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PENSIONS.

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(ARMY FINANCE OFFICE).

Register Number	From whom, number, and date	Officer or Soldier
P.B. 1/12/70	Michael Ludden 27 Thomas Street Castletown	Name..... LUDDEN Michael Rank..... VOL Unit..... Castletown Bte Army No..... Date of Death..... Address..... 27 Thomas Street Castletown Date of Discharge..... 1

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MINUTE SHEET.

M.S.B.
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Reference..... 11P/70

Letter.

Letter from applicant 6/Oct 1923

1.Q.

Application form returned from applicant-Solicitor
incomplete 28/9/23.

2.Q.

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Form A.P. 2. returned for completion 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ 4.

4. A.

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ap.2 received 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ 4. Enc

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Letter to applicant rejecting claim 9.2.24.

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APPLICATION FOR THE ISSUE OF SERVICE (1917-1921)
MEDAL.

Ref. 1/0/70

Mr. Egan,

The attached application from Michael Ludden
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is transmitted herewith for authority to issue: -

1916 Medal

6 3 (Chambers) Service (1917-1921) Medal with Bar

13 NOV 1950 Service (1917-1921) Medal

Membership for the period of three months up to and
including the 11th July, 1921

Certified by ① James Chambers 34/C/08
② L. J. Sheridan 34/D/588
X Rank ① Ofc 1st Batt. West Mayo
② Brigade Yo

X Rank as shown on R/O.

Recommended *P.M.*

Approved *J. Joyce*

Date *6/2/51*

F.3c(M)

1916 Medal issued

Service Medal with Bar issued

Service Medal issued *24/97*

P.M.

OFFICER i/c. F.3.c(M)

Date *17 FEB 1951*

C.R. File.

Ref. 1/10/70

Roinn Cosanta,
Brainnse Airgeadais,
(Section F.5.),
Coláiste Caoimhín,
Glasnaoidhean,
Baile Átha Cliath.

A Chara,

13 NOV 1950

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to refer to an application received for the issue of a Service (1917-1921) Medal from -

Mr. Michael Ludden, Lawn Lodge, Station Rd, Castlebar.

who states he served in Islandeady Company,

1st Battalion, W. Mayo. Brigade.

Frank O'Boyle Company Officer.

James Chambers Battalion "

E. Moane Brigade "

Address of Applicant on 11th July, 1921 -

Thomas St, Castlebar

I shall be obliged for replies to the questions set out opposite and the return of this form, duly signed, to the above address at your earliest convenience.

An addressed envelope on which postage need not be prepaid is enclosed for your reply.

Mise, le meas,

James Chambers
RUNAI.

Ref. 1/10/70.

Applicant's Name Michael Ludden

Address

25

Lawn Lodge

Station Rd, Castlebar

1. Was the applicant a Member continuously for the period of three months ended on the 11th July, 1921?

yes

2. If the applicant was absent from service during the whole or part of the period mentioned above, the exact cause of his/her absence should be stated.

not absent

Signed: James Chambers Rank 2nd Lt. Bn. Staff

W. Mayo.

L. J. Sheridan Rank 2/2 W. Mayo

Brigade

Rank

* Ranks shown should be the ranks held on the 11th July, 1921.

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APPLICATION FOR SERVICE (1917-1921) MEDAL.

Do you claim to have rendered service at any date subsequent to the 23rd April, 1916, and prior to and including, the 11th July, 1921, in Oglaih na h-Éireann (I.R.A.) Citizen Army, Fianna Éireann, Cumann na mBan?

If so, please furnish the following information:-

(a) Organisation in which you served: I.R.A.

(b) Duration (giving dates) of your service from 1917 to 1923

(c) Were you a member continuously for the period of three months ended on the 11th July, 1921? Yes

(d) State Unit or Units in which you served:-

(1) Company Isawleachy Battalion 1st Batt Brigade West
Moye Division 2nd Western

(e) State names and addresses of Commanding Officers:

(1) Brigade E. Moran Carrabawn Westport

(2) Battalion James Charles Castlebar

(3) Company Frank O'Boyle

(f) Have you applied for a Service Pension? No

(g) Have you applied for a Disability Pension? No

(h) If so, give the reference numbers of any communications received from this Department in connection with your application for a pension

(i) State address from which you made application for a Pension:

(j) Have you previously applied for a Service (1917-1921) Medal? No

Full Christian and Surname: MICHAEL LUDDEN
 (In Block Capitals)

Present Address Town Lodge
Station Road
Castlebar

Address at which you resided on 11th July, 1921: (Person interned on that date should state also Home Address)

Thomas Street
Castlebar

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 10/10/2023

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To.

The Secretary
Dept. of Defence
Sect. F.5.
6th Regt.

Dear Sir I am applying for a
form for to apply for a medal hoping
this meets with your consideration and approval.

Yours
M. Luddon.

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Mr. M. Luddon.

Town Lodge

Station Road.

Battlebow
Co Mayo.

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Mr. M. Ludden,
27, Thomas Street,
CASTLEBAR.
CO. MAYO.

9th February,

4.

A Chara,

With reference to your Application of 16th ult., for a Wound Pension or Gratuity, I am to inform you that as there is no evidence of your having been wounded or injured in the course of your duty as a member of the Irish Volunteers, it is regretted that your Claim does not come within the scope of the Army Pensions Act 1923, and it is not possible for this Department to make any financial provision for you.

The Marriage and Baptismal Certificates forwarded by you are returned herewith.

Mise, le meas.

Encl. 2.

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE,



Army Pensions Department,

34, Molesworth Street,

D U B L I N .

12th January 1924.

To/

Mr. W. Hadden

27 Thomas St.

Castlebar.

The attached Form is returned for completion where marked X.

If the questions do not apply to your case the word "NIL" should be written in the space left for answers.

Received

for Minister of Defence.

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A.P. 2.

ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1923.

WOUND PENSION OR GRATUITY.

STATEMENT CONCERNING HIS OWN CASE BY AN EX-MEMBER OF
THE IRISH VOLUNTEERS OR IRISH CITIZEN ARMY, 1916.

NOTE.—This form is to be filled in by every ex-member of the Irish Volunteers or Irish Citizen Army, 1916, who claims a pension or gratuity in respect of a wound or injury received whilst performing his duty as such member prior to 1st April, 1922.

The questions to be answered in the ex-member's own words, and the form is to be signed by him and the signature witnessed. In the event of the ex-member being unable to write he should affix his mark, such act being witnessed.

NAME (TO BE WRITTEN IN BLOCK CAPITALS) **LUDDEN** **MICHAEL**
(Surname) (Christian Names)

Address **27 Thomas Street Castlebar**

Nearest Police or Civic Guard Station **to Castlebar**

Rank in **Section Commander**
(Irish Volunteers)
(Irish Citizen Army, 1916)

Unit **Castlebar Brigade Islandeady Company**

Name and Rank of Commanding Officer **Patrick Jordan Commandant of Islandeady Company and Brigade m'Hugh Yo Castlebar Brigade**

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

(a) The statement made by him will be checked by official records.

Section 12 (1) of the Act imposes a summary penalty for a false declaration:—
“ If any person, with a view to obtaining a grant or payment of a pension, allowance, or gratuity 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 and shall be liable, on conviction under the Summary Jurisdiction Acts, to a fine not exceeding five pounds.”

(b) In answering question 2 (a) any special matters which, in his opinion, caused any unfitness from which he may be suffering or which aggravated it, should be clearly stated.

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

1. (a) State for what period you served in
Irish Volunteers, *from 1st Aug 1916 to 21st July 1921*
Irish Citizen Army, 1916.

(b) In what capacity and district?

(c) Give particulars of any subsequent service
in the Forces of the Provisional Govern-
ment or Free State.

2. (a) State the nature of any wound or injury
from which you are suffering, the date
upon which, and the place and circum-
stances in which it was received.

(b) Give the names of any witnesses who can
corroborate your answer to (a) above.

(c) Who was your Commanding Officer upon
that date?

3. Give the names of any hospitals where you
have been treated for the wound or injury
mentioned in above answer to question 2. (a),
and the dates of admissions and discharges, if
possible.

4. Did you suffer from the injury mentioned in
above answer to question 2. (a) or anything
like it, before joining the Irish Volunteers or
Irish Citizen Army, 1916? If so give details
and dates.

5. Give the names and addresses of any hospitals
you were in or doctors who attended you
before you received the wound or injury
mentioned in your reply to question 2. (a)
above.

6. Give the names and addresses of any doctors
who attended you since you received the
wound or injury mentioned in your reply to
question 2. (a) above.

7. (a) What was your occupation immediately
prior to the receipt of the wound or injury
mentioned in your reply to question 2. (a)
above?

(b) What was your occupation or trade be-
fore joining the Irish Volunteers or Irish
Citizen Army, 1916?

(c) What is your present occupation or trade,
and the name and address of your present
employer?

8. Have you received in respect of the wound or
injury mentioned in above answer to question
2. (a) any decree for compensation under the
Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Acts, 1919 or
1920? If so, give full particulars.

9. Have you received in respect of the wound or
injury mentioned in above cases to question
2. (a) any compensation from or on behalf of
the person alleged to be responsible for the act
which caused the wound or injury? If so,
give full particulars.

10. Have you received in respect of the wound or
injury mentioned in the answer to question
2. (a) any payment from any relief organisa-
tion such as National Aid or White Cross
Association? If so, give full particulars.

11. Give the name of your National Health
Approved Society, and (if possible) your mem-
bership number.

*organized company in Ballyglass from 1/8/18 to 1/1/19 and
from 1/1/19 attached to Castlebar Brigade as Section Commanders
of Islandeady Company
(c) acted as intelligence officer under Brigadier
McHugh from July 21st since as required
received no wounds while acting with Irish
forces but at time of desertion from British
forces 13/7/1918 was suffering from effects
of 3 bullet wounds which still affect me
British war records contain entry*

Colonel Madden Irish Guards Brigade

*Birmingham & Eastbourne Lincoln
in hospital about 3 months.*

see above

see above

none

Private in Irish Guards Brigade

dr

none - now unemployed

no

no

no

St. Patricks

12. Have you served at any period with any of the following Military or Police Forces? If so, give particulars of service.

(a) British. *Private in Irish Guards/Brigade from 6/10/1914 to 13/7/18 — 3 years active service in France*

(b) Australian.

(c) New Zealand.

(d) South African.

(e) Canadian.

(f) American (U.S.A.).

(g) Royal Irish Constabulary.

13. (a) Give full particulars of any pension, allowance or gratuity which you hold, or at any time have held in respect of any wound or injury received in or disease contracted in the services mentioned in your reply to above question 12.

(b) State clearly the source from which payment of such pension allowance or gratuity is made or has been made.

The above statement has been read over to me; I agree to it, and have nothing further to add. *have what is contained in my solicitor's letter attached hereto*

(Signed) *michael Landers* Address *27 Thomas Street Castlebar*
(Applicant)

(Signed*) *Avf Shinton* Address *Castlebar*
(Witness)

Qualification *Solicitor* Date *27th November 1923*

To be signed by one of the following:—

A Commissioned Officer serving in the Free State Army.

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, or a Divisional Magistrate.

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.

An Officer of the Civic Guard or Dublin Metropolitan Police not below the rank of Inspector or Station Sergeant.

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.

ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1923.

Statement by an ex-Member of the Irish Volunteers or Irish Citizen Army, 1916, who claims, as a married man, a further pension in accordance with Section 2 of the Acts.

14. If your wife is alive—

(a) State the date of your marriage.

yes
19/12/20
yes

(b) Is your wife dependent on you?

yes

(c) Does she ordinarily reside with you?
(Certificate of marriage to be attached.)

15. (a) If your wife is dead, or the marriage has been dissolved, state the names and ages of any
(to be filled in by ex-Officers)

Sons under 18 years of age.

Daughters under 21 years of age.

(To be filled in by ex-soldiers.)

Sons under 16 years.

2

Daughters under 18 years.

(Certificate of birth of youngest living child to be attached)

yes Dependent upon living with me

(b) State whether the child or children mentioned above are dependent on you, and where they are living.

(c) State whether any of the above children are married.

3. If your wife is alive, but your marriage has been dissolved, and you claim a further pension in respect of the children mentioned in the reply to question 15 (a) above, please furnish copy of the decree or order of the Court.

The above statement has been read over to me; I agree to it, and have nothing further to add.

(Signed) *Michael Luddes* Address.....
(ex-Officer or ex-Soldier) *27 Thomas St Dublin*

(Signed)* *John Thornton* Address.....
(Witness) *27 Dublin*

Qualification..... Date..... *27th November 1923*

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(Signed) *Michael Luddes* Address..... 27 Thomas St Rathgar
(ex-Officer or ex-Soldier)

(Signed)* *John Thornton* Address..... 27 Rathgar
(Witness)

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ALFRED V. G. THORNTON,
SOLICITOR.

DUBLIN OFFICE:
22 BACHELOR'S WALK.

SOLICITOR FOR MAYO CO. COUNCIL.



20th December 1923.

A Chara,

Re Michael Ludden.

This man has handed me your Post Card of the 10th October last Reference No. A. 7515. and also the form under the Army Pensions Act of 1923 which you have sent him for completion

Having regard to the peculiar circumstance of his case you will appreciate that it is not easy to adopt this form to the circumstances.

There can be no doubt in the world, however that this man really deserves to be compensated for it was owing to the knowledge and skill and the training given by men like him that insured

the success of the Volunteers. Running the risk as he did of being shot by the British Forces for desertion he did not hesitate to throw in his lot with the Irish Volunteers and strove as hard as he could to train and fit them for the success they afterwards achieved while in later times his life was not safe from the activities of some of those he trained in the use of arms.

He begs that any further information that may be required of his worth and work in the cause should be had from Captain Michael McHugh now stationed at the Curragh and formerly Brigadier General in Castlebar.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of claim.

Is mise le meas,

Ministry of Finance,

Army Pensions Dept.

Portabella Barracks,
DUBLIN.

Alf Thornton

There is a man here now who remained on in the British Army who was last week awarded one hundred and ten Pounds and a Pension for life of one Pound five shillings.

I feel my claim is reasonable, after enduring three years of warfare, I sacrificed my chance of compensation and Pension and I endangered my life for the sake of my country.

Commandant M. m'Hugh of Castlebar who is now stationed at the burrough is aware of the assistance I gave the cause.

Hoping you will favourably consider my claim.

Yours Sincerely
Michael Ludden.

To General mulcahy.

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