

## FILES CREATED UNDER THE ARMY PENSIONS ACTS (from 1923)

The primary files series created under the Army Pensions Acts of relevance to the MSPC are titled "P", "D" and "DP".

The file series relate to the period commencing on the 1 April 1916 and ending on the 30 September, 1924, and consist of individual applications for the payment of wound pensions to wounded members (P), allowances and gratuities to the widows, children, dependents and partial dependents of deceased members (D) of "Óglaigh Na hÉireann, including the Army and the Irish Volunteers and the Citizen Army, 1916" under the provisions of The Army Pensions Act, 1923. Provision is also made for the supply of medical appliances and vocational training.

### ● Contents of typical applicant's file; "P" series ●

A four page application form (AP2) is completed by the claimant (the manuscript and a typed version are filed) detailing the nature of his/her injury/wounds, the circumstances of the incident, hospitals attended, etc. A request for investigation and information is issued to the military authorities, and the Adjutant General replies, outlining the known circumstances in the case and whether there was any negligence on the part of the applicant, the rank held and organisation (i.e.: Irish Volunteers, Citizen Army, National Army, IRA) stated. A four page Medical Report (AP11), signed by the President and two members of the Board, issues in each case, whether successful or not.

A recommendation from the Army Pensions Board (AP19) issues, and the applicant is informed accordingly. The amount of award and degree of disablement will be stated in successful cases. A payments file is generally associated with each individual file in this series, although not in all cases. Some files contain results of investigation of family circumstances and facts stated by An Garda Síochána. Personal letters, newspaper cuttings and recommendations from contemporaries of the applicant are often to be found.

### ● Contents of typical applicant's file; "D" series ●

A four page application form (AP6) is submitted by the widow or dependent(s) of the deceased, in which they detail the circumstances of the deceased's death and their degree of dependency, total or partial, (the manuscript and a typed version are filed).

A request for investigation and information is issued to the military authorities and the Adjutant General replies, outlining the circumstances in the case as known and whether there was any negligence on the part of the applicant, the rank held and organisation stated. A certificate of assessment is then issued outlining the nature of the award and amount, if applicable. In some cases a payments file is created and associated with the individual's file.

In most cases a report (AP16) is returned by An Garda Síochána, outlining the result of the Garda investigation and assessing the degree of dependency of the family members on the deceased, their age(s), status and reporting on their societal circumstances, Poor Law valuation if landowner, known income and other details. Personal letters and representations are to be found in some cases.

### ● Supporting files ●

Supporting records are: minutes, ledgers, and administration files (1/M/ and M/X/X file series).