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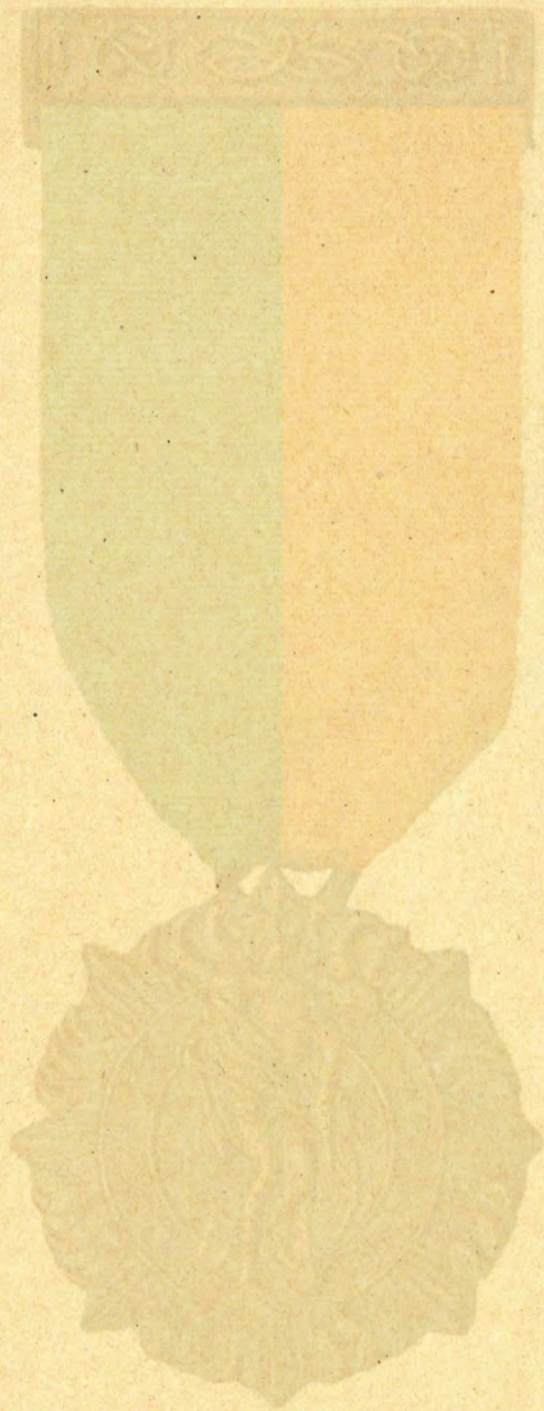
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To—THE MILITARY SERVICE
REGISTRATION BOARD.

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to transmit the accompanying application of

Mrs. Mary O'Halloran,

Laccaroe, Tulla, Co. Clare.

for investigation and certificate in accordance with Section 8 of the Army Pensions Act, 1932, as amended by Section 15 of the Army Pensions Act, 1937, and the Regulations made thereunder. ^{1st act. 1941.}

Date.....*30th July* 193*11*.

R. G. A.
A.S. RUNAL

BALLYMULLEN BARRACKS,
TRALEE.

9th September, 1941.

Secretary,
Military Pensions Board,
St. Kevin's College,
GLASNEVIN.

Mrs. M. O'Halloran, Laccaroe, Tulla.
Application for Military Pension (I. R. A.)

I certify that Mrs. M. O'Halloran gave most valuable, devoted and continuous service to the I.R.A., from March 1917 to February 1922.

During the period under review the applicant was very energetic and active in various ways:-

In the Cumann na mBann 1917 - 1918, organising concerts to raise funds for families whose bread winners were in prison - East Clare Election Funds- Resistance to conscription, 1919 - 1920.- Organised first aid classes.- Assisted local I.R.A. in their efforts to capture Newmarket-on-Fergus, Scariff, Sixmilebridge R.I.C. Barracks and Cratloe ambush. - Giving food and shelter to parties organised for the tasks mentioned and frequently delivering despatches many miles from her home.

Due to her I.R.A. activities and that of her brothers, her home was constantly raided by Crown Forces, during this period she had to stick to her homestead and nurse a bed ridden father and a delicate mother. At the same time she had to undergo the mental torture of standing up to "Those hounds of hell" i.e. Black and Tans (often masked) to prevent her home being destroyed.

January, 1921. After the Glenwood ambush all her farm buildings, out-offices, hay, straw, grain etc., were destroyed by fire, while two attempts were made to burn the dwelling house; Finally herself and parents were ordered to leave the home and compelled to seek shelter elsewhere. She was compelled to send her father 12 miles away from home. This was due mostly to threats that anywhere one of the family was located, the homestead giving shelter would be burned. From now until the end of the reign of terror, she had to undergo the mental agony of seeing her parents, sisters and brothers scattered over Clare, her home broken up and the farm left derelict. Many times she had to seek shelter herself in outhouses and even hedges, during most inclement weather, at the same time she gave assistance to the local A.S.U. and did not at any time neglect her duty to the Cumann na mBann organisation, of which she was now a local leader.

The applicant is suffering from very severe nervous debility for the past eight years and is in a very poor state of health; as she can prove there is no family history of mental or physical disease of any kind and procure medical evidence to certify that the present state of her health is due to the very severe mental strain she had to undergo during the "Black and Tan" *reign*

I strongly recommend her claim for a military pension, to your kind attention at your earliest convenience, please.

..... *J. J. S. Hamara* CAPTAIN.
15th INF. BATTALION.

Ref. No. 1/5764. Name Mrs. Mary O'Halloran Nee Mrs. Hamard. P. 50—3 (b). Disease.

QUERIES:

1. Between what dates did applicant serve with your Command?

1918 — 1922

As a member, also an officer of the Linnahon-Nav-Mbran

2. In what capacity did applicant serve?

3. In what area was applicant engaged in Military Service?

5th Br Area, Kilblishin Oballaghan's Mills (East Black Edge.)

4. Did applicant contract any disease during his Military Service as defined? If so, please give the following particulars:—

see medical certificates produced by the applicant

(a) Nature of the disease

Nervous debility

(b) Particulars of any illness from which the applicant suffered during his Military Service

see my O's certificate

(A detailed statement with dates should be given.)

5. Was applicant engaged in Military Service as defined? If so, give the following particulars:—

Yes

(a) Nature of the military activities in which applicant was engaged.

see my certificate attached herewith

(b) Was applicant attached to an A.S.U. and, if so, during what periods?

No, but assisted members of the I.S.V. in many ways i.e. cooking, sewing, laundry etc. October 1920 — July 1921

(c) Was applicant on the run, and if so, during what periods?

No

(d) Nature of the hardships undergone by applicant during his military service, e.g., irregular meals, wettings, sleeping in dug-outs or in the open.

see my attached statement giving dates, & particulars.

(A detailed statement with dates should be given.)

(e) Was applicant imprisoned or interned at any time, and if so, during what periods and in what Prison or Camp?

No

(f) Was applicant on hunger strike, and if so, for how long?

No

6. Full particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the applicant which, in your opinion, should be taken into consideration in determining whether the disease was attributable to Military Service.

None

7. Particulars of any other matter in support of the applicant's claim or otherwise, on which you desire to comment.

8. Have you personal knowledge of the facts of the case as set out by you above or are your replies based on official reports, or on information otherwise received?

As the applicant is my sister, I beg to refer you to certificates submitted outside the family circle.

I declare above statements to be true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature *J. J. McNamee*

Organisation and Rank *Capt. O. B. M. S. Coy*

Address *Ballymullen Bks.*

Date *9-9-41*

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Ref. No. 15764 Name Mrs May O'Halloran

A.P. 50—3 (b).
Disease.

QUERIES:

1. Between what dates did applicant serve with your Command?

In the year 1919-20-21

2. In what capacity did applicant serve?

as Captain of O'Connell's Mills Coy of Infantry in B.S.M.

3. In what area was applicant engaged in Military Service?

5th Battalion East-Dev Brigade

4. Did applicant contract any disease during his Military Service as defined? If so, please give the following particulars:—

No information

(a) Nature of the disease

✓

(b) Particulars of any illness from which the applicant suffered during his Military Service

✓

(A detailed statement with dates should be given.)

5. Was applicant engaged in Military Service as defined? If so, give the following particulars:—

(a) Nature of the military activities in which applicant was engaged.

The usual duties performed by member of Cavalry in B.S.M.

(b) Was applicant attached to an A.S.U. and, if so, during what periods?

✓

(c) Was applicant on the run, and if so, during what periods?

✓

(d) Nature of the hardships undergone by applicant during his military service, e.g., irregular meals, wettings, sleeping in dug-outs or in the open.

His house was continually raided for his brother, but he was not in a position to give any details of the hardships undergone by applicant.

(A detailed statement with dates should be given.)

(e) Was applicant imprisoned or interned at any time, and if so, during what periods and in what Prison or Camp?

N.D.

(f) Was applicant on hunger strike, and if so, for how long?

N.D.

6. Full particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the applicant which, in your opinion, should be taken into consideration in determining whether the disease was attributable to Military Service.
..... Nil
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7. Particulars of any other matter in support of the applicant's claim or otherwise, on which you desire to comment.
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8. Have you personal knowledge of the facts of the case as set out by you above or are your replies based on official reports, or on information otherwise received?
..... Personal knowledge
.....
.....

I declare above statements to be true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature..... T. McGrath Col

Organisation and Rank..... vic. Adm - East - Clare Barr

Address..... Rostell Barracks

Date..... 09/9/41

..... Dublin

2nd Application

Memorandum.

Reference No.

1/5164

From

Department of Defence,

(Military Service Registration Board),
Kolaist Coombe, Glasnevin,
 Griffith Barracks, Dublin.

Date... *25. 9* 19*34*

To *Mrs May O'Halloran*
Lacarne.

Dulla Collan.

REFERENCE OR ENQUIRY.

REPLY.

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Please furnish the following further particulars:—

Please state date (month & year) when you were first medically treated in respect of neurasthenia

I was treated for neurasthenia in July 1924 (cannot remember date) but had suffered for over two years before I consulted Dr. S. P. Flynn, Kilkishen, Six-Mile-Bridge Co. Clare.

S. O'Riada

Rúnaidhe.

[P.T.O.]

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13 October, 1941.

A Chara,

I am desired by the Military Service Registration Board to refer to the application under the above Acts by Mrs. Mary O'Halloran, Tulla, Co. Clare, and to enclose, for your information, a copy of your certificate dated 14th August, 1940, furnished by applicant in support of his claim. The Board will be glad if you will be good enough to state when you first treated applicant.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Mise, le meas,

Runaidhe.

Thomas P. Flynn, Esq., M.B., B.Ch.,
Kilkishen,
Co. Clare.

*Reply from Dr. Flynn passed to
J.S. - Mili² - first treated applicant - 1924*

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I. The addresses of the following persons whose names are given by you in your application:—

Name	Address
Colonel Tom Mc Grath.	Portobello Bks Dublin.
Mr. Michael Brennan.	Office of Public Works, Dublin.
Capt. J. J. Mc Namara.	Ballymullen Bks. Galway.

II. Name of Officer Commanding Brigade Mrs. K. Foley.
Present Address 68 Parnell Street, Ennis, Co. Clare.

III. Name of Officer or Officers Commanding Battn. Mrs M. E. Ryan.
(Respective periods should be given.)
Meelick Cottage, Bratloe, Co. Louth.

The above mentioned officers were commanding the whole time

Present Addresses Meelick Cottage, Bratloe, Co. Louth.

IV. Names of your Company Captains or other Officers:—

(The names of your immediate Superior Officers at the period during which you claim to have contracted your disability should be given.)

- (1) Name, Rank and Appointment May O'Halloran, Co Captain (all through)
Present Address Laccaroe, Tulla, Co. Clare.
- (2) Name, Rank and Appointment Miss Eira Brennan, Officer Commanding Brigade
Present Address Meelick, Co. Clare.
- (3) Name, Rank and Appointment Mrs M. E. Ryan, Batt Officer (5th Batt.)
Present Address Meelick Cottage, Bratloe, Co. Louth.
- (4) Name, Rank and Appointment Mrs K. Foley, Brigade Commander.
Present Address 68 Parnell St, Ennis, Co. Clare.

Signature May O'Halloran, (Mrs)

Address Laccaroe Tulla, Co. Clare.

Date October 17th 1941.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE,
MILITARY SERVICE REGISTRATION BOARD,

Please Note Change of Address to—
Colaiste Caoimhin,
Glasnevin,
Dublin.

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Ref. No. 1/5764

ARMY PENSIONS ACTS, 1932/1937. ¹⁹⁴¹

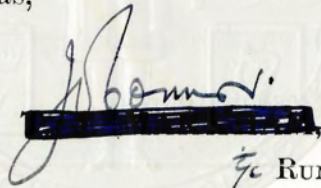
A CHARA,

With reference to your application for Pension/Allowance or Gratuity under the above Acts, I am directed by the Board to ask that you will be so good as to give the particulars indicated in the form overleaf.

When an officer regarding whom particulars are requested is now deceased, the circumstances should be so stated, and particulars should be given, in such case, of the officer's successor.

This form, when completed, should be returned to the Military Service Registration Board in the enclosed addressed envelope, which need not be stamped.

Mise, le meas,


J. BUNNEY

For RUNAL.

To Mrs May O'Halloran

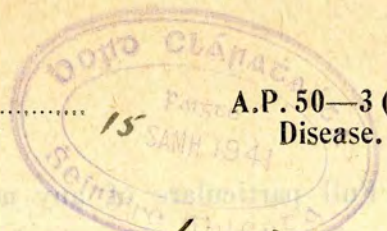
Lieutenant

Tulla

Co. Clare

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Ref. No. 1/5164 Name Mrs Mayo Halloran



A.P. 50-3 (b).
Disease.

QUERIES:

1. Between what dates did applicant serve with your Command?

1913 to '22

2. In what capacity did applicant serve?

Captain O'Connell's B ranch
Cumann na mBan.

3. In what area was applicant engaged in Military Service?

O'Connell's B ranch
East Lore.

4. Did applicant contract any disease during his Military Service as defined? If so, please give the following particulars:—

To the best of my
memory. She did.

(a) Nature of the disease

neurasthenia

(b) Particulars of any illness from which the applicant suffered during his Military Service

In 1921 she suffered a good
deal as part of their building were
burned down. She got wettings + had
open to sleep in wet clothes.

(A detailed statement with dates should be given.)

5. Was applicant engaged in Military Service as defined? If so, give the following particulars:—

As far as being Capt of local B ranch.
she organised concerts etc for funds
for local volunteers, carried despatches
had the safety of arms + ammunition
fastened for her on the run in her own
house. gave assistance to volunteers
at time of attack on Newmarket + Scariff
Barracks + was a very willing
energetic worker for the cause.

(a) Nature of the military activities in which applicant was engaged.

(b) Was applicant attached to an A.S.U. and, if so, during what periods?

No

(c) Was applicant on the run, and if so, during what periods?

No

(d) Nature of the hardships undergone by applicant during his military service, e.g., irregular meals, wettings, sleeping in dug-outs or in the open.

(A detailed statement with dates should be given.)

(e) Was applicant imprisoned or interned at any time, and if so, during what periods and in what Prison or Camp?

No

(f) Was applicant on hunger strike, and if so, for how long?

No

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6. Full particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the applicant which, in your opinion, should be taken into consideration in determining whether the disease was attributable to Military Service.

.....
No
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.....

7. Particulars of any other matter in support of the applicant's claim or otherwise, on which you desire to comment.

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No
.....

8. Have you personal knowledge of the facts of the case as set out by you above or are your replies based on official reports, or on information otherwise received?

.....
Yes
.....
.....

I declare above statements to be true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature Luß Rennau

Organisation and Rank Treasurer East Gloucestershire
Infantry Treas. to Division.

Address Meerick Cross

Date 12th Nov

Near Limesick (6 bars)

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To Pensions Board.

Sir.

Sorry for delay in
returning form. I was ill.

I B Remmell.



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Ref. No. 1/5164 Name Miss May O'Halloran

A.P. 50—3 (b).
Disease.

QUERIES:

1. Between what dates did applicant serve with your Command?

1917 to 1922

2. In what capacity did applicant serve?

Captain of O'Callaghan's Mills
Company C. na mbán,
Kilkesten and O'Callaghan's
Mills area.

4. Did applicant contract any disease during his Military Service as defined? If so, please give the following particulars:—

(a) Nature of the disease

Severe nerve trouble.

(b) Particulars of any illness from which the applicant suffered during his Military Service

The home of Mr O'Halloran was burned down after the Glenwood Ambush Jan 1921 and Mr O'Halloran with her parents, brother, sister had to go to stay with relatives. Mr O'Halloran, as a result suffered from a nervous breakdown.

5. Was applicant engaged in Military Service as defined? If so, give the following particulars:—

(a) Nature of the military activities in which applicant was engaged.

Yes. First aid to wounded. Catering and providing beds for the flying column. Carrying despatches. Care of arms and ammunition.

(b) Was applicant attached to an A.S.U. and, if so, during what periods?

(c) Was applicant on the run, and if so, during what periods?

January 1921 to Luce.

(d) Nature of the hardships undergone by applicant during his military service, e.g., irregular meals, wettings, sleeping in dug-outs or in the open.

(A detailed statement with dates should be given.)

(e) Was applicant imprisoned or interned at any time, and if so, during what periods and in what Prison or Camp?

No.

(f) Was applicant on hunger strike, and if so, for how long?

No.

6. Full particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the applicant which, in your opinion, should be taken into consideration in determining whether the disease was attributable to Military Service.

In my opinion there was no negligence or misconduct on the part of the applicant and I believe her present state of health is as a result of her active service, and her claim is a genuine one.

7. Particulars of any other matter in support of the applicant's claim or otherwise, on which you desire to comment.

8. Have you personal knowledge of the facts of the case as set out by you above or are your replies based on official reports, or on information otherwise received?

I have personal knowledge of Mrs. O'Halloran's active service, and I also got in touch with her Battalion O.C. to make sure of her work. Hence the delay in returning this form.

I declare above statements to be true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature..... (Mrs) Kathleen Foley.
Organisation and Rank..... Adj. 1st Western Division
Cumann na mBan
Address..... 68 Parnell St., Dublin,

Date..... 19th November 1941.

Co. Clare.

Ref. No. 1/5764 Name. Mrs May O'Halloran



A.P. 50-3 (b). Disease.

QUERIES:

1. Between what dates did applicant serve with your Command ?

1918 - 21

2. In what capacity did applicant serve?

Captain O'Ballaghans Mills
Branch C. Na Na Ban
5th Battalions East Blere

3. In what area was applicant engaged in Military Service ?

4. Did applicant contract any disease during his Military Service as defined ? If so, please give the following particulars :—

Not to my knowledge

(a) Nature of the disease

(b) Particulars of any illness from which the applicant suffered during his Military Service

(A detailed statement with dates should be given.)

5. Was applicant engaged in Military Service as defined ? If so, give the following particulars :—

(a) Nature of the military activities in which applicant was engaged.

Assisting J.R.A in
discharging military duties

(b) Was applicant attached to an A.S.U. and, if so, during what periods ?

Yes, 1919-21

(c) Was applicant on the run, and if so, during what periods ?

No

(d) Nature of the hardships undergone by applicant during his military service, e.g., irregular meals, wettings, sleeping in dug-outs or in the open.

Her House burned after Glenwood ambush Jan. '21. Suffered hardships on that account

(A detailed statement with dates should be given.)

(e) Was applicant imprisoned or interned at any time, and if so, during what periods and in what Prison or Camp ?

No

(f) Was applicant on hunger strike, and if so, for how long ?

No

6. Full particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the applicant which, in your opinion, should be taken into consideration in determining whether the disease was attributable to Military Service.

..... *None*

..... *A good Active Worker*

7. Particulars of any other matter in support of the applicant's claim or otherwise, on which you desire to comment.

..... *None*

8. Have you personal knowledge of the facts of the case as set out by you above or are your replies based on official reports, or on information otherwise received ?

..... *Personal Knowledge*

I declare above statements to be true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature..... *Mary E. Ryan*

Organisation and Rank..... *O.C. 5th Battalion*

Address..... *Mulick Cottage*

Date..... *15th Nov '41*

..... *Bratloe Co Clare*

ARMY PENSIONS ACTS, 1932 AND 1937.

(AS AMENDED AND EXTENDED BY THE ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1941)
 SERVICE CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE MILITARY SERVICE REGISTRATION BOARD
 IN RESPECT OF A LIVING PERSON ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF
 AN ORGANISATION TO WHICH PART II OF THE ACT OF 1932 APPLIES.

I/RB/5164

Reg. No. of Applicant..... Name of Applicant..... **O'Halloran, Mrs. Mary**

Address of Applicant **Laccaroe, Tulla,**
 **Co. Clare.**

WHEREAS an application for the grant of a pension or gratuity to the said applicant has been referred to us by the Minister for Defence under Section 8 of the Army Pensions Act, 1932, as amended by Section 15 of the Army Pensions Act, 1937;

NOW, WE, the Military Service Registration Board, in pursuance of the said Section 8, as amended, hereby certify as follows:—

1. ~~The applicant was not at any time a member of any organisation to which Part II of the Act of 1932 applies.~~

or

The applicant was a member of **Cumann na mBan**
 (State organisation or organisations of which applicant was a member.)

2. ~~The applicant was not engaged in military service within the meaning of Part II of the Act of 1932.~~

or

The applicant was engaged in military service within the meaning of Part II of the Act of 1932, and the following are particulars of such military service:—

Organisation or organisations of which applicant was a member	Particulars of military service		
	(*) Period of service		Nature and extent of military service
	From	To	
Oglaigh na h-Eireann (Irish Republican Army)	-	-	-
Irish Volunteers	-	-	-
Irish Citizen Army	-	-	-
Fianna Eireann	-	-	-
Hibernian Rifles	-	-	-
Cumann na mBan	1918	1922	Served as Captain, O'Callaghan's Mills Br.,

(*) If the service was not continuous throughout, particulars of the period or periods of actual military service should be stated. **5th Bn., East Clare Bde.**

3. The applicant did not receive a wound or injury while engaged in military service.

or

~~The applicant received a wound or injury while engaged in military service and the following are particulars of such wound or injury:—~~

- (a) Nature of wound or injury -
- (b) Date on which wound or injury was received -

- (c) Circumstances in which wound or injury was received
 received
 (d) Particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the applicant which in the opinion of the Board should be taken into consideration in determining whether the wound or injury was attributable to military service

4. ~~There is no evidence that the applicant contracted any disease during his military service.~~ or her

There is evidence that the applicant contracted a disease during ~~his~~ military service and the following are the particulars of such evidence:—

- (a) Nature of disease **Nerve Trouble**
 (b) Actual conditions under which applicant performed his military service **Applicant was engaged in organising, providing food and shelter for members of A.S.U., etc.**
 (c) Particulars of any illness from which the applicant suffered during ~~his~~ military service **her**

- (d) Detailed report on the applicant's statements in reply to questions 3 D (i) and (ii) in the application of the applicant **It is testified that applicant was an active officer engaged in organising concerts, catering for men "on the run", etc. It is testified that her home was raided by Crown Forces on several occasions and was partially burned down in July, 1921. She suffered from wettings etc. during her service.**
 (e) Full particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the applicant which in the opinion of the Board should be taken into consideration in determining whether the disease was attributable to military service **Nil.**

5. *

* This paragraph will be used for certifying such other particulars in respect of the applicant as the Minister may request the Military Service Registration Board to ascertain and certify.

Signed..... *S. O. P. [Signature]* Chairman }
Michl. Hilliard Member } of
Gas Kolbert Member } Military
 } Service
 } Registration
 } Board

Dated this 25th day of November, 1941. ~~1941~~

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Dear Gen.
Ask appl. to state = what
year she was first treated
for Neuroasthenia

Quinn to

Capt M^s Namara
Major J. M^s Grath.

3.10.41

Certs from Dr. Flynn

Send forms to his ladies

Copy

Nov. 21.41

Nerve trouble

Mr. Lator.

memo to app^{ts} asking date of first treatment for Neurasthenia.
Queries to Capt Mc Namara & Major J. McGrath.

Remina app^{ts} Col. J. McGrath.

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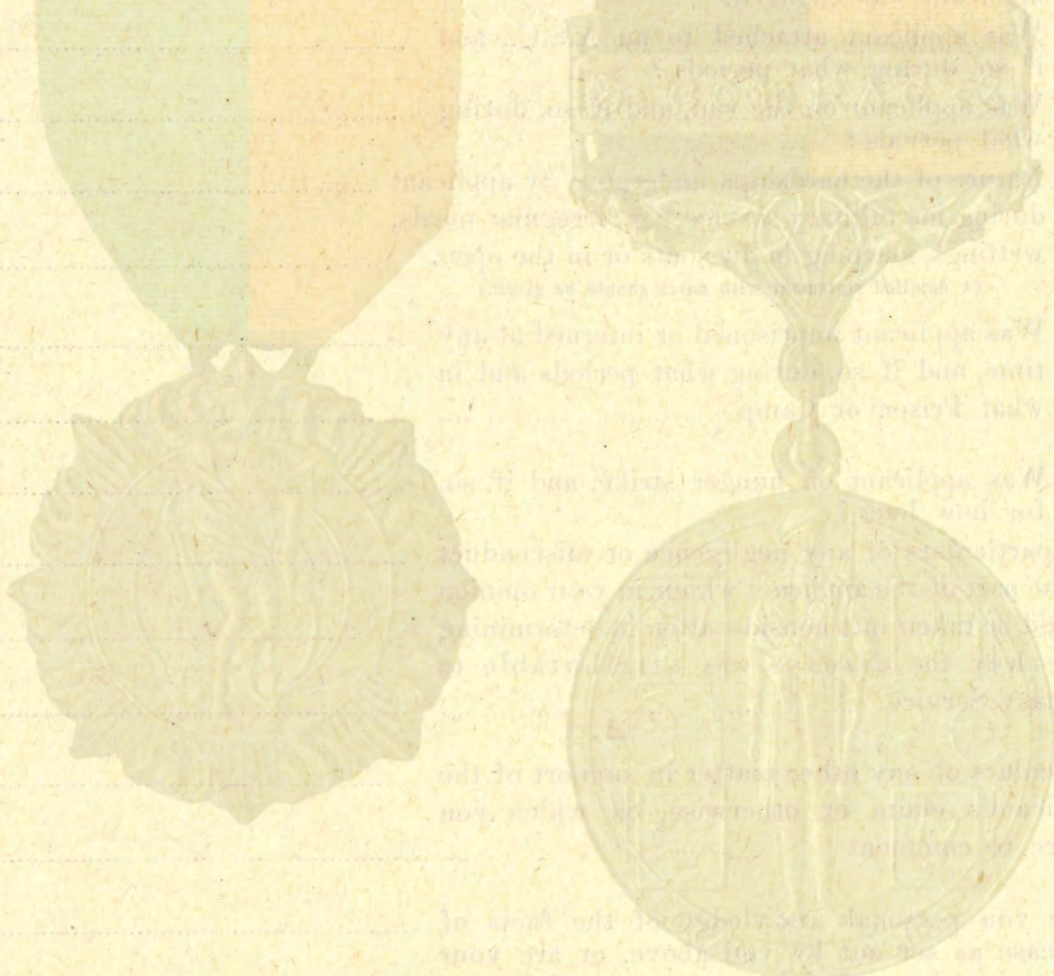
Write to Dr. Flynn enclosing copy of his cert of 14/8/1940
asking he would be so good enough to state when he first
treat app^{ts}.

Issue Dis. Form

to Mr. Foley.

through

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