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An Uimhir

An Snó

NSP/34/Refuse

3351

An Uimhir as Roinn Eile.

Gibbons, Patrick,
Derryharrobb,
Rahins,
castlebar,
Co. Mayo.

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P.A.

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Held for Officers

19.7.40

Held for Charles

28/11/40

Held for Keeney

27/1/41

list of Keeney

REF. No. 3351

APPLICANT'S NAME. Gibbons Patk.

ADDRESS. Derryhariff, Rahins, Castlebar.

UNIT. D Coy. 8th Bn., W. Mayo Bde.

(a) PERIOD	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active service allowed	(d) Equivalent for Pension purposes	REMARKS
(1) 23/4/16 - 30/4/16				(7)
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17	Full Period.			Defer 2. $\frac{2}{2}$ (8)
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	do.			$\frac{2}{2}$ 38. (9)
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	do.			(10)
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	do.			(11)
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	do.	$\frac{1}{6}$ Period	$\frac{1}{3}$ year. ✓	Finished $\frac{18}{12}$ (12)
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	do.	Full "	1 " ✓	$\frac{4}{4}$ (13)
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	do.	$\frac{1}{3}$ "	$\frac{1}{3}$ " ✓	(14)
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	do.	$\frac{2}{9}$ "	$\frac{4}{9}$ " ✓	(15)
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	do.			(16)

(a) First critical date.

(b) Second critical date.

Rank claimed on. Coy Capt. do.

Rank allowed. S. ✓ S. ✓

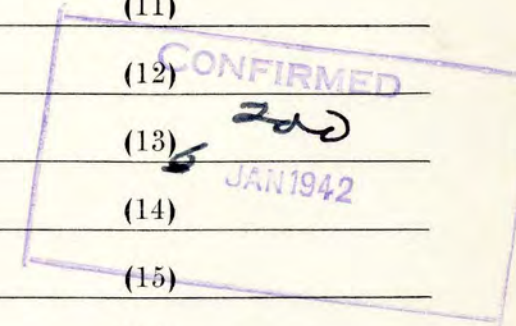
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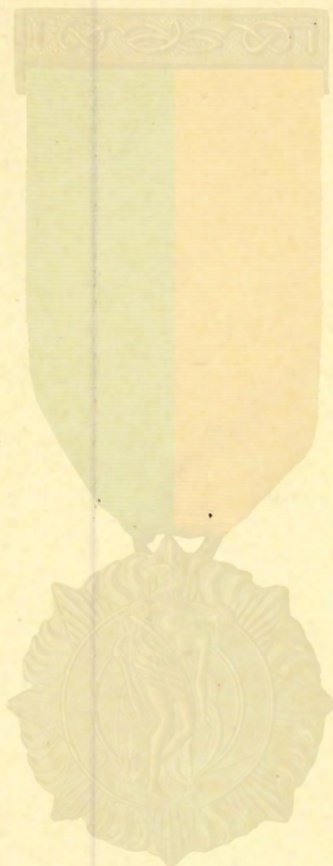
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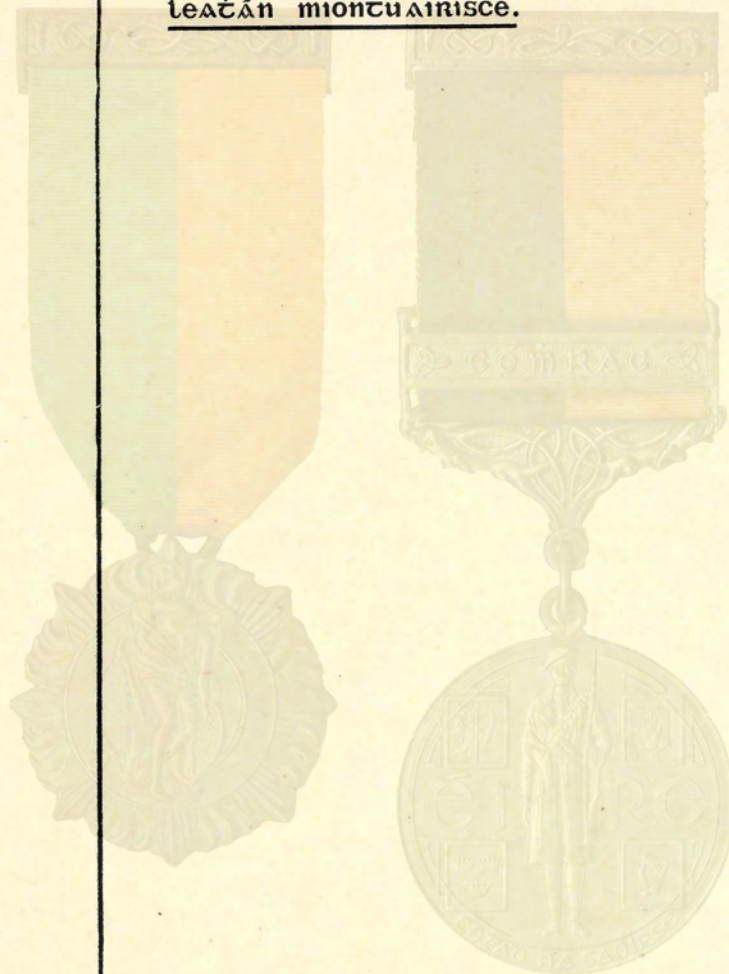
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SCHEDULE

M.S.P. 34/2A.

Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Reference No. 3351

Applicant's Name Gibbons, Patrick

Address Derry, Londonderry, Rathfriland, Londonderry

PERIOD	Particular military body or bodies in which active service was rendered.	Duration of active service established to the satisfaction of the Referee.	Equivalent for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act.	Is the applicant a person to whom the Act applies?	Rank or Grade allowed.	Relevant paragraph of First Schedule.
(1) 23/4/16 - 29/4/16	—	— period	— year(s)	.....	.....	.....
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17	Irish Volunteers	— period	— year	.....	.....	.....
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	"	— period	— year	.....	.....	.....
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	"	— period	— year	.....	.....	.....
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	Glengh na h-Eireann,	— period	— year	.....	.....	.....
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	"	— period	— year(s)	.....	.....	.....
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	"	— period	— year	.....	.....	.....
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	"	— period	— year	.....	.....	.....
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	"	— period	— year(s)	.....	.....	.....
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	"	— period	— year	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL			29 year(s)			

To—THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE,

I submit hereon my report in this case.

(SIGNED) T. UA. DÓMHNAILL

Referee.

Date 30.1.47

Is the applicant a person to whom the Act applies?

Rank or Grade allowed. Relevant paragraph of First Schedule.

1st critical date.....

2nd critical date.....

Was applicant a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive

at any time prior to 11th July, 1921?

Does applicant's case fall under—

(a) sub-para. (j) of para. 3 of Rule I of the First Schedule?

(b) sub-para. (m) of para. 4 of Rule I of the First Schedule?

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

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

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Servyghriff
Rahins Castlebar
Co Mayo
19.1.42

A Chara,

I have received your letter granting me a Military Service Pension, and although I feel I have been treated very miserably in some periods, still I accept the findings of the Referee, and hope you will deal with my case at your earliest convenience as I am a poor man with a young weak family

Yours Sincerely
P. Gibbons

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R. 17.

Any reply should bear

Ref. No. 3351

and your Former Unit.

OIFIG AN RÉITEÓRA,

COLAISTE CAOIMHIN,

GLASNAOIDHEAN,

BAILE ATHA CLIATH.

10 JAN 1942

A CHARA,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to your application under the terms of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934, and in accordance with the provisions of Statutory Rules and Orders 1936, No. 61, I am to notify you that on the evidence submitted, the findings of the Referee in respect of your application are as follows:—

Service Period	Duration of Active Service during each period, as established to the satisfaction of the Referee.	Appropriate pensionable service.....Years
(1) Week commencing 23/4/16	.....	.....
(2) (a) 1/4/16 - 22/4/16 } (b) 30/4/16 - 31/3/17 }	..... .....	..... .....
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	.....	.....
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	.....	.....
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	.....	.....
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	6 of ENTIRE PERIOD	3
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/21	ENTIRE PERIOD	1
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/6/22	3 of ENTIRE PERIOD	3
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	9 of ENTIRE PERIOD	9
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	.....	.....

TOTAL—29 years.

Grade of rank on 1st critical date.....D

“ “ “ 2nd “ “

I am also to inform you that if you desire to submit any additional evidence or to make any representations with a view to the revision of these findings, such evidence or representations must be submitted in writing to the

Referee and must reach this office not later than 31 JAN 1942

The Referee will give full consideration to any evidence or representations so submitted, and after such consideration will make his report to the Minister for Defence. If no additional evidence or representation is furnished before the date indicated, the Referee will thereupon make his report to the Minister.

I am to add that the report of the Referee, when made, will, subject as mentioned in Section 9 of the Act, become final and conclusive and binding on all persons and tribunals whatsoever.

Mise, le meas,

Mr. Patrick Gibbons,

Doughanriff,

Rahins,

Co. Wick.

Rúnaidhe.

MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934.

Form R. 18.

Ref. No. 3351

APPLICANT'S NAME *Gilbons, Path*

For Discussion with *Mom Kilroy deharan*

Date *15/12/47*

PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

(a) First Critical Date..... (b) Second Critical Date.....

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

Date.....

MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934.

Form R. 18.

Ref. No. 3361

APPLICANT'S NAME Gibbons, Patk

For Discussion with Messrs. Moane, Kilroy & Glenister

Date 23/1/44

PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
(1)	Coy Capt.	
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)	Joined } 1/2 dumb. A.S.U. } not allowed to fight - Saw Keyman for his Coy. Responsible for Dump Ress. belts disps. grenades } one a fortnight & 36 men. continually for A.S.U. Personally delivered them.	
(7)	32 Keyman for 4 Battos. Forward statement of Keyman's activities	
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

(a) First Critical Date..... (b) Second Critical Date.....

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

Date.....

MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934.

Form R. 18.

Ref. No. 3351

APPLICANT'S NAME Gibbons Patk

For Discussion with Messrs. Moore & Kilroy Date 19/11/40

PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
(1)	<u>Evidence before.</u>	
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)	no engagements in <u>6th or 7th</u> noan - Keyman. K - <u>Ordina</u> <u>home</u> of O.B./Chambers. Good -	
(7)	<u>Area for Chambers</u>	
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

(a) First Critical Date..... (b) Second Critical Date.....

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

Date.....

Ref. No. 325/

APPLICANT'S NAME

For Discussion with

Gibbons, Patrick

Messrs Kelly & Moane

Date

1/2/38

PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
(1)	Defect I into his boots	Grade II
(2)	Defect I into his boots	Grade II
(3)	Defect I into his boots	Grade II
(4)	Defect I into his boots	Grade II
(5)	Defect I into his boots	Grade II
(6)	Defect I into his boots	Grade II
(7)	Defect I into his boots	Grade II
(8)	Defect I into his boots	Grade II
(9)	Defect I into his boots	Grade II
(10)	Defect I into his boots	Grade II

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

(a) First Critical Date..... (b) Second Critical Date.....

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

Referee R:15.

Organisation Records supplied by

E. Moane, Bde. Cpt.

show that applicant was

(a) Leary, Capt., Glenisland Coy, and Bde., West Mayo Bde 11.7.1921

Strength

65 per summary of E. Moane
78 per applicant

(b) do.

1.7.1922

Strength

80 per summary of E. Moane.
71 per applicant.

Signed: msb

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SUMMARY.

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PATRICK GIBBONS (3351)

28. 5. '37.

Probably a key man. Nothing else worth while.



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SWORN STATEMENT MADE BY PATRICK GIBBONS (3351)

BEFORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON 28. 5. '37.

Q. Have you any papers or references with you?
A. I have one recommendation.

Q. What rank are you claiming?
A. Company Captain.

Q. When were you appointed?
A. March 1917.

Q. When you joined up?
A. No. I was attached to Castlebar Company since the summer of 1916.

Q. Did you hold that rank?
A. Not until Glenisland Company was formed.

Q. When were you Captain of D. Company?
A. From the start; when it was formed.

Q. From when?
A. March 1917.

Q. Right up to the Truce?
A. Yes. All the time.

Q. Through the Civil War?
A. Yes.

Q. You joined in 1916?
A. Yes.

3rd/4th Periods. The usual.

5th Period.

Q. Burning of R.I.C., Barracks; are you sure that was not in the next period? What month was the burning; would it be in April 1920?
A. Yes. I think it was.

Q. One barracks?
A. One Barracks.

6th Period.

Q. How many raids for arms had you in 1920?
A. I myself had 10 or 12.

Q. You had no fighting in any of them?
A. No.

Q. You were training your Company and Court work?
A. Yes.

Q. You say all the battalion arms and ammunition were under your charge?
A. Yes.

Q. Through the Q.M's., I suppose?

A. They were brought to me, then they were put under the Q.M's., charge.

Q. For the whole battalion?

A. Yes.

Q. It says here in 1920 you had all preparations made in your area for the reception of the A.S.U. In this particular area arms were dumped; the filling of shot-gun cartridges and the making of shot took place?

A. Yes.

Q. When did you become attached to the Column?

A. When it was formed.

Q. When was that?

A. I think it was in March 1921.

Q. Were you on the run during the Tan War?

A. I was all the time.

Q. From when?

A. Since about October 1920, I was active all the time.

Q. Had you no ambush or Bks., attack before March 1921?

A. No. I was not in any ambush at all. I was in two a mbush positions.

Q. Where were you in ambush positions?

A. One was in the Civil War time and the other in the Tan War time. One was in Glenisland and the other in Skirdagh.

Q. Where was the one in the Tan War?

A. Glenisland.

Q. When was that?

A. Shortly after the column was formed, either March or April 1921.

Q. Owing to the importance of this Company area you were ordered back to your Company during the 7th Period, is that right?

A. That is right.

Q. You were with the Column doing outpost duty at night?

A. Yes.

Q. In what way was your Company area important ?

A. It was situated between three battalion area, I was the connecting link between the three. There were two important lines of communication running through.

7th Period.

Q. During that 7th Period had you arms dumped in your area belonging to the Column?

A. There were dumps of arms there, I was in charge of them.

Q. For more than your own Company?

A. For the whole battalion area, only I and some more of the Company knew anything about them.

Q. You made dumps then did you?

A. Yes. I did.

Q. Road work; were you on the roads much?

A. ~~I was several times.~~ In fact we were nearly on it every night in some direction.

Q. Had you any raids for mails or anything like that?

A. No.

(See page 5 for continuation).

8th Period.

Q. During the Truce did you go into Camps?

A. Yes.

Q. One camp?

A. Yes. Ballycroy. The Officers Training Camp.

Q. How long were you at Ballycroy?

A. One week.

Q. Did you go into Bks?

A. Yes.

Q. When?

A. Just at the taking over of them.

Q. You did not stay in Bks?

A. Yes.

Q. Which Barracks?

A. Castlebar, except while I had to go back to my own Company area.

Q. How long did you spend in Castlebar Bks?

A. Until they evacuated them.

Q. What length of time did you spend in Castlebar Barracks during the Truce; were you attached to the Bks., until the evacuation?

A. It was in July 1922.

Q. While in the Bks., that time how often did you go back to your Company?

A. Several times.

Q. How often?

A. Came back and reported again in the evening.

Q. In the one day?

A. Yes.

Q. You slept in the Bks., at night?

A. Yes. Some nights, other nights in the Company area.

Q. How much time did you spend in the Company area?

I think you will have to get a special certificate for that. It states here you were engaged in the making of dugouts, trenching of roads; conveying arms and ammunition from one area to another; that is not right?

A. I suppose he is talking about the Civil War Period.

Q. Did you make many dugouts during the Truce?

A. One dugout in my company area.

Q. How long did that take?

A. It was a terrible job, it took us a long time.

Q. About how long would it have taken; a week?

A. It did and three weeks, or nearly a month. I am not exactly sure about the time.

Q. Between three and four weeks?

A. Yes.

Q. You will have to get a separate certificate about Bks., to show exactly how long you were in the Bks, and the time you spent in the Company area?

A. I was back in my Company area at times.

9th Period.

Q. When the Civil War started where were you; that is when you heard of the Four Courts falling in Dublin?

A. I was in Castlebar.

Q. At the Bks., or where were you?

A. At the Bks., in Castlebar, between that and my own Coy., area, at the time the Civil War broke out. I was attached to the column again and then sent back to my own Coy., area again.

Q. Was it Clinton's column?

A. No. Castlebar Column.

Q. Who was the leader of the column?

A. Mr. Chambers was when it went out, then after him I think Mark Kilalee.

Q. You had no actual fighting with the column?

A. No.

Q. You were sent back to look after the Company area?

A. Yes.

Q. Were you doing similar work to what you were doing in the Tan War?

A. Yes. I was.

Q. How long did you keep on doing that?

A. Until the "Cease Fire."

Q. Were you on the run during that time?

A. During that time I was on the run all the time.

Q. You met Jim Clinton near Newport with 20 men?

A. Yes.

Q. What happened at Newport?

A. Trenched roads.

Q. How often did you trench roads during the Civil War?

A. Several times I cannot give you the number. In fact I worked for every officer in West Mayo.

A. Of course there was not room in that form for everything a fellow would like to state. There are a couple of things I would like to refer to.

Q. Anything important?

A. After the A.S.U., was formed in the Tan time Mark Killalee was brought into my area wounded one night. He was in great pain.

Q. Did you look after him?

A. Yes. He wanted to get to Castlebar to get hospital treatment, I got him taken there that night. I made arrangements for hospital treatment.

Q. You looked after him for one night and made arrangements for hospital treatment?

A. Yes.

Q. Anything else?

A. On my return home, I heard a lorry, I had to take a by-road & a horse I had - there were several shots fired.

Q. Fired at you?

A. They were fired in my direction, after me. Some of them I actually heard.

Q. Anything else?

A. After ~~Kilmaine~~ ambush some of the boys who were wounded touched on my company area, I helped them on to safety to Skirdagh, where they were going. I left them safely there as well as I could.

Q. You mean you scouted them?

A. Yes. Some of them were surrounded.

Q. After Kilmaine ambush?

A. Yes. I had a brother and sister at home after me, they attended to all duties, dispatches and anything that came that way.

Q. Your sister and brother attended to dispatches?

A. Any that came to me they saw they would be delivered.

Q. Did they send them on?

A. Yes. He attended to them while I was away, seeing they were delivered alright and anything like that.

Q. Is it only while you were away?

A. He was there all the time.

WEST MAYO BRIGADE OLD I. R. A. ASSOCIATION.

25th May, 1937.

This is to certify that Patrick Gibbons of Derryharriff, Rahins, Castlebar, joined the Irish Volunteers in 1916, and took part in all parades, etc. He was the Captain of the Company from its inception. He organised that whole area which was one of the most important in my Battalion. He took part in the burning of R.I.C. Barracks at Glenisland. Raiding for arms and ammunition; and preventing people from attending British Courts, etc.

In 1920 he had all preparations made in his area for the reception of the A. S. U. In this particular area arms were dumped; the filling of shot-gun cartarages and the ~~filling~~^{making} of shot took place.

He was attached to the Column and left his area with it, but owing to the importance of this Company area he was ordered back to his Company during the 7th period. He was with the Column doing out-post duty at night.

During the 8th period he attended the Officers' Training Camp at Ballycroy. Was engaged in the making of Dug-Outs, trenching of roads; conveying arms and ammunition from one ~~to~~ area to another.

He was one of the best Company Captains in my ~~Company~~^{Batt.} Area, all orders given were immediately attended to.

On both critical dates he was attached to the Column. In no circumstances would he be allowed to leave his Company Area.

Signed

James Chambers
O/C. 1st Battalion, West Mayo Brigade.

Michael Kilroy

Late O.C. Western Command

Emo. 1.0 Late O.C. West Mayo

Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 34SP/3688

To :

THE REFEREE.

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

Gibbons Patrick

Demeriff, Rahins, Bartleby, Co. Mayo.
for a Service Certificate.

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

M Kelly.

Date 5 APR 1935

Ref. No.....

To :

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

Referee.

Date.....

1. Is the Applicant a person to whom the Act applies ?.....
2. If so, total actual service in the different service periods, as established.....
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.....
3. Total service for pension purposes as defined by Second Schedule of the Act.....
.....
4. Grade or rank, quoting relevant paragraph of First Schedule under which allowed : —
 - (a) On first critical date.....
 - (b) On second critical date.....
 - (c) Was applicant a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921.....
 - (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.....
.....
or under sub-paragraph (m) of paragraph 4 of Rule I. of First Schedule, as a Medical Officer.....

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 ?.....

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.....

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

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

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

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.....

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

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

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

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.....

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.....

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.....

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.....

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.....

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.....

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.....

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.....

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.....

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

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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).

GIBBONS Patrick

SURNAME.

CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS.

(to be written in
block capitals).

DERRYHARRIFF. RAHINS.

CASTLEBAR. 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.

(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 ?.....
- (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.....
- (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, and
- (b) period from 30th April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917.
- (a) Unit or Units..... *Castlebar Company*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service.... *April 1916 To March 1917*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... *Castlebar Cox area*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *John Hoban*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ?..... *Actively Engaged*
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *Drilling Secretly*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause.....

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
John Hoban Senior	Newport Rd Castlebar
James Chambers	Manland Castlebar
Bernard McDonnell	Tucker St Castlebar

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

(a) Unit or Units... *D Coy 1st Batt West Mayo Brigade*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *Continuous Service*

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

Castlebar Battalion area

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Comdt John Hoban*

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

I was acting under military orders

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

the period... *Drilling & Training Company. Forming up special services such as signaling, Engineering Etc*

(g) Absence from duty and cause...

None

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Michael McHugh	National Army, Dublin
Comdt John Hoban	Castlebar
Willie Mongey (Batt edy)	Castlebar

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

(a) Unit or Units... *D Coy Glensland*

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

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

Castlebar Batt area

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Comdt John Hoban*

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

Acting under military orders

- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *Police duty at Sinn Féin Courts in Castlebar and Glenisland. In charge of General Election work in area etc*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause... *None*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Capt Comdt James Chambers</i>	<i>Castlebar</i>
<i>Michael McHugh</i>	<i>National Army Dublin</i>
<i>Reader McMahon</i>	<i>Instructor from G.H.Q.</i>

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

- (a) Unit or Units... *D Coy Glenisland*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *Continuous*

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *Castlebar Batt area*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Comdt James Chambers*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?... *Acting under military orders*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *Burning R.I.C. Barracks. Raiding for arms. Training Company. Preventing people from attending British Courts*

(g) Absence from duty and cause... *None*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Dick Walsh T.L.</i>	<i>Balla Co Mayo</i>
<i>James Chambers</i>	<i>Castlebar</i>
<i>Johnny McCormack</i>	<i>Castlebar</i>

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

- (a) Unit or Units... *D Coy 1st Batt West Mayo Brigade*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *Continuous*

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

West Mayo

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

Comdt James Chambers

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

Acting under military orders

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

Raiding for arms. Rifle Practice, All Battalion arms & ammunition was under my charge. At my place first West Mayo A.S.U. was formed up. Made all dumps for Rifles and ammunition. A trusted man in every way

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

None

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Michael Kilroy T.D.

Newport

Ned Moan T.D.

Westport

James Chambers

Castlebar

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

D Coy Glenisland

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

Continuous

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

West Mayo

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

All Senior Officers in West Mayo

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

Obeaying military orders

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

Out with A.S.U. for some time, Ordered back to take charge of Company and block and trench Enemy route between Castlebar and Newport. Knock Bridges Etc

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

None

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Michael Kilroy T.X	Newport
Eamon Moan T.X	Carrabawn Westport
Comdt James Chambers	Maryland Castlebar

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *D Coy*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *Continuous Service*

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

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Comdt James Chambers*

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

Acting under military orders

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *Attended officers training Camp (Ballycrov)*

Training & camping with Coy making dugout Service in Castlebar and Westport military Barracks Etc

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

None

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Michael Kilroy T.X	Newport
Eamon Moan T.X	Carrabawn Westport
Comdt James Chambers	Maryland Castlebar

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *D Coy*

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

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

West Mayo

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Comdt James Chambers*

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

I was acting under military orders

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period. *By dispatch from Jim Clinton A.S.U. Leader.*

I met him near Newport. I with 20 men trekked Enemy route from C Bar to Newport, also road by Glenisland Barracks. Next night by order of Mark Killee did 24 miles with arms & ammunition.

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

None

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Mark Killee T.S.</i>	<i>Leinster House</i>
<i>Capt John Fadden</i>	<i>Ballyhean Castlebar</i>
<i>Capt A. Callaghan</i>	<i>Glenhest Newport</i>

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *D Coy*

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

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

West Mayo

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Eamon Moan T.S.*

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

acting under military orders

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

Out with a.s.u. in Spirdah. sent back again to take charge of Coy. Blocked Enemy route from C Bar at Rahins several times. Knocked Bridges on road leading to Crossmolina

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

None

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Eamon Moan T.S.</i>	<i>Carrabawn Westport</i>
<i>Michael Mangan (Chief I.O.)</i>	<i>Glenhest Newport</i>
<i>Edward Ginnelly</i>	<i>Glenisland Castlebar</i>

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.

Capt. & Coy. 1st Batt. West Mayo Brigade
Rank D

(b) On second critical date.

Capt. & Coy. 1st Batt. West Mayo Brigade
Rank D

References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Michael Kilroy T.D.	Newport
Eamon Moan T.D.	Carraheen Westport
Mark Killelea T.D.	Leinster House
Comdt. James Chambers	Maryland Castlebar

- (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 never served in the national army.
I did not apply for a military service Pension.
I always believed when a Republican Government got in the would consider my Service.

- (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.

No

(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.....

No

(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.

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

If so, give details.....

No

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.

By orders from Chief I.O. Michael Mangan I formed a communication from Castlebar Railway Station to Glenhest with houses to receive any travellers who came the way. I took orders from almost every Senior Officer in West Mayo and I carried out faithfully any orders entrusted to me.

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

Patrick Gibbons
Derryharriff Castlebar

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

Bernard Egan

Address of Witness.....

Burnanool N.S.
Castlebar

Qualification.....

Head Teacher

Date.....

16th March 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

- (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,

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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