

# Neilus

# Connolly

Neilus Connolly is my great-great-grandfather. He lived in Coolnagrane, but his house was burnt down by the Black in Tans in 1918, because Neilus was a wanted man and the Black in Tans hoped he would run out of the house. Luckily he was outside hiding in straw beside his house. After that he moved to Smorane. Once his house had been burnt down, Neilus was on the run for a few months. He was captured and sent to jail in Belfast for two years. He was then sent to a prison in the Midlands. After a riot in the Midlands jail, Neilus was sent to a prison in England to finish his sentence. He returned to Ireland where in Dublin he was sent to a safe house along with a dozen others. They slept fully armed. They were looked after by Michael Collins who was also a wanted man. Neilus decided to return to Skibbereen when he met an old neighbour that recognised him, but he was drunk and forgot that Neilus was a wanted man. Neilus boarded a train from Cork to Skibbereen but he jumped out of a window and into the Ilen River to escape from getting caught. He was made commander in 1919 and he was elected the first TD in Dáil Éirinn. Neilus served for over two years.

Rebecca Connolly  
St. Joseph's girls N.S



**Military Service Pensions Act, 1924.** NOV. 3.

**CERTIFICATE OF MILITARY SERVICE**

In the name of the application of *Conrad Kennedy, Augustine Sullivan, & Co. Ltd.*  
for a Certificate of Military Service in accordance with the Order of the Military Service Tribunal, 1914, and the Regulations made thereunder.

WHEREAS the Ministry of Defence has taken into consideration the service of the person of whom it is constituted under the Act on the application,  
*Conrad Kennedy*

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the said  
has rendered military service in the Empire and during the periods stated set out in follow:

Period of Military Service provided in the Act	Rank or Class of Service	Duration of active service during which the person is entitled to the gratification of the Fund of Assurance
(1) Active service in the week commencing 2nd April, 1916		
(2) Continuous service from 1st April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917		
" " " " 1st April, 1917, to 31st March, 1918		
" " " " 1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919	<i>Private</i>	
" " " " 1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920	<i>Private</i>	
" " " " 1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921	<i>Private</i>	
" " " " 1st April, 1921, to 11th July, 1921	<i>Private</i>	
" " " " 12th July, 1921, to 30th June, 1922	<i>Private</i>	
" " " " 1st July, 1922, to 31st March, 1923	<i>Private</i>	
" " " " 1st April, 1923, to 30th September, 1923	<i>Private</i>	

AND THAT for the purpose of the Act the rank of the said applicant shall be taken  
Dated this 11th day of November 1923. *W. H. G. ...*  
Secretary, Department of Defence



# Military Service Pensions Act, 1924.

## CERTIFICATE OF MILITARY SERVICE.

In the matter of Cornelius Connolly, Coolnagrane, Smit.  
in accordance with the terms of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, and  
inasmuch as the Minister for Defence has taken into consideration the report of the Board of Assessors consti-  
tuted under the Act on the application of the said Cornelius Connolly  
of the Forces, and during the periods as set out as follows:—

Periods of Military Service prescribed in the Act.	Forces in which active service was rendered.
Commencing 23rd April, 1916 to 31st March, 1917	_____ _____

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## Military Service Pensions Act, 1924.

### CERTIFICATE OF MILITARY SERVICE.

In the matter of the application of Cornelius Connolly, Coolnagrane, Smit. Green Co. Conn.  
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  
of the said Cornelius Connolly  
THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the said Cornelius Connolly  
has rendered military service in the Forces, and during the periods 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) " " " 1st April, 1917, to 31st March, 1918	<u>O'Connell's Co. R. I. Rifles</u>	<u>Entire period</u>
(c) " " " 1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919	<u>do.</u>	<u>do.</u>
(d) " " " 1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920	<u>do.</u>	<u>do.</u>
(e) " " " 1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921	<u>do.</u>	<u>do.</u>
(f) " " " 1st April, 1921, to 11th July, 1921	<u>do.</u>	<u>do.</u>
(g) " " " 12th July, 1921, to 30th June, 1922	<u>O'Connell's Co. R. I. Rifles (Temporary Provisional) 1916-1922</u>	<u>do.</u>
(h) " " " 1st July, 1922, to 31st March, 1923	<u>do.</u>	<u>do.</u>
(i) " " " 1st April, 1923, to 30th September, 1923	<u>do.</u>	<u>do.</u>

AND THAT for the purpose of the Act the rank of the said applicant shall be taken to be that of Private  
Dated the Twenty-fifth day of April 1924