; As only two men were captured in my area.

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

Lawrence McGovern

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

Patrick Leahy Sg. 286

Address of Witness.....

Gardabutehana, Newport, Wexford Co. 1. 1. 1935

Qualification.....

Sg. 286, Gardabutehana.

Date.....

13 February 1935

* Witness must be one of the following :—

- A Commissioned Officer serving in the Defence Forces.
- A Permanent Civil Servant (active or retired) whose salary is or was not less than £200 and on a scale rising to not less than £300.
- A District Justice.
- A Peace Commissioner.
- A Barrister-at-Law, a Solicitor, or a Commissioner for Oaths.
- A Minister of Religion (denomination to be stated).
- A Registered Physician or Surgeon.
- Managers, Secretaries, Chief Cashiers and Accountants of Banks, and Officials in charge of Branch Banks.
- A Member of the Garda Síochána.
- A Postmaster or Postmistress in actual charge of a Post Office.
- Head Teachers of Secondary or National Schools.
- A Secretary of a Registered Friendly Society.
- A Notary Public.
- A Consul-General.
- A Consul.
- A Vice-Consul.

APPENDIX.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

RULES FOR DETERMINING NOTIONAL GRADES OF RANK IN THE FORCES HELD BY PERSONS SERVING IN THE FORCES.

1.—(1) Any person who at any date was either Chief of Staff, Deputy Chief of Staff, Adjutant General, a Divisional Officer Commanding, or Quartermaster General shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank A.

(2) Any person who at any date was either—

- (a) a General Headquarters Officer acting as Director of any one of the following services, namely Organisation, Intelligence, Engineering and Munitions, or
- (b) a Brigade Officer Commanding whose brigade was at that date not less than one thousand in strength,

shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank B.

(3) Any person who at any date was either—

- (a) a Brigade Officer Commanding whose brigade at that date was less than one thousand in strength, or
- (b) a Divisional Vice Officer Commanding, or
- (c) a Divisional Adjutant, or
- (d) a Divisional Quartermaster, or
- (e) a Battalion Commandant whose battalion was at that date not less than three hundred in strength, or
- (f) a Brigade Vice Officer Commanding whose brigade was at that date not less than one thousand in strength, or
- (g) a Brigade Adjutant whose brigade was at that date not less than one thousand in strength, or
- (h) a Brigade Quartermaster whose brigade was at that date not less than one thousand in strength, or
- (i) a Column Commander whose column was at that date not less than thirty in strength, or
- (j) a General Headquarters Officer who at that date was acting as Director of Medical Services, or
- (k) a General Headquarters Officer who at that date was acting as Director of any Service, other than that of Medical Services, or one of the Services mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) of the immediately preceding paragraph,

shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank C.

(4) A person who at any date—

- (a) was a Battalion Commandant whose battalion at that date was less than three hundred in strength, or
- (b) was a Company Captain whose company at that date was not less than sixty in strength, or
- (c) was, at that date, a Captain on the General Headquarters Staff or on a Divisional Staff, or
- (d) was, in the case of a company which at that date was not less than one hundred and twenty in strength, where the company had at that date one Lieutenant only, such Lieutenant or, where the company had at that date two Lieutenants only, one or other of such Lieutenants, or, where the company had at that date three or more Lieutenants, one or other of the two Lieutenants who were at that date respectively second and third in command, or
- (e) was, in the case of a company which at that date was less than one hundred and twenty in strength but not less than one hundred in strength, where such company had at that date one Lieutenant only, such Lieutenant or where such company had at that date two or more Lieutenants, the Lieutenant who was at that date second in command, or
- (f) was a Brigade Officer, other than a Brigade Officer who is deemed by virtue of paragraph (2) or (3) of this Rule to have held at that date either Rank B or Rank C, or
- (g) was a Battalion Vice Officer Commanding whose battalion at that date was not less than one hundred in strength, or
- (h) was a Battalion Adjutant whose battalion was at that date not less than one hundred in strength, or
- (i) was a Battalion Quartermaster whose battalion was at that date not less than one hundred in strength, or

The expression "the first critical date" means the 11th day of July, 1921; and the expression "the second critical date" means:—

- (a) in the case of a person who served in the Forces on the 1st day of July, 1922, the 1st day of July, 1922 and
- (b) in the case of a person who did not serve in the Forces on the 1st day of July, 1922, but who served in the Forces at any time during the period commencing on the 2nd day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923, the date during that period on which such person first served in the Forces.

2. In the case of a person who did not serve in the Forces during the period commencing on the 1st day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923, but who has either:—

- (a) served in the Forces at any time during the week commencing on the 23rd day of April, 1916, or
- (b) served in the Forces continuously during the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1921, and ending on the 11th day of July, 1921,

the expression "the first critical date" shall be construed as meaning the date during the said week, or if he did not serve during the said week, during the said period, on which he first served in the Forces in such week or such period (as the case may be), and

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

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- (j) was a General Headquarters Officer other than a General Headquarters Officer who was at that date acting as a Director of any Service, or
- (k) was a Divisional Officer other than a Divisional Officer Commanding, a Divisional Vice Officer Commanding, a Divisional Adjutant or a Divisional Quartermaster, or
- (l) was a Column Commander whose column at that date was less than thirty in strength, or
- (m) was a Medical Officer other than a General Headquarters Officer who at that date was acting as Director of Medical Services,

shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank D.

(5) Any person who complies with the following conditions, namely :—

- (a) was at any date an officer, and
- (b) is not deemed by virtue of any of the preceding paragraphs of this Rule to have held at that date any grade of rank,

shall be deemed for the purposes of this Act to have held at that date Rank E.

(6) Any person who at any date held the rank of non-commissioned officer or private shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank E.

(7) None of the foregoing provisions of this Rule shall apply to any person who at any date was a member of Fianna Eireann or of Cumann na mBan and was not at any date a member of Oglagh na hEireann (Irish Republican Army) or of the Irish Volunteers, and in lieu thereof the following provisions shall have effect in relation to any such person, that is to say :—

(a) any person who at any date :—

- (i) was a member of the headquarters staff or executive of Fianna Eireann or Cumann na mBan, or
- (ii) was an officer of Fianna Eireann or Cumann na mBan commanding one hundred members or more of either of those bodies, or
- (iii) was an officer of Fianna Eireann or Cumann na mBan senior to an officer of either of those bodies commanding one hundred members or more of either of those bodies,

shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank D, and

- (b) any person who at any date was a member of Fianna Eireann or Cumann na mBan and who is not deemed by virtue of the foregoing sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph to have held Rank D, shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank E.

2. Where an officer whose grade of rank at any date is, under Rule I of this Schedule, to be determined both by his actual rank in the Forces and the strength of the unit to which he belonged at that date, and such officer is, at that date, absent from duty by reason of imprisonment on account of his activities as a member of the Forces, the following provisions shall, for the purposes of the said Rule I, have effect in relation to such officer, that is to say :—

- (a) such officer shall be deemed to have held at that date the actual rank in the Forces which he held at the date of his arrest, and
- (b) such unit shall be deemed to be at that date at the same strength as it was at the time of his arrest.

3. Where the case of any person does not fall within the provisions of Rule I of this Schedule, the Referee may determine the particular grade of rank which such person is to be deemed to have held on any date, and in so determining the Referee shall have regard to the following matters, that is to say :—

- (a) the appointment held by such person,
- (b) the services performed by such person,
- (c) the principles of grading set forth in the said Rule I.

4. Where any person, whose case at a particular date falls within the provisions of Rule I of this Schedule, was, at that date, engaged in service of a special character, the Referee may, in making his report under this Act in relation to the grade of rank held by such person on such date, report that the grade of rank held by him on such date is a grade of rank higher than the grade which, but for this Rule, would be the grade of rank held by him on that date.

DEFINITION OF THE FIRST AND SECOND CRITICAL DATES.

1. In the case of a person who served in the Forces during the period commencing on the 1st day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923,