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Comdt. M. M. Hugh  
Ponsonby Barracks  
Cinnabar Camp

OF M.S.P.

DATED 14/2/27 PASSED TO D/DEFENCE 16 FEB. 1927

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# Military Service Pensions Act, 1924.

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

*A.P. 12063.*

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

NAME (to be written in.....*Comdt Michael McHugh*.....  
block capitals). SURNAME. CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS.....*Ponsonby Barrack Curragh Camp*.....  
(to be written in block capitals).

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) Unit or Units..... *Castlebar Company Irish Volunteers*
- (b) O/C..... *John Hoban Sr Lucke Street Castlebar*
- (c) References:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Mr. Joseph MacBride J.D.</i>	<i>Mallow Cottage Westport</i>
.....	.....
.....	.....

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

*We hadnt any notification*

(e) Unit or Units..... *Castlebar Company*

(f) O/C..... *John Hoban Sr*

(g) References:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Mr. Joseph MacBride J.D.</i>	<i>Mallow Cottage Westport</i>
<i>Sr MacBride P.C.</i>	<i>Castlebar</i>
.....	.....

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

*Devoted a lot of time organizing and training volunteers*



- (i) Absence from duty..... *was arrested a fortnight after Easter week and was detained 3 weeks in Castlebar Prison and Richmond Bks Dublin*

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

- (a) Unit or Units..... *Vice Brigade Mayo Brigade*  
 (b) O/C..... *Mr. Joseph McBride*  
 (c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*Mr. Joseph McBride J.D. Mallow Cottage Westport*

- (d) Absence from duty..... *one week in Castlebar Mil Bks*  
*(don't remember the date)*

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

- (a) Unit or Units..... *Mayo Brigade (Vice Brigade)*  
 (b) O/C..... *Mr. Joseph McBride*  
 (c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*Mr. Joseph McBride J.D. Mallow Cottage Westport*  
*Lieut General P McMahon*

- (d) Absence from duty.....

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

- (a) Unit or Units..... *Mayo Brigade (Vice Brig.)*  
 (b) O/C..... *Mr. Joseph McBride*  
 (c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*Lieut General McMahon*  
*Mr. Joseph McBride J.D.*  
*Dr McBride P.C. Castlebar*



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

(a) Unit or Units..... *West Mayo Brigade*  
 (b) O/C..... *J. Derrig*  
 (c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*Lieut General P. McMahon*  
*Mr. Joseph McBride J. D.*  
*Dr. McBride P. C.*

(d) Absence from duty..... *from 23 Nov 1920*  
*untill end of Dec 1921*  
*Interned in Galway & Rath Camp Curragh*

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *West Mayo Brigade (via Brigade)*  
 (b) O/C..... *Interned during Michael Kilroy*  
 (c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*Lieut General P. McMahon*  
*Mr. Joseph McBride J. D.*  
*Dr. McBride P. C. Castlebar*

(d) Absence from duty..... *from 23 Nov 1920*  
*untill end Dec 1921*

*Interned Galway & Rath Camp, Curragh*

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *West Mayo Brigade (via Brig)*  
 (b) O/C..... *Michael Kilroy late E. Moane*  
 (c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*Lieut General P. McMahon*  
*Mr. Joseph McBride J. D.*  
*Dr. McBride P. C.*



(d) Absence from duty..... *up to end Dec 1921*

*(Interim)*

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

(8). Army No..... (9) Age..... *42 years*

(10). Date of enlistment..... *24 June 1924*

(11). Station at which you enlisted..... *Castlebar*

(12). Home address at date of joining..... *Castlebar*

(13). Unit (Company, Battalion, Brigade, Division)..... *West Mayo Brigade*

*4th Western*

(14). Date of resignation or discharge or demobilisation.....

(15). Rank held at resignation, or discharge or demobilisation.....

(16). If serving on the 1st day of February, 1924, what was your rank on that date?

*Commandant*

(17). Were you a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive or of the Headquarter's Staff of Oglagh na h-Eireann at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921? If so, state the position you occupied, the department or branch and the dates of your service.....

(18). If you are in receipt of any remuneration, pension, or allowance payable out of public monies, whether provided by the Oireachtas or out of the Central Fund, or by means of the poor rate or any other rate imposed by a local authority, state details.....



- (19). Give full particulars of any pension, allowance, grant or gratuity which you hold or at any time have held in respect of service in the National Forces or Defence Forces of Saorstát Éireann or in Oglagh na h-Eireann, or in the Irish Volunteers, or in the Irish Citizen Army, or in Fianna Éireann, or in the Hibernian Rifles.....

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

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

Signature (or Mark) of Applicant..... *M. McHugh Comdt.*

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

Address of Witness.....

Qualification.....

Date..... *4 - 2 - 25*

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



MINUTE SHEET.

M.S.B.  
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Reference...

*SP 12063*

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# Military Service Pensions Act, 1924.

Form of certificate to be attached by the G.S.O. i/c Staff Duties in the cases of Officers, and by the Officer i/c Personnel in the cases of N.C.Os. and Men, when the forms M.S.P. 1 are being transmitted to the Secretary, Board of Assessors (Military Service Pensions), Dublin. (Paragraph 4 of Defence Order No. 59).

To :

The Secretary, Board of Assessors  
(Military Service Pensions), Dublin.

SDR/2211.



I hereby certify that....Commandant Michael McHugh.....  
has rendered service in the National Forces or Defence Forces of Saorstát Éireann in the rank and during the periods set out hereunder:

Periods of Service prescribed in the Act.	Duration of Service during each Period.	
	Date of commencement and date of ending.	Total number of days.
(1) Continuous service from 1st July, 1922, to 31st March, 1923 ...	1st July, 1922 - 31st March, 1923.	274 ✓
(2) Continuous service from 1st April, 1923, to 30th September, 1923	1st April, 1923 - 30th September, 1923.	183 ✓

\*Rank...Commandant..... ✓

Dated...11th May, 1925.....

M. O'Riordan..... MAJOR.

G.S.O. i/c STAFF DUTIES.....

BMQ.

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



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Customs Bks  
Athlone

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The Secretary  
Board of Assessors  
(Mil Service Pension)



A Chara

Attached please find form duly filled up

I think Lieut General McMahon knew  
me in the period April 1918 to Mar 1919  
but am not sure

M. M. Hugh Connel  
D. 6 25<sup>th</sup> Batt

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BORD MEASTOIRI  
(Board of Assessors),

PINSIN SHEIRBHISE MILLEATA  
(Military Service Pensions),

BAILE ATHA CLIATH,

.....19...-12...2.9. DEC 1925.

To...*Enoch McHugh*.....

A Chara,

In connection with your application for a certificate of military service, I have to direct your attention to the fact that Section 3 (5) of the Military Service Pensions Act prescribes that the onus of proof of service shall rest on the applicant.

Before your case can be considered by the Board, you must give for each period of your service the names and addresses of three persons who can give evidence in support of your claim to service at that time. These three references should be, preferably, officers at present in the Army, or else members of the Oireachtas, or of the Garda Siothchana, or of the Dublin Metropolitan Police, or Peace Commissioners, or Justices of District Courts, or permanent Civil Servants, whose salary is or was not less than £200.

Your application form is incomplete in this respect and you are therefore, requested to give hereunder the names and addresses of...*Additional*... qualified references for each of the periods in respect of which you have made a claim, *as per*

*Below.*

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2 Active service in week commencing 23rd April, 1916.

- (1) *Mr. J. McBride & Co*  
(2) *Mr. McBride P. C*  
(3) *Mr. J. Collins P. C*

(as given by you)

*Castlebar*

1 From 1st April, 1916 to 31st March, 1917

- (1) *do.*  
(2) *Mr. McBride P. C*  
(3) *Mr. J. Collins P. C*

*Castlebar*

2 From 1st April, 1917 to 31st March, 1918.

- (1) *do. & Co*  
(2) *Mr. McBride P. C*  
(3) *J. Collins P. C*

*Castlebar*

1 From 1st April, 1918 to 31st March, 1919.

- (1) *do.*  
(2) *do.*  
(3) *Mr. J. Collins P. C*

*Castlebar*

From 1st April, 1919 to 31st March, 1920.

- (1)  
(2)  
(3)

From 1st April, 1920 to 31st March, 1921.

- (1)  
(2)  
(3)

From 1st April, 1921 to 11th July, 1921.

- (1)  
(2)  
(3)

From 12th July, 1921 to 30th June, 1922.

- (1)  
(2)  
(3)



MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1924



Form to be filled in by a person testifying to the Service, if any, of an Applicant for a Certificate of Military Service.

Regd. No. S.P. 12063

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

(MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS),

DUBLIN.

To Sr Gen C. McMahon

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C. G. 12.

In the application of Cmdr Col. The Hugh

Carragh (Home add: - Castlebar)

for a certificate of military service in accordance with the above-mentioned Act, your name appears as a reference who can verify this applicant's service in the periods

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set out hereunder.

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

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

GEARÓID O SUILLEAVAIN,

Runar.

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

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	mayor Brigade (Catholics Batt.)
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	Brigade Adjutant Batt. Co. Brigade Vice Comd.
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	From records when I reorganised the Brigade towards the end of 1919.



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

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

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

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military services did applicant render? Insert particulars of attacks on enemy forces or positions; destruction of enemy property; manufacture, purchase or disposal of munitions; collection of information to enable these acts to be done; or organising or training to the same ends.	He was sent as a prisoner to Rath Camp, Curragh in February 1921.
(ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period and to what Unit or Units was he attached?	
(iii.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	I was released in the same camp some days later.



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

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military services did applicant render? Insert particulars of attacks on enemy forces or positions; destruction of enemy property; manufacture, purchase or disposal of munitions; collection of information to enable these acts to be done; or organising or training to the same ends.	Interned in Rath Camp.
(ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period and to what Unit or Units was he attached?	
(iii.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	

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

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military duties were discharged by applicant under authority during this period?	Interned in Rath Camp until Dec. 1920, and on release was employed on Bds. Staff
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	Ways Bds.
(iii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer?	Full time
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	Conduct.
(v.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(vi.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify to his service?	I spent some days in his area in Feby. 1922 on instructions from G.F.2.



You may at your discretion write hereunder a statement of any additional information which you consider may be of assistance to the Board in determining the application.

When reorganising Mayo during latter months of 1919 and beginning of 1920, I found applicant a very hardworking volunteer officer. He was easily one of the best officers in the county. He acted as line captain during the whole period he was interned in Rath camp, and worked hard in the interests of his fellow prisoners. On release he devoted his whole time to volunteer work.

Signature of reference Thomas Macnamara

\*Witness to Signature B. O. Brian Major

Address of Witness Lytham

Qualification \_\_\_\_\_

Date 24/12/25

\* Witness must be a Commissioned Officer at present serving in the Army; or a Member of the Oireachtas or an Officer of the Garda Siochana or Dublin Metropolitan Police; or a permanent Civil Servant (active or retired) whose salary is or was not less than £200, on a scale rising to not less than £300; or a Justice of a District Court; or a Clergyman; or a Registered Physician or Surgeon; or a Barrister-at-law; or a Solicitor.

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

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) Did the applicant render active service?	There was not any actual fighting in Mayo but applicant mobilised volunteers. He was arrested and returned in prison about three weeks.
(ii.) At what posts?	Castlebar Cohayo
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	Lieutenant
(iv.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	I was a volunteer gave 14 aid lectures

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

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	He was active in re-organising and training volunteer companies in the County
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	Mayo Brigade
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	Vice Brigadier
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	Shop Assistant Imprisoned for three weeks
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	



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

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	Organising & training volunteers
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	Mayo Brigade
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	Vice Brigadier
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	Shop assistant He was arrested about Aug 1917 for drilling volunteers and detained one week
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	I was Brigade Surgeon

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

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	Organizing and collecting money for arms
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	Mayo Brigade
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	Vice - Brigadier
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	Shop assistant not interfered with
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	Brigade Surgeon



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

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	He was active organising and collecting money for the purchase of arms
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	Mayo Brigade
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	Vice Brigadier
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	Shop assistant. Not interfered with
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	Brigade Surgeon

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

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military services did applicant render? Insert particulars of attacks on enemy forces or positions; destruction of enemy property; manufacture, purchase or disposal of munitions; collection of information to enable these acts to be done; or organising or training to the same ends.	He was active performing his duties as Vice Brigadier organising and training volunteers, purchasing arms up to Nov when he was arrested
(ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period and to what Unit or Units was he attached?	He was arrested on 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov and interned till Dec 1921
(iii.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	Shop assistant. He was interned for 14 months
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	Vice Brigadier
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	B. Surgeon



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

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military services did applicant render? Insert particulars of attacks on enemy forces or positions; destruction of enemy property; manufacture, purchase or disposal of munitions; collection of information to enable these acts to be done; or organising or training to the same ends.	Interned all this period
(ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period and to what Unit or Units was he attached?	
(iii.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	

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

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military duties were discharged by applicant under authority during this period?	
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	
(iii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer?	
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	
(v.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(vi.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify to his service?	



You may at your discretion write hereunder a statement of any additional information which you consider may be of assistance to the Board in determining the application.

Signature of reference..... *Anthony MacBride*

\*Witness to Signature..... *Thomas J. Duffsky HB.*

Address of Witness..... *Infirmary House, Castlebar, Mayo*

Qualification..... *Surgeon Mayo Co Hospital*

Date..... *29/1/26.*

\* Witness must be a Commissioned Officer at present serving in the Army ; or a Member of the Oireachtas or an Officer of the Garda Siochana or Dublin Metropolitan Police ; or a permanent Civil Servant (active or retired) whose salary is or was not less than £200, on a scale rising to not less than £300 ; or a Justice of a District Court ; or a Clergyman ; or a Registered Physician or Surgeon ; or a Barrister-at-law ; or a Solicitor.

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## MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1924.

Form to be filled in by a person testifying to the Service, if any, of an Applicant for a Certificate of Military Service.

Regd. No. S.P. 2063

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

(MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS),

DUBLIN.

To Mr. J. Mc Bride I.D.

19 12 25

Shallow Ctg. Westport

In the application of Brnlt. Mr. Mc Hugh  
Carragh (Rome add. - Carragh)

for a certificate of military service in accordance with the above-mentioned Act, your name appears as a reference who can verify this applicant's service in the periods  
A-G set out hereunder.

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

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

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

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



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

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) Did the applicant render active service?	<i>He simply kept the Volunteers together</i>
(ii.) At what posts?	<i>Cat Hebar</i>
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	<i>Vice-Commandant</i>
(iv.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	<i>I was in command of the Mayo Volunteers at the time</i>

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

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	<i>I was in good work of this time but I know Mr. McHugh kept his men in hand</i>
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	<i>Cat Hebar</i>
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	<i>V. Commandant</i>
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	<i>Draper. I do not think it was much interfered with</i>
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	<i>In command of Volunteers</i>



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

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	<i>Same replies as for (2)</i>
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	

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

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	<i>Same replies as (2) but for            Mr. High was accused that he            the end of autumn returned at the Council</i>
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	



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

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

*Same replied as in Military would be in command of the Volunteers towards the close of 1919*

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

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military services did applicant render? Insert particulars of attacks on enemy forces or positions; destruction of enemy property; manufacture, purchase or disposal of munitions; collection of information to enable these acts to be done; or organising or training to the same ends.	
(ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period and to what Unit or Units was he attached?	
(iii.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	



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

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military services did applicant render? Insert particulars of attacks on enemy forces or positions; destruction of enemy property; manufacture, purchase or disposal of munitions; collection of information to enable these acts to be done; or organising or training to the same ends.	
(ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period and to what Unit or Units was he attached?	
(iii.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	

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

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military duties were discharged by applicant under authority during this period?	I am rather uncertain at this time but on release from the Curragh Mr. McHugh took up his duties in Castlebar. He refused to join the Regulars.
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	When the National Troops were about to advance from Rosemount Mr. McHugh supplied the necessary information to the town which brought to the outside of Castlebar passed with a friend into the town.
(iii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer?	Mr. McHugh afterwards joined the Army & I am sure if he has upheld his reputation his record should be a good one.
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	
(v.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(vi.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify to his service?	



You may at your discretion write hereunder a statement of any additional information which you consider may be of assistance to the Board in determining the application.

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Signature of reference

*Joseph McBride J.P.*

\*Witness to Signature

*Clara MacBride*

Address of Witness

*Hallow Co Vagr. Westport*

Qualification

Date

*22nd Dec 1925*

\* Witness must be a Commissioned Officer at present serving in the Army ; or a Member of the Oireachtas or an Officer of the Garda Siochana or Dublin Metropolitan Police ; or a permanent Civil Servant (active or retired) whose salary is or was not less than £200, on a scale rising to not less than £300 ; or a Justice of a District Court ; or a Clergyman ; or a Registered Physician or Surgeon ; or a Barrister-at-law ; or a Solicitor.

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*14.12.25.*  
**Military Archives**  
Uimhir Thagarta...P/I/II...

*12063.*  
25th Infantry Battalion.  
Custume Barracks.  
ATHLONE.

IIth December 1925.

To:

The Secretary,  
Board of Assessors.  
Military Service Pensions,  
DUBLIN.

A Cara,

I applied for a Military Service Pension some months ago and I have not heard anything about it since. When evidence was taken in Custume Bks, Athlone, I was away at the Curragh on a Course of Instruction.

I would be obliged if you will let me know if it is necessary for me to take any further action in the matter, please.

Mise le meas,

M. McHugh Commandant  
Officer Commanding 25th Infantry Battalion.

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UIMHIR THAGARTHA  
(REFERENCE NO.)

LP. 12063.

BORD MEASTOIRI,  
(Board of Assessors),

PINSIN SHEIRBHISE MILEATA,  
(Military Service Pensions),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.

Comdt. M. McHugh.

A Chara,

With reference to your application for a certificate of military service, I am to inform you that investigation of your case is proceeding. When it is ready for decision, your application will be submitted to the Board.

Misc,

GEAROID C SULLIVAN

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12063

Michael McHale born 25 Dec 1886  
joined at the inception Ballinacorney  
Irish Volunteers manager of  
East Branch.

later week no active service

we had few arms & when we  
heard of rising we mobilised &  
were expecting news day after day

I was arrested about a week after  
the surrender I was kept 3 weeks  
Richmond Hqs. I was a 2nd Lt.

In about Sept 1916 began to  
reorganise 2 others in the County  
& myself reorganised the whole  
County. After reorganisation

I was made Vice Brigadier  
John Mc Bride Brigadier I held  
rank of Vice Brig all through  
During all the time I was active  
working in organising securing arms  
& funds for arms & carry out  
orders in connection with Customs  
Excise guards turning Hqs

In 1918 I was to be second in the  
Executive Council Walsh was ~~out~~  
to be our representative & I was  
made substitute or exequatone.

The whole County was one Brigade  
till 1920 In Sept 1920 it was  
divided into 3 Brigades I retained

same rank Vice Brig West Mayo  
Brig. In 1918 or 1919 I was arrested  
for drill & detained about one week  
I was on night work & day work



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In November 1920 I was arrested  
I was interned for 13 months.  
There were no fights in the area  
we were collecting arms & cash  
& getting ready to make the fight  
I was in charge of all destruction  
work & capturing I was in charge  
of the in Ballyvaugh it was taken  
by a ruse from police I  
directed operations we got  
5 rifles ammunition & revolvers  
released the police. All the  
money was collected for ~~money~~ <sup>army</sup>  
when I was arrested & we  
were purchasing same  
on release I joined in April  
1922. Rank 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/24, Bowman  
I purchased several rifles & revolvers  
from the Militia I had all the  
arms & munitions explosives etc  
in my charge from 1919 to near  
arrest. I had them hidden  
away. I also was in raid on  
shops for explosives & guns  
I was in charge of buying of all  
the the in district & the Income  
Tax ~~Staffs~~ offices from 1916 till  
1922 my activities interfered  
with my occupation as only for then  
I would have set up in business  
myself. I was raided several times  
home searched etc.



S.P. 12063

Military Service Pensions Act, 1924  
REPORT BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

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M.S.P. 2.

TO THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

We, the undersigned members of the Board of Assessors constituted under Section 3 of the above-mentioned Act, report as hereunder on the application of *Michael McHugh*.....  
for a Certificate of Military Service in accordance with the terms of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, and the Regulations made thereunder.

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

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

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

Dated this.....day of.....

(Signed)

Member of  
the Board  
of  
Assessors.



S.P.12063

Military Service Pensions Act, 1924  
REPORT BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

M.S.P. 2.

TO THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

We, the undersigned members of the Board of Assessors constituted under Section 3 of the above-mentioned Act, report as hereunder on the application of *Michael M. Hugh, Gunstone Barracks, Athlone* for a Certificate of Military Service in accordance with the terms of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, and the Regulations made thereunder.

(1) Periods of Military Service prescribed in the Act.	(2) Forces in which active service was rendered	(3) Duration of active service during each of the prescribed periods as established to the satisfaction of the Board	(4) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined by Section 4 (2) of the Act
(a) (1) Active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916 ...	<i>Oglaigh na hEireann</i>		
(2) Continuous service from 1st April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917 ...			
(b) Continuous service from 1st April, 1917, to 31st March, 1918 ...	"		
(c) " " " 1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919 ...	"		
(d) " " " 1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920 ...	"		
(e) " " " 1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921 ...	<i>Oglaigh na hEireann</i>	<i>1/2 of Entire Period</i>	<i>1 / Year</i>
(f) " " " 1st April, 1921, to 11th July, 1921 ...	"	<i>Entire Period</i>	<i>1 /</i>
(g) " " " 12th July, 1921, to 30th June, 1922 ...	"	"	<i>1 /</i>
(h) " " " 1st July, 1922, to 31st March, 1923 ...	<i>Oglaigh na hEireann [Defence Forces (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923]</i>	"	<i>2 /</i>
(i) " " " 1st April, 1923, to 30th September, 1923 ...	"	"	<i>1 /</i>

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

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

Dated this... *14<sup>th</sup>* day of... *February, 1922*

Wt. 4071-B. 22-Gp. 23-5,000-2/26-M.P.W. (A.S.)  
Wt. 73-B. 33-Gp. 23-20,000-4/26 (s)  
Wt. 2716-B. 44-Gp. 23-8,000-10/26.

(Signed)

Member of the Board of Assessors.

*W. J. P. Dwyer*



MR. TAYLOR - R. H. - 23 - 8-1000 - 10-100  
MR. TAYLOR - R. H. - 23 - 8-1000 - 10-100  
MR. TAYLOR - R. H. - 23 - 8-1000 - 10-100

Assessors  
of  
the Board  
Member of

Dated this..... day of .....

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

Rank of the applicant as defined by Sec. 4 (3) of the Act.....		Periods of Military Service prescribed in the Act		The Board satisfied as to the service during each Division of Active		the Act as defined by Section 4 (2)	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
1st April 1923 to 30th September 1923	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1st July 1923 to 31st March 1923	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1st July 1923 to 30th June 1923	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1st April 1921 to 11th July 1921	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1st April 1920 to 31st March 1921	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1st April 1920 to 31st March 1920	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1st April 1918 to 31st March 1919	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Continuous service from 1st April 1917 to 31st March 1918	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Continuous service from 1st April 1916 to 31st March 1917	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Active service in the week commencing 23rd April 1916	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

on the application of ..... for a Certificate of Military Service in accordance with the terms of the Military Service Pensions Act 1924 and the Regulations made thereunder.

We, the undersigned members of the Board of Assessors constituted under Section 3 of the above-mentioned Act, report as hereunder.

REPORT BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS.  
Military Service Pensions Act, 1924



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The Secretary

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Your Ref No  
S.P. 12063

*P.A. Howard*  
Custume Barracks



The Secretary  
Board of Assessors  
Mil Service Pensions

A Chara

I have not heard anything about  
my claims for Mil Service Pension  
since I was interviewed by  
Mr. Beatty at Oranmore Camp  
in June last I would be obliged  
if you let me know how the  
matter now stands

M. M. Hugh Condit