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An Uimhir as Roinn Eile.

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Moran, James,
Lavallyroe,
Bloomfad,
Ballyhaunis,
Co. Mayo.

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18/4/40

W.A.O.

24/6/40

Mr. O'Callaghan

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Mr. Quinn

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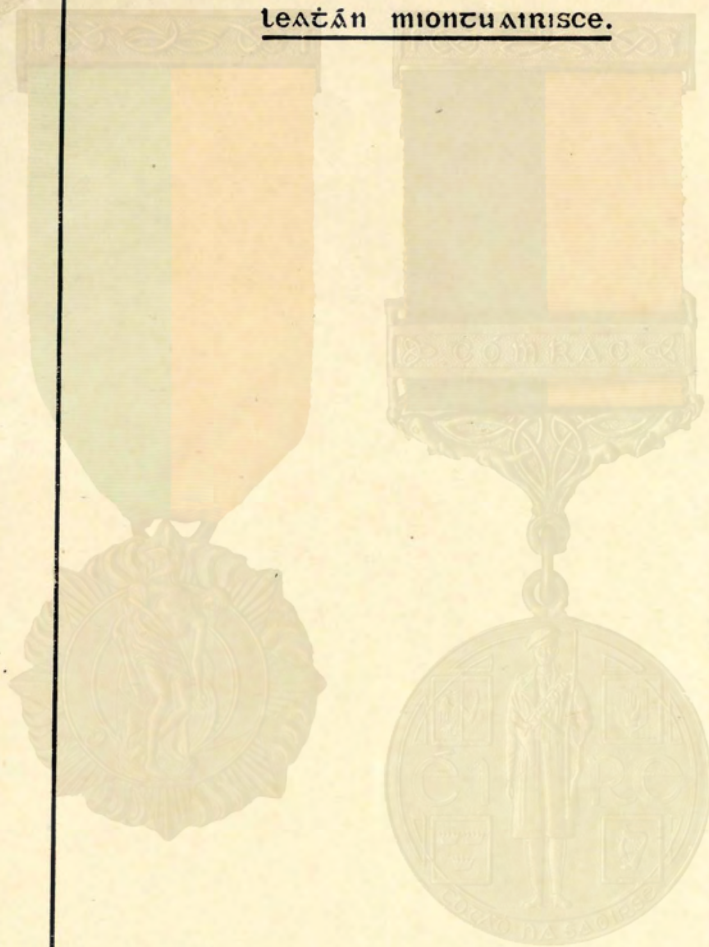
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REFEREE R.3.

REF. No. 3361 APPLICANT'S NAME Moran James ADDRESS Lavallyroe, Bloonfad, Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo.
 UNIT Bloonfad Coy. 2nd Bde. 2nd M. Div.

(a) PERIOD	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active service allowed	(d) Equivalent for Pension purposes	REMARKS
(1) 23/4/16 — 30/4/16				(7)
(2) (a) 1/4/16 — 22/4/16 (b) 30/4/16 — 31/3/17				(8)
(3) 1/4/17 — 31/3/18				(9)
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(5) 1/4/19 — 31/3/20	do.			(11)
(6) 1/4/20 — 31/3/21	do.			(12)
(7) 1/4/21 — 11/7/21	do.			(13)
(8) 12/7/21 — 30/6/22	do.			(14)
(9) 1/7/22 — 31/3/23	do.			(15)
(10) 1/4/23 — 30/9/23	do.			(16)

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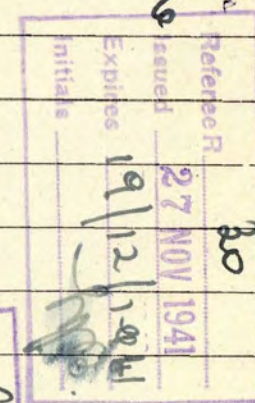
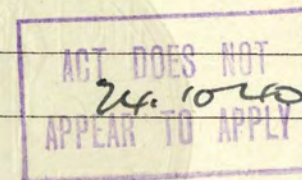
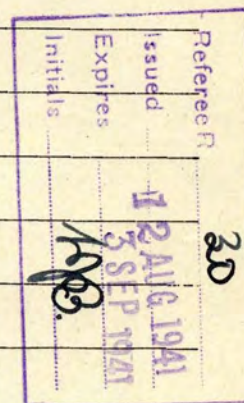
Rank claimed on E.Rank allowed 2nd Lt.

SIGNED—

Sean Ua Morain
James

Total of Column (d).....

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MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT (1934).

REF. No. 3361. APPLICANT'S NAME Moran, James. ADDRESS.....

REFEREE R.3.

UNIT.....
2nd Bde. 2nd Western Division.

(a) PERIOD	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active service allowed	(d) Equivalent for Pension purposes	REMARKS
(1) 23/4/16 — 29/4/16				(7)
(2) (a) 1/4/16 — 22/4/16 } (b) 30/4/16 — 31/3/17 }				(8)
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(7) 1/4/21 — 11/7/21				(13)
(8) 12/7/21 — 30/6/22				(14)
(9) 1/7/22 — 31/3/23				(15)
(10) 1/4/23 — 30/9/23				(16)

(a) First critical date.

(b) Second critical date.

Rank claimed on.....

Rank allowed

Total of Column (d).....

SIGNED—

James Moran
James Moran

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Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. *34SP/3919*
To :
THE REFEREE.

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to transmit for report in accordance with Section 8 and the Regulations made under the Act the accompanying application of

Moran James
Kavallyroe bloodpad Ballyhaunis
for a Service Certificate. *bo mayo*

The report should take the form of replies to the questions set out herewith.

Date. *8 APR 1935*

Ref. No. *M.S.P./34 Referee*
To :
THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

James Ho...
Referee.

Date. *14 APR 1935*

1. Is the Applicant a person to whom the Act applies ? *No*
2. If so, total actual service in the different service periods, as established.....
3. Total service for pension purposes as defined by Second Schedule of the Act.....
4. Grade or rank, quoting relevant paragraph of First Schedule under which allowed : —
 - (a) On first critical date.....
 - (b) On second critical date.....
 - (c) Was applicant a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921.....
 - (d) Does applicant's case fall under either of the following sub-paragraphs, and, if so, which, viz., sub-paragraph (j) of paragraph 3 of Rule I. of First Schedule.....
or under sub-paragraph (m) of paragraph 4 of Rule I. of First Schedule, as a Medical Officer.....

5. Does the applicant state in his application whether he is at present in receipt of any remuneration, pension or allowance payable out of public moneys whether provided by the Oireachtas or out of the Central Fund or by means of the poor rate or any other rate imposed by a local authority ?.....

6. Does the applicant state in his application whether he applied for or is in receipt of unemployment assistance under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1933 ? If so, quote the number of his qualification certificate if given by him.....

7. THE WEEK COMMENCING ON THE 23RD DAY OF APRIL, 1916.

(1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction

(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act.....

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.....

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.....

8. THE PERIOD COMPRISING :—

(a) THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1916, AND ENDING ON THE 22ND DAY OF APRIL, 1916, and

(b) THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 1916, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1917.

(1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction

(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act.....

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.....

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.....

9. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1917, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1918.

(1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction

(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act.....

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.....

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.....

10. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1918, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1919.

(1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction

(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act.....

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.....

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.....

11. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1919, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1920.

(1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction

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(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act.....

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(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.....

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.....

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12. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1920, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1921.

(1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction

.....

(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act.....

.....

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.....

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.....

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13. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1921, AND ENDING ON THE 11TH DAY OF JULY, 1921.

(1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction

.....

(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act.....

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(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.....

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.....

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14. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 12TH DAY OF JULY, 1921, AND ENDING ON THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 1922.

(1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction

.....

(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act.....

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(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.....

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.....

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15. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF JULY, 1922, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1923.

(1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction

.....

(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act.....

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3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.....

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.....

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16. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1923, AND ENDING ON THE 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1923.

(1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction

.....

(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act.....

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(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.....

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.....

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MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934.

Form R. 18.

Ref. No. 3361.

APPLICANT'S NAME Moran James.

For Discussion with Capt. Campion & Mr. G. O'Connell. Date 10.3.42.

PERIOD	OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE	PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT
(1)		
(2)		
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OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

(a) First Critical Date..... (b) Second Critical Date.....

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

Date.....

To The Referee:

Lavalley, Joe,
Ballyharris, 2 $\frac{2}{42}$.

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Please attach
enclosed to my claim
papers.

Yours truly

James Moran:

Cloonfad Company
Cattera Battalion,
Roscommon Brigade.

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Ballaghadenan.

17/1/42.

POST
OLIG. A. L. 112
PAID

This is to certify that James Moran was a member of Cleonfad Company, Castlema Brigade, from March 1920 to 1923.

His services during periods 6.7.7. were indispensable to the proper functioning of his unit, and his home was a refuge for men on the run from his own and two adjoining Brigades.

During the time he spent most of his time in training camps. In the Civil War period he took part in a number of engagements. In my opinion he is entitled to a Military Service Pension.

Sealed O'Connor.

(En. of. No. 2. Brigade.

2nd. Western Division)

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Ref. No. 3361 / E. 2 R. ✓
Cloonfad. Coy.
South Ros. Bde.

Castle
Rossmore

27/11/41

Lavallyroe
Cloonfad.
Ballynane

1st Dec. 41.

I James Moran of above address claim that I am a person to whom the Military Service Pension Act 1934 should apply. I belonged to a small but active Coy. that was formed in 1912. It functioned in an important area, frequented by columns of three counties - North Galway, South Mayo and South Roscommon.

II On one occasion while protecting 2 officers one of whom was ill, we had to fire on a lorry of Tans although only armed with shot guns to allow other members of the Coy. to warn the officers of their danger.

III On another occasion we disarmed black & Tans who were visiting this area trying to obtain information from lady friends while armed only with Shot guns.

After this occurrence I was compelled to leave my home to evade arrest and was on continual Active Service until the Cease Fire Order and was compelled to give up a commission I held of buying cows for a Mr. Shaw an English man and as a result lost my way of living. I claim above was a Pre-Truce Major engagement and can be certified to by the Brigade Cert. officers as well as all other engagements in which I took part.

Signed James Moran.

James Moran appears to have a claim similar to that of James Reg. Thomas. Ref. & Bde. Committee ask to have him called up for examination. D. R. Moran

Ref. no. 3361/E. 2R.

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South Roscommon Bde.

Castle B

Lavallool

bloofad

Ballyhaunis

1st Dec. 41

A Chara

In reply to yours of the 27th November 1941
I herewith appeal against the decision of the Referee
with regard to my application under the provisions
of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934. and will
forward additional evidence at an early date.

Yr. obedt. servt.,
James Moran.

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Re My Pension
claim

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Return to
Chief Clerk
P.S.M.

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Cloonfad

1934 Ballyhanna
to Mayo

31 OCT 1941
Easther Bde

a chair

I have been informed

by G. Connor Lisacul

Chief Officer South Roscommon

Bde. That my name appeared

in a list of applicants.

received by him to whom

the pension act does not

apply. I have not received

any communication from

you to that effect.

2 181 NO 167

Please let me know if
my claim has been decided
or if such a communication
was sent & to whom
addressed as there are two
other Moran Families
in Lavalleyrou Delain
I am entitled to a
pension as Hook
Park in Major Engagem
previous to the Union &
can be certified to by
above cert. Officer.

Yours faithfully
James Moran

Ref. No. 3361.

JAMES MORAN.

Act does not apply.

See Summary of Evidence.

The Verifying Officers were
not before the Board in
this case.

23rd Oct., 1940. *PS mupewaz*

PM/TM.

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Referee R.15.

Organisation Records supplied by Thos. Regan, Capt. Capt.

show that applicant was

(a) — 11.7.1921.

Strength —

* (b) a member Bloomfield Coy. 2nd Bn. 1.7.1922
2nd Bde. 2nd W. Div.

Strength 16.

* The rank of 2nd Lt. (if any) is not indicated on records.

SIGNED

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REF. NO. 3361.

NAME - JAMES MORAN.

GRADE:- III.

DATE - 24. 7. 1940.

Joined 1918.

4th & 5th Periods. Routine duties.

6th Period.

At Cloonfad he was one of a party of eleven I.R.A. armed with shotguns who disarmed three soldiers, securing a revolver and one Mills bomb. There was no shooting.

Destroyed one vacated Bks.

Collected the Dail Loan.

Did Court work.

7th Period.

Was one of a party who held up two Tans at Cloonfad and secured their two revolvers. He had a shotgun and fired a shot over their heads. The Tans were out walking with girls at the time. There was no shooting.

Sixteen raids for arms.

Sixteen road blocks.

Two bridges knocked.

He guarded the column numerous times. Three Brigade cols. used visit the area.

He raided shops for Belfast goods.

Warned three spies.

Raided the Post Office once for mails.

He was on the run from the end of 1920 when his house was raided and his brother arrested. Applicant was not at home at the time.

8th Period.

Applicant spent from six to seven weeks in all in camps.

He had no barrack service.

9th Period.

Sent to Castlerea Bks. where he spent one week. Then to Cloonfad Post Office, taking turns of duty there until such time as the Free Staters came to Castlerea, when he went on the run.

Blocked roads twelve times and carried out routine duties.

He had no engagement with Free State troops.

He remained on the run until the "Cease Fire".

MJG/TM.

M. J. G. Moran

13.9.40

SWORN STATEMENT MADE BEFORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY JAMES MORAN
ON THE 24. 7. 1940 - NO. 3361.

References handed in.

Q. When did you join the Vols.?

A. 1918.

Q. Did you serve with them all the time up to the Truce?

A. I did and until 1923.

Q. In that period before the Truce did you ever take part in any actual fight with the enemy forces?

A. I did.

Q. Where?

A. Cloonfad.

Q. What did you do at Cloonfad?

A. We disarmed three British soldiers and later two.

Q. What did you get?

A. A Mills bomb and a revolver.

Q. How many Vols. were engaged in that job?

A. Eleven, I think.

Q. Were you armed there?

A. Yes.

Q. With what? A. A shotgun.

Q. There was no shooting? A. No.

Q. You would hardly call that a fight. Were you ever in any fight? Did you ever have to fire on the enemy?

A. We had to fire to hold up two later - two Tans.

Q. Did you succeed in holding them up?

A. We did.

Q. Did you disarm them?

A. We did.

Q. Where did this happen?

A. Just out from Clonfad too on the Ballyhaunis road.

Q. What did you get there?

A. Two revolvers.

Q. Were you armed? A. Yes.

Q. With the shotgun? A. Yes.

Q. Did you fire at them?

A. Yes, I fired a shot.

Q. Did you call on them to halt?

A. Yes and fired over their heads first.

Q. Did they fire?

A. No. They were with two girls on that occasion.

Q. Anything else?

A. That would be in the line of engagements.

Q. Is that what you call ambushing of Tans at Cloonfad?

A. Yes.

Q. Apart from that I suppose you were raiding for arms?

A. Yes and in fact I was on the run from the end of '20.

Q. How many houses did you raid for arms?

A. All in the area.

Q. How many?

A. It would be over 16.

Q. Did you have to shoot in any of them? A. No.

Q. How many times did you block roads?

A. Numerous times too.

Q. Three or four?

A. I could and 16 times.

Q. Did you knock any bridges? A. Yes.

Q. How many? A. About 2 bridges, I think.

Q. Did you guard the col.? A. Yes.

Q. How many times did you do that?

A. Numerous times.

Q. What col. was it?

A. There were 3 different Brigades used this area - Mayo, Roscommon and Galway Cols. came to it. Then the Div. col. was in there and Tom Maguire on one or two occasions, and North Galway and South Roscommon.

- Q. How many times were you out on the job guarding cols.
Were you out half a dozen nights?
A. I would and more. Half a dozen in one year.
Q. Did you raid for boycotted goods? A. Yes.
Q. In shops? A. Yes.
Q. Punished spies. How did you do that?
A. About 3 spies were taken out and warned - suspected spies.
Q. What ~~made~~ made you go on the run?
A. The house was raided and a brother of mine was arrested at the end of '20.
Q. Why were you not taken?
A. I was not there at the time.
Q. Did you burn Cloonfad Bks.?
A. We did.
Q. It was empty? A. It was.
Q. Collected the Dail Bonds? A. Yes.
Q. You helped in the Court work? A. Yes.
Q. Took part in the elections and so on like that? A. Yes.
Q. Raided Ballinlough Post Office? A. Yes.
Q. For what?
A. For letters for information.
Q. How often did you do that?
A. Once was all I can remember.
Q. This occasion when you fired on two Tans at Cloonfad was the only time you fired before the Truce?
A. That would be all.

8th Period.

- Q. Did you go into any camp during the Truce?
A. I did.
Q. What camp?
A. Erret and Ballingar. A fortnight in Ballingar. Culkeen, for about a fortnight, and I stayed in Cloonfad Coy. in a camp for about a fortnight too.
Q. Did you go into any Bks.? A. No.
Q. When the Bks. were taken over?
A. We were in Castlerea Bks. That would be after the Truce.
Q. How long were you in Castlerea? A. I could not tell you.
Q. Were you there for an hour or for a week?
A. About a week and then we were sent on to Cloonfad Post Office.
Q. Were you called up? A. Called up.
Q. Was it when the Civil War started?
A. Before it or just at that time.
Q. How long were you in Cloonfad Post Office?
A. Until our Commdt. resigned. It would be when the F.S. troops took over Castlerea. Our Bn. Commdt. resigned.
Q. What were you doing in the Post Office?
A. Communications.
Q. How long were you there?
A. We were there regular - so many Vols. two hours on and off.
Q. Turns of duty at Cloonfad?
A. Yes, regular day and night. Once we were sent back from Castlerea we were there.
Q. There was no fighting?
A. There was not there.
Q. Did you take part in any fighting against the F. Staters?
A. I did.
Q. Where?
A. Not actually in the fight either. We were called to block roads in Castlerea for the attack.
Q. Did you block the roads many times in the C.W.?
A. I did.
Q. How many times?
A. I suppose, say, 12 times.
Q. Then you stripped National soldiers? A. Yes.

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- Q. Assisted cols. and escaped prisoners? A. Yes.
Q. Protecting and securing medical aid for one wounded man?
A. We were actually with the wounded man. That was an attack.
Q. Billeting men on the run?
A. Yes. We were not staying at home either.
Q. Were you on the run? A. I was.
Q. How long were you on the run?
A. From 1920 to the Cease Fire.
Q. During the Civil War how long were you not sleeping at home?
A. From about 2 months after it started till the end of it.
Q. From Sept. till when?
A. Sept. to the Cease Fire.
Q. What were you doing on the run?
A. What is written down there.
Q. Keeping out of the way of the soldiers?
A. Well, not exactly.
Q. Avoiding arrest?
A. Avoiding arrest, number one, and scouting, if you like.

MJG/TM.

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Ballyphadenen.

19-7-40.

This is to certify that James Lavan,
Lanallyroe, Ballyphadenen was an active member
of the I. R. A. from 1918 to the "cease fire"
order of 1923. He was attached to Cloonfad,
Company, Castlereagh (No. 2) Brigade. He was always
available, when called upon, for active service
and he took part in some actual engagements
with enemy forces. He was generally regarded
as one of the best men in his Company
area. From 1920 to 1923 he gave practically
all his time to volunteer duties.

Seamus O'Connor.

(En. ofc. No. 2 Bde. 2nd. West. Div.)

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DÁIL ÉIREANN

TIGH LAIGHEAN
(Leinster House)

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
(Dublin)

Teasmon,
Caisleán Rialtais

19-7-40.

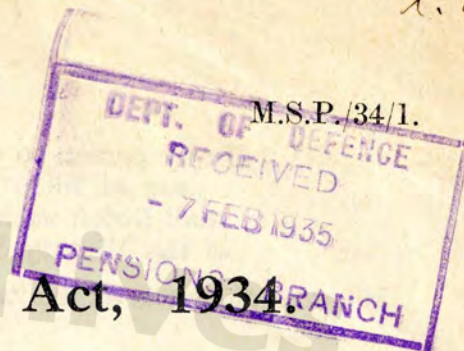
I have pleasure in stating
that I have known James Moran,
Lavallyroe, Bloonfad, Co. Ros.
as a member of Irish Volunteers
and I.R.A. since 1918. He was
attached to Bloonfad Coy. 1st Batt.
Sth Ros. Bde. He was one of
the pioneers of the movement in
his district. He was as
active as possible in a very
difficult area. He had to leave

his home in the end of 1920
and was on the run until
the time of 1921. He continued
training during the time of 1921
and was later in the civil
war of 1922-23.

He was always well-
behaved and reliable
and deserves favourable
Consideration from the Service
Board.

Signed: O. O'Rourke

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R. b. 8 issued 12/3/1935
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Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

APPLICATION TO THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE FOR A SERVICE CERTIFICATE.

This form must be filled in by every person who seeks a Service Certificate, and must be signed by him, and signature witnessed, on or before the 31st day of December, 1935. In the event of an applicant being unable to write he should affix his mark, such act being witnessed.

NAME (to be written in block capitals). MORAN SURNAME. JAMES CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS (to be written in block capitals). LAVALLYROE CLOONFAD BALLYHAUNIS
CO. MAYO.

NOTE.—Before answering the questions below, the applicant is requested to note that :

(a) This form is divided into three parts. Part I. is to be completed where the applicant had, in addition to the required pre-Truce Service, Service in the Forces in the period commencing the 1st July, 1922. Part II. is to be completed where the applicant's qualifying service in the Forces was pre-Truce only. Only one of those two parts is to be completed by any one applicant. Part III. is of general application and should be completed by all applicants.

(b) Before completing particulars as to rank the applicant should read carefully the First Schedule to the Act and also the definitions of the expressions "first critical date" and "second critical date" which are appended to this form for the information of applicants. He should then complete his replies to the questions in the terms of Rules 1 and 2 of the First Schedule which are applicable to his case, e.g. :—

was "a Divisional Adjutant" or

was "a Battalion Quartermaster whose Battalion was (at the critical date) not less than one hundred in strength," or

was "an officer of Fianna Eireann commanding one hundred members or more."

If applicant's case falls within either Rule 3 or Rule 4 of the First Schedule full particulars of the claim as required by those Rules should be given, if necessary, in a separate statement.

(c) All statements made in this application will be carefully investigated, and satisfactory evidence must be forthcoming on request to substantiate each and every statement made.

(d) "If any person with a view to obtaining either for himself or any other person a grant or payment of a pension 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 under this section and shall be liable on summary conviction thereof to a fine not exceeding £25 (twenty-five pounds) or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or at the discretion of the Court to both such fine and imprisonment." (Sec. 19 (1) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934).

- (e) "If any person so convicted as aforesaid is in receipt of a pension obtained by reason of such false declaration, application, or other written statement he shall forfeit such pension as from the date of such conviction." (Sec. 19 (2) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934).

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

SERVICE IN THE FORCES, THAT IS IN THE FOLLOWING MILITARY BODIES, OGLAIGH NA h-EIREANN (IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY) OR IN THE IRISH VOLUNTEERS OR IN THE IRISH CITIZEN ARMY OR IN FIANNA EIREANN OR IN THE HIBERNIAN RIFLES OR IN CUMANN NA mBAN.

For each of the periods set out in Parts I. and II. in which you claim to have rendered active service, state the name of the unit or units, name and address of the O/C., the names and addresses of three reputable references who can verify your service.

The following circumstances shall not be deemed to constitute a breach in the continuity of service :—

- (a) Absence from duty following arrest, imprisonment, internment, or deportation under the Defence of the Realm Act, 1914, the Restoration of Order in Ireland Act, 1920, or any regulations made thereunder ;
- (b) Absence from duty following arrest, imprisonment, or penal servitude in respect of sedition, treason or treason felony prior to 11th July, 1921 ;
- (c) Absence from duty by reason of duties necessitating such absence undertaken at the instance of or on behalf of the Cabinet of the First Dail Eireann or of the Second Dail Eireann ;
- (d) Absence from duty while under arrest, as a result of activities as a member of the Forces.

If you claim to have been absent from duty under these conditions, give particulars of the circumstances with respect to each such period of absence, and state its duration.

PART I.

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANTS WHO HAD PRE AND POST TRUCE SERVICE IN THE FORCES * AS FOLLOWS :—

- (a) who served in the Forces at any time during the week commencing on the 23rd day of April, 1916,
- or
- (b) who served in the Forces continuously during either of the following periods, the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1920, and ending on the 31st day of March, 1921,
- or
- (c) the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1921, and ending on the 11th day of July, 1921,

and in addition

who served in the Forces at any time during the period commencing on the 1st day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923.

* The following Military Bodies, and those only, are included in the term "the Forces," viz. :—

Oglaigh na h-Eireann (Irish Republican Army) or
the Irish Volunteers, or
the Irish Citizen Army, or
Fianna Eireann, or
the Hibernian Rifles, or
Cumann na mBan.

(1). ACTIVE SERVICE AT ANY TIME DURING THE WEEK COMMENCING ON THE 23RD DAY OF APRIL, 1916.

- (a) Did you render active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916. If so, from what date in that week ?.....
- (b) Unit or Units.....
- (c) Duration (giving dates) of service.....
- (d) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....
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- (e) Officer Commanding in each instance.....
- (f) In what way do you claim that your service was active service.....
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- (g) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the week.....
-
- (h) Absence from duty and cause.....
- (i) References who can testify as to your statements above :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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(2). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD COMPRISING—

- (a) period from 1st April, 1916, to 22nd April, 1916, and
- (b) period from 30th April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917.

- (a) Unit or Units.....
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service.....
-
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....
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- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ?.....
-
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....
-
- (g) Absence from duty and cause.....

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(3). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1917, TO 31ST MARCH, 1918.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service.....

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ?.....

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....

(g) Absence from duty and cause.....

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(4). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1918, TO 31ST MARCH, 1919.

(a) Unit or Units.... *B. Coonfad. Coy. 1st Batt. South Roscommon Bde.*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *From 1st April 1918 to 31st March 1919.*

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....

Coonfad Coy. Area

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *James Rodgers, M.E. TRANE, COONFAD BALLYHANNIS ATAYO*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ?... *General*

Service under orders of commanding officers.

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period. *Drilling, Electioneering, in charge of*

and conveying Ballot Boxes

(g) Absence from duty and cause. *Not absent* not absent.

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

James Rodgers Mulltrane Bloonfad Ballyhaunis

Thomas Regan Mountdelvin Bloonfad Ballyhaunis

Edward Birmingham Ballinross Bloonfad Ballyhaunis

(5). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1919, TO 31ST MARCH, 1920.

(a) Unit or Units. *Bloonfad Bay 1st Batt. South Roscommon Bgde.*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service. *From 1st April 1919 to 31st March 1920*

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered. *Bloonfad Bay Area.*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance. *Jas. Rodgers Mulltrane Bloonfad Ballyhaunis*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *General Service Carrying out all orders of officers commanding*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period. *Collecting money, Dail Eircum Bonds, Burned Bloonfad R. I. C. Barricks, stopping enemy boats.*

(g) Absence from duty and cause. *not absent*

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

James Rodgers Bloonfad Ballyhaunis

Thomas Regan Mountdelvin Bloonfad Ballyhaunis

Edward Birmingham Ballinross Bloonfad Ballyhaunis

(6). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1920, TO 31ST MARCH, 1921.

(a) Unit or Units. *Bloonfad Bay 1st Batt. South Roscommon Bgde.*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service. *From April 1920 to 31st March 1921.*

- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *bloofad*
howbemy & Granlahan Areas
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Joe Rodgers Meeltrane bloofad Ballyhanna*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? ... *Taking*
Part in all Military activities as ordered by my O.C.
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *Raiding for Guns Ammunition & Bicycles for Vol. purposes. Blocked Roads Ambushed British Soldiers and Disarmed them. Raided for Boycotted goods. Billeted and Guarded Flying Columns.*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause... *not absent.*

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

James Rodgers Meeltrane bloofad Ballyhanna's
Thomas Regan Mountdelvin bloofad Ballyhanna's
Edward Birmingham Ballinross bloofad Ballyhanna's

(7). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1921, TO 11TH JULY, 1921

- (a) Unit or Units... *bloofad Coy. 1st Batt. South Roscommon Bgde.*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *From 1st April 1921 To*
11th July 1921
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *bloofad*
Granlahan Ballinlough and Eastlerea.
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Luke Cunningham G. S.*
Ballyfarnon Roscommon
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? ... *General*
Service as commanded by my Superior officers.
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *Raided Ballinlough Post Office. Ambush. Guns at bloofad. Raided for Boycotted Goods. Blocked Roads Punished Spies. Took up Passports.*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause... *not absent.*

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

James Rodgers Mulltrane Bloonfad Ballyhaunis
 Thomas Regan Mountdelvin Bloonfad Ballyhaunis
 Edward Birmingham Ballinross Bloonfad Ballyhaunis

(8). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 12TH JULY, 1921, TO 30TH JUNE, 1922.

(a) Unit or Units. Bloonfad Coy. 1st Batt South Roscommon Bgde.

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service. From 12th July 1921 To 30th June 1922.

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered. Bloonfad
 Bulkeen Ballinagar Emet Ballintubber & Loughlynn

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance. Thos. Regan Mountdelvin Bloonfad Ballyhaunis.

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? General Vol. Duty including Training in Camps.

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period. Training in Camps General Volunteer
 & Police Duty preparing Dogouts.

(g) Absence from duty and cause. Not Absent.

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

James Rodgers Mulltrane Bloonfad Ballyhaunis
 Thomas Regan Mountdelvin Bloonfad Ballyhaunis
 Gerald O'Connor Lisacul N. S. Ballaghaderreen

(9). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST JULY, 1922, TO 31ST MARCH, 1923.

(a) Unit or Units. Bloonfad Coy. 1st Batt South Roscommon Bgde till 12/7/22
 Dunmore Batt 2nd Bgde 2nd West-Dir.

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service. Entire period From 1st July 1922 To 31st March 1923.

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered. Bloonfad.
 Castlereagh Ballinlough Kavallyroe Lootha

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance. Thomas Regan Coy. A & B.

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? Blocking Roads Taking Part in the Attack of Castlereagh Barracks
 & carrying out all orders of Commanding Officers

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during

the period. *Blocked the Road outside Castlereagh on*

the night of the Attack on Castlereagh Barracks

Stripped National Soldiers assisted columns & escaped Prisoners.

(g) Absence from duty and cause... *not Absent*

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Martin Cleary Logboy Tubrahan Ballyhaunis Co Mayo.

Thomas Regan Mountdelvin Bloomfad Ballyhaunis

Edward Birmingham Ballinross " "

(10). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1923, TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1923.

(a) Unit or Units... *Bloomfad Coy. Dunmore Batt 2nd Bgde 2nd West. Div.*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *Entire Period From 1st April 1923 To 30th Sept. 1923.*

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *all the Batt Area.*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Myself as Coy. Q. C.*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *Carrying out all orders of commanding Officers & General Service.*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *Protecting and securing Medical aid for one of our men wounded by State soldiers. Billiting men on the run & Escaped Prisoners & Escorting*

(g) Absence from duty and cause... *not Absent*

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Martin Cleary Logboy Tubrahan Ballyhaunis

John Higgins Attyflyn Kiltorna Dunmore Co Galway

Edward Birmingham Ballinross Bloomfad Ballyhaunis

PART II.

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANTS WHOSE QUALIFYING SERVICE IN THE FORCES* WAS PRE-TRUCE ONLY, *i.e.* :—

(a) who served in the Forces at any time during the week commencing on the 23rd day of April, 1916,

or

(b) who served in the Forces continuously during the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1921, and ending on the 11th day of July, 1921.

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(I). ACTIVE SERVICE AT ANY TIME DURING WEEK COMMENCING ON 23RD APRIL, 1916.

(a) Did you render active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916? If so,
 from what date in that week.....

(b) Unit or Units.....

(c) Duration (giving dates) of service.....

.....

(d) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....

.....

(e) Officer Commanding in each instance.....

(f) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?.....

.....

(g) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during
 the week.....

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.....

(h) Absence from duty and cause.....

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* The following Military Bodies, and those only, are included in the term "the Forces,"
viz. :—

Oglaigh na h-Eireann (Irish Republican Army), or
 the Irish Volunteers, or
 the Irish Citizen Army, or
 Fianna Eireann, or
 the Hibernian Rifles, or
 Cumann na mBan.

(i) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(2). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD COMPRISING :—

(a) period from 1st April, 1916, to 22nd April, 1916;

(b) period from 30th April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service.....

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ?.....

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....

(g) Absence from duty and cause.....

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(3). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1917, TO 31ST MARCH, 1918.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service.....

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ?.....

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....

(g) Absence from duty and cause.....

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(4). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1918, TO 31ST MARCH, 1919.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service.....

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ?.....

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....

(g) Absence from duty and cause.....

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(5). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1919, TO 31ST MARCH, 1920.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service.....

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ?.....

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....

(g) Absence from duty and cause.....

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(6). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1920, TO 31ST MARCH, 1921.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service.....

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ?.....

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....

(g) Absence from duty and cause.....

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(7). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1921, TO 11TH JULY, 1921.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service.....

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ?.....

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....

(g) Absence from duty and cause.....

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

PART III.

GENERAL.

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS.

- (1). State in terms of the First Schedule to the Act the rank and nature of appointment held on the first and second critical dates, respectively:—

(a) On first critical date.

Boy Adjutant

(b) On second critical date.

2nd Lieut.

References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Gerald O'Connor Lisacul N. S. Ballaghadreen

Martin Foley c/o Messrs. Byron Costelloe

Martin Cleary Roghay Tubrahan Ballyhaunis

Edward Birmingham Ballinross Cloonfad Ballyhaunis

- (2). Did you serve in the National Army as well as in the Forces on the 1st July, 1922, or on any subsequent date. If so, did you apply for a certificate of military service under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, and, if so, with what result. If you did not so apply, give your reasons for not doing so.

Did not serve in the National Army.

- (3). If you did not serve in both the National Army and the Forces on the 1st July, 1922, or on any subsequent date—state whether you applied for a Certificate of Military Service under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, and, if so, with what result.

Did not Apply.

(4). Did you apply for a wound or disability pension under any of the following Acts ? :—

Army Pensions Act, 1923.
Army Pensions Act, 1927.
Army Pensions Act, 1932.

If so, with what result.

Did not apply

(5). Have you applied for, or are you in receipt of Unemployment Assistance under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1933 ? If so, quote the number of your qualification

certificate *no.*

(6). Were you a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921 ? If so, give the dates between which you served.....

(7). Are you now, or were you at any time during the period for which you claim service, in receipt of any remuneration, or allowance payable out of public moneys, whether provided by the Oireachtas or out of the Central Fund, or by means of the poor rate or any other rate imposed by a local authority, state details.....

(8). Are you in receipt of any pension in respect of service :—

- (a) As a member of the Civil Service.
- (b) As a member of the Garda Síochána.
- (c) As a member of any other Police Force.
- (d) As a member of the Prisons Service.
- (e) As a National School Teacher.
- (f) As a Secondary School Teacher.

- (g) As an Officer of any Local Authority.
 (h) In any other employment.

If so, give details.....

NOTE.—You will subsequently have to furnish any further particulars and to submit any evidence which the Minister for Defence, or the Referee appointed under the Military Service Pensions Act, or any person or persons duly authorised by them may require in connection with this application for a Service certificate. In this connection attention is directed to the fact that Section 8 (4) of the Act prescribes that the onus of proof shall rest on the applicant.

Careful consideration will be given to any documentary evidence which you may wish to submit herewith. You may also at your discretion write hereunder a statement of any additional information which you consider may be of assistance in determining your application.

If any further proof is required Mr. Dan O'Rourke h.T.
 ex J.D. can certify as to my being an active
 Volunteer as he with others of the Brigade
 Staff stayed in my house while on
 the Run and when in our Area.

Signature (or Mark) of Applicant.....

James Moran Ballyhaunis
 Ballyhaunis Co Mayo.

* Witness to signature or (where
 applicant is unable to write)
 to mark of applicant.

Kathleen J. Regan

Address of Witness.....

Mountdelvin N. School,
 Cloonfad, Ballyhaunis Mayo

Qualification.....

Principal Teacher

Date.....

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* Witness must be 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 Garda 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.
- A Notary Public.
- A Consul-General.
- A Consul.
- A Vice-Consul.

APPENDIX.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

RULES FOR DETERMINING NOTIONAL GRADES OF RANK IN THE FORCES HELD BY PERSONS SERVING IN THE FORCES.

1.—(1) Any person who at any date was either Chief of Staff, Deputy Chief of Staff, Adjutant General, a Divisional Officer Commanding, or Quartermaster General shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank A.

(2) Any person who at any date was either—

- (a) a General Headquarters Officer acting as Director of any one of the following services, namely Organisation, Intelligence, Engineering and Munitions, or
- (b) a Brigade Officer Commanding whose brigade was at that date not less than one thousand in strength,

shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank B.

(3) Any person who at any date was either—

- (a) a Brigade Officer Commanding whose brigade at that date was less than one thousand in strength, or
- (b) a Divisional Vice Officer Commanding, or
- (c) a Divisional Adjutant, or
- (d) a Divisional Quartermaster, or
- (e) a Battalion Commandant whose battalion was at that date not less than three hundred in strength, or
- (f) a Brigade Vice Officer Commanding whose brigade was at that date not less than one thousand in strength, or
- (g) a Brigade Adjutant whose brigade was at that date not less than one thousand in strength, or
- (h) a Brigade Quartermaster whose brigade was at that date not less than one thousand in strength, or
- (i) a Column Commander whose column was at that date not less than thirty in strength, or
- (j) a General Headquarters Officer who at that date was acting as Director of Medical Services, or
- (k) a General Headquarters Officer who at that date was acting as Director of any Service, other than that of Medical Services, or one of the Services mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) of the immediately preceding paragraph,

shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank C.

(4) A person who at any date—

- (a) was a Battalion Commandant whose battalion at that date was less than three hundred in strength, or
- (b) was a Company Captain whose company at that date was not less than sixty in strength, or
- (c) was, at that date, a Captain on the General Headquarters Staff or on a Divisional Staff, or
- (d) was, in the case of a company which at that date was not less than one hundred and twenty in strength, where the company had at that date one Lieutenant only, such Lieutenant or, where the company had at that date two Lieutenants only, one or other of such Lieutenants, or, where the company had at that date three or more Lieutenants, one or other of the two Lieutenants who were at that date respectively second and third in command, or
- (e) was, in the case of a company which at that date was less than one hundred and twenty in strength but not less than one hundred in strength, where such company had at that date one Lieutenant only, such Lieutenant or where such company had at that date two or more Lieutenants, the Lieutenant who was at that date second in command, or
- (f) was a Brigade Officer, other than a Brigade Officer who is deemed by virtue of paragraph (2) or (3) of this Rule to have held at that date either Rank B or Rank C, or
- (g) was a Battalion Vice Officer Commanding whose battalion at that date was not less than one hundred in strength, or
- (h) was a Battalion Adjutant whose battalion was at that date not less than one hundred in strength, or
- (i) was a Battalion Quartermaster whose battalion was at that date not less than one hundred in strength, or

- (j) was a General Headquarters Officer other than a General Headquarters Officer who was at that date acting as a Director of any Service, or
- (k) was a Divisional Officer other than a Divisional Officer Commanding, a Divisional Vice Officer Commanding, a Divisional Adjutant or a Divisional Quartermaster, or
- (l) was a Column Commander whose column at that date was less than thirty in strength, or
- (m) was a Medical Officer other than a General Headquarters Officer who at that date was acting as Director of Medical Services,

shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank D.

(5) Any person who complies with the following conditions, namely :—

- (a) was at any date an officer, and
- (b) is not deemed by virtue of any of the preceding paragraphs of this Rule to have held at that date any grade of rank,

shall be deemed for the purposes of this Act to have held at that date Rank E.

(6) Any person who at any date held the rank of non-commissioned officer or private shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank E.

(7) None of the foregoing provisions of this Rule shall apply to any person who at any date was a member of Fianna Eireann or of Cumann na mBan and was not at any date a member of Oglagh na hEireann (Irish Republican Army) or of the Irish Volunteers, and in lieu thereof the following provisions shall have effect in relation to any such person, that is to say :—

(a) any person who at any date :—

- (i) was a member of the headquarters staff or executive of Fianna Eireann or Cumann na mBan, or
- (ii) was an officer of Fianna Eireann or Cumann na mBan commanding one hundred members or more of either of those bodies, or
- (iii) was an officer of Fianna Eireann or Cumann na mBan senior to an officer of either of those bodies commanding one hundred members or more of either of those bodies,

shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank D, and

- (b) any person who at any date was a member of Fianna Eireann or Cumann na mBan and who is not deemed by virtue of the foregoing sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph to have held Rank D, shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank E.

2. Where an officer whose grade of rank at any date is, under Rule I of this Schedule, to be determined both by his actual rank in the Forces and the strength of the unit to which he belonged at that date, and such officer is, at that date, absent from duty by reason of imprisonment on account of his activities as a member of the Forces, the following provisions shall, for the purposes of the said Rule I, have effect in relation to such officer, that is to say :—

- (a) such officer shall be deemed to have held at that date the actual rank in the Forces which he held at the date of his arrest, and
- (b) such unit shall be deemed to be at that date at the same strength as it was at the time of his arrest.

3. Where the case of any person does not fall within the provisions of Rule I of this Schedule, the Referee may determine the particular grade of rank which such person is to be deemed to have held on any date, and in so determining the Referee shall have regard to the following matters, that is to say :—

- (a) the appointment held by such person,
- (b) the services performed by such person,
- (c) the principles of grading set forth in the said Rule I.

4. Where any person, whose case at a particular date falls within the provisions of Rule I of this Schedule, was, at that date, engaged in service of a special character, the Referee may, in making his report under this Act in relation to the grade of rank held by such person on such date, report that the grade of rank held by him on such date is a grade of rank higher than the grade which, but for this Rule, would be the grade of rank held by him on that date.

DEFINITION OF THE FIRST AND SECOND CRITICAL DATES.

1. In the case of a person who served in the Forces during the period commencing on the 1st day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923,

The expression "the first critical date" means the 11th day of July, 1921; and the expression "the second critical date" means :—

- (a) in the case of a person who served in the Forces on the 1st day of July, 1922, the 1st day of July, 1922 and
- (b) in the case of a person who did not serve in the Forces on the 1st day of July, 1922, but who served in the Forces at any time during the period commencing on the 2nd day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923, the date during that period on which such person first served in the Forces.

2. In the case of a person who did not serve in the Forces during the period commencing on the 1st day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923, but who has either :—

- (a) served in the Forces at any time during the week commencing on the 23rd day of April, 1916, or
- (b) served in the Forces continuously during the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1921, and ending on the 11th day of July, 1921,

the expression "the first critical date" shall be construed as meaning the date during the said week, or if he did not serve during the said week, during the said period, on which he first served in the Forces in such week or such period (as the case may be), and

the expression "the second critical date" shall be construed as meaning the earliest date in the period between the first critical date in respect of such person, and the 12th day of July, 1921, on which such person held his highest rank in such last-mentioned period in the Forces.

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