

MINUTE SHEET.

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Reference... 1/P/70

Letter.

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Letter from applicant- 6/Oct 1923

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

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Form A.P. 2. returned for completion 12¹/₂ 24.

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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/P/70

Mr. Egan,

The attached application from Michael Ludden
Lawn Lodge
Station Rd Castlebar

is transmitted herewith for authority to issue: -

1916 Medal

63 (Chambers) Service (1917-1921) Medal with Bar

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/C108

② L.J. Sheridan 34/D1588

X Rank ① Ofc 1st Batta West Mayo

② Brigade 10 " "

X Rank as shown on R/O.

Recommended Pur

Approved J. Joyce

Date 6-2-51

F.3c(M)

1916 Medal issued

Service Medal with Bar issued

Service Medal issued 24/97

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

Date 17 FEB 1951

C.R. File.

Ref. 1/19/70

Roinn Cosanta,
Brainnse Airgeadais,
(Section F.5.),
Coláiste Caeimhín,
Glasnaoidhean,
Baile Atha Cliath.

13 NOV 1950

A Chara,

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 Mr 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,

Richard Cunningham
RUNAI.

Ref. 1/19/70

Applicant's Name Michael Ludden

Address 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

E. Moane Rank

Rank

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

Mr James Chambers.

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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 Oglai 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 Salmon Lecky Battalion 1st Batt Brigade West
Mayo Division 2nd West
- (e) State names and addresses of Commanding Officers:
(1) Brigade E. Moran Carraburn Westport
(2) Battalion James Chambers 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

Lawn 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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To.

The Secretary
Dept. of Defence
Sect. F.5.
6/2/48.

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

Yours.

M. Ludden.

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L.G. 7/7/48

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Mr. M. Ludden.
Gown Lodge
Station Road.

Castlebar
Co Mayo.

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9th February,

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

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,

DUBLIN.

12th January 1924.

To/ Mr W. Ludden
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.

E. J. O'Connell

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

Castlebar

Rank in

(Irish Volunteers)

Section Commander

(Irish Citizen Army, 1916)

Unit

Castlebar Brigade, Islandeady Company

Name and Rank of Commanding Officer

Pat J. Jordan, Commandant of Islandeady

Company and Brigade of McHugh Co. 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 1918 to 21st July 1921*
Irish Citizen Army, 1916.

(b) In what capacity and district? *organised company in Ballyglass from 1/8/18 to 1/1/19 and from 1/1/19 attached to Castlebar Brigade as Section Commander*

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

of Salandead Company (d) acted as intelligence officer under Brigade M. Hugh from July 21 & since as required

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

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

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

British war records contain entry

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

Colonel Madden Irish Guards Brigade

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.

see above

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.

see 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.

none

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?

Private in Irish Guards Brigade

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

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

none - now unemployed

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.

no

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.

no

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

no

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

St. Patrick's

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 13/4/18 — 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.

none in consequence of my desertion to the Irish Volunteers. I would have been entitled to substantial gratuity and pension otherwise

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

none

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 Lusk* Address *27 Thomas Street Castlebar*
 (Applicant)

(Signed*) *W. J. Shumton* 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.

(b) Is your wife dependent on you?

(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.

Daughters under 18 years.

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

(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 Ludders* Address *27 Thomas St Castlebar*
(ex-Officer or ex-Soldier)

(Signed)* *Arthur Hamilton* Address *27 Castlebar*
(Witness)

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1917
ALFRED V. G. THORNTON,
SOLICITOR.

DUBLIN OFFICE:
22 BACHELOR'S WALK.

SOLICITOR FOR MAYO Co. COUNCIL.

Castlebar.

Co. Mayo.

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 could 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.

29.
A. V. G. Thornton

A7515.



27 Thomas St.,
Castlebar

6th. Oct. 1923

Dear Sir, A.F. 26¹¹/₂₃ ^{Enda} ^{applying for} ^{Rtc}

Having deserted from the British Army for Patriotic motives I feel that I am now entitled to some compensation from the National Government. I respectfully submit my claim as follows. Like a good many other Irishmen I joined the army for the great war in 1914. I served for three years and nine months in the Irish Guards, three years of which I served in France where I was wounded three times. I came home on leave in July 1918 the Volunteers were then being organised to resist conscription, so I decided to desert and I joined the Volunteers, my home was then in Islandeady Castlebar and I went to Ballyglass about 10 miles away, where I spent seven months organising and training a company. The war was then over and I came back to Islandeady where I organised and trained the local Company. I was constantly helping the columns during the Black and Tan time, and did good work with despatches and collecting stores, ammunition ammunition etc. When the National Army came to Castlebar I gave them all the assistance I could, and took some risks. When I left the British Army I was suffering from my wounds and there was no likelihood of my being sent back again to the war zone. There was thirty pounds due to me for pay at the time and I would have got seventy pounds gratuity. I would be drawing a pension since and probably would for life.

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. McHugh of Castlebar who is now stationed at the Barragh 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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