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To—THE MILITARY SERVICE
REGISTRATION BOARD.

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

Catherine Steffins

Ballytrasna. Quam Co Galway

for investigation and certificate in accordance with Section 8 of the Army
Pensions Act, 1932, and the Regulations made thereunder.

Date *11/5/33* 193*3*

J. J. Moran
A.S. RUNAL.

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WILLIAM J. CONCANNON, LL.B., *Faisce*
SOLICITOR



*Bishop Street,
Tuam.*

29th September 1933.

Reference No . 11 R.B. 530.

Re. John Higgins, deceased.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 18th inst. in above re-
questing me to reply to questions II and IV overleaf I write
to say that the name and address of Officer Commanding Brigade was
Michael Fogarty , Barrack Street, Tuam, County Galway, and that
the name and address of Company Captain was Martin Higgins, Bally-
trasna, Tuam.

Mise, le meas,

The Secretary,
Department of Defence,
Military Service Registration Board,
Collins Barracks,
Dublin.

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Department of Defence,
Military Service Registration Board,
Collins Barracks, Dublin.

Ref. No. II RB. 530

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The Registrar General,
Custom House,
Dublin.

Verification of Death.

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to state that verification of the following death is required in connection with a claim under the Army Pensions Act, 1932.

The Minister would, accordingly, be glad if you complete the Certificate hereunder and return it to this Office at your earliest convenience.

J. J. Markham
SECRETARY.

Name : John Higgins
Address : Ballyrusna, Tuam Co Galway
Approximate Date of Death : 6 April 1923
Place of Death : Headford Co Galway

Name	Address	Place of Death	Date of Death	Cause of Death
.....

Certified that the above particulars are correct according to the Official Records.

E. P. MCCARRON
REGISTRAR GENERAL.

DATE: 20. 9. 33

1922 - 24 No trace

~~24-261-M.24~~

~~24-283-J.24-L.310~~

Checked
NO trace
1922-24
Yes June - Sept '33
AKS 76/74
JRS 21/9/33

A.P. 51—4 (b).
A.P. 52—7 (b).
Wound.

ROINN COSANTA.
(Department of Defence.)

**MILITARY SERVICE REGISTRATION BOARD,
COLLINS BARRACKS,
DUBLIN.**

Ref. No. TLRB. 530

2.10.33

ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1932.

A. CHARA,

An application has been made under the above Act by Catherine Higgins
of Ballyrasna Duam W Galway
for an Allowance or Gratuity in respect of John Higgins (Nephew)
who is stated to have been attached to your Command and whose death is stated to
have been due to service with Oglaigh na h-Eireann (IRA)
in the period 1918 - 1923

To enable them to deal with the application, the Board will be obliged if
you will furnish at the earliest moment replies to the queries set out overleaf.

I am to point out that, for the purposes herein, a person shall be deemed
to have been engaged in Military Service when, but only when, he was on duty as
a member of the organisation referred to, or was under arrest as a result of his
activities as such member, or being such member was evading capture or pursuit by
the armed forces of the British Government or of the Government of Saorstát Eireann
or of the Provisional Government or of the Government of Northern Ireland, or being
such member was detained in a prison or ship, or an internment camp or by order
of any of the said Governments.

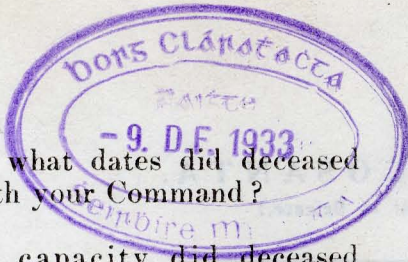
Mise, le meas,

J. Markham

RUNAL.

To Mr Michael Fogarty
Barack St
Duam
W Galway.

QUERIES:



- (1) Between what dates did deceased serve with your Command?
- (2) In what capacity did deceased serve?
- (3) In what area was deceased engaged in Military Service?
- (4) Did the deceased receive a wound or injury while engaged in Military Service as defined? If so, please give the following particulars of such wound or injury:—
 - (a) Nature of wound or injury ...
 - (b) Date on which wound or injury was received ...
 - (c) Full circumstances in which wound or injury was received
 - (d) Particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the deceased which, in your opinion, should be taken into consideration in determining whether the wound or injury was attributable to Military Service ...
- (5) Particulars of any other matter in support of the applicant's claim or otherwise, on which you desire to comment. ...
- (6) Date of death of deceased ...
- (7) Have you personal knowledge of the facts of the case as set out by you above, or are your replies based on official reports, or on information otherwise received?

1918 to 6 April 1923
the date of his Death
Volunteer

North Galway
Yes (Mortal)

Bullett Woods
6 April 1923

Attach on Free State
Military Post at Headford
Co. Galway

None

Deceased served all
through in A of U

6 April 1923

Yes

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

Signature Michael Fogarty
Organisation and Rank Brigadier North Galway
Brigade IRA
Address Barrach St

Inam Co Galway

Date 7 10 33

ROINN COSANTA.
(Department of Defence.)

MILITARY SERVICE REGISTRATION BOARD,

COLLINS BARRACKS,

DUBLIN,

Ref. No. *MRB.530**2.10.33*ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1932.

A CHARA,

An application has been made under the above Act by *Catherine Higgins*
 of *Ballytrasna Tuam Co Galway*
 for an Allowance or Gratuity in respect of *John Higgins (Nephew)*
 who is stated to have been attached to your Command and whose death is stated to
 have been due to service with *Oglagh na h-Eireann (IRA)*
 in the period *1918-1923*

To enable them to deal with the application, the Board will be obliged if
 you will furnish at the earliest moment replies to the queries set out overleaf.

I am to point out that, for the purposes herein, a person shall be deemed
 to have been engaged in Military Service when, but only when, he was on duty as
 a member of the organisation referred to, or was under arrest as a result of his
 activities as such member, or being such member was evading capture or pursuit by
 the armed forces of the British Government or of the Government of Saorstát Eireann
 or of the Provisional Government or of the Government of Northern Ireland, or being
 such member was detained in a prison or ship, or an internment camp or by order
 of any of the said Governments.

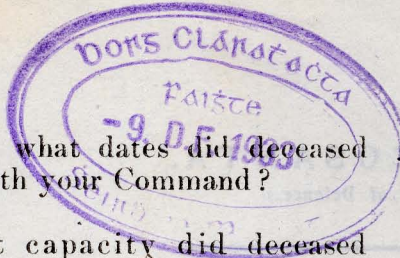
Mise, le meas,

J. Markham

RUNAL.

To *Mr Martin Higgins*
Ballytrasna
Tuam

QUERIES:



- (1) Between what dates did deceased serve with your Command?
- (2) In what capacity did deceased serve?
- (3) In what area was deceased engaged in Military Service?
- (4) Did the deceased receive a wound or injury while engaged in Military Service as defined? If so, please give the following particulars of such wound or injury:—
 - (a) Nature of wound or injury ...
 - (b) Date on which wound or injury was received ...
 - (c) Full circumstances in which wound or injury was received
 - (d) Particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the deceased which, in your opinion, should be taken into consideration in determining whether the wound or injury was attributable to Military Service ...
- (5) Particulars of any other matter in support of the applicant's claim or otherwise, on which you desire to comment. ...
- (6) Date of death of deceased ...
- (7) Have you personal knowledge of the facts of the case as set out by you above, or are your replies based on official reports, or on information otherwise received?

From 1918 until 1920 when deceased joined the A.S.U.

Volunteer.

North Galway

Yes.

Bullet wounds

6th April 1923

while engaged in an attack on the Free State Barracks at Headford Co Galway

None

The deceased was reared by the Applicant, Catharine Higgins and was her sole support until his death.

6th April 1923

Personal knowledge until 1920 afterwards from official reports

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

Signature Martin Higgins
Organisation and Rank Company Captain, I.R.A.

Address Ballytrasna

Date 5th October 1933.

Team. Co Galway

SERVICE CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE MILITARY SERVICE REGISTRATION BOARD
IN RESPECT OF A DECEASED PERSON ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN A MEMBER
OF AN ORGANISATION TO WHICH PART II OF THE SAID ACT APPLIES.

Reg. No. of Applicant II./RB/530. Name of Applicant Higgins, Catherine, Miss.
Address of Applicant Ballytrasna, Tuam,
Co. Galway.
Name of Deceased Person to whom Certificate relates Higgins, John,
Late Address of Deceased person Ballytrasna, Tuam,
Co. Galway.
Relationship of applicant to deceased Aunt.

WHEREAS an application for the grant of an allowance or gratuity in respect of the said deceased has been referred to us by the Minister for Defence under Section 8 of the Army Pensions Act, 1932;

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

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

The deceased was a member of Oglaigh na h-Eireann (I.R.A.)
(State organisation or organisations of which deceased was a member.)

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

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

Organisation or organisations of which deceased was a member	Particulars of military service		
	(*) Period of service		Nature and extent of military service
	From	To	
Oglaigh na h-Eireann (Irish Republican Army)	1918	6th April, 1923	Served as Volunteer North Galway Area.
Irish Volunteers ...	-	-	-
Irish Citizen Army ...	-	-	-
Fianna Eireann ...	-	-	-
Hibernian Rifles ...	-	-	-
Cumann na mBan ...	-	-	-

(*) If the service was not continuous throughout, particulars of the period or periods of actual military service should be stated.

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

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

(a) Nature of wound or injury

(b) Date on which wound or injury was received

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

4. ~~The deceased did not contract any disease during his military service.~~

^{or}
 The deceased contracted a disease during his military service and the following are the particulars of such disease:—

- (a) Nature of disease -
- (b) Actual conditions under which deceased performed his military service -
- (c) Particulars of any illness from which the deceased suffered during his military service -
- (d) Detailed report on the applicant's statements to, in case the application is on Form A.P. 51, questions 4 D (i) and (ii) on that form, or in case the application is on Form A.P. 52, questions 9 D (i) and (ii) of that form. -
- (e) Full particulars of any negligence or misconduct on the part of the deceased which in the opinion of the Board should be taken into consideration in determining whether the disease was attributable to military service. -

5. Deceased died on the ... day of ... 19...

6. ~~The deceased was not killed while engaged in military service.~~

^{or}
 The deceased was killed while engaged in military service and the following are the particulars of the date, place and manner of his death ...

Deceased was killed in attack on Free State Military Post at Headford, Co. Galway, on 6th April, 1923.

7. *

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

Signed *C. A. Macken* Chairman
E. O'Sullivan Member
Michl. Hilliard Member
 of Military Service Registration Board.

Dated this *19th* day of *October*, 19*33*.

LEATHÁN MIONTUAIRISCE.

M.S.C.

~~Quartermaster~~ ~~to~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~1st~~ ~~Regt~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Queen's~~ ~~County~~ ~~Regt~~ ~~of~~ ~~Infantry~~
Quartermaster to the 1st Regt of the Queen's County Regt of Infantry

Tagairt.....

1879

no date

at 52

Wound

Seamus

Maloney
Woolley

Mr. Taggart

Martin Higgins

2/10

9/10

applicant asked for evidence of death