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STRALIAN MILITARY FORCES. ALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 5687 Name O'BRIEN, William, Joseph. Unit 15th, 25th Bn. Joined on 12. 7. 16 Enlisted 12. 6. 16.

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- 1. What is your Name? William, Joseph, O'BRIEN.
2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of TOOWOOMBA in the County of GLAN
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? Natural Born
4. What is your Age? 20 Years
5. What is your Trade or Calling? Milling engineer
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? Yes Defiance Milling COY TOOWOOMBA
7. Are you married? No
8. Who is your next of kin? Mrs Ellen, O'Brien (mother) Miltown, Neil Street Toowoomba QUEENSLAND
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incorrigible and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? No
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? 12 Months Vol. Cadets 3 Years Comp. Cadets 2 Years Machine Gun L.A.
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? No
14. For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother... Do you understand that no separation allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach eight shillings per day?
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? Yes

I, William, Joseph, O'BRIEN do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children.

Date 12/6/16

William Joseph O'Brien Signature of person enlisted.

* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age. † Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

The foregoing questions were read to the person enlisted 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 by him.

~~I have examined his naturalization papers and am of opinion that they are correct.~~

(This to be struck out except in the case of persons who are naturalized British Subjects.)

Date 12-6-16

H. W. Hall Capt.

Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

3, William Joseph O'Brien swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 12-6-16 until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

So HELP ME, GOD.

William J. O'Brien

Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Loonwomb in
the State of Queensland
this 12th day _____ of

June 1916, before me—

H. W. Hall Capt.

Signature of Attesting Officer.

*A person enlisting who objects to taking an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Act, and the above form must be amended accordingly. All amendments must be initialed by the Attesting Officer.

Army Form B. 103.

Regimental Number **5567**

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps **25th BATTALION A.I.F. D.F.F.**

Rank **Private** Surname **O'BRIEN**

Christian Name **William Joseph**

Age on Enlistment years months

Enlisted (a) **12/6/16** Terms of Service (a) **War & 4 months** service reckons from (a)

Date of promotion to present rank

Extended { } Re-engaged { } Date of appointment to lance rank

Occupation { } Qualification (b)

or Corps Trade and Rate

Signature of Officer

Date	Report From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service on Army Form B.215, Army Form A. 16, 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.215, or other official documents.
21/11/16	O.C. Troops	"CLAN MACGILLIVRA" embarked	Brisbane	7/9/16	
16/12/16	O/C 7th In Bn	Disembarked	Plymouth	2/11/16	
14/12/16	2nd Divl Base	Proceeded Overseas France	Rollestone	21/11/16	
16/12/16	Depot	"S.S. VICTORIA"	Folkstone	13/12/16	F.R. 2540
23/12/16	C/O 25th Bn	Admitted from England	France	14/12/16	A.X. 5299
28/4/17	do	Proceeded to join Unit	"	16/12/16	A.X. 5360
	do	Taken on strength	"	18/12/16	A.Q. 13519
	do	Wounded in action	"	23/4/17	D.O. 1177461 B.20/17
28/4/17	do	DIED OF WOUNDS (in the Field)		V.I. 336 4/5/17	D.O. 33/2507 B.20/17

ANZAC SECTION 3rd Echelon, GHQ, BEF
 (b) Signaller, Shoeing-Smith, &c.
 (Sgd) F. T. LUKIN Lieutenant
 Officer in Charge

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FIELD SERVICE 22997.

Army Form B. 2090A.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36, or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT OR CORPS 25th BATTALION A.I.F. B.E.F. Squadron, Troop, 15th Reinforcements,
Battery or Company

Regimental No. 5397 Rank Private

Surname O'BRIEN Christian Names William Joseph

Died { Date 23rd April 1917 Place France (In the Field).
Cause of Death Died of Wounds received in action.

Nature and Date of Report A.E.S. dated 28/4/17.

By whom made Commanding Officer 25th Battalion A.I.F.

* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Burial { Place Particulars not yet to hand, Date _____
By whom reported _____

State whether he leaves a Will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Will not received, (b) in Small Book (if at Base) _____
(c) as a separate document _____

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

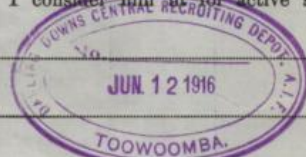
A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the Deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the Deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

ANZAC SECTION 3rd Echelon. G.H.Q. B.E.F.
Station and Date { 10th June 17 Signature of Officer in charge of Section [Signature] Lieutenant
Adjutant-General's Office at the Base { Officer i/c Records,

(1452) W5087/M 30 500,000 1916 JFW (E328) Form B2090A/2

I consider him fit for active service.

Date _____
Place TOOWOOMBA.



[Signature] Capt. A.A.M.C.
Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to 15th, 25th, Bn.

Date AUG 21 1918
Place BELLE + PADDOCK, BROCKENHURST.

Commanding [Signature]
15th 25th Bn.

D.577/4.15.-C.457.

Description of William Joseph O'Brien on Enlistment.

Age 20 years 5 months.
 Height 5 feet 9 inches.
 Weight 138 lbs.
 Chest Measurement 35 1/2 inches.
 Complexion Fresh
 Eyes Grey
 Hair Brown
 Religious Denomination R.C.

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Disc. R. D. 6
L. D. 6

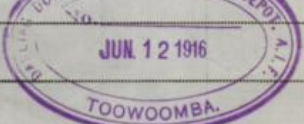
CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I HAVE examined the above-named person, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions, viz:—

Scrofula; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice, or hearing; hernia; hæmorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle; inveterate cutaneous disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with the letters D. or B.C.; contracted or deformed chest; abnormal curvature of spine; or any other disease or physical defect calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

He can see the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description. *WJ OB.*

I consider him fit for active service. *Wally 7/11*

Date JUN 12 1916
 Place TOOWOOMBA.


David How, Capt. A.A.M.C.
 Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to 10th, 20th, Bn.

Date AUG 21 1916
 Place BELLS + PADDOCK
GENGGARA.
D.377/4.15.—C.407.

Commanding *[Signature]*
10th 20th Bn.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 5687 Name O'BRYEN, William Joseph.
25th Bn 15th R Unit 16th 25th Bn.
Joined on 12. 7. 16 Enlisted 12.6.16

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. What is your Name? | 1. <u>William Joseph O'BRYEN.</u> |
| 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? | 2. In the Parish of _____ in or near the Town of <u>TOOWOOMBA</u> in the County of <u>GLAN</u> |
| 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) | 3. <u>Natural Born</u> |
| 4. What is your Age? | 4. <u>20 Years</u> |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? | 5. <u>Milling engineer</u> |
| 6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? | 6. <u>Yes Defence Milling COY TOOWOOMBA</u> |
| 7. Are you married? | 7. <u>No Father deceased</u> |
| 8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) | 8. <u>Mrs Ellen O'Brien (Widow)</u>
<u>"Miltown, Hill Street"</u>
<u>TOOWOOMBA, QUEENSLAND.</u> |
| 9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? | 9. <u>No</u> |
| 10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? | 10. <u>No</u> <u>War medals re to mother</u>
<u>Officer in Charge Records</u>
<u>7.9.21</u> |
| 11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge | 11. <u>12 Months Vol. Cadets</u>
<u>3 Years Comp. Cadets</u>
<u>2 Years Machine Gun L.A.</u> |
| 12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? | 12. <u>Yes</u> <u>hon: - T. P. O'Brien</u> |
| 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? | 13. <u>No</u> <u>to Queen's Milling Coy,</u>
<u>Toowoomba, Q.</u> |
| 14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mothers)—
Do you understand that no separation allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach eight shillings per day? | 14. <u>Yes</u> <u>of 12.7.11</u> |
| 15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? | 15. <u>Yes</u> |

I, William Joseph O'BRYEN do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.
And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife & children
Date 12/6/16 William Joseph O'Brien
Signature of person enlisted.

* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.
† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

The foregoing questions were read to the person enlisted 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 by him.

~~I have examined his naturalization papers and am of opinion that they are correct.~~

(This to be struck out except in the case of persons who are naturalized British Subjects.)

Date 12-6-16

H. W. Hall Capt.

Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

3, William Joseph O'Brien swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 12-6-16 until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

So HELP ME, GOD.

William J O'Brien

Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Loonowaka in
the State of Qland
this 12th day _____ of

June 1916, before me—

H. W. Hall Capt.

Signature of Attesting Officer.

*A person enlisting who objects to taking an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Act, and the above form must be amended accordingly. All amendments must be initialed by the Attesting Officer.

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Description of William Joseph O'Brien on Enlistment.

Age <u>20</u> years <u>—</u> months.	DISTINCTIVE MARKS. <u>Wm R.D.B</u> <u>L.D.B</u>
Height <u>5</u> feet <u>9</u> inches.	
Weight <u>138</u> lbs.	
Chest Measurement <u>35 1/2</u> inches.	
Complexion <u>Ma flesh</u>	
Eyes <u>Grey</u>	
Hair <u>Brown</u>	
Religious Denomination <u>R.C.</u>	

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

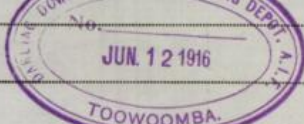
I HAVE examined the above-named person, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions, viz. :—

Scrofula; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice, or hearing; hernia; hæmorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle; inveterate cutaneous disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with the letters D. or B.C.; contracted or deformed chest; abnormal curvature of spine; or any other disease or physical defect calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

He can see the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description. W.J.O.B.

I consider him fit for active service. Dentally fit Wm 7/1/16

Date JUN 12 1916
Place TOOWOOMBA.



Davidson Capt. R.A.M.C.
Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to 16th. 20th. Bn.

Date BELL & PADDOCK
ENOGGERA
AUG 21 1916
Place _____

Commanding H. H. H. H.
18/120 Bn.

D.577/4.15.—C.497.

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Statement of Service of No. 5687 Name O'BRIEN William Joseph

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
11th. Depot Bn. Private		12.7.16	8.8.16	WTH Capt.
16th. 25th. Bn.		8.8.16		H. Ryan Lt.

I have examined the above details, and find them correct in every respect.

Army Form B. 103.

Regimental Number 5667

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 25th BATTALION A.I.F. B.E.F.

Rank Privates Surname O'BRIEN Christian Name William Joseph

Religion Age on Enlistment years months

Enlisted (a) 12/6/16 Terms of Service (a) War & 4 months service reckons from (a)

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

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

Occupation Signature of Officer.

Date	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.
	From whom received					
21/11/16	O.C. Troops		"CLAN MAGILLIVR" embarked ... Disembarked ...	Brisbane	7/9/16	
16/12/16	O/C 7th Tn Bn		Marched in	Plymouth	2/11/16	
14/12/16	2nd Divl Base		Proceeded Overseas France	Rollestone	21/11/16	
16/12/16	Depot		"S.S. VICTORIA"	Folkstone	13/12/16	F.R. 2540
23/12/16	O/O 25th Bn		Admitted from England	France	14/12/16	A.X. 3299
28/4/17	do		Proceeded to join Unit	"	16/12/16	A.X. 3300
			Taken on strength	"	18/12/16	A.O. 13519
			Wounded in action	"	22/4/17	D.O. 117/7461 B.20/17
28/4/17	do		DIED OF WOUNDS (in the Field)		V.L.	D.O. 33/2507 336 4/5/17
					23/4/17	B.20/17
					V.L.	D.O. 33/2533 336 5/5/17

ANZAC SECTION 3rd Echelon. GHQ. BEF

J. J. ... Lieutenant

(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 to be stated.
(b) Signaller, Shooting-Smith, &c.

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Date	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.
	From whom received				

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CASUALTY FORM - ACTIVE SERVICE.

Regiment or Corps *15th Reinforcement to 25th Battalion*
 Regimental No. *5687* Rank *Private* Name *O'BRIEN William Joseph*
 Enlisted (a) *12-1-16* Terms of Service (a) Service reckons from (a) _____
 Date of Promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to lance rank _____
 Re-engaged _____ Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.'s _____
 Extended _____ Qualification (b) _____
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Date.	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.	Date.	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
	From whom Received.	Re-engaged				
		O.C. Troops. "Clan MacGillivray" (Disembkd.)	(Embarked.)	Brisbane. Plymouth.	7/9/16. 2/11/16.	✓
<i>14.12.16</i>	<i>O.C. 4th Long Bn</i>	<i>Embarked in</i>		<i>Rollstone</i>	<i>21.11.16</i>	✓
	<i>O.C. 4th Long Bn</i>	<i>Proceeded across France & Victoria</i>		<i>Tollerton</i>	<i>13-12-16</i>	<i>4.A. 2540</i>
<i>14.12.16</i>	<i>Ind. Dep</i>	ADMITTED FROM ENGLAND.		<i>Caple</i>	<i>14/12/16</i>	<i>AX 3299</i>
<i>16/12/16</i>	<i>do</i>	PROCEEDED TO JOIN UNIT		<i>do</i>	<i>16/12/16</i>	<i>AX 3300</i>
<i>20/12/16</i>	<i>B213</i>	TAKEN ON STRENGTH		<i>Trace</i>	<i>18/12/16</i>	<i>AC/3519 D.D. 117/7461</i>
<i>25-4-17</i>	"	WOUNDED IN ACTION		"	<i>22-4-17</i>	<i>180 33/2507 VL 232 4/577</i>
<i>25-4-17</i>	"	<i>Died of wounds (in the field)</i>		"	<i>23-4-17</i>	<i>180 33/2533 VL 232 5/577</i>
Original copy forwarded to AIF HQTTs London & Defence Melbourne						
ANZAC SECTION 3rd Echelon. GHQ. BEF						

W.J.D.
 Lieutenant
 Officer i/c Records,

(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, Shoeing Smith, &c., &c., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Receipt for Consignment from Defence Department.

I hereby acknowledge having received from the Officer in Charge of Base Records the undermentioned (1) Package , being the effects of the late No. 5687 Private W. J. O'Brien 25th Battalion consigned to me. ex "Marathon"

No. 1 Description, package

Signature *E. O.'Brien*

Date *5-2-18*

NOTE.—This Receipt should be Posted to—

The Officer in Charge,
Base Records,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne, Victoria.



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RECEIPT FOR VICTORY MEDAL.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Army Headquarters, one Victory Medal in connexion with the late

No. 5687. Pte. W.J. O'BRIEN, 25th Btn.

Signature

Ellen O'Brien

Date 3. 4. 1923

This slip to be returned to the Officer in Charge, Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, Victoria, within seven (7) days.

D.3049/4.22—C.5123.

National Archives of Australia

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RECEIPT FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Army Head-quarters,
one Memorial Plaque in connexion with the late

No. 5687 Pte. W.J. O'Brien,

25th Battalion.



Signature

Ellen O'Brien

Date

26. 8. 1922

This slip to be returned to the Officer in Charge, Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, Victoria,
within seven (7) days.

D. 8036/1.22.—C.1024.—5W.

FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090A.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36, or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT OR CORPS } 25th BATTALION A.I.F. B.E.F. Squadron, Troop, 15th Reinforcements,
Battery or Company)

Regimental No. 5687 Rank Private

Surname O'BRIEN Christian Names William Joseph

Date 23rd April 1917 Place France (In the Field).

Died { Cause of Death Died of Wounds received in action.

Nature and Date of Report A.F.B.213 dated 28/4/17.

By whom made Commanding Officer 25th Battalion A.I.F.

* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Place Particulars not yet to hand, Date _____

Burial { By whom reported _____

State whether he leaves (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Will not (b) in Small Book (if at Base) _____

a Will or not (c) as a separate document _____

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the Deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the Deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

AWZAC SECTION 3rd Echelon, G.H.Q. BEF

Station and Date 10th June 17 Signature of Officer in charge of Section W. J. O'Brien Lieutenant
Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } OFFICER i/c RECORDS,

(1452) W5587/1.30 500,000 10/16 JFW (E328) Form B2090A/2

DLT

No. 5687.

Private William Joseph O'Brien,
25th Battalion,

Australian Imperial Force.

wounds received in action,

(No record available) 23rd April, 17.

Cable No. C.I.B.I.

1364, from the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, dated London,
9th May, 1917, confirmed by Mail from the Commandant, A.I.F. .
Headquarters, dated London, 14th May, 1917.

18th October, 17. Major.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

KIT STORE.



ADVANCE AUSTRALIA

110, GREYHOUND ROAD,

FULHAM, LONDON,

W. 6.

Telephone:—HAMMERSMITH 1899.

Inventory of Effects of—The late 5337 Pte. O'Brien, W. J., 25th Batt., A.I.F.:

Forwarded to— (Mother),

Mrs. E. O'Brien,
Miltown,

Neil Street,
Toowoomba,
Queensland.

MARATHON

Effects:—

Ex. /3rd Echelon }
No. 11207 }

Wallet, Misc, Money, Key, Nail-clippers,
2 Devotional books, Purse, 5 Coins, Letters,
Photos, Handkerchief.

Ex. Kit Store.)

Letters, Card, Book, Dictionary, Prayer book,
3 Brushes, Drinking cup, Safety razor & strop
in case, Needles, Belt, Kit bag handle, Badge,
Palaeolava.

No. of Package D/S. 15361

National Archives of Australia

Checked by

NAA: B2455, O'BRIEN WILLIAM JOSEPH

xxx 4780

29 MAR 1933

JHE.

S.C.I.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your communication of 20.3.1933, I have to advise you of the despatch this day, under separate cover, of two copies of Vault Australian Field Ambulance Cemetery Register containing the particulars of the late No. 5687 Private W.J. O'BRIEN, 25th. Battalion, which I trust come safely to hand.

It is noted from your remarks that Mrs. Ellen O'Brien, the late soldier's Mother, is now also deceased, and your name and address as hereunder have accordingly been added to the records as that of next-of-kin.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. T.P. O'Brien
Defiance Milling Co.,
TOOWOOMBA,
QUEENSLAND.

Officer i/c Base Records.

AWARDED—
GOLD MEDAL FRANCO-BRITISH EXHIBITION 1901
FIRST PRIZE AND GOLD MEDAL
QUEENSLAND JUBILEE EXHIBITION 1909
MEDAL BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION 1924

TELEPHONES NO. 103, 1548
P.O. BOX NO. 8
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RUTHVEN STREET
Toowoomba 20th March, 1933.
QUEENSLAND AUSTRALIA

The Receiver of Public Moneys,
Department of Defence,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

Attached hereto is Postal Note for 6/-, and we will thank you to forward two copies of Register to the writer's address, as per form enclosed.

We might say that the writer is now next of kin to Private William Joseph O'Brien, as Ellen O'Brien is now deceased.

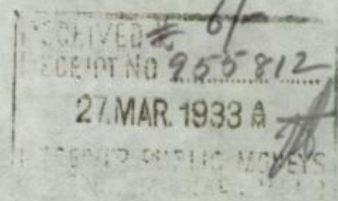
Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

I. P. O'Brien

✓
Letter ✓
from the Treasurer
W. J. O'Brien
28.3.33

Enc.



INSPECTOR OF POLICE
APR 13 1921
3738
BRISBANE

INSPECTOR OF POLICE
12 APR 1921
1816
BRISBANE
QUEENSLAND

DEPARTMENT OF
Brisbane District
Roma St Stn
11th April 1921

1226 M 295

Re was medals of the late Pte. William Joseph O'Brien No. 5687.

1st Military District, D.C.N.
154 7 845

B/C
The Commissioner
For your information
Inspector
15/4/21

A.A.G.
20/4/21

Sir, I beg to report that I have interviewed Mrs Helen O'Brien mother of the illegitimate child Irene O'Brien, who is named in attached letter from military authorities Brisbane. She is a barmaid at Sovereign Hotel, Elizabeth St, City. She makes no claim on behalf of the child. The child is at present in Townsomba and is cared for by Mrs O'Brien, mother of deceased soldier "Miltown" Neil St. Townsomba, Pte. Wm Joseph O'Brien admitted being the father of the child before he enlisted and made provision for its support and she is now receiving a Pension from the Military Authorities. The child has not been legitimated although the father and mother are the same name. They are no relation.

She
Sub Insp of Police
Roma Street

Geo Keefe
D.C. Cont 1938

Inspector Broanan,
City.

Forwarded, The father and mother of the child Irene O'Brien, were not married, but the deceased before he went to the war admitted that he was her father (Joseph William O'Brien)

THE COMMANDANT,
1st MILITARY DISTRICT.
Forwarded for your information.

Thomas Head
Sub-Inspector
12/4/21.

Commissioner of Police.
15 APR 1921

Officer i/c Base Records,
MELBOURNE.

Forwarded. This refers to your memo. of 16th March last relative to the late No. 5678, Pte. W. J. O'Brien, 25th Battalion, A.I.F.

APR 1921
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DECEASED SECTION
APR 27 1921
RECEIVED

20.4.21.
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Lieut.-Col.,
Staff Corps,
for A.A.G., 1st M.D.

Transferred to

D 27432

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 5687

Rank *Private* Name

O'BRIEN W J

Unit

25th Battalion

LIST.

Casualty *Wounded*

8909, 91358, 8877 Wounded London 8 5 1716

373

Died of Wounds *23/4/17*

8505, 8667, 8886 Wounded London 9/3/17

MEMORIAL
SCROLL

Lg Droom

Mother
Mrs E O'Brien
322986
6/10/17 AMS

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."

Pamphlet sent to *Mrs E O'Brien* on *28.9.17*

DATE

A. F. B. 103 Received

PURPORT.

A. F. B. 2080A Received.

REF. NO.

11. 5. 17	N. O. K. Advised Wounded	
11. 5. 17	M. O. 1 ADVISED, DIED OF WOUNDS. <i>23/4/17</i>	
22. 5. 17	COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS	
14. 5. 17	<i>Not asking particulars</i>	<i>24/17</i>
7. 6. 17	<i>Wonderley & Hall asking for D Cert</i>	<i>10/17</i>
18. 6. 17	<i>Reply sent to 7. 6. 17</i>	
23. 5. 17	<i>Reply sent to 14. 5. 17</i>	
11. 6. 17	<i>Tray H.A.C.B. Invercumbra asking for D Cert.</i>	<i>19/17</i>
18. 6. 17	<i>& ackmt sent</i>	
6. 7. 17	<i>Wonderley & Hall asking for D Cert</i>	<i>17</i>
	CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF	
	Cable No. <i>02096, 13814, 1746 6/244 Pd 14-5-17</i>	
	PERSONAL EFFECTS EX: <i>harathon</i>	
	Circular B.R.M. 46/1900 & Booklet re Graves despatch	<i>"Received & acknowledged by Mrs O'Brien 29.9.20"</i>
	C. M. Form 7 Returned to Unit Officer's Authority AMR 707 ⁰ 12/10/17	
	<i>in newspaper</i>	
	20 PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN. B. R. M. No. <i>5/205/17</i>	
	BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Corp	<i>See over other side</i>

WAR HISTORY INDEX

D. 34/10.10 - C. 12075 - 80M.



16/9/21 BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt M.D.B.R.M. 594276 58

1/6/44. British War & Victory Medal returned to store ✓



27 MAR 1923

VICTORY MEDAL to Matthews, R.R.F. 42
Registered Post No. 322986 G.P.O. Melbourne.

10 MAR 1933

REGISTER ORDER FORM despatched
FR 1485

7 CEMETERY REGISTER
4.14.33 DESPATCHED. 32.7.33