

Description of BROWN Donald Forrester on Enlistment.

Apparent age: _____ years _____ months.
(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Service.)

Height: 5 feet 7 inches.

Weight: 168 lb.

Chest-measurement: Minimum, 39 inches.
Maximum, 42 1/2 inches.

Complexion: dark

Colour of eyes: grey-green

Colour of hair: dark brown

Religious profession: Presbyterian

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.

Medical Examination.

Sight: Right eye, 6/6

Left eye, "

Hearing: Right ear, normal

Left ear, "

Colour-vision: "

Are his limbs well formed? yes

Are the movements of all his joints full and perfect? "

Is his chest well formed? "

Is his heart normal? "

Are his lungs normal? "

What is the condition of the teeth? defective

Is he free from hernia? yes

Is he free from varicocele? "

Is he free from varicose veins? "

Is he free from hæmorrhoids? "

Is he free from inveterate or contagious skin-disease? "

Is there a distinct mark of vaccination? "

Is he in good bodily and mental health and free from any physical defect likely to interfere with the efficient performance of his duties? "

Are there any slight defects, but not sufficient to cause rejection? no

Remarks.

Fit? no

Previous illness? no

Certificate of Medical Examination.

I have examined the above-named, and find he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

I consider him fit for service in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, provided his teeth are rectified

Sept 1st, 1915

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Jas Whitton, Medical Officer.

Army Form B. 103.

2ND BATTALION

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regimental Number 83504

Regiment THE OTAGO REGIMENT Corps 10th Coy.

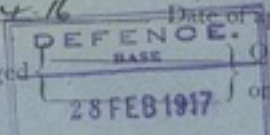
Rank Sergeant Surname Brown Christian Name Donald Forrester

Religion _____ Age on Enlistment _____ years _____ months.

Enlisted (a) 19.10.15 Terms of Service (b) Duration of War Service reckons from (a) 19.10.15

Date of promotion to present rank 1.4.16 Date of appointment to lance rank _____

Extended { _____ } Re-engaged { _____ } Qualification (b) _____



of Corps Trade and Rate _____

Signature of Officer i/c Records. _____

Report		Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 103, Army Form A. 26, or other official documents
Date	From whom received	
		Embarked ...
		Disembarked ...
<u>11.3.16</u>	<u>2nd Bn O.I.R.</u>	<u>Joined but posted to 10th Coy Reserve</u>
		<u>Reverting to rank of Lance</u>
<u>8.4.16</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>Promoted Sergeant</u>
<u>15.11.16</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>Date of above promotion</u>
<u>9.4.16</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>Embarked for France Alexandria</u>
		<u>for land over by battle</u>
<u>7.10.16</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>Killed in Action In the field</u>

G. H. G. 3rd Echelon, B.E.F.
B.A.A.G. (N.Z.)
A.M.C.2



(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment should be stated.
(b) Signaller, Shipping-Branch, &c.
009, W. 10012101, 1000,000, 116, P.P.Ltd. Form B.103/2
ESTABLISHED BY HISTORY SHEET. E4Y29/4/17 (P.T.O.)

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NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

ATTESTATION OF *Boys of the Reinforcements*

No. 8/3564 Name: BROWN Donald Lester Regiment or Unit Infantry

Questions to be put to the recruit before enlistment.

1. What is your name? 1. Donald Lester Brown
2. Where were you born? 2. Dunedin
3. Are you a British subject? 3. yes
4. What is the date of your birth?... .. 4. 23rd Feb 1890
5. What is your trade or calling? 5. Farmer
6. Are you an indentured apprentice? If so, where, and to whom? 6. no
7. What was the address at which you last resided? ... 7. Isara
8. Have you passed the Fourth Educational Standard or its equivalent? 8. yes
9. What is the name and address of your present or last employer? 9. Self
10. Are you married? 10. No
11. Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment by the Civil power? If so, when and where? 11. No
12. Do you now belong to any military or naval force? If so, to what corps? 12. No
13. Have you ever served in any military or naval force? If so, state which and cause of discharge. 13. 10th (M.G) Regt
14. Have you truly stated the whole (if any) of your previous service? 14. yes
15. Have you been registered for compulsory military training under the Defence Act, 1909? If so, where? 15. yes Isara
16. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the military or naval forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds? 16. no
17. Are you willing to be vaccinated or revaccinated? ... 17. yes
18. Are you willing to serve in the Expeditionary Force in or beyond the Dominion of New Zealand under the following conditions, provided your services should so long be required: For the term of the present European war and for such further period as is necessary to bring the Expeditionary Force back to New Zealand and to disband it? 18. yes

Note.—Your discharge will not be granted before your return to New Zealand unless permission for discharge elsewhere be obtained from the G.O.C. the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

I, Donald Lester Brown, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagement made.

Signature of Recruit: Donald Lester Brown
Signature of Witness: J. Anderson SM

Oath to be taken by recruit on attestation.

I, Donald Lester Brown, do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, and that I will faithfully serve in the New Zealand Military Forces, according to my liability under the Defence Act, and that I will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and of the Generals and Officers set over me, until I shall be lawfully discharged. So help me, God.

Certificate of Magistrate or Attesting Officer.

The above questions were read to the above-named recruit in my presence. I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at Trentham, N.Z., on this 20th day of October, 1915.

Signature of Attesting Officer: C. P. W. Lewis

MEDICAL HISTORY

OF

Surname: Brown Christian Name: Ronald Forester

Examined: On <u>1st</u> day of <u>Sept</u> , 191 <u>5</u>	Approved by _____
At _____	_____
Birthplace: Town, <u>Dunedin</u>	Medical Officer, <u>Gas W. Hutton</u>
Country, <u>N.Z.</u>	_____
Declared age: <u>25 years</u>	Examined for re-engagement: _____
Trade or occupation: <u>Farmer</u>	_____ day of _____, 191 <u>5</u>
Height: <u>5</u> ft., <u>7</u> in.	* Considered: _____
Weight: <u>168</u> lb.	_____
Chest-measurement: Minimum, <u>39</u> in.	Medical Officer, _____
Maximum expansion, <u>42 1/2</u> in.	* If unfit, state disability. _____
Physical development: _____	_____
Small-pox marks: _____	Re-vaccinated on _____ day of _____, 191 <u>5</u>
Vaccination marks: Right _____ Left _____	Arm: _____ Number: _____
When vaccinated: _____	Result: _____
Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease: _____	_____
_____	Medical Officer, _____

Enlisted on 19th day of Oct, 1915, at Inverhampton

	Corps.	Regimental No.	Date.
Joined on enlistment	<u>Boy 9th Reins</u>	<u>8/3504</u>	<u>19/10/15</u>
Posted to	<u>2nd Battalion O.I.R.</u>		<u>7.3.16.</u>
Transferred to			

PROPOSED FOR DISCHARGE BY A MEDICAL BOARD.

Station.	Date.	Disease.	Result.

N.B.—This sheet to be disposed of in accordance with instructions in the Regulations for Army Medical Services on the man becoming non-effective, the date and cause being stated at the foot of next page.

Regiment or Corps.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Rank.	Dates.	Signature of Officer certifying Correctness of Entries.
<i>D. Coy. 9th Lancers</i>	<i>Posted Routine Orders 329.</i>	<i>Privt</i>	<i>22/10/15 19/10/15</i>	<i>D. Thomson Capt</i>
<i>10th Coy. 2nd Battalion</i>	<i>To be Ind. Battalion, posted & reverted to ranks</i>	<i>Sgt Pte</i>	<i>1⁴ 15.16 7.3.16</i>	<i>(201802 1/2) J.R. Richardson</i>
<i><u>"Victoria Cross"</u> Extract from Supplement to "The London Gazette" for 12th June 1917. N^o 30130. Page 5866.</i>				
<i>8/3504 Sgt Donald Forester Brown (late) Inf. Bn. N 3 E. F. - For most conspicuous bravery & determination in attack when the Coy to which he belonged suffered very heavy casualties in Officers & men from machine gun fire. At great personal risk this N.C.O. advanced with a comrade & succeeded in reaching a point within 30 yards of the enemy guns. Four of the gun crew were killed & the gun captured. The advance of the Coy was continued till it was again held up by machine gun fire.</i>				
<i>Killed in Action (7/8 1918)</i>		<i>Sgt</i>	<i>1.10.16</i>	<i>6 Sat.</i>
<i>Again Sgt Brown & his comrade with great gallantry pushed the gun & killed the crew. After this second position had been won, the Coy came under very heavy shell fire, & the utter contempt for danger & coolness under fire of this N.C.O. did much to keep up the spirit of his men. On a subsequent occasion in attack, Sgt Brown showed most conspicuous gallantry. He attacked singlehanded a machine gun which was holding up the attack, killed the gun crew & captured the gun. Later whilst sniping the retreating enemy, this very gallant soldier was killed.</i>				

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NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

ATTESTATION OF

No. 8/3504 Name: BROWN N. Donald Forrester Regiment or Unit: 4th Infantry

Questions to be put to the recruit before enlistment.

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1. What is your name? ... | 1. <u>Donald Forrester Brown</u> |
| 2. Where were you born? ... | 2. <u>Dunedin</u> |
| 3. Are you a British subject? ... | 3. <u>Yes</u> |
| 4. What is the date of your birth? ... | 4. <u>23rd Feb 1890</u> |
| 5. What is your trade or calling? ... | 5. <u>Farmer</u> |
| 6. Are you an indentured apprentice? If so, where, and to whom? | 6. <u>No</u> |
| 7. What was the address at which you last resided? ... | 7. <u>Totara</u> |
| 8. Have you passed the Fourth Educational Standard or its equivalent? | 8. <u>Yes</u> |
| 9. What is the name and address of your present or last employer? | 9. <u>Self</u> |
| 10. Are you married? ... | 10. <u>No</u> |
| 11. Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment by the Civil power? If so, when and where? | 11. <u>No</u> |
| 12. Do you now belong to any military or naval force? If so, to what corps? | 12. <u>No</u> |
| 13. Have you ever served in any military or naval force? If so, state which and cause of discharge. | 13. <u>10th (M.D) Regt</u> |
| 14. Have you truly stated the whole (if any) of your previous service? | 14. <u>Yes</u> |
| 15. Have you been registered for compulsory military training under the Defence Act, 1909? If so, where? | 15. <u>Yes Totara</u> |
| 16. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the military or naval forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds? | 16. <u>No</u> |
| 17. Are you willing to be vaccinated or revaccinated? ... | 17. <u>Yes</u> |
| 18. Are you willing to serve in the Expeditionary Force in or beyond the Dominion of New Zealand under the following conditions, provided your services should so long be required: For the term of the present European war and for such further period as is necessary to bring the Expeditionary Force back to New Zealand and to disband it? | 18. <u>Yes</u> |

Note.—Your discharge will not be granted before your return to New Zealand unless permission for discharge elsewhere be obtained from the G.O.C. the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

I, Donald Forrester Brown, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true; and that I am willing to fulfil the engagement made.

Signature of Recruit: Donald Forrester Brown

Signature of Witness: J. H. Anderson SM

Oath to be taken by recruit on attestation.

I, Donald Forrester Brown, do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, and that I will faithfully serve in the New Zealand Military Forces, according to my liability under the Defence Act, and that I will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and of the Generals and Officers set over me, until I shall be lawfully discharged. So help me, God.

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The above questions were read to the above-named recruit in my presence. I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at Trentham, N.Z., on this 20th day of October, 1915

Signature of Attesting Officer: C. P. Wooley Lieut

If any alteration is required on this page of the Attestation, the Attesting Officer should be requested to make it and initial the alteration.

9th REINFORCEMENTS
NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

[Form No. 1.]

PERSONAL RECORD of
(Surname)

Registration No. 8/3504

(Christian name)

Brown V.C. Ronald Forrester Private

REGIMENT: 2nd Coy 9th Rei

GROUP: _____ NUMBER: _____

1st NZEF	Army No <u>8/3504</u>
2nd NZEF	
MEDAL ACTION RP <u>COMPLETE.</u>	
SUBSEQUENT PAPERS	

PREVIOUS PAPERS

DECEASED

SERVICE CARD PREPARED

NOTE.
The E.F. 3a History-sheet, containing particulars of casualties, promotions, reversions, &c., is not attached to this file.
History-sheet is filed in Base Records Office, and particulars of contents will be supplied on application, if required.

(Kau)
974 R. Brown
Pulchra
James St.
Oman

DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE

(B. R. - 220.)

Surname: Brown ^{V. L.} _(Christian name) Donald Ernest Rank on discharge: Pgt Highest rank held: 1 Sgt Reg. No. 8/3504
 Address: _____ Highest rank held in theatre of war: Pgt
 Rank shown on discharge certificate: _____

Causality or reason for discharge: Killed in Action Country resident in: 23
Creepore In the case of death, country next of kin are resident in.
 Name and address: Robert Brown, 24 Baker & Brown Brothers, Danang

Nominated next-of-kin, relationship, and address: Mr R. Brown (F) The Polytechnic, Thames St, Danang

Legal next-of-kin, relationship, and address: Robert Brown Polytechnic Thames Street Danang (Father)
[5,000/7/20-1003]

Decorations: Medals for Gallantry.	Authority.	Service Medals.	Date Medal issued.	Service Chevrons.	Wound Stripes.
<u>Victoria Cross</u>	<u>2028 2037 Dan</u> <u>15/6/17</u>	<u>British War Medal ..</u>		<u>Red.</u>	
		<u>Victory Medal ..</u>		<u>Blue.</u>	



Certificates of Service Issued.	No.	Date.	MENTION IN DESPATCHES.	
			London Gazette.	No. Date.

New Zealand	Embarked on Active Service, N.Z.	Disembarked on Active Service in N.Z.	Samoa.	Egypt (up to 28/3/16).	E.E.F. (from 1/3/16).	England.	Embarked from England.	Gallipoli.	Mudros, Lemnos, &c.	Salonika.	France and Belgium.	Mesopotamia.	Germany.	Service ranks as	Days.
<u>1910 15</u>	<u>21/16</u>			<u>1916</u>	<u>1916</u>						<u>1916</u> <u>1916</u>				

Service in N.Z. prior to entering camp: _____ days. N.Z. service: 81 days. Total N.Z.E.F. service: _____ years, 348 days.
 Overseas: 267 days.

8/3504 SGT D.F. BROWN

FORRESTER

8/3504 Donald Forrester Brown was born at Dunedin, New Zealand, on 23 February 1890. He enlisted for service on 19 October 1915 and embarked for Egypt with 9th Reinforcements on 8 January 1916.

On arrival in Egypt in March he was posted to 2nd Battalion, Otago Infantry Regiment, and promoted Sergeant prior to embarking for France in April.

He began active service at Armentieres, France, and his unit was engaged in the Battle of the Somme when he was awarded the Victoria Cross for gallantry in action at High Wood on 15 September 1916. Following a further act of gallantry at Kaucourt l'Abbaye on 1 October 1916, details of which are included in his VC citation, Sgt Brown was killed in action.

Prior to enlistment Sgt Brown was a farmer on his own account in the Totara district near Oamaru. He was unmarried and his Victoria Cross was presented to his father, Mr Robert Brown, at Oamaru, by the Earl of Liverpool, Governor General, on 30 August 1917. His other medals were sent to his brothers, R. Brown and C.C. Brown, Oamaru, who were executors of his estate.

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see also 248/6/6

BRING UP
ON _____
TO _____
INITIALS _____
FILED _____
DATE 11/6
INITIALS <i>ma</i>

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Remarks.

Fit? Do
Previous illness Do

Certificate of Medical Examination.

I have examined the above-named, and find he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

I consider him fit for service in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, provided with a receipt

Sept 1st, 1915

Jas Whitton, Medical Officer.

MILITARY HISTORY SHEET.

No. *8/3504* Name: *Brown Donald Forrester*

	Country.	From	To	Years.	Days.	Initials of Officer making Entry.
1. Service record ...	<i>N.Z.</i>	<i>19/11/15</i>				<i>cd W 71</i>
2. Certificates ...	<i>any other ...</i>					
3. Passed classes of instruction! <small>(This includes any authorised class of instruction.)</small>						
4. Active service ...						
5. Wounded ...						
6. Effects of wounds ...						
7. Special instances of gallant or meritorious conduct	<i>Killed in Action 1. 10. 16.</i>					
	<i>V.C. - particulars on opposite page</i>					
8. Medals and decorations	Name of Medal.	Class.	Date of Grant.			
9. Injuries in or by the Service						
10. Name and address of next-of-kin	<i>(Father) Mr B Brown Polytechnic Thames St Cambridge</i>					
11. Particulars as to Marriage.	(a.) Christian and Surname of Woman to whom married, and whether Spinster or Widow. (b.) Place and Date of Marriage. (c.) Name of Officiating Minister or Registrar.					
	(a.)	(b.)	(c.)			
12. Particulars as to Children.	Christian Names.		Date and Place of Birth.		Where registered.	

NOTE.—These entries are to be made from time to time as they occur, and initialled by the officer making the entry.

Intended place of residence on discharge: *New Zealand*