

ROINN

Cosanta (A3).

Fó-Roinn.

NÁ CURTEAR ÉANTUAIRISC AR AN GCLÚDACH SO.

Tá annso, leis,

DP 3734

An Uimhir.

An Gnó.

1/C/376

Inleigible  
bohen Thomas.

An Uimhir ag Roinn Eile.

~~ARRAN ST. ROS~~

34/SP/11551  
C203.

CO MAYO. ~~CO SLIGO.~~  
BALLINA RINTON

Do cuireadh chun

Dáta.

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Dáta.

1935.

Mr Blunden

11/5.

asa

28/11/58

mf. B.F.

29/11/58

asa

4/11/58

mf. P.A.

5/11/58

P.A.

7-9-00

Mr. Reidy.

1. Any F.P.
2. Has application form been issued or received.
3. What is the position re the application form?

6/11/5-

Mr. Blunden.

File herewith.

Applicant is not suffering from injury or disease.

Marked "ineligible".

J.R. 11/5.

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Rúnaí Príomháideach.  
Roimn Dli agus Cirt.

Copy for Mr. Rutledge's information with  
reference to your Minute M./78/33 of the 10th instant.

*JM*

Rúnaí Aire.

*19<sup>th</sup>* May, 1933.

A Chara,

I am desired by Mr. Aiken to refer to your letter of the 9th instant addressed to Mr. Rutledge relative to your claim under the Army Pensions Act, 1932, and to state that as you do not claim in respect of disablement attributable to a wound or disease due to military service, you are not eligible under the Act.

I am to add that no provision has been made for the payment of pension or gratuity in respect of service solely in the Irish Republican Army, apart from disablement due to such service. In the circumstances Mr. Aiken has no power to entertain your claim.

*67*

Issued.....  
Initials.....  
*19.5.33*  
*RS.*

Mise, le meas.

*JM*

Rúnaí Aire.

Mr. Thomas Cohen,  
Arran Street,  
Ballina.

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SAORSTÁT ÉIREANN

ROINN DLI AGUS GIRT

(Department of Justice),

BAILE ATHA CLIATH

(Dublin).

M.78/33.

10th May, 1933.

Private Secretary,  
Minister for Defence,

I am desired by Mr. Rutledge to pass to you for the favour of consideration in your Department the attached letter received from a constituent of his, Mr. T. Coen, Arran Street, Ballina, who is anxious that his claim under the Army Pensions Act, 1932, should be dealt with at an early date.

*J. Coen*

PRIVATE SECRETARY.

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Arrou St  
Ballina  
9.5.33.

To:- P. J. Rutledge Esq.  
Minister for Justice  
Dublin.

my dear P. J.

In reply to yours of the 8th Inst Re- my Army Pensions claim, in which you ask me to furnish Particulars. About two months ago I filled up the "forms" in connection with Army Pensions & Gratuities and sent them on to Department of Defence. Those forms were in respect of "wounds" or "Disease". but<sup>as</sup> I explained that my claim is for "full time" military service- since being appointed Brigade Adjutant- from November 1920 until December 1923. Also it cost me roughly all the cash I had (about £150-) during those few years.

Now I expected some consideration (when the time came) and on the strength of that, a few of my friends advanced me some money to start in business, but as times were not too good I was never in a position to pay them back- they are now pressing me for same. I believe I am entitled to consideration for services rendered and I

hope you will do the best you can for me  
in this matter. If I could afford it I would not  
dream of any claim but as things stands I don't  
know what to do and anything that I may get  
now may help me for all time. I trust I have  
made myself clear and that you will do  
the best you can for me.

hope self & all are very well.

Yours V. Sincerely  
J. Coen

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ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1932.

No record of A.P. 50.  
 application under  
 A. P. Acts 1923 & 1927.  
 Initials... RR  
 Date... 7.4.33

Application for a Wound or Disease Pension or a Gratuity under Section 10 of the Army Pensions Act, 1932.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF THIS FORM.

1. In every case the name to be inserted as applicant is that of the person by whom or on whose behalf it is claimed that he is entitled to the pension or gratuity.
2. This application form is to be signed by the applicant, except where the Minister for Defence authorises it to be signed on behalf of the applicant by another person.
3. The attention of the person signing this form is directed to the declaration at the foot hereof to be made by such person.
4. The signature of the person signing this form is to be attested by a witness. (As to who may be a witness, see foot of this form).
5. In the event of the person making the application being unable to write he or she is to sign by affixing his or her mark and the attesting witness is to insert the name of such person.

DEPT. OF DEFENCE  
 RECEIVED  
 31 MAR 1933  
 ARMY PENSIONS BRANCH

Name of Applicant (To be written in Block Capitals) COEN (Surname)  
THOMAS BALLINA, COMAYO (Christian Names)

Age last Birthday 42 years (42)

Present Address ARRAN ST. BALLINA, COMAYO.

Nearest Gárda Síochána Station BALLINA

Distance of Nearest Railway Station from Residence a few hundred yards

Distance of Nearest Bus Route from Residence Do.

Whether Railway or Bus is the more economical No Difference

Method of Transport between residence and Dublin Road or Rail.

*Claim for Compensation for Unemployment*

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NOTE.—Before answering the questions below, the person making the declaration at the foot of this form is to note that:—

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

The Army Pensions Act, 1932, imposes a summary penalty for a false declaration:

“Every person who, with a view to obtaining the grant or payment of a pension, allowance, or gratuity under Part II of the Army Pensions Act, 1932 either for himself or for any other person, makes, signs, or uses any declaration, application, or other written statement knowing the same to be false shall be guilty of an offence under this section and shall be liable on summary conviction thereof to a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds or, at the discretion of the court, to imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months or to both such fine and such imprisonment.”

(Section 12 (1) of Army Pensions Act, 1923, as applied by Army Pensions Act, 1932.)

(b) In answering question 3D (1) any special circumstances involved in applicant's service which, it is considered caused any unfitness from which he may be suffering should be clearly stated.

If the declarant is unable to read, the above notes should be read over to him by the witness, who should so testify in his attestation of the claim.

1. Give particulars of applicant's service in any of the undermentioned Organisations:

ORGANISATION	Period of Service*		In what capacity he served	In what areas he served	Name of his Commanding Officer
	From	To			
X (a) Oglagh na h-Eireann (Irish Republican Army)	November 1920	December 1923	Brigade Adjutant	North Mayo	Eamon Gammon and Later Dr. J. A. Madden
(b) Irish Volunteers ....			—		
(c) Irish Citizen Army ....					
(d) Fianna Eireann ....					
(e) Hibernian Rifles ....					
(f) Cumann na mBan ....					

\* If the Service was not continuous throughout particulars of the period or periods of actual military service should be stated.

2. What is the nature of any wound or disease for which applicant now claims a pension?

None  
not wounded

3 (a) When, where, and in what circumstances was any such wound received or such disease contracted?

(b) Who was applicant's Commanding Officer at the time?

(c) Give the names of any persons who can corroborate the answer to (a) above.



**3D.** Replies to questions 3D. (i) to (v) to be filled in **only** by applicants in respect of Disease.

(i) In what way is it claimed that applicant's disease is connected with his Military Service, and what are the grounds for the claim?

(A detailed statement of the facts with dates should be given.)

No Disease

(ii) Were there any particular conditions affecting applicant's service which it is claimed caused the disability or disabilities? Did the applicant suffer from any illness during the period of his service? If so, give particulars, including any treatment received.

no

(iii) Give particulars of the applicant's health for the 3 years prior to joining the particular Force in which it is claimed he incurred the disability (or disabilities). If possible, certificates should be furnished:—

(a) from his doctor, and

(b) from his approved Society for the 3 years prior to joining the particular Force, or if he was not an insured person, certificates should be furnished by the Medical Practitioner who ordinarily attended him during these 3 years. A statement will also be required from his Employer or Employers in respect of the 3 years prior to his joining the particular Force.

(iv) Give the names and addresses of the applicant's Employers:

(a) During the 3 years prior to joining the particular Military Force in which it is claimed he contracted any disability referred to in the reply to Question 2 above.

(b) During the period of his Military Service referred to at 1.

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(c) During the period since the cessation of his Military Service.

(v) Was the applicant at any time prior to his service referred to at 1, a candidate for any appointment which necessitated a medical examination? If so, state the nature of the appointment and the result of the medical examination.

4. Give the names of the hospitals where the applicant has been treated for any Wound or Disease stated in reply to Question 2 above, and the approximate dates of admissions and Discharges.

5. Did the applicant suffer from any Wound or Disease mentioned in above answer to Question 2, or anything like it, prior to his service as stated in reply to question 1? If so, give details and dates.

6. Give the names of any hospitals in which the applicant received treatment as an in-patient or an out-patient, prior to the period of his service, and the nature of the ailment for which treatment was provided.

7. What was the nature of the applicant's employment?

(a) Before his Military Service referred to at 1. (State name and address of last employer).

(b) During the period of his Military Service referred to at 1.

(c) After the cessation of his Military Service referred to at 1.

8. Give particulars of any period, or periods, of unemployment since the cessation of the applicant's Military Service, and the cause of it (e.g., trade depression, ill-health, etc.).

9. Has the applicant received compensation from his Employer, or from any person or body in respect of any accident, injury, or disease. If so, give full particulars and state the amount of such compensation.

10. Give the names and addresses of

*Drapers Assistant.*

*Thomas McHale  
Ballina, Mayo.*

*none*

any doctors who attended the applicant since the cessation of his Military Service, and particulars of the ailments for which they attended him.

11. If the applicant has been treated at a hospital (either as an in-patient or an out-patient) since the cessation of his Military Service, give the name of the hospital or hospitals, dates of admission, or commencement of treatment, and the nature of the ailment for which treated.
12. Give particulars of the applicant's health since the cessation of his Military Service. These should be supported by:—
- medical certificates from any civilian doctors who have attended him and reports from non-military hospitals he has attended;
  - certificates from his employers as to health and time lost.
13. Has the applicant received, in respect of any wound or disease mentioned in answer to Question 2 above, any payment;
- on a decree under the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Acts, 1919 and 1920;
  - on an award made by the Personal Injuries Committee;
  - From or on behalf of the person alleged to be responsible for the act which caused such wound;
  - from any other source.
- If so, give full particulars.
14. Give the name of the applicant's National Health Approved Society and (if possible) his Membership Number.
15. Has the applicant at any time since the cessation of his Military Service been registered at a Labour Exchange? If so, give particulars as to the name of the Exchange and the period.
16. Is there any other information

*none*

*none*

*Good*

*No*

*Distributive workers Union  
Cavendish House  
Dublin*

*No*

*See page 8.*

which you can give, which is material to the Applicant's claim?

(Note.—Section 10 (5) of the Army Pensions Act, 1932).

*See page 8.*

17. Did the applicant make a claim for a certificate of Service under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924? If so, what was the result of his claim?

*No.*

18. Did the applicant make a claim for a pension or gratuity in respect of any wound or disease referred to at Question 2 above under the Army Pensions Acts, 1923, and 1927? If so, what was the result of his claim?

*No.*

19. Give particulars of any pension or gratuity awarded to the applicant under the Army Pensions Act, 1923, or under the Army Pensions Act, 1927, in respect of a wound or injury received or disease contracted in the course of duty with the Irish Volunteers, Irish Citizen Army, 1916, or National Army.

*None.*

20. Has the applicant served at any period with any of the following Military or Police Forces: (a) British; (b) Australian; (c) New Zealand; (d) South African; (e) Canadian; (f) American (U.S.A.); (g) Royal Irish Constabulary; (h) Dublin Metropolitan Police; (i) Garda Síochána; (j) National Army; (k) Defence Forces. If so, give particulars of service.

*No.*

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

*None*

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

Additional particulars to be given if by reason of applicant being a married man a further pension in accordance with the terms of the Act is claimed.

22. If applicant's wife is alive:—

(a) State the date of his marriage.

*Yes*  
*December 1923.*

(b) State the name of his wife.

*Hannah Rutledge*

(c) Is his wife dependent on him?

Yes.

(d) Does she ordinarily reside with him? (Certificate of marriage to be attached.)

Yes.

23. (a) If the applicant's wife is dead, or the marriage has been annulled or dissolved, state the names and ages of any:

No

Sons under 18 years of age.

two

Unmarried Daughters under 21 years of age.

none

(Certificates of birth of living children to be attached.)

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

Yes. living with me (applicant)

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

no

I declare that—

- (a) I am the applicant mentioned in the foregoing particulars.
- (b) the said particulars have been read over by ~~or~~ to me before signing this declaration,
- (c) the said particulars are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature of Applicant..... Thomas Coen .....

Address of Applicant..... Arran St Ballinacorney, Co Mayo .....

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or where application is sent in by another person on behalf of applicant—

I declare that—

- ~~(a)~~ this application is made by me on behalf of the above mentioned applicant,
- (b) that the foregoing particulars have been read over by ~~or~~ to me before signing this declaration,
- (c) that the said particulars are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature of Declarant.....

Address.....

Description.....

Signature of Witness..... Address.....

(See Note overleaf)

Qualification..... Date.....

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NOTE.—To be signed by 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 Gárda 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.

My claim is for "full time" military service from November 1920 to 20th December 1923. As Brigade Adjutant. Up to then I was earning £4.10.0 per week. I was arrested in 1922 and interned until 20th Dec' 1923. In August 1921 I was again getting my old job back but I was informed that I would be required to give "whole-time" service - which I did and during which time, not alone did I not get any money but it (which I did not expect at the time) but I am sure it cost me roughly £150 - all I had at the time. On the strength that I would be entitled to some allowance (when the time came) I was able to borrow some money from friends to start a book business and they are now pressing me for same.

I fully believe I am entitled to compensation for services rendered and I must say that it's very badly required just now. I leave same to your immediate and kind consideration. The following with others can vouch for the above statement.

Mr P. J. Rutledge  
Minister for Justice,

Mr. M. O'Leary T. D.

Mr. M. Kilroy T. D.

Respectfully Yrs  
Thomas. Coen