

Military Service Pensions Act, 1924.

49 S.P. 8487.

P 1183/8/11

CERTIFICATE OF MILITARY SERVICE.

In the matter of the application of Superintendent Joseph Murray, 31, Cathedral Rd., Lavan.
 for a Certificate of Military Service in accordance with the terms of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, and the Regulations made thereunder,
 WHEREAS the Minister for Defence has taken into consideration the Report of the Board of Assessors constituted under the Act on the application,
 THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the said Superintendent Joseph Murray
 has rendered Military Service in the Forces, and during the periods set out as follows:—

Periods of Military Service prescribed in the Act.	Forces in which active service was rendered.	Duration of active service during each of the prescribed periods as established to the satisfaction of the Board of Assessors.
(a) (1) Active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916		
(2) Continuous service from 1st April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917		
(b) Continuous service from 1st April, 1917, to 31st March, 1918		
(c) " " " 1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919		
(d) " " " 1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920		
(e) " " " 1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921	Oglaigh na h-Eireann.	1/6 of ENTIRE PERIOD
(f) " " " 1st April, 1921, to 11th July, 1921	Oglaigh na h-Eireann.	ENTIRE PERIOD
(g) " " " 12th July, 1921, to 30th June, 1922	Oglaigh na h-Eireann.	1/12 of ENTIRE PERIOD
(h) " " " 1st July, 1922, to 31st March, 1923	Oglaigh na h-Eireann [Defence Forces (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923]	4/9 of ENTIRE PERIOD
(i) " " " 1st April, 1923, to 30th September, 1923		

AND THAT for the purpose of the Act the rank of the said applicant shall be taken to be that of Commandant.

Dated this 20th day of February, 1956

[Signature]
 Secretary, Department of Defence.

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To/

The Secretary,
Department of Defence,
Colaiste Caoimhin,
Glasnevin,
Dublin.

A Dara,

I would be grateful to know if the time for making application under the 1924 Military Service Pensions Act, (as amended by later Acts), has yet expired. If it has not I would be glad if you would furnish me with a form of application together with any instructions which you may have concerning the matter. (Pre-Truce I.R.A., and National Army Service).

Superintendent.

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An Roinn Tosanta,
Eiríne Airgeadais,
Coláiste Caoimhín,
Glasnaoidhean,
Baile Átha Cliath.

17 Feabhra 1955.

A Chara,

Military Service Pensions Acts, 1924 to 1953.

In reply to your communication, I am directed by the Minister for Defence to enclose herewith a form to enable you to make application for a certificate of military service under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924. The form, duly completed, signed and attested, should be returned in the enclosed envelope so as to reach this Department not later than the 13th March, 1955. *The enclosed enquiry form should also be completed*

If, having returned the completed form of application, you do not receive an acknowledgment of receipt of same within fourteen days of its return, you should inform this Department immediately.

Mise, le meas,

J. O'Connell

✶ RÚNAÍ.

Superintendent J. Murray,
Superintendent's Office
Gárlia Síochána, Cavan.

P/183/2/1(3)

Ref.No. 49/S.P./8487.

From Department of Defence,
(Pensions Branch)
Colaiste Caoimhin,
Glasnevin, Dublin.

Date. 17/2/1955.

To Superintendent J. Murray.

Enquiry

Reply

Military Pensions Acts,
1924-1953.

Date: _____

With reference to your recent letter on the above subject, you are requested to answer fully the questions set out hereunder in order that you may be identified with official records.



Will you please state:

(1) Did you at any time complete an application form under the above Acts, prior to 1st January, 1946?

No.

(2) If so, state the full name and address from which such application was made and any subsequent changes of address.

Not applicable.

(3) Were you notified of a decision in the matter and if so, please state, if available, the reference number?

Signed: J. Murray.

Applicants are requested to answer the above questions fully and correctly and to return this questionnaire immediately.

(1)

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J. Murray.

Murray

Joseph.

31, Cathedral Road, Cavan.

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J. Murray.

(1) From the 1/4/1916 to 31/3/1917.

NIL.

Nil

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September, 1917 to 31/3/1918.

(2) Unit or Units **Bundoran Company, 1st Northern Division.**
 O/C. **Thomas McShea.** **Co. Donegal.**

References.
 Name

Address.

Major General Joseph Sweeney, Irish Red Cross Society,
 25, Westland Row, Dublin.
 P.J. Ward, County Registrar, Lifford, Co. Donegal.
 Thomas McShea, Ardfarna, Bundoran, Co. Donegal.

Absent from July - None

1/4/1918 to 31/3/1919.

(3) Unit or Units **Bundoran Coy, Bundoran Battn, 4th Brigade, 1st Northern Division.**
 O/C. **Thomas McShea, Coy. O/C - 1/4/18 to 31/12/18.**
Battalion O/C. 1/1/19 - 31/3/19.

References.

Name

Address.

Major General J. Sweeney, Divisional O/C. 1st Northern Division.
 25, Westland Row, Dublin.
 P.J. Ward, County Registrar, Lifford, Co. Donegal.
 Thomas McShea, Ardfarna, Bundoran, Co. Donegal.

Absent from July - None

(4)

1/4/1919 to 31/3/1920

Unit or Units. **Bundoran Battalion, 4th Brigade, 1st Northern Division.**
 O/C. **Thomas McShea.**

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Name

Address

Major General Joseph Sweeney, The Irish Red Cross Society,
 25, Westland Row, Dublin.
 P.J. Ward, County Registrar, Lifford, Co. Donegal.
 Thomas McShea, Ardfarna, Bundoran, Co. Donegal.

Absence from Duty *None*

1/4/20 to 31/3/21.

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(5) Unit or Units **Bundoran Battalion, 4th Brigade, 1st Northern Division.**
O/C. **Henry McGowan, Brigade O/C. and Thomas McShea, Battalion O/C.**

References

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Major General Joseph Sweeney,	Irish Red Cross Society, 25, Westland Row, Dublin.
Henry McGowan,	Castlefin, Co. Donegal.
Thomas McShea,	Ardfarna, Bundoran, Co. Donegal.

Absence from Duty *None*

(6) 1/4/21 to 11/7/21.

Unit or Units **Bundoran Battalion, 4th Brigade, 1st Northern Division.**
O/C. **Thomas McShea, Battalion O/C., Henry McGowan, Brigade O/C. and Sam O'Flahery, Brigade O/C., from date of arrest of Henry McGowan (about April or May, 1921)**

References

Name	Address.
Major General Joseph Sweeney, (ex-Commandant)	25, Westland Row, Dublin.
Henry McGowan,	Castlefin, Co. Donegal.
Thomas McShea,	Ardfarna, Bundoran, Co. Donegal.
Sam O'Flahery, now deceased.	

Absence from Duty *None*

(7) 12/7/21 to 30/6/21.

Unit or Units **4th Brigade, 1st Northern Division.**
O/C. **Sam O'Flaherty, Brigade O/C., (deceased). Major General Joseph Sweeney, Divisional O/C.**

References

Name	Address.
Major General Joseph Sweeney,	25, Westland Row, Dublin.
Other Divisional Officers.	

Service in the National Forces or Defence Forces of
Saorstát Éireann.

8. Army No. Not known at present (9) Age. Born 15/3/1893.
10. Date of Enlistment. About March, 1922,
11. Station at which you enlisted. Divisional Headquarters, Drumboe Castle, Ballybofey, Co. Donegal.
12. Home address on date of joining. (c/o Mr. John Gallagher, Chapel Road, Bundoran, Co. Donegal.
13. Unit (company, Battalion, Brigade Division) ^{Br. of} Brigade Headquarters, Barrack St., Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal.
 4th Brigade, 1st. Northern Division.
14. Date of Resignation. 10/10/1922.
15. Rank held at resignation. Brigade O/C.
16. If serving on 1/2/24. No.
17. Were you a member of Irish Volunteers Executive? No.
18. If you are in receipt of remuneration, pension or allowance payable out of public monies.

Salary as Superintendent, Garda Síochána.

(6)

19. Particulars of any pension or allowance, grant or gratuity which you held at any time in respect of service in the National Forces, etc.

None.

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(Signature)

(Joseph Murray)

15th March, 1955.

Supt Joseph Murray

Certificate is with Secy
Dept of Defence for
signature

Supt Murray will probably
be informed in the course
of the next week or two

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CAVAN.

3rd May, 1955.

To/
The Secretary,
Department of Defence,
Colaiste Caoimhin,
Glasnevin,
DUBLIN.

Application for I.R.A. Pension - Supt.J.Murray,
Garda Siochana, Cavan.

A Chara,

With reference to my application of 15/3/55, in connection with above and your acknowledgement thereof, I wish to request that my application be heard in Dublin as it would be as convenient for me to have any witnesses whom I may require there as in Dublin or Cavan.

In view of the fact that I may be retiring from the Force in the near future and therefore dropping from full salary and allowances to a pension I would be extremely grateful if my claim were dealt with as soon as at all possible.

Is mise,

Agus meas mor agam ort,

SUPERINTENDENT

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Edmund Sheehan
OIFIG AN RÚNAÍORA,
COLÁISTE CAOIMHÍN,
GLASNAOIDHEAN,
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.

20 JUN 1955

A Chara,

Board of Assessors
I am directed by the ~~Referee~~ to refer to your application under the Military Service Pensions Acts and to request you to furnish a full statement of your service with the Irish Volunteers and/or Óglaigh na hÉireann, I.R.A. with particular reference to any active service performed by you during the periods as set out hereunder, together with the date of such activities.

- Period (1) ~~The week commencing 23rd April, 1916.~~
" (2) ~~From the 1st April, 1916 to 22nd April, 1916, and from 30th April, 1916 to 31st March, 1917.~~
" (3) ~~From 1st April, 1917 to 31st March, 1918.~~
" (4) ~~From 1st April, 1918 to 31st March, 1919.~~
" (5) From 1st *January 1920* to 31st March, 1920.
" (6) From 1st April, 1920 to 31st March, 1921.
" (7) From 1st April, 1921 to 11th July, 1921.
" (8) ~~From 12th July, 1921 to 30th June, 1922.~~
" (9) ~~From 1st July, 1922 to 31st March, 1923.~~
" (10) ~~From 1st April, 1923 to 30th September, 1923.~~

You should furnish a reply without delay.

Mise, le meas,

James Flood

RÚNAÍ.

Supt. Joseph Murray
Garda h-ochana
Cavan

Uimh. Thag.
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OIFIG AN RÉITEÓRA,
COLÁISTE CAOIMHÍN,
GLASNAOIDHEAN,
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.

7 JUL 1955

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee/Board of
Assessors to refer to my letter of the 20th ult.
regarding ^{your} the application of _____

under the Military Service Pensions Acts, and to
enquire whether you are now in a position to furnish
a reply thereto.

I am to add that further consideration of this
application is held up pending the receipt of your
reply.

Mise, le meas,


RÚNAÍ.

Supt. Joseph Murray,
Gársa Siachána,
Cavan.

Ref. No. 1824A/1195.



To/
The Secretary,
Department of Defence,
Calaiste Caoimhin,
Glasnevin,
DUBLIN.

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Garda Síochána, Cavan.

With reference to my application of 15/3/55, and yours of 20th ult. and 7th inst. respectively re my activities from 1st January, 1920 to 11th July, 1921, I beg to furnish the following particulars :-

As a preliminary to giving the required activities I think it is right to state that prior to 1st January, 1920 I was regarded as one of the recognized leaders of the Patriotic movement in South Donegal, but as I was then a National School Teacher I could not openly take part in the Irish Volunteer movement and had to content myself as an Intelligence Officer and advisor of the Bundoran Company even before Battalion Area was established. I had, as well, organized the G.A.A. and Gaelic League for the first time in the history of this area. These latter organisations were the cradle of the Irish Volunteer movement which was to follow. I might also mention that I was the first man in the area to be approached with a view to establishing a Company of the Irish Volunteers. Mr. Ben Maguire, the present Independent T.D. for Leitrim was the man who was sent from G.H.Q., Dublin, to interview me in this regard.

Bundoran Battalion area was established about 1st January, 1920 being about the time that Battalion and Brigade areas were first formed in the County. Bundoran Battalion was composed of Bundoran, Ballyshannon, Belleek, Kinlough (Leitrim) and Tullaghan (Sligo) Company areas. I was a Battalion Intelligence Officer and advisor from the 1st January, 1920 having previously been Company I.O. and was directly responsible to the Battalion Commandant - Thomas McShea of Ardferna, Bundoran. At this time the other Battalion Officers were - Patrick Doherty, Batt.V.Comdt., Patrick Gilvarry, Batt.Adj., and Joseph Meehan, Batt.Q.M. I used to consult with these Officers' in connection with most of the I.V.activities. I made useful contacts with British Military Officers, stationed at Finner Camp in the Hotels which they frequented in Bundoran. Also with prominent Hotel Proprietors, Justices of the Peace, etc., who were in close touch with high Police Officers in the area and often procured useful information through these sources. Also from Station Masters, P.O.Officials, etc.

Up to 31st March, 1921 there was not much active service duty performed in the Bundoran Battalion area, but I was associated in some form or another with all that took place.

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At this time as well as being a Teacher in Bundoran Boy's National School I was also Superintendent of Studies in St. Joseph's Boy's Orphanage, Bundoran, from 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. each day and had quarters and slept in the Orphanage at night. As it was feared that my activities would become known to the R.I.C. authorities and that there might be a Police or Military raid on the Orphanage at any time, I was ordered by the resident Chaplain (now V. Rev. M. McCarville, P.P., Enniskillen, Co. Monaghan) to give up the I.R.A. or leave the Orphanage lest a raid would cause panic amongst the orphans. I left the Orphanage on 16th September, 1920, in order to avoid this possibility and in order to give more time to I.R.A. activities. This meant that I had to pay for board and lodging in John Gallagher's, Chapel Road, Bundoran, at a rate of £1.15.0. per week which meant also a big financial loss to me. My reason for leaving the Orphanage on this particular date (16th Sept. 1920) was because on same date I had made an oration at the grave of one James Connolly (father of O/C local Kinlough I.R.A. Company) who had been shot on 14th September, 1920, by the Tans and it was feared that I might be arrested at the Orphanage.

About this period (September, 1920) Bundoran Coy. were instructed to stand-to for attack on Tempo (Co. Fermanagh) R.I.C. Barracks. As it was far-away action I fell in with the Coy. for active service and waited until about 2 a.m. in the morning, but we were not called out.

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A further ambush on R.I.C. patrol was arranged for in Bundoran on the day of Terence McSweeney's funeral, but the patrol did not go out on duty in accordance with our very good information. It is believed that there was leakage from inside of our ranks. I stood-to with local Bundoran Coy. for this ambush.

There were other Coy. and Batt. activities in which I took part up to 31st March, 1921, but I cannot at the moment fix dates or give accurate details.

On 4th April, 1921 the Comdt. - Tom McShea and Bundoran Co. Capt. - Pappy Johnston were arrested by Military and Police at their homes and conveyed to Finner Camp. A few days later information was conveyed to me through the Bundoran Coy. I.O. that there were boycotted and black-listed Belfast goods at Bundoran Railway Station. At this time it was the duty of the I.R.A. to destroy all such goods. On same night I mobilized the local Coy. and destroyed all this stuff within a short distance of the R.I.C. Barracks which was well covered at strategic points by our men. It was a very successful exercise and operation and had the added moral effect of conveying to the British Authorities that as soon as arrests of high officers were made there were others ready to step in to take their place immediately.

A few nights later about 9th April, 1921, I was summoned to a Batt. Council meeting in Bundoran and was proposed and seconded as Battalion Commandant over the head of the then Vice-Commandant, Patrick Doherty. This showed that all along I had been regarded as one of the leaders in the Battalion area. I asked leave of the Council to propose Patrick Doherty as Commandant as I felt he (Doherty) might resent his being passed over. My suggestion was agreed to and P. Doherty was appointed Commandant and I was appointed Vice-Commandant.

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About a week later (16th April, 1921) I was summoned to a meeting of the Brigade Council as representing Bundoran Battalion and was that night appointed Brigade Adjutant. Henry McGowan of Knock, Ballybofey, was at this time O/C. of the Brigade (1st Battn. 4th Brigade, 1st Northern Division). At this time (April, 1921) the Brigade was in a very bad state of organisation. I immediately set to work to organize it. The Brigade at this time, as far as I can recollect, was comprised of four Battalions, viz. Ballybofey, Bundoran, Ballintra and Pettigo. I proceeded along with others general organisation to organize the Despatch system and Engineering as being the two special services most needed at the time. Then I continued until the arrest of the Brigade O/C. Henry McGowan, in a place called Kelly's Bridge between Pettigo and Ballybofey on 10th June, 1921. As there was no Brigade Vice Commandant I was in charge of the Brigade until Sam O'Flaherty, B.A. of Castlefin was appointed some time later in June, 1921. At this time there was a big sheep ranch in the estate of Lord Caledon at Kelly's Bridge and information was received at G.H.Q., Dublin, to the effect that Lord Caledon's Agent was responsible for making the former O'C's dug-out known to the R.I.C. An investigation was ordered with instructions not to execute the Agent if there was evidence to prove his guilt, without first reporting all the facts to G.H.Q. The Brigadier (Sam O'Flaherty) detailed me to carry out the investigation and arranged that in order to do so I was to dress in a British Army Officer's uniform and that I would be supplied with a party of about six men from Ballybofey dressed as British Tommies, with a view to interviewing Caledon's Agent, as a patrol. The First Battalion (Ballybofey) O/C. Mick Doherty (now of Ashgrove, Liscooley, Killygordon) was in charge of the Ballybofey Coy. party. I was to travel as a pilgrim from Bundoran to Pettigo with a man named Eddie Kelly a sheep dealer (from Cooney, Killeter, Co. Tyrone, near the Donegal Border) and we were to travel by motor car (driven by Owen O'Donnell local Coy. O/C.) to Kelly's Bridge, there to buy sheep ostensibly and to meet the Ballybofey party there at 11 a.m. with all the Uniforms. We all met there at about 11.30 a.m. but there were no uniforms as they had to be abandoned on the way owing to the party being nearly caught by a lorry load of military and police. I investigated all the same and got good information that satisfied me and our G.H.Q. beyond all doubt that Caledon's Agent did not in fact spy or inform on the former Brigade O/C. I parted with the guide (Eddie Kelly) and Ballybofey Party and joined my car safely at another point across the mountain. I later (on ~~XXXX~~ day) met the District Inspector of R.I.C. who was in charge of the British Army and Police patrol on that occasion. He later became a Chief Superintendent in the Garda - Chief Supt. Maguire, late of Limerick, and at that time D.I. in charge of Raphoe District, Co. Donegal.

For other activities in my Brigade area and my own Company area I cannot do better than attach an original report on the activities of this Company for the months of May, June and July, 1921, and written in a copy book entitled "The College Exercise Book".

I also enclose original documents to show reports for each of the Ballintra and Pettigo Battalion areas for month of July, 1921. It will be noted that the Pro-forms on which the reports are made out are in my own handwriting and authentic.

I also enclose an original report in my own handwriting of a Brigade Council meeting held on 10th July, 1921.

Also a report in my own handwriting of a report to the Divisional O/C. on the state of the Brigade personnel under date of 25th August, 1921 - so short a time after the date of the Truce (11th July, 1921) as to be a pretty accurate report of the Officers personnel about the Truce period.

These original documents show the amount of organizing work which I personally had been carrying out since I became Brigade Adjutant in April, 1921, and during the critical period. I was compelled to do a lot of travelling and this I did mostly on a push-bicycle. During this period I was actually Brigade Vice O/C as well as Brigade Adjutant.

I may add that I have other original documents to show the vast amount of organizing work which I did after 11th July, 1921, and to show my activities before and after I attested in the National Army as Brigade O/C. from about March, 1922, after the split in the I.R.A. when I declared Pro-Treaty.

I am sending these documents by registered post on even date.

Signed:

(J. MURRAY) SUPERINTENDENT,
GAIDA SICCHANA.

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To/
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While on transfer at Cloughaneely Coy. 1st Brigade area I was attached to the local Company during August, 1920 while attending the Irish College at Gortahork. I took part in raids for arms in the houses of local residents who had not surrendered their guns to the local I.V.Company. I also took a very active part in the ambush of a Police Patrol in the village of Gortahork on 6th of same month (August, 1920) when we captured all the arms and ammunition from the Patrol (R.I.C.). One R.I.C.Constable was shot through the wrist as he drew his revolver. The O/C.of the Company and in charge of this action was Frank O'Donnell, an employee of the Gortahork Co-Operative Store. He is at present residing over Bolands Bakery, The Green, Finglas, Co. Dublin. He can vouch for my activities while in his area Cloughaneely (Gortahork) in August, 1920.

J. Murray

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Ref. No. 1824A/1195.

To/
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Caisleán Ceoinnín,
Glasnevin,
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Application for I.R.A. Pension - Supt. J. Murray,
Garda Síochána, Cavan.

With reference to my application of 15/3/55, and yours of 20th ult. and 7th inst. respectively re my activities from 1st January, 1920 to 11th July, 1921, I beg to furnish the following particulars :-

As a preliminary to giving the required activities I think it is right to state that prior to 1st January, 1920 I was regarded as one of the recognized leaders of the Patriotic movement in South Donegal, but as I was then a National School Teacher I could not openly take part in the Irish Volunteer movement and had to content myself as an Intelligence Officer and advisor of the Bundoran Company even before Battalion Areas were established. I had, as well, organized the G.A.A. and Gaelic League for the first time in the history of this area. These latter organisations were the cradle of the Irish Volunteer movement which was to follow. I might also mention that I was the first man in the area to be approached with a view to establishing a Company of the Irish Volunteers. Mr. Ben Maguire, the present Independent T.D. for Leitrim was the man who was sent from G.H.Q., Dublin, to interview me in this regard.

Bundoran Battalion area was established about 1st January, 1920 being about the time that Battalion and Brigade areas were first formed in the County. Bundoran Battalion was composed of Bundoran, Ballyshannon, Belleek, Minlough (Leitrim) and Tullaghan (Sligo) Company areas. I was a Battalion Intelligence Officer and advisor from the 1st January, 1920 having previously been Company I.O. and was directly responsible to the Battalion Commandant - Thomas Neshea of Ardara, Bundoran. At this time the other Battalion Officers were - Patrick Doherty, Batt. V. Comdt., Patrick Gilvarry, Batt. Adj., and Joseph Neshea, Batt. Q.M. I used to consult with these Officers' in connection with most of the I.V. activities. I made useful contacts with British Military Officers, stationed at Finner Camp in the Hotels which they frequented in Bundoran. Also with prominent Hotel Proprietors, Justices of the Peace, etc., who were in close touch with high Police Officers in the area and often procured useful information through these sources. Also from Station Masters, P.O. Officials, etc.

Up to 31st March, 1921 there was not much active service duty performed in the Bundoran Battalion area, but I was associated in some form or another with all that took place.

While on transfer at Cloughaneely Coy. 1st Brigade area I was attached to the local Company during August, 1920 while attending the Irish College at Gortahork. I took part in raids for arms in the houses of local residents who had not surrendered their guns to the local I.V. Company. I also took a very active part in the ambush of a Police Patrol in the village of Gortahork on 6th of same month (August, 1920) when we captured all the arms and ammunition from the Patrol (R.I.C.). One R.I.C. Constable was shot through the wrist as he drew his revolver. The C/C. of the Company and in charge of this action was Frank O'Donnell, an employee of the Gortahork Co-Operative Store. He is at present residing over Bolands Bakery, The Green, Finglas, Co. Dublin. He can vouch for my activities while in his area Cloughaneely (Gortahork) in August, 1920.

At this time as well as being a Teacher in Bundoran Boy's National School I was also Superintendent of Studies in St. Joseph's Boy's Orphanage, Bundoran, from 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. each day and had quarters and slept in the Orphanage at night. As it was feared that my activities would become known to the R.I.C. authorities and that there might be a Police or Military raid on the Orphanage at any time, I was ordered by the resident Chaplain (now V. Rev. M. McCarville, P.P., Binnisken, Co. Monaghan) to give up the I.R.A. or leave the Orphanage lest a raid would cause panic amongst the orphans. I left the Orphanage on 16th September, 1920, in order to avoid this possibility and in order to give more time to I.R.A. activities. This meant that I had to pay for board and lodging in John Gallagher's, Chapel Road, Bundoran, at a rate of £1.15.0. per week which meant also a big financial loss to me. My reason for leaving the Orphanage on this particular date (16th Sept. 1920) was because on same date I had made an oration at the grave of one James Connolly (father of O/C local Kinlough I.R.A. Company) who had been shot on 14th September, 1920, by the Tans and it was feared that I might be arrested at the Orphanage.

About this period (September, 1920) Bundoran Coy. were instructed to stand-to for attack on Tempo (Co. Fermanagh) R.I.C. Barracks. As it was far-away action I fell in with the Coy. for active service and waited until about 2 a.m. in the morning, but we were not called out.

Around this time also I helped to arrange an ambush on R.I.C. patrol from Kinlough to Tullaghan, but the plan failed owing to failure of scout to observe the patrol approach and they got through the selected point of ambush before our men had got into position. On that occasion the Battalion Commandant - Tom McShea was in charge and I was his right-hand man.

A further ambush on R.I.C. patrol was arranged for in Bundoran on the day of Terence McSweeney's funeral, but the patrol did not go out on duty in accordance with our very good information. It is believed that there was leakage from inside of our ranks. I stood-to with local Bundoran Coy. for this ambush.

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GARDA SIOCHANA,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
'B.I.' Section, DUBLIN.
19th July, 1955.

B.1/4539/55.

All Officers and Stations.

Retiring ages of members of the Garda Siochana.

The subjoined copy of minute 4/79/9 of 18th July, 1955 from the Secretary, Department of Justice, is forwarded for the information and attention of all concerned.

Roana MacDonagh
Comisínéir Cunta.

Department of Justice.

4/79/9.

Dublin.

Commissioner,
Garda Siochana.

With reference to representations made by the Representative Body for officers and men (ref.G.1325/5/48 and R.B.3/158/48) on the question of the retiring ages of members of the Garda Siochana, I am directed by the Minister for Justice to inform you that the Government at a meeting held on the 15th instant decided to approve the preparation of draft Regulations to amend the Garda Siochana (Retirement) Regulations, 1951, by prescribing:

- (1) that sixty-three years shall be the age of retirement of all members of the Garda Siochana below the rank of Superintendent who were serving on the 31st December, 1951 and
- (2) that sixty-five years shall be the age of retirement of existing Chief Superintendents and Superintendents who have certificates of military service in respect of service rendered prior to the 11th July, 1921

no provision to be made, in either case enabling service to be extended beyond the prescribed age.

Pending the making of an appropriate order to comply with the directions of the Government, extensions of service will be granted to all members (who request to have their service extended) in accordance with the provisions of the Garda Siochana (Retirement) Regulations, 1951. I am accordingly to request that the consent of the Minister, which will be forthcoming, be sought in all such cases as they arise. In the case of members holding officer rank the extensions to be granted will be limited to a period of not more than three months in each case as it is considered that within that period any officer who may be due to retire on pension, in the near future, should be in a position to establish his entitlement to serve, should he so wish, to the maximum age to be prescribed by the new regulations.

The fact that extensions of service may be granted should be brought to the notice of all members who are due to retire in the near future in order that they may, if they have not already done so, apply for extensions of service to cover the period which will elapse until the proposed new Regulations have been made.

It is not proposed to alter the provisions of the Garda Siochana (Retirement) No. 2 Regulations, 1951.

(Signed) F.C. Connolly.
18 Júlil, 1955.

11 recd. to Stations, inspr and ackd. to C/Supt. 22/7/55.

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G A R D A S I O C H A N A .

("B.I. Section,)

B.1/4539/55

Headquarters,

Phoenix Park, Dublin.

13th September, 1955.

To all Officers.

Military Service Certificates - Retirement
age of Officers - Garda Siochana (Retirement)
Regulations, 1955.

Please note that for the purposes of Article 5(a) of the Garda Siochana (Retirement) Regulations, 1955 (S.I. No. 157 of 1955) only those certificates which have been issued under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924 (No. 48 of 1924) or the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934 (No. 43 of 1934) will be accepted as evidence of service in the Forces prior to the 12th July, 1921.

Officers who have not already sent their certificates here for examination should do so without delay.

J. Armitage

Coimisinéir Cúnta.

Ackd. to C/Supt. 16/9/55.

P/183/8/2/1(25)

GARDA SIOCHANA HEADQUARTERS,
(B.I. Section),
PHOENIX PARK, DUBLIN.

B.1/4539/55.

30th August, 1955.

All officers.

Retiring ages of officers of the
Garda Siochana.

Further to circular B.1/4539/55 of 17th August, 1955, any officer in possession of a Certificate of Military Service, in respect of services rendered prior to the 12th July, 1921, who has not already forwarded it for inspection to Commissioner, "B.I" Section should do so forthwith.

Those officers, not in such possession, who have not already intimated the fact should now do so.

(Sgd.) F. Burko.
Coimisinóir Cúnta.

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Commissioner's Office,
"B"(1) Section.
19th Aug., 1955.

B. 1/4539/55.
Each C/Supt.

Retiring Ages of Officers of
the Garda Siochana.

In Circular B.1/4539/55 dated 17th July, 1955,
directing that Officers possessing certificates of
military service forward them for examination, the
month " JULY" was inadvertently entered instead of
"AUGUST".

Please inform the Officers in your Division
accordingly, so that the necessary correction may be
made.

COIMISINEIR CUNTA.

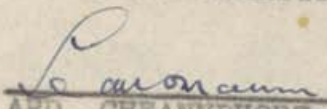
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MC.1709/55.

Each District Officer.

For your information.
to this office.

Please acknowledge receipt


Seamus O'Connell
ARD CHEANNPHORT.

Ackd. to C/Supt. 22/8/55.

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B.1/4539/55.

Ard Cheannphort,
Monaghan.

Retiring ages of Officers of the
Garda Síochána.

With reference to Commissioner's circular of 19th July, 1955, and further circular of 17th August, 1955, I beg to report that I applied for a Military Service Pension at the beginning of March last, but have not as yet received same. I had never before applied for Certificate although I had held the rank of Vice Brigadier pre-Truce and Brigadier post-Truce. Last date for applying was 15th March, last. My application was acknowledged and is I know being considered, but the Board's holiday session is on at present. I feel certain of getting the necessary Certificate. I will forward same immediately on receipt.

Superintendent
(J. Murray)

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P/183/8/2/1(28)

G A R D A S I O C H A N A .

(B.I. Section)

B.1/4539/55.

PHOENIX PARK, DUBLIN.

17th July, 1955.

All officers.

Retiring ages of Officers of the
Garda Síochána.

Further to circular of 19th July, 1955, I am directed by the Commissioner to request all officers who are in possession of certificates of military service in respect of service rendered prior to the 12th July, 1921 to forward them to Commissioner, "B.I." Section as soon as possible for examination. When noted here the certificates will be returned.

J. H. ...

Coimisiúnaí Cúnta.

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GARDA SIOCHANA HEADQUARTERS,
(B.I. Section),
PHOENIX PARK, DUBLIN.
18th August, 1955.

B.1/4539/54.

All Officers & Stations.

Retiring Ages of Members of the Garda Siochana.

The subjoined copy of the Garda Siochana (Retirement) Regulations, 1955 is forwarded for the information of all concerned.

(Signed) F. Burke.
Coimisinéir Cúnta.

" S.I. No. 157 of 1955.
GARDA SÍOCHANA (RETIREMENT) REGULATIONS, 1955.

I, James Everett, Minister for Justice, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 14 of the Police Forces Amalgamation Act, 1925 (No.7 of 1925), and of every and any other power me in this behalf enabling, hereby, with the approval of the Government, make the following regulations:-

1. These regulations may be cited as the Garda Síochána (Retirement) Regulations, 1955.
2. The Interpretation Act, 1937 (No.38 of 1937), applies to these regulations.
3. In these regulations "the principal regulations" means the Garda Síochána (Retirement) Regulations, 1934 (S.R.& O., No.146 of 1934), as amended by the Garda Síochána (Retirement) Regulations, 1951 (S.I. No.132 of 1951).
4. These regulations apply to the following members of the Garda Síochána, namely, -
 - (a) members holding the rank of chief superintendent or of superintendent who were members of the Garda Síochána on or before the 31st day of December, 1951, and who were granted service certificates in respect of service in the Forces prior to the 12th day of July, 1921, under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924 (No.48 of 1924), or the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934 (No.43 of 1934); and
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5. Notwithstanding subparagraph (1) of paragraph 5 of the principal regulations and subparagraph (a) of paragraph 6 of the Garda Síochána Retirement (No.2) Regulations, 1951 (S.I. No.335 of 1951), the age on the attaining of which members of the Garda Síochána to whom these regulations apply shall retire from the Garda Síochána shall be -
 - (a) in the case of members holding the rank of chief superintendent or of superintendent, sixty-five years,
 - (b) in the case of members below the rank of superintendent, sixty-three years.
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GIVEN under my Official Seal, this 12th day of August, 1955.
(SEAL) (Signed) James Everett.

The Government hereby approve the foregoing regulations.
Given under the Official Seal of the Government, this 12th day of August, 1955.

(Signed) John A. Costello.
T. OISEACH. "

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(Telephone)

UIMHIR THAGARtha.

(Reference No.)

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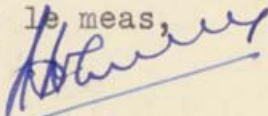
16 Samhain, 1955.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 4th instant regarding your application under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, I am directed by the Minister for Defence to state that your claim is under consideration by the Board of Assessors to whom your letter under reply has been forwarded for any action which may be possible towards expediting a decision in the matter.

When the report of the Board is received you will be informed of the result as early as possible.

Mise, le meas,


u RÚNAÍ.

Superintendent J. Murray,
Superintendent's Office,
Gárda Síochana,
Cavan.

P/1143/8/2/1/3

CAVAN.

4th November, 1955.

Your Ref.

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The Secretary,
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A Chara,

With reference to my letter of 13th August last and previous correspondence, I would be glad to know what is the present position with regard to my application for Pension.

As pointed out in the last paragraph of my letter of 13th August, I am depending on the production to my authorities of my Military Service Certificate for the extension of my service in the Garda Siochana by a further two years as from 15th March, 1956. I am therefore most anxious that my claim be dealt with as early as possible and to have my anxiety in the matter relieved with all due speed. My future plans depend upon this matter.

Thanking you in anticipation for an early reply.

Is mise,

Agus meas mor agam ort,

SUPERINTENDENT
(J. MURRAY)

1824A/1195.

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In fixing a date for the hearing of my claim in connection with above, I would be grateful if it would be taken into account that I will not be available from 19th prox. to 14th prox, as there will be a Headquarters Inspection of my District during that period, nor from 15th prox. to 6th October as I will be out of the Country on leave during that time.

Please also note that on production of my Certificate of Service I am entitled to a two-year extension in the Garda Siochana from which I was due to retire about 15th March, 1956.

Superintendent
(J. Murray)

P/183/8(2)/V(33)

Ref.No. 49 SP. 8487.

The Secretary,
Department of Defence,
Colaiste Caoimhin,
Glasnevin,
DUBLIN.

Application for Military Service Certificate -
Supt. J. Murray, Cavan - 1824A/1195.

A Chara,

Further to my attached minute of 15/2/56
(prepared yesterday), I now attach copy of communication
received on this date (16th) from the Commissioner
notifying me of the date on which my retiral from the
Garda is due, i.e., 15th March next.

It will be seen therefrom that my obtaining
of my Certificate of Service is now one of great urgency
if I am to be retained in the Gardai after 15th March,
1956.

I would be grateful if the matter received
urgent attention.

Is mise,

Agus meas mox agam ort,

SUPERINTENDENT
(J. MURRAY)

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P/183/8/2/1(34)

Walter Brown
Solicitor

8.12.55

Dear Joe,

Sorry for delay in replying to your letter. I am home with a cold this week.

I discussed your case with Judge Sheehy and he agreed to hear your case in Dublin on Wednesday 11th Jan 1955.

Official summons will be sent & congratulations on your marriage and accept my best wishes for your future happiness.

Yours sincerely
Walter Brown

Ref. No.
1924A/1195.

P/183/8/2/11(35)

BÓRD MEASTOIRI,
(Board of Assessors),
COLAISTE CAOIMHIN,
(St. Kevin's College),
GLAS NAOIDHEAN,
(Glasnevin),
BAILE ATHA CLIATH.
(Dublin).

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ACHTA NA bPINSEAN SEIRBHÍSE MÍLEATA,
1924 - 1949.

A Chara,

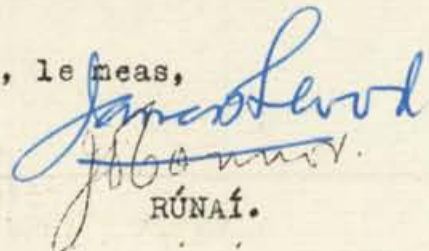
With reference to your application for a Service Certificate in accordance with the terms of the above Acts, I am directed by the Board of Assessors to request you to attend at the above-mentioned address

at 11 a.m. on Wednesday the 11th
day of January, 1956, FOR EXAMINATION ON OATH
BEFORE THE BOARD in connection therewith.

I am also to request you to arrange for the attendance, on the same date, of any witnesses whose evidence you may wish to adduce in support of your application. Your attendance and that of your witnesses is very desirable so that all the evidence in your case should be available to the Board of Assessors at this sitting to enable the Board to conclude the investigation of your application. If you fail to attend, the Board will proceed with the investigation in your absence.

I am to point out that a claim in respect of travelling or any other expenses incurred by you, or by any witnesses other than those summoned by the Board, cannot be entertained, and that Section 3(5) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924 prescribes that the onus of proof shall rest on the applicant.

Mise, le meas,


RÚNAÍ.

Supt. Joseph Murray,
31, Cathedral Road, Cavan.

P.S. Should it be more convenient for any of your witnesses to give evidence at a later date in Donegal you should notify this office accordingly.

P/183/8/2/1(36)

Finglas station,
30th. Decr. 1955.

Dear Superintendent Murrey,

Adverting to your telephone message
of this date, I desire to inform you that
Mr. Bernard O'Donnell's address is

14, Chatham Place,
Hackney,
London, E.9.

I hope you still keep in good form,
and best wishes for the New Year.

Very sincerely,

J. Desmond

B.L/4539/55.



Ard Cheannphort,
Monaghan.

Military Service Certificates - Retirement
Age of Officers' - Garda Síochána (Retirement
Regulations, 1955 - Supt. J. Murray, Cavan.

In accordance with the terms of Government Order "S.I. No. 157 of 1955 - Garda Síochána (Retirement) Regulations, 1955" I formally beg to make application for the two years extension grantable under the Order subject to the production of my Certificate of Military Service under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924.

As stated in earlier reports, I applied for the Certificate of Service shortly before the final date for making application, viz. 15th March, 1955. My application has been under consideration since then. I was called before the Pensions Board at Colaiste Caoimhin, Glasnevin, Dublin, on 11th inst. and completed my case in support of my application. I am quite confident of having my Certificate before the time I would ordinarily have to retire on age limit. I will have reached the age of sixty three years on 15th March, 1956.

I would be grateful for immediate attention to my application.

COPY/
Superintendent
(J. Murray)

(COPY)

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B.1/4539/55.
MC. 1709/55.

Commissioner's Office,
Dublin.
19th January, 1956.

Chief Superintendent,
Monaghan.

Retirement - Superintendent J. Murray,
Cavan.

Section 4 (a) Garda Síochána (Retirement) Regulations, 1955 provides that the regulations shall apply to a Chief Superintendent or Superintendent who was a member of the Garda Síochána on or before the 31st December, 1951, and who was granted a service certificate in respect of service in the Force prior to the 12th July, 1921.

A Chief Superintendent or Superintendent to whom a service certificate was granted may serve until he attains the age of sixty-five years. This is automatic on production of the certificate.

Superintendent Murray should forward a certificate if he receives it before the date of his retirement.

F. BURKE.
Coimisinéir Cunta.

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B.1/4645/56.
M.C.1709/55.

Commissioner's Office,
Dublin.
14th February, 1956.

Chief Superintendent,
Monaghan.

Retirement on ground of age - Supt.
Joseph Murray, Cavan.

Superintendent Joseph Murray, Cavan, who was born on 15th March, 1893, will attain the age of 63 years on 14th March, 1956 and, in accordance with paragraph 4 of the Garda Síochána (Retirement) Regs., 1951 will be due for retirement with effect from 15th March, 1956.

Please inform the Superintendent accordingly and return this minute when noted.

(Sgd.) F. BURKE.
Coimisiúnaí Cunta.

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The Secretary,
Department of Defence,
Colaiste Caoimhin,
Glasnevin,
DUBLIN.

Application for Military Service Certificate -
Supt. J. Murray, Garda Síochána, Cavan - 1824A/1195.

A Chara,

In connection with above, I beg to attach copy of a Government Order (S.I. No. 157 of 1955) made on 12th August last and to draw special attention to that part thereof marked "A" which refers to extensions of service to Chief Superintendents and Superintendents who can furnish Certificates of Military Service under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924.

As pointed out in my letters of 13/8/55 and 4/11/55 respectively, I am extremely anxious that I should receive my Certificate in good time before 15th March next (1956) date on which I will have reached the age of sixty-three years after which I would ordinarily have to retire. The matter has now become one of great urgency. Failure to obtain my Certificate before that date would mean my being robbed of the extension of two years granted to serving Officers of the Garda Síochána who have Pre-Truce active I.R.A. service and service in the National Army after its formation - full time under pay as I had until I joined the Gardai on 10th October, 1922.

I would like to point out, there are only about seven or eight of the Garda Officers at present serving who are capable of qualifying for the two years extension granted under the Order. All of these Officers, except Chief Supt. A.O'Neill of Donegal and myself (Superintendent i/c., Cavan District) had their Certificates of Service for years back. Chief Supt. O'Neill and I had made belated applications for Certificates. I had completed and submitted mine just a few days before 15th March, 1955 - ~~fixed~~ date for making of application. My application was under consideration until I was called before the Board of Assessors on 11th January last (1956) when I completed my case in support of my application.

Chief Supt. O'Neill was ordinarily due to retire on the age limit of sixty-three years at about the time the attached Order of 12th August last was made, but an extension of three months service was granted which enabled him to obtain his Certificate (which was still under investigation at the time) and thus to qualify for the two years further years extension of his service in the Garda. I sincerely hope that I am not in any way misunderstood as regards my reference to the case of Chief Supt. O'Neill and I only do so because my own case as it stands at present in on all fours with his. If it is not possible to let me have my Certificate in good time before 15th March next I would be

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I would be/

glad if the Department of Defence would recommend to the Department of Justice that I be granted a three months extension of my service to enable me to get my Certificate of Service in time to qualify for the two years extension referred to in the Order. At the moment I am the only remaining serving Officer in the Garda who had active service in the pre-Truce I.R.A. and National Army who can qualify for the two years extension if the Certificate issues in time. Might I again repeat that I attained to the rank of Vice Brigadier pre-Truce and to that of Brigadier at the formation of the National Army.

Please treat as urgent and thanking you in anticipation.

Is mise,

Agus meas mor agam ort,

SUPERINTENDENT
(J. MURRAY)

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P/113/187/1/100

" S.I. No. 157 of 1955.

GARDA SIOCHANA (RETIREMENT) REGULATIONS, 1955.

I, James Everett, Minister for Justice, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 14 of the Police Forces Amalgamation Act, 1925 (No. 7 of 1925), and of every and any other power me in this behalf enabling, hereby, with the approval of the Government, make the following regulations :-

1. These regulations may be cited as the Garda Siochana (Retirement) Regulations, 1955.
2. The Interpretation Act, 1937 (No. 38 of 1937), applies to these regulations.
3. In these regulations "the principal regulations" means the Garda Siochana (Retirement) Regulations, 1934 (S.R. & O., No. 146 of 1934), as amended by the Garda Siochana (Retirement) Regulations, 1951 (S.I. No. 132 of 1951).
4. These regulations apply to the following members of the Garda Siochana, namely, -

- A
- (a) members holding the rank of chief superintendent or of superintendent who were members of the Garda Siochana on or before the 31st day of December, 1951, and who were granted service certificates in respect of service in the Forces prior to the 12th day of July, 1921, under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924 (No. 48 of 1924), or the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934 (No. 43 of 1934); and
 - (b) members below the rank of superintendent who were members of the Garda Siochana on or before the 31st day of December, 1951.

5. Notwithstanding subparagraph (1) of paragraph 5 of the principal regulations and subparagraph (a) of paragraph 6 of the Garda Siochana Retirement (No. 2) Regulations, 1951 (S.I. No. 335 of 1951), the age on the attaining of which members of the Garda Siochana to whom these regulations apply shall retire from the Garda Siochana shall be -

- (a) in the case of members holding the rank of chief superintendent or of superintendent, sixty-five years,
- (b) in the case of members below the rank of superintendent, sixty-three years.

6. Subparagraph (2) of paragraph 5 of the principal regulations and subparagraph (b) of paragraph 6 of the Garda Siochana Retirement (No. 2) Regulations, 1951, shall not be applicable in the case of members of the Garda Siochana to whom these regulations apply.

GIVEN under my Official Seal, this 12th day of August, 1955.
(SEAL) (Signed) James Everett.

The Government hereby approve the foregoing regulations.
Given under the Official Seal of the Government, this 12th day of August, 1955.

(Signed) John A. Costello.
TAOISEACH. "

TELEPHONE
92062.

18 Feb 56

31 OAKLANDS DRIVE,
RATHGAR,
DUBLIN.

Dear Superintendent Murray

I moved at once on receipt of your
letter and the enclosed docket will show
you how matters stand

If you do not receive word
or or before 3 March please let
me know and I will phone the
Department of Justice

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

Reginald Sheehy

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P/183/8/2/1(44)



Ard Cheannphort,
Monaghan.

With reference to the Commissioner's circular of 14/2/56, in connection with above, I beg to report, with great respect, that although I feel as deserving of the honour of being promoted to the rank of Chief Superintendent as most of those promoted during the past thirty-three years or of those who may be promoted during the coming two years, I feel that at the moment I am more concerned with getting my I.R.A. Certificate of Service in time to enable me to avail of the two years extension of service being granted to those who can produce this Certificate.

Therefore, until I have obtained this Certificate I do not see much point in attending the proposed interview.

Superintendent
(J. Murray)

Personal



POST EARLY
FOR
CHRISTMAS

Superintendent J. Murray,
Garda H. Qu.,
Bavan Town.

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P1123/8/2/1 (45)



Military Service Pension under
Military Service Pensions (In.) Act, 1924.
Boarder Joe Murray

Application for Military (GRA)
Service Pension

Extension of Garda Service.

Dates of Events during 1957-25 period

P/183/852/1(46)

Andfarna,

Bundoran,

3/1/1956

To Whom It May Concern,

I have read pages one and two of report dated 17th July, 1955 by Sub. Joubt Murray of Cavan to the Secretary of the Dept. of Defense, Colacate Coombe, in connection with his application for a Certificate of Service in the D. R. G. It is an account of his activities in the Bundoran Batt. area up to the time of my arrival on 28th April 1951 and it is a pretty accurate account of events during that period. There pleased my initials on same.

Signed John W. Shea

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Thurs 20/6/68

P/183/372/3(2)

Seol aon fhreagra chun
AN RÚNAÍ
faoin uimhir seo:-

An Roinn Cosanta (A3V),
Coláiste Caoimhín,
Baile Átha Cliath, 9.

Teileafón: 379911
29 AUG 1968

F.E.A. 1324

A Chara,

Veterans of the War of Independence. Free Electricity
Allowance and Television/Radio Licence

I am directed by An tAire Cosanta to state that your application for a free electricity allowance has been approved and the Electricity Supply Board is being requested to have your name included in the list of those eligible. The allowance is not granted retrospectively nor in respect of portion of an account period but will be allowed by the Electricity Supply Board in accordance with paragraph 9 of the leaflet which was forwarded to you with your application form.

Your application for free television/radio licence has also been approved. To obtain the free licence you should complete the attached application form and hand it in at your local Post Office along with this letter. If you already possess a current licence which expires after the 1st July, 1968, you may obtain a refund in respect of that portion of the licence covering the period from the 1st July, 1968 to the date of its expiry. Enquiries concerning refunds should be made at your local Post Office.

Mr. Joseph Murray.

Mise, le meas,

[Signature]
RÚNAÍ.
7/c

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Application Form received herewith
on 16th August, 1968 - Completed and handed
in to Ballyshannon E.S.B. Office on same date.

Free Electricity Allowance and free Television/Radio Licence

Veterans of the War of Independence.

1. The Free Electricity allowance is available to veterans of the War of Independence who are registered consumers on the same conditions as apply to persons who receive old age pensions from the Department of Social Welfare.
2. The following are eligible to apply - persons who were granted -
 - (a) a Military Service Pension;
 - (b) a disablement pension in respect of a wound received or a disability contracted in the period 23rd April, 1916 to 11th July, 1921;
 - (c) a Special Allowance;
 - (d) a 1916 Medal;
 - (e) a Service (1917-1921) Medal with Bar;
 - (f) a "duly awarded" Service (1917-1921) Medal without Bar.
3. To qualify for the allowance applicants, in addition to being registered consumers of electricity, must reside alone or with the following classes of person only:-
 - (a) a wife,
 - (b) an invalid husband or other invalid person who ordinarily resides with the applicant
 - (c) old age or blind pensioners or widow pensioners aged 70 years or over,
 - (d) British or Northern Ireland Retirement Pensioners aged 70 years or over,
 - (e) a person mentioned at (a) to (f) of paragraph 2 above,
 - (f) a child or children under the age of 16 for whose maintenance the applicant is ordinarily responsible or children over 16 who are attending school full-time,
 - (g) where the applicant is an invalid or semi-invalid or so infirm as to require constant care and attention, one other person (other than those already mentioned) who resides with him/her for the purpose of providing that care and attention.
4. A Medical Certificate must be forwarded with the application in respect of an invalid residing with the applicant who is not the applicant's wife, a pensioner, a person mentioned at (a) to (f) of paragraph 2 above or a child under the age of 16.
5. Where pensioners, as set out at (c) and (d) of paragraph 3 above, reside with an applicant the information required in the panel at number 7 should be given in respect of each person. The exact date of birth of all children residing with an applicant should also be given in the appropriate column in the panel.
6. Where schoolgoing children over the age of 16 reside with an applicant a certificate from the Headmaster or other authority of the school should be forwarded with the application as evidence of attendance.

- 7. In the circumstances referred to at (g) of paragraph 3 above a statement from a Doctor, Nurse, Clergyman or Home Assistance Officer must be furnished with the application, confirming that because of the condition of the applicant's health the presence of the other person is necessary to provide the care and attention.
- 8. The electricity allowance consists of relief from the fixed charge (exclusive of any special service or group water scheme charges levied by the E.S.B. in certain circumstances) in respect of the E.S.B.'s domestic consumer tariff and up to 100 units of electricity free of charge in each two-monthly accounting period. No adjustment of the allowance is granted where due to non-access to the meter position the E.S.B. finds it necessary to estimate consumption. No assistance is granted towards the cost of installing electricity.
- 9. The allowance is not granted retrospectively nor in respect of broken periods and other than in the introductory periods viz. October-November, 1968 and November-December, 1968 accounting periods, it will apply only from the commencement of the next two-monthly period following the advice to the E.S.B. of acceptance by the Department of Defence of a qualified application. Care should be taken to ensure that the application form is completed in full, otherwise delay may arise in granting the allowance. Any certificate or statement forwarded in support of an application should be securely attached to the application form.
- 10. If a person who is receiving the allowance, changes address, a fresh application must be completed in respect of the new address and application of the allowance to the new address will be as at 9 above.
- 11. If persons other than those set out in the panel at number 7 take up permanent residence with an applicant who is receiving the allowance, the circumstances should be reported to An Roinn Cosanta A3(V), Coláiste Caoimhín, Baile Átha Cliath, 9.
- 12. A person who is awarded a free electricity allowance is eligible for a free television or radio licence. Applicants should indicate clearly the type of licence required.
- 13. These schemes do not apply to veterans who are entitled to similar concessions under the schemes administered by the Department of Social Welfare.
- 14. The completed application form should be forwarded, in the first instance, to the applicant's nearest E.S.B. Office.

An Roinn Cosanta, A3(v), Coláiste Caoimhín, Baile Átha Cliath, 9.

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PORT NA SONNA,
BALLYSHANNON,
CO. DONEGAL,
14/8/68.

T.C.
Ref. 282 + 24/C. 354.

An Rinn,
An Roinn Cosanta,
Geata na Pairee,
Baile Atha Cliath, 8

Free Travel, etc. - Veterans - War of Independence -
Joseph Murray, PORT NA SONNA, Ballyshannon.

A Cúis,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of Travel Card on 8th July, 68. - Reference T.C. 282.

I would be grateful if you would let me have the appropriate forms on which to apply for the following:-

- (a) Refund of Television Licence fee 1968.
- (b) Free electricity.

In the event of your not being able to supply these forms would you be kind enough to let me know where I can obtain same.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yr mspc.

Yr ogra again ope.

Joseph Murray
(Joseph Murray)

1183/32/3(6)

Ref. 24/C. 354

The Secretary, Roimn Cosanta, A3(V),
Coláiste Caomhán,
Barle Atha Cliath, 9

19/7/68

Free Travel - Veterans War of Independence,
Joseph Murray, Post na Saine, Ballyshannon.

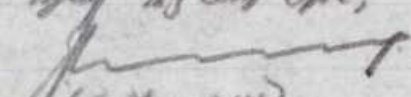
A Capt.

With reference to my application on prescribed form on 20/6/68 in connection with above, I wish to inform you that I received Free Travel Card, No. T.C. 382 on 8/7/68 and as a tribute to Veterans of 1916-31 I very much appreciate same.

Other Veterans as well as myself in this area would be grateful to know as to how to proceed to get (a) a refund of Television Licence (half) Fee (b) paid at beginning of 1968 (b) Free Electricity Allowance as from 1st October 1968.

Thanking you in anticipation for an early reply

If nice,

Yours as ever,

(J. MURRAY)

Tax exemption for pensioners

Sir—The Minister for Finance is to introduce an amendment to the Finance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 1967. This amendment will exempt pensions paid by other governments and which were free from taxation in those countries from tax here.

All pensions should be free from tax. Why give preferential treatment to pensioners from other countries, some of whom receive as much as £20 to £40 per week pension, while our own pensioners, such as ex-service men, have to pay tax on their miserable pittance. Ex-non-commissioned officers and men of the Defence Forces of this country receive pensions in the region of £1-10-0 to about £5-10-0 per week. The average pension would work out at about £3-0-0 and this must be shown on their income tax forms.

I would suggest to Mr. Haughey that charity begins at home. Ex-servicemen's pensions should be reviewed with a view to making them more realistic. They should be brought into the scope of this amendment and travel concessions should be given to servicemen and ex-servicemen.

J. H. AUDLEY

Passage West, Cork.

Independent
Wed. 21/2/68.

Pl 105/8/2/3(2)

Move to simplify Army pensions

"Irish Independent" Reporter

A Bill simplifying the procedure for granting increases in certain Army and allied pensions has been circulated to Deputies and will be discussed in the Dail soon.

Its object is to simplify the procedure for bringing into force pension schemes which relate solely to increases in retired pay, pensions and gratuities, consequent on increases in service pay or general increases in public service pensions. In future it will not be necessary to get the Oireachtas to confirm such a scheme before it can come into force.

Visited T.C.D. library

About 40 representatives of 15 special libraries visited the new T.C.D. library yesterday. They were met by Dr. E. F. D. Roberts, Librarian, and were shown around by Mr. Desmond Clarke, Librarian.

IRISH INDEPENDENT

9/2/68.

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P/183/8/2/3(10)

FREE TRAVEL
for
BRITISH AND NORTHERN IRELAND
RETIREMENT PENSIONERS WHO ARE
AGED 70 AND OVER

The Minister for Social Welfare has decided to extend to persons aged 70 and over WHO ARE RESIDENT IN THE STATE and who are in receipt of Retirement Pension from Britain or Northern Ireland the free travel facilities at present enjoyed by persons receiving old age pension from the Department of Social Welfare.

Retirement pensioners age 70 and over who wish to avail themselves of the free travel facilities will be required in the first instance to complete an application form. Copies of this form may be obtained, on application, from the Secretary, Department of Social Welfare, Aras Mhic Dhiarmada, Dublin, 1.

Retirement pensioners who also receive old age pension from the Department of Social Welfare are already entitled to free travel and should not apply.

Retirement Pensioners approaching the age of 70 should not apply for the free travel facility more than three weeks before reaching that age.

Possession of a current pension book will be necessary for eligible pensioners to secure free travel. Any Retirement Pensioner receiving pension by quarterly payments who wishes to secure free travel should therefore write to the British or Northern Ireland Ministry concerned regarding the issue of a pension book.

An Roinn Leasa Shóisialaigh.

Freedom Fighters; 1916 - 21

P/183/82/3(11)

In 1966 Silver Jubilee celebrations were carried out to honour ^{patriotic} those men, ^{who were} who took part in the Easter Rising of 1916. These celebrations, which at ^{the} least cost over £10,000 of public funds, proved to be a wonderful success and a moving tribute to those brave men ^{who were prepared to risk their lives} that Ireland might be free. ^(Many of them died during that historic year)

So far, no special steps have been taken to honour those ^{who} ~~of~~ ^{at least as great} gave greater service to Ireland, as volunteers without hope of reward, during the War of Independence during ⁱⁿ the five years following 1916. One can hardly be blamed for presuming that the paying of tribute ^{to these Freedom Fighters} is ~~going~~ to be left ^{over} until ^{after} the Golden Jubilee of the signing of the Treaty in June 1971. If that be so then it is ^{of the utter discredit of} ~~an~~ ⁱⁿ ~~accord~~ to all concerned with the Government of our country ^{and this} which includes our President, our Minister of State and all members of the Oireachtas irrespective of their political beliefs. The number of these patriots must indeed be comparatively few at the present time and as the vast majority of them were over twenty years of age at the time of the Truce in 1921 then it is reasonable to conclude that the same majority have ^{presently} reached the age of seventy years of age or over ~~and by~~. Those who ^{are} still living are fast passing out and by the time June 1971 arrives (Golden Jubilee of the signing of the Treaty) they will indeed be a small liability to whatever Government may be in power by that time. In other words, unlike all other types of pensioners, the fewer they become from year to year the ~~less~~ smaller the drain will

be on public funds, until, in a very few years ahead, they cease to become any liability. Why therefore should the Government wait until 1971 to pay tribute to I.R.A. pensioners and what better way could appreciation of their services to Ireland be shown than by increasing the pensions of the few ~~years~~ that remain for the few years that are left to all of them to enjoy their pensions.

Another way in which appreciation could be shown to these veterans would be to grant free travel on buses and trains as has been granted to Old Age Pensioners, including persons of ~~over~~ seventy years of age or over ~~who~~ residents of the Six Counties or Britain ~~usually~~ resident in the Republic of Ireland. As shown in the previous paragraph this free travel to Old I.R.A. pensioners could not last for more than a few years for a very few members of that body.

P183/8/2/3(13)

F.E.A. 1234. + MSR 24C 354.

The Secretary,
Dist. of Defence (A3V),
Coláiste Baumbhín,
Baile Átha Cliath, 9.

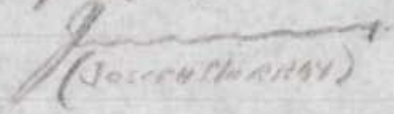
PORT NA SONNA,
BALLYSHANNON,
Co. DONEGAL,
30/8/68.

As Caps. Veterans of the War of Independence.
Free Elec. Allowance + T.V./Radio Licence.

I wish to acknowledge receipt of
Application Form referred to in your covering
letter of 29/8/68 in connection with above and
to state that I have completed same and lodged
it in Ballyshannon Post Office on this date (replied)
about 10.11.68.

Re Electricity I note that the allowance
will be made in accordance with the terms of
Par. 9 of the booklet re same duly received by
me. My licence expires on 31/12/68.

Thanks for your attention in this
matter.

Yours faithfully,

(J. MCCARTHY)

P/183/8/24(1)

Navy
Ballybofey

2 January '56

To Whom it may concern

This is to certify that Joseph
Murray now Superintendent of the
guards at Carran and formerly
N. J. Bundoran was appointed
Adjutant of the 4th Brigade, 1st Northern
Division about the last of May 1921
under my command at that time

Henry M. Power
Lt Col 4th Bde

P/183/8/2/4(2)

Naveny,
Ballybofey.
2nd January '56.

To Whom it may Concern.

This is to certify that Joseph Murray now Superintendent of the Guards at Cavan and formerly M.P. Bundoran was appointed Adjutant of the 4th Brigade, 1st Northern Division about the last of May, 1921, under my command at that time.

(Sgd.) HENRY MCGOWAN.

(late C/C.4th Brigade, 1st Northern
Division)

P/183/8/2/4(3)

Naveny,
Ballybofey.
2nd January '56.

To Whom it may Concern.

This is to certify that Joseph Murray now Superintendent of the Guards at Cavan and formerly N.T. Bundoran was appointed Adjutant of the 4th Brigade, 1st Northern Division about the last of May, 1921, under my command at that time.

(Sgd.) HENRY McGOWAN.

(late O/C.4th Brigade, 1st Northern
Division)

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I have read the statement on attached document which refers to the arrest of ex-Commandant Henry McGowan at Kelly's Bridge on 10th June, 1921, and the investigation of same by the then Brigade Adjutant, Joseph Murray, N.T., Bundoran, and it is true in every respect. I am prepared to give evidence to this effect. I have initialled the document referred to above.

(Sgd.) MICHAEL DOHERTY.
Ballybofey
(O/C. Bundoran Battalion,
4th Brigade,
1st Northern Division)

I wish to add that I attended the Brigade Council meeting referred to at "A" in attached document. It was held on the Sunday before the Truce (11th July, 1921).

(Sgd.) MICHAEL DOHERTY.
(O/C. Ballybofey Battalion,
4th Brigade,
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Bundoran,

3/1/56

To Whom It May Concern

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of the Goods Brook, Co. Donegal, when he
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Boys' School. He was an active member
of the I.R.A. in Bundoran from the
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saw his report under date of
11th July, 1956 giving an account of
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and it is a correct account of
events as far as I can recollect
them now. The report is Coleridge book
referred to at B. in para 3 of report
was prepared & written by me. There
will be my initials on each page of
attached document.

Signed James Joseph
X.O.C. Bundoran

Bundoran,
3/1/56.

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(Sgd.) JAMES MURPHY.
(ex-O/C.
(Bundoran Company,
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Bundoran,
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Ardfarna,
Bundoran.
3/1/1956.

To Whom It May Concern.

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(Sgd.) THOS. McSHEA.

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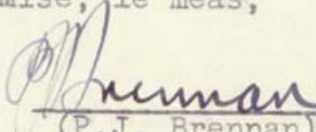
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A Chara,

I am desired by the Director to thank you for your statement of evidence dated 24th January, 1957, which you have so kindly given to the Bureau through Colonel James J. Conway, and to state that it has been placed in the Archives.

The Director desires me to express his appreciation of the assistance which you have given to the Bureau in this matter.

Mise, le meas,


P. J. Brennan BÚNAÍ.
(P.J. Brennan)

Superintendent Joseph Murray,
Garda Síochána,
Garda Barracks,
Cavan,
Co. CAVAN.