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DEPARTMENT... *Adjutant General*

Name or Subject... *Frank Neilan Main St Bruff*
Co Limerick Re Pension

Date... *9/8/23*

Particulars

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MINUTE SHEET.

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*Frank Heilan Main Street, Bruff.
Co. Limerick. Application for pension*

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OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL,

General Headquarters,

PARKGATE,

DUBLIN. 17th August, 1923.

TO Seamus O Conchubhair agus
a Ghuid,
71 Dame Street,
DUBLIN.

A Chairde,

I have toacknowledge the receipt of yours of the
14th instant, and to state that your client's case will be
placed before the Pensions' Board when that body functions.

Mise le meas,

Commandant

for: ADJUTANT GENERAL.

O'B/SO'D.

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COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS FOR
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71 DAME STREET,
DUBLIN.

14th August 1923.

L. O'Broin Esq.
Commandant,
Office of Adjutant General,
General Headquarters,
PARKGATE.

Ref. Cl/1884.

A chara,

re Frank Neilan, Bruff.

We thank you very much for your letter of the 27th inst. herein and as requested give herewith the particulars requested.

Frank Neilan is 26 years of age and unmarried. His mother Bridget Neilan has been a widow for the past ten years and has a business place in Bruff in which Frank Neilan assisted.

Early in the Anglo-Irish War Neilan joined the 2nd Battalion of the East Limerick I. R. A., of which the commandants were, Eamon Lynch, then Captain Maloney, Sean Wall, and finally Donal O'Hannigan who ultimately commanded the Brigade.

On the 27th December 1920 Neilan was captured in Cahirguillamore House, Bruff on which occasion there were five of our people killed and one Black and Tan. When captured he got a very severe beating from the Black and Tans, was taken to Limerick Jail, and was sentenced to ten years imprisonment of which five years were remitted. He was sent to Portland about January 1921, and went on hunger strike with Robert Barton against being herded with criminals. The strike lasted a couple of days when he was taken very ill in the prison yard and was brought to hospital where he spent three weeks in bed. He was then removed to Parkhurst where he was again taken ill and developed tubercular glands and spent three months in hospital. He was then sent to Plymouth when he was in a dying condition and his sister, Bridget and the cousin Thomas McMahon came to see him. The authorities wished to release Neilan to a nursing home in charge of a warder but he refused. McMahon got in touch with Dr. Mulcahy of Plymouth who saw the Governor and was allowed to visit him. Subsequently his sister and his brother John came to see him, and he was so ill that the Governor told them that he expected he would have died before they arrived at Southampton. Two specialists from the Home Office came to see the patient and pronounced him unfit for operation as his temperature was too high and as a result of their report he was released a fortnight afterwards on condition that a doctor and priest travelled with him and would take the responsibility of removal - this was in July 1921. McMahon and Father Toomey of Plymouth came in a Red Cross

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ambulance and removed Neilan to a nursing home in Bournemouth where he spent three months . He was removed to the Mater where Surgeon Barnwall operated on him in September 1921 and the operation, as far as immediate results were concerned, was successful. The White Cross allowed our client 10/- a week and he was sent to Beaumont sanatorium but came home and then found it necessary to go to Linden. Doctor Mason attended to him there and Surgeon Hayden examined him. The present position is that he is wholly unable to work as a grocer's assistant, and that unless the greatest care is taken he may fall into extreme bad health. There is no doubt in our mind that his condition was caused by his activities as a member of the I. R. A. his bad treatment on arrest, and in jail by the hunger strike which he underwent in a delicate state of health.

These are all the particulars we have and if there is any point on which you desire information we shall be only too happy to facilitate you.

Thanking you.

Siime le meas,

J. O'Connell R 7 a ca

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Office of Adjutant General,
General Headquarters,
PARKGATE,
Ildath Mi Lughnasa, 1923.

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Messrs. James O'Connor & Co.,
Solicitors,
71, Dame Street,
DUBLIN.

A Chairde,

re Frank Neilan, Bruff.

Your letter of the 3rd inst. to MINISTER FOR FINANCE with reference to above, has been passed to this office for attention.

On receipt of particulars of your client's service in the Army (pre-Truce) and cause of ill-health, I assure you that this case will have my very best attention.

Mise, le meas,

Commandant.

For ADJUTANT GENERAL.

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Lughnasa 3adh, 1923.

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Minister of Finance,
Saorstát Éireann,
Sraid Mhuiribhtheann, Uacht., BAILE ATHA CLIATH.

A Chara,

We are acting for Frank Neilan of Main Street, Bruff, Co. Limerick, who is an old member of the I.R.A. He saw service in the war against England and is now suffering in his health as a result of the hardship and imprisonment which he underwent during the period referred to.

We are instructed by him to apply for a Pension under the recent Act, and we would be obliged if you would kindly refer this application to the proper Department, so that we may be instructed as to the necessary procedure.

Thanking you, Is sinne, le meas mor,

J. O'Connor

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