

Brillant, Jean (John)



MILITIA SERVICE

MES



November 9th, 1938.

RECORD OF SERVICE

CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Lieut. John Brilliant, V.C., M.C.

1. Date and place of birth:- 15-3-90, Assametquaghan, P.Q.
2. Appointed Lieutenant, 189th Battalion, C.E.F., at Fraserville, P.Q., 11-1-16.
3. Embarked for England with the 189th Battalion, 23-9-16.
4. Transferred to the 69th Battalion, 6-10-16.
5. Proceeded to France and taken on strength 22nd Battalion 27-10-16. Joined 22nd Battalion in the field, 2-11-16.
6. Reported from General Headquarters, wounded, remaining at duty, 28-5-18.
7. Reported from Base, Died of wounds, 10-8-18.
8. HONOURS and AWARDS.

VICTORIA CROSS. For most conspicuous bravery and outstanding devotion to duty when in charge of a company which he led in attack during two days with absolute fearlessness and extraordinary ability and initiative, the extent of the advance being twelve miles.

On the first day of operations shortly after the attack had begun, his company left flank was held up by an enemy machine gun. Lieut. Brilliant rushed and captured the machine gun, personally killing two of the enemy crew. Whilst doing this, he was wounded, but refused to leave his command. Later on the same day, his company was held up by heavy machine gun fire. He reconnoitred the ground personally, organised a party of two platoons and rushed straight for the machine gun next. Here 150 enemy and fifteen machine gun were captured. Lieut. Brilliant personally killing five of the enemy, and being wounded a second time. He had this wound dressed immediately, and again refused to leave his Company.

Subsequently this gallant Officer detected a field gun firing on his men over open sights. He immediately organised and led a "rushing" party towards the gun. After progressing about 600 yards, he was again seriously wounded. In spite of this third wound, he continued to advance for some 200 yards more, when he fell unconscious from exhaustion and the loss of blood. Lieut. Brilliant's wonderful example throughout the day inspired his men with an enthusiasm and dash which largely contributed towards the success of the operations. (Auth. L.G.30922 d/27-9-18).  
Place - E. of Meharicourt, France, 8/9-8-18.

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8. Honours and Awards, continued.

MILITARY CROSS. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in volunerring for and leading a reading party against positions some 500 yards in front of a line. Seeing some of the enemy running away, he pursued them, and although wounded himself personally accounted for several, and driving one into our barrage, thereby obtained valuable information. By previous reconnaissances under difficult and highly dangerous conditions, he largely contributed to the success of the raid. (Auth. L.G. 30901 d/16-9-18).

CERTIFIED CORRECT  
FROM RECORDS.

(W.E.L. Coleman), Major,  
Officer i/c Records,  
for Adjutant-General.

**MEDICAL HISTORY SHEET**

ORIGINAL

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Surname Grillant Christian Name John

Examined { on 20 day of Sept 1916  
 at Galestin

Approved by [Signature]

Birthplace { City or Town Assambygnachon  
 County Bohement

Rank Capt M.O.

Apparent age 24

Trade or occupation Telegraphist

Date	Fit or Unfit	EXAMINED FOR RE-ENGAGEMENT
		M.O.
		M.O.
		M.O.
		M.O.
		M.O.
		M.O.
		M.O.

Height 5 feet 10 Inches

Weight 165 lbs.

Chest measurement { Minimum 34 inches  
 Maximum expansion 38 inches

Physical development Good

Small-pox Marks nil

Vaccination Marks { Arm Right Left  
 Number 2

Date	Result	VACCINATIONS
<u>20/9/16</u>		<u>[Signature]</u> M.O.
		M.O.
		M.O.

When Vaccinated last Childhood

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease nil

Date	Result	ANTI-TYPHOID INOCULATIONS, ETC.
<u>20/9/16</u>		<u>[Signature]</u> M.O.
		M.O.
		M.O.

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection nil

Enlisted on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1916 at \_\_\_\_\_

	CORPS	REG'TL NUMBER	HABITS	DATE
Joined on enlistment	<u>189<sup>th</sup> Bn. E.F.</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>		
Transferred to	<u>22<sup>nd</sup> Bn.</u>			

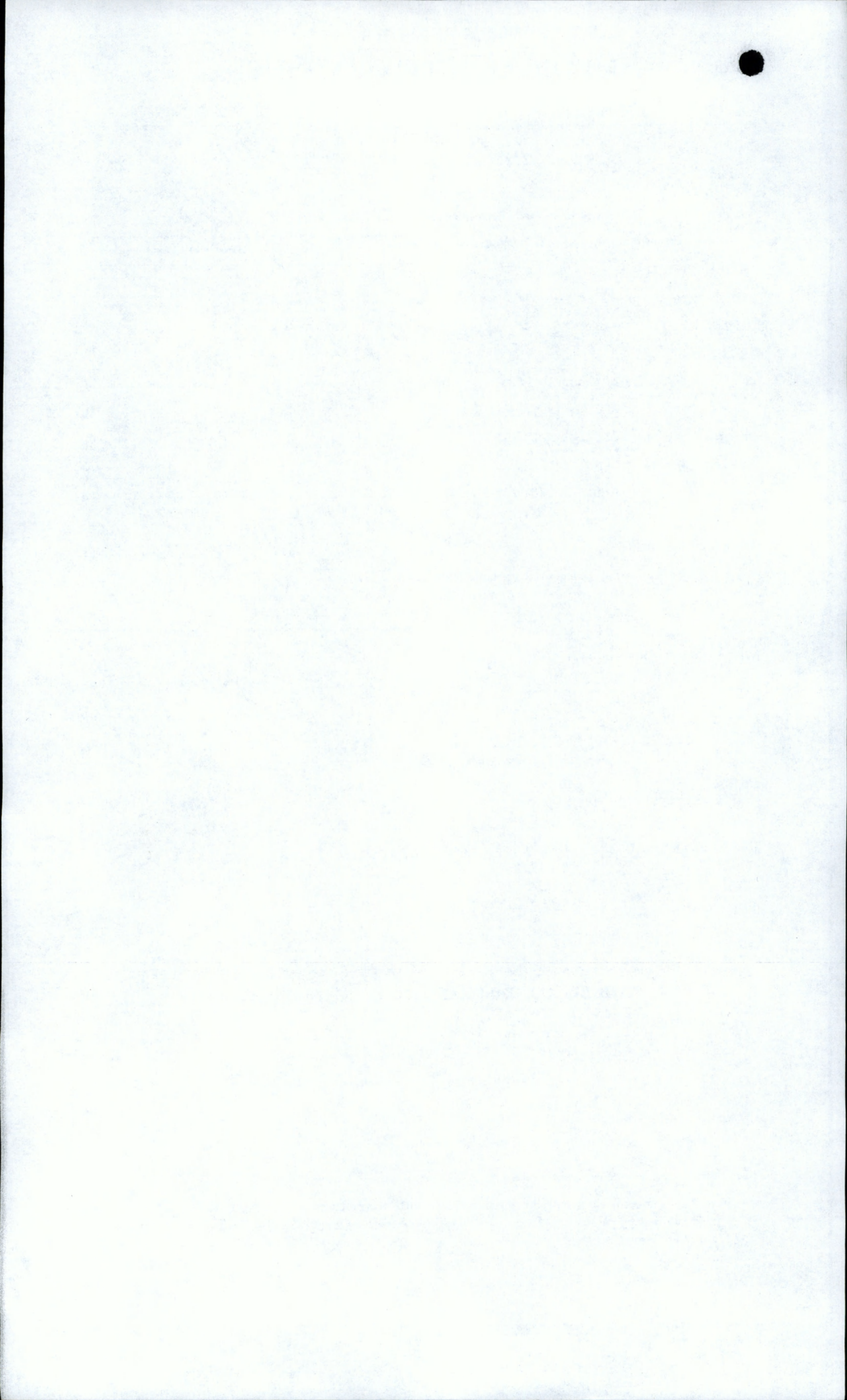


**EXAMINED OR DISCHARGED BY A MEDICAL BOARD**

STATION	DATE	DISEASE	RESULT

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

[Handwritten initials]









m. b. v. b.

NAME **Brilliant** John  
RANK AND CORPS **Lieut 22nd Bn.**

REG'T L NO.  
H. Q. FILE NO. 649.

FOLLOWS  
10789  
FOLLOWS

CABLE	
NO.	DATE
<i>No. 1</i>	
<i>511</i>	<i>31-5-18</i>
<i>996</i>	<i>28-6-18</i>
<i>789</i>	<i>14-8-18</i>
<i>1058</i>	<i>10-8-18</i>

NATURE OF CASUALTY  
 Joseph Brilliant (Father)  
 Bic Rimouski Co P.O.  
 Kept wdd sltly rem. at duty May 28th  
 D. of W. Aug 10th 1918  
 Joseph Brilliant (Father) Bic  
 Rimouski Co, P.Q.



Form R. 149.

Na **BRILLIANT**  
*J. John*  
 Unit **22nd Bn.**  
 Next of Kin **Leinader**

Rank

**LIEUT.**

*File Reg. No. 9 B 939*

*AA.B. 104-93*

**CL 787**

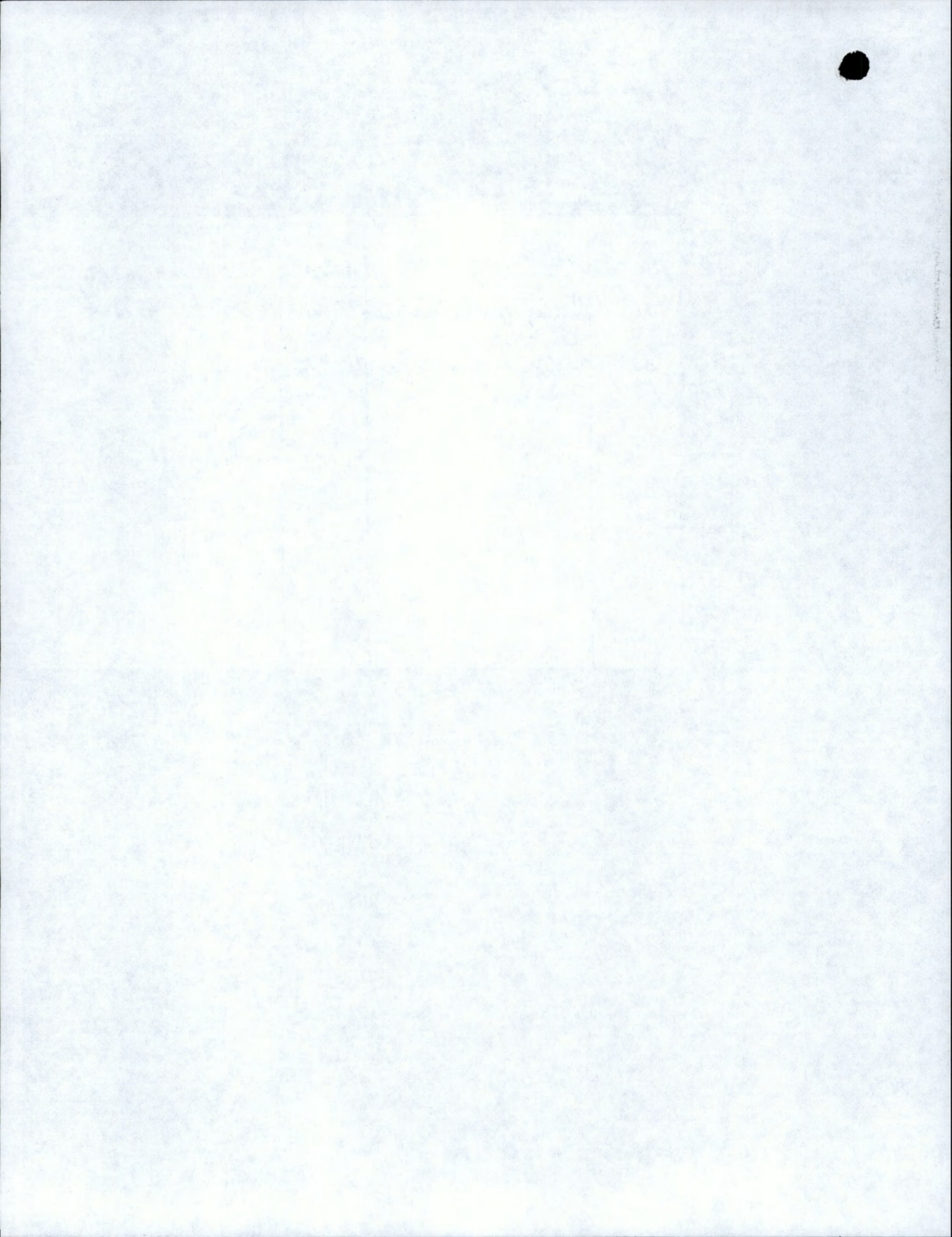
Date	Movement	Place	Casualty	List No.	Notified N/K O.	W.O. List
1918 10-8	Reported Base (KI 627) DIED OF WOUNDS.			1058	10789	10/8





LIST No.	HOSPITAL	DATE OF ADMISSION	REMARKS
431 <sup>117</sup>	Duchess of Westminster Le Saquet.	17-7-17	Orchitis V D G
433 <sup>21</sup>	5-1/2 Red Staples	18-7-17	V D G
48 <sup>72</sup>	Sent to Rose details	18-9-17	V D G





Unit 189th Bn. CEF. Rank Lieut Name JOHN BRILLANT

*card written*

# OFFICERS' DECLARATION PAPER

## CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE



### QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY OFFICER

(ANSWERS)

**BRILLANT**

1. (a) What is your Surname? .....

**JOHN**

(b) What are your Christian Names? .....

**Assametquaghan, P.Q.**

2. (a) Where were you born? (State place and country) .....

**Bic, Co. Rimouski, Que. Canada**

(b) What is your present address? .....

**15th March 1890**

3. What is the date of your birth? .....

**Josrph Brilliant**

4. What is (a) the name of your next-of-kin? .....

**Bic, Co. Rimouski Que. Canada**

(b) the address of your next-of-kin? .....

**My father**

(c) the relationship of your next-of-kin? .....

**Telegraph Operator**

5. What is your profession or occupation? .....

**Roman Catholic**

6. What is your religion? .....

**Yes**

7. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? .....

**89th Regt.**

8. To what Unit of the Active Militia do you belong? .....

**13 years with the 89th Regt.**

9. State particulars of any former Military Service .....

10. Are you willing to serve in the

**CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? .....**

**Yes**

The undersigned hereby declares that the above answers made by him to the above questions are true.

*John Brilliant*  
Lt. (Signature of Officer.)

### CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

I have examined the above-named Officer in accordance with the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

I consider him\* fit for the CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

Date 20 Sept 1916

Place Valcartier Camp

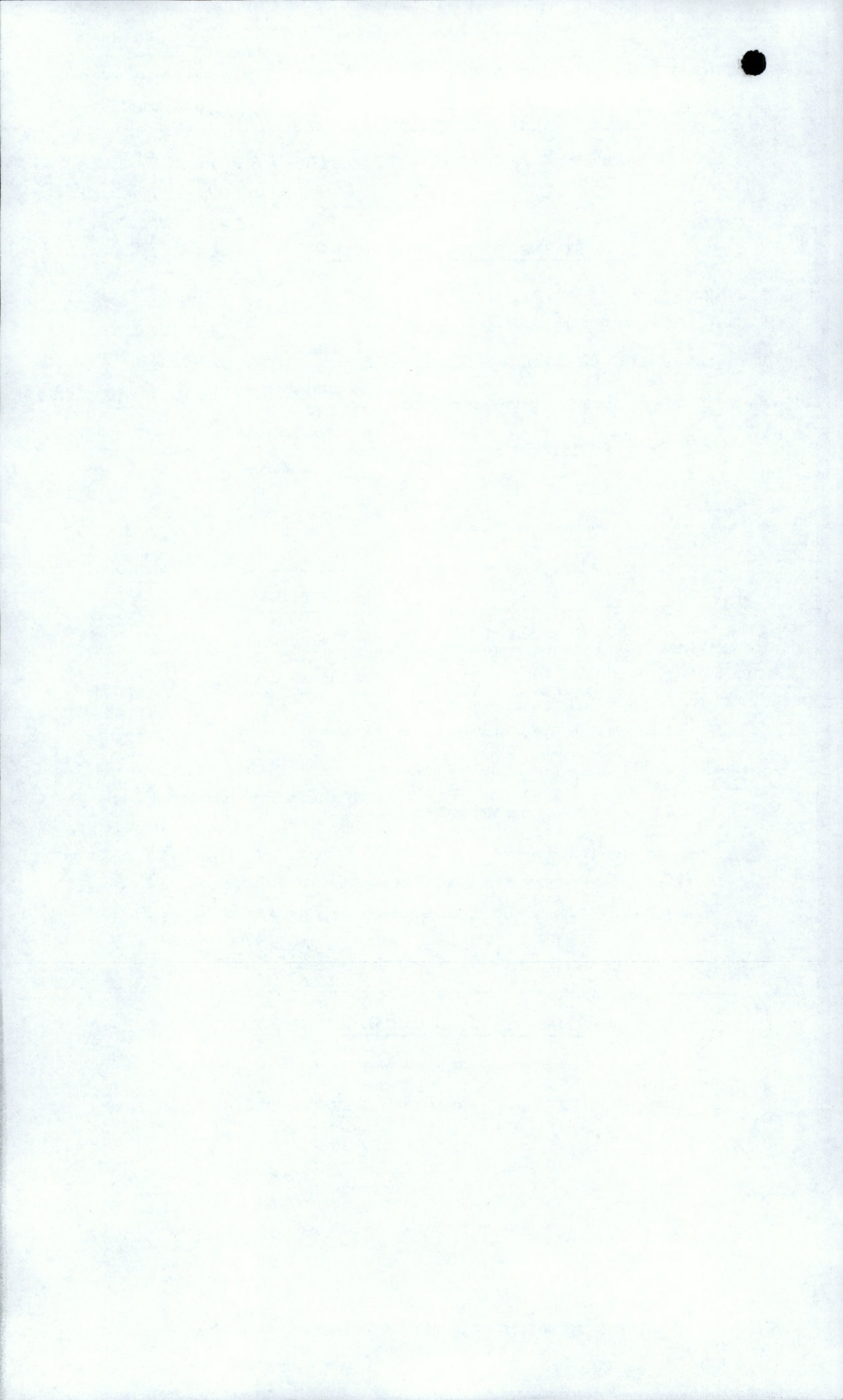
*W. J. ...*  
Medical Officer.

\*Insert here "fit" or "unfit".

M. F. W. 51

40m.-12-15.  
H. Q. 1772-39-917.

*Nov 5*



Date	From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents.
16.9.18	W.O.	Awarded the Military Cross.			No. 30901.
27.9.18	"	Awarded the Victoria Cross.			No. 30912.

*McNaughton*  
CAPT  
FOR ADJUT MIL REG. GN







VERIFIED CORRECT  
3 - NOV. 1916  
CANADIAN RECORD OFFICE

Fill in only.—Unit, Number, Rank and Name.

M. F. W. 54. (A. F. B. 103.)  
350M.—5-16  
H. Q. 1772-39-920.

# Casualty Form—Active Service.

Unit, Regiment or Corps.....

Regimental No..... Rank *Lieut* Name *Brillant John*

Enlisted (a) *11-1-16* Terms of Service (a) *D. of W.* Service reckons from (a) *11-1-16*

Date of promotion to present rank } Date of appointment to lance rank } Numerical position on roll of N. C. Os. }

Extended *I* Re-engaged..... Qualification (b) *Telegraphist*

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				

8-10-16	B.O. 3796	Embarked Canada Disembarked England Transferred to 69 Bn	Canada England Wibgate Camp	27-9-16 6-10-16 6-10-16	DP 11-0-248 <i>J. P. ...</i> <i>Inf. Adj. 189 Bn</i>
26-10-16	O.C. 69 Bn	Transferred from the 69th French Canadian Batt. to the 22nd French Canadian Batt. on the 26-10-1916 Auth. O.C. 69 Bn, Wibgate Camp	Wibgate Camp	26-10-16	DP 11-0-262 <i>... Lieut</i> <i>Asst Adj 69 Bn C. 27</i>

20 - 10/16	War Off.	Reinf. from Eng.	France	28. 10/16	121 Drafts 3481 (alg 4a) Pr. F. O. 52-8-11-16-
31 - 10/16	CRSD	Left CRSD to 2nd C. E. Bn	France	31 10/16	NR.
2 11/16	2nd C. E. Bn	Joined 2nd C. E. Bn	"	2 11/16	NR.
2 11/16	OC Bn	Left " " to Unit	"	2 11/16	NR.
3 11/16	OC Bn	Joined Unit	"	2 11/16	B213

(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 will be entered.  
(b) e.g. Signaller, Shoelace Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

200-15 11/16





# Lieut J. Brilliant.

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
15-12-16	Old Bn.	To Div'l School for Lewis Gun Course	Field	10-12-16	B 213.
24 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>17</sub>	do	In Course at 1st Army Signal course.	Field	18 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>17</sub>	B 213 & O. C. 5 <sup>th</sup> Can. T. Badge - B. M. L. 113. 17-2-17. O. C. 229 of 5 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>17</sub> O. C. 240 of 2 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>17</sub>
24 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>17</sub>	22 <sup>nd</sup> Bn	Rejoined Unit from course	Field	20 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>17</sub>	B 213.
30 <sup>6</sup> / <sub>17</sub>	do	1st Army Test Camp	do	20 <sup>6</sup> / <sub>17</sub>	78158
21 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>17</sub>	do	Sick	do not stated	15 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>17</sub>	B 213.
21 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>17</sub>	16.6.1.	Orchitis (1)	Adm. 16.6.1.	15-7-17	} A 36. O. C. 274.
18 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>17</sub>	51 Genl	V. D. G.	Adm. 51 Genl.	17-7-17	
17 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>17</sub>	1 Red Cross	Orchitis V. D. G.	Adm. 1 Red Cross.	17-7-17	do W 5474.
18 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>17</sub>	do	do	do 51 Genl.	18-7-17	do W 5704.
19-9-17.	26. J. B. Dep	Arrived from Hospital	26. J. B. Dep.	19-9-17	n Rail.
8-10-17.	do	Leaving no. 2 c 2 sep.	not stated	8-10-17	n Rail/102.
9-10-17.	Can. Camp	arrived Can. Corps Kempts Camp.	Field	9-10-17	non Rail/11
25-11-17	do	Still with Can. Corps. Kempts Camp.		25-11-17	non Rail/2.
3-12-17.	do	Despatched to 22 <sup>nd</sup> Bn.	Field	3-12-17.	N. Rail/61.
8-12-17	22 <sup>nd</sup> Bn.	Rejoined Unit	do	8-12-17	B 213



SURNAME. *Brillant*

*M.C.* *award (auth. L.L. #30901)*  
*8/16/9/18*

CARD NO. *127*

CHRISTIAN NAMES *John*

*"Victoria Cross"*  
FOLL. *auth. L.L. 30922*

REGL. NO.

RANK *Lieut.*

*27-9-1*

UNIT *189<sup>th</sup>*

*Br*

FORMER CORPS *89<sup>th</sup> Regt. (13 yrs.)*

NEXT OF KIN.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAMES IN FULL *Brillant, Joseph.*

RELATIONSHIP TO SOLDIER *Father.*

ADDRESS *131c, Rimouski Co., P.Q.*



COUNTRY OF BIRTH *Assametquaghan, P.Q.*

DATE *Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> 1890.*

PLACE OF ATTESTATION

DATE

*Signed per S. H. Lepland*

L. L. 6915. M. & D. 6994.

M. F. W. 22. 100M.-8-16. H. Q. 1772-39-339.



MARRIED

SINGLE

WIDOWER

TRADE OR CALLING

*Telegraph Operator*

RELIGION

*Roman Catholic*

DESCRIPTION.

APPARENT AGE

YEARS

MONTHS

HEIGHT

FEET

INCHES

CHEST MEASUREMENT



INCHES

EXPANSION

INCHES

COMPLEXION

EYES

HAIR

DISTINGUISHING MARKS

MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

PLACE

*Valcartier Camp*

DATE

*Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> 1910*

*Present name*

*Bic. Rimouski, P. Q.*





Sheet No.                     

Regimental No.                     

**Casualty Form - Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps 22<sup>nd</sup> Cdn. Bn.

Rank Lieut. Surname Drillant Christian Name John

Religion                      Age on Enlistment                      years                      months

Enlisted (a) 11/1/16 Terms of Service (a) 3 yr war Service reckons from (a) 11/1/16

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

Extended {                      } Re-engaged {                      } Qualification (b) Telegraphist  
or Corps Trade and rate                     

Occupation                      Signature of Officer                     

CERTIFIED  
9-11-16

COPIED  
DO

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked ...			
		Disembarked			
12/1/18	22 <sup>nd</sup> Bn.	Proceeded to Cdn. Corps School, Penes.	Field	3/18.	B213
16-2-18	5 <sup>th</sup>	Rejoined Unit	Field	8-2-18	B213
30-5-18	do	WOUNDED AND REMAINS AT DUTY	Field	28-5-18	C 91.-K.I.17-1182 Part.II.O.55 of 1918
13-7-18	22 <sup>nd</sup> Bn.	Granted 7 days leave -	Paris	6-7-18	B213. P.II.O.69 of 1918
20-7-18	5 <sup>th</sup>	Rejoined from leave	Field	16-7-18	B213
10-8-18	48th C.C.S.	DIED OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION.	48th C.C.S.	10-8-18	A.13.-ref.K.A.T.15732 Pt.II.O.75 of 1918.
<p><u>Whogan</u> Major, for Lieut-Colonel, AA.G., Canadian Section, General Headquarters, 3rd Echelon.</p>					

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 will be entered.  
 (c) Signaller, Shoeing-Smith, &c.  
 W. 5527-M2093 1000m 7/17 (25686) C. P. & S., Ltd, Forms B.103 E/1555. (P.T.O.)



EXTRACTS FROM LONDON GAZETTE

REMARKS

Awarded Victoria Cross. 27-9-18  
L.G. # 30922.



Surname

John.

Rank

Lieut

Name and Address of Next-of-Kin

Father.

Joseph Brilliant.

Bic, Co., Rimouski. Quebec.

Canada.

27358  
do 1-3-17  
" 1-5-17  
" 1-7-17



M C

Promotion

Unit

189th Battn

Place of birth

Assametquaghan. Quebec.

Married (Yes or No)

Appointments

Date of leaving Canada 23.9.16 & 7.10.16

Date and Cause of Resignation

Report		Record of Promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service. The authority to be quoted in each case.	37A Place	Date	REMARKS Taken from Official Documents
Date	From whom received				
9-10-16	69th Bn	Taken on strength	69th Bn from	6-10-16	Part order 246.
26-10-16	"	Proceeded to 22 Bn		26-10-16	DO. 5650 CTR - A.F.S. 1-3-17
8-11-16	22nd Bn	Taken on strength.		28-10-16	Part order 262. 3-NOV. 1916
21-7-17	CRO	Adm. Duchess of Westminster Hosp. Le Traget		17-7-17	CL731. Archetis V & G
24-7-17	CRO	Adm. No 51 General Hosp. Etaples		18-7-17	CL753 " "
24-7-17	C.R.O	Discharged to base details		18-9-17	C. L. 787. " "
31.5.18	AMS.	Reported from GHQ "Wounded not Duty"		28.5.18	CL996
26-7-18	22nd Bn	Granted 7 days leave to Paris		6-7-18	Part of 69
13.8.18	AMS	Reported from Base "Died of Wounds"		10.8.18	CH1058
16-9-18	W.O	Awarded Military Cross			A.F.S. 104.93 2090 A. Part order 28/8/18 L. 93 30901. A.F.S. 188
24.9.18	W.O	Awarded Victoria Cross			L. 93 30922. 8 NOV. 1918
31-3-19	W	Service for which V.C. was awarded was performed at E. of Meharicourt on 7th Feb		8-9-8-18	LC 31259



BRILLANT, John, Lieut. (V.C., M.C.) 22nd Bn.



MEDALS & DECORATIONS

J. A. Brillant (Executor)  
Amqui, P.Q.

FEB 1 1921



PLAQUE & SCROLL

Joseph Brillant (Father)  
Rimouski, P.Q.

2-20-03

P34647

*Serial No 781855*

MAY 1 1922

CROSS OF SACRIFICE

Mrs. Rose de Lima R. Brillant (Mother)  
Rimouski, P.Q.

*782 C*

No. RANK Lieut. NAME Brillant John

T.O.S. UNIT Casualties C-E. 7.

M.D. 5'

PAID FROM	PAID TO	SIG. OR REC'T	PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS, DISCHARGES, ETC.	
			PARTICULARS	AUTHORITY
1916 Sept 4	1916 Sept 30	n.	189th Bn.	



Name: Brillant, John (M.C. L.G. 30907 16-9-18)

# Lieut.

Unit: 22nd Bn late Quebec Regt.

Awarded: "Victoria Cross"

Auth: L.G. # 30922. (28-10-18)







Theatre of War: E. of Meharicourt France

8/9-8-18. 27-9-18

Auth. L. G. 31259. 31-3-19.



FORM R. 149. 7106-250m-7/2/17. ✓

Name BRILLANT. Rank Lieut. ✓  
John. ✓  
Unit 22nd. Bn. ✓  
Next of Kin Canada. ✓

Reg. No.

Date	Movement	Place	Casualty	List No.	Notified N/K O.	W.O. List
17-7-17	Duc. Of. W. MNster. Hosp.	Le Touquet.				
		Orchitis. V.D.G.		731.		
18 7 17	51 Gen Hos	Staples		733.		
18 9 17	Desch to Base	Details		787		11-10-17
28 5 18	Rep C.A.Q.	1365				
	<u>Wounded at Duty.</u>					1/6/18



No.

RANK

Lieut

NAME

Brillant John

T. O. S.

UNIT

189th Battalion

M. D. 5

PAID FROM	PAID TO	SIG. OR REC'T	PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS, DISCHARGES, ETC.
			PARTICULARS
			AUTHORITY
1916	1916		
Feb 1	Feb 29	✓	PA
Mar		✓	
April		✓	
May		✓	
June		✓	
July		✓	
Aug		✓	
Sept		✓	



UNIT SAILED

SEP 23 1916



EXPEDITIONARY FORCE		MILITIA	
NAME	FILE NO.	C. E. F. UNIT	APPOINTED
Brilliant John	332-89-8	189 <sup>th</sup> Bn	16.2.16
V.C.M.C.			
RANK	RANK	C. O. M. F. TO C. E. F.	LEAVE
89 <sup>th</sup> Troop			
DATE	M. O. NO.	STRUCK OFF C. E. F.	DATE AND RANK
			23-9-16
EXPEDITIONARY FORCE	M. O. NO.	STRUCK OFF C. E. F.	ON SAILING
			54-14
DATE	M. O. NO.	STRUCK OFF C. E. F.	DATE AND RANK
			23-9-16
EXPEDITIONARY FORCE	M. O. NO.	STRUCK OFF C. E. F.	ON SAILING
			54-14



Victoria Cross, 19.27.9.18

R-113

SAILED 23 9 16 HQ 7 10 16

NAME	RANK	APPOINTMENT
Brilliant, John	Lieut.	
UNIT: - 189 <sup>th</sup> Bn		



Transferred to	Date	Authority	Transferred to (cont.)	Date	Authority
Gen Dist atd 69 <sup>th</sup> Res. Bn.	6-10-16	Apex No. 6013. @ T.D. Pn 0246 - 69 <sup>th</sup> Bn			
7 seas 22 <sup>nd</sup> Bn	26-10-16	Apex No. 5650. C.T.D. Pn 0262. 69 <sup>th</sup> Bn.			
2nd QUEBEC REGIMENT					
Died of Wounds	10.8.18	Cl. 1058			





at: Brillant. John V.O.

189 Br.

Died of Wounds.  
Killed in Action.

AO-1069

AO  
Bot 402986



CANADIAN FORCES  
RECORDS CENTRE  
PERS JACKET

