



FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

R.B.

No. *2968* Name *Michael G. O'Brien* Corps

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

- 1. What is your name? *Michael G. O'Brien*
- 2. What is your full Address? *W. Cross Bay, Ferryland*
- 3. Are you a British Subject? *yes*
- 4. What is your age? *18* Years Months
- 5. What is your Trade or Calling? *Student for term*
- 6. Are you Married? *no*
- 7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? *no*
- 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? *yes*
- 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? *yes*
- 10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you?.... } Name
Corps
- 11. Are you willing to serve upon the conditions as embodied in the roll ^{FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR} to be signed by you if you are accepted? *yes*



I, *Michael G. O'Brien* do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

July 17/16 *Michael G. O'Brien* SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
C. A. Nelson Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Michael G. O'Brien* do make oath, that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity against all enemies, according to the conditions of my service.

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

The Recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the 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 on this *17* day of *July* 191*6*.

Signature of Attesting Officer *[Signature]*

† CERTIFICATE OF APPROVING OFFICER.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the

If enlisted by special authority, such will be attached to the original attestation.

Date 191*6* } Approving Officer.
Place

† The signature of the Approving Officer is to be affixed in the presence of the Recruit.
‡ Here insert the "Corps" for which the Recruit has been enlisted.

* If so, Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former service, and to produce, if possible, his Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him conspicuously endorsed in red ink, as follows, viz:—(Name) re-enlisted in the (Regiment) on the (Date)



This Form is to be used in connection with Pamph. M. E. (1)
N. F. 1915

In the spaces below should be entered the findings in the routine of examination set forth in the Appendix. Care should be exercised that each finding be entered after the number below which corresponds to the number of that test.

Examination of Michel G. O'Brien
aged 18 yrs conducted at C.L.B.
Date: July 17/16 Recruiting Officer:

NO. OF TEST FINDING

- 1 no
- 2 no
- 3 no
- 4 no
- 5 no
- 6 no
- 7 yes
- 8 yes
- 9 no - no
- 10 n
- 11 n
- 12 n
- 13 n
- 14 n
- 15 n
- 16 n
- 17 n
- 18 n
- 19 6/6 at 6/36 ft.
- 20 n
- 21 n
- 22 n
- 23 n
- 24 n
- 25 n
- 26 n
- 27 n
- 28 n
- 29 n
- 30 n
- 31 n
- 32 n
- 33 no
- 34 5'-9"
- 35 136 lbs
- 36 33-3 7/8"
- 37 #400 a year
- 38 Mother was Robert J. was Richard J. O'Brien
- 39 none

2968

J. J.

Signature of Medical Examiner:

Geo Burdick
Lieut

Willespie



DUPLICATE MAIL COPY
Posted 27 JAN 1919

C.R. 2968
128/6/ R & C.

The Hon The Minister of Militia
St John's,
NEWFOUNDLAND.

4th January

2968 PTE.M.G.O'Brien.
(Deceased)

With reference to your telegram of 24/11/18, No 520 (10145) -

O'Brien "Endeavour to ascertain all particulars of death-burial-
"2968-O'Brien-O'Brien's *please send*
Medical History-as soon as possible-full stop."

I beg to quote the following exchange of memoranda between this Office and O.C.1st Bn. for your information, please:-

- 1. P. & R. O. No 19458/610/R & C. 28/11/18 to O.C.1st Bn.

Will you please inform me if you are able to give me any particulars of the death of the above named Soldier, who was reported Killed in Action 25/10/18? Can you state where Pte.O'Brien was buried?

- 2. Reply thereto 26/12/18 (48)

2968 Pte O'Brien received a wound in the head during the advance of his Company on 25/10/18. Cpl.C.Moore of his Company saw him hit and states he must have died immediately. 4260 Pte.Patey of the same Company states he found deceased on a stretcher in a barn at HARLEBRIDGE, and he arranged with the Artillery Battery stationed there to have him buried there.

O'Briens Medical History Sheet was sent to you on 11/12/18, please.

Major, Chief Paymaster & O 1/2 Records.

Intendant

C.R! 2968

Extract from Nominal Roll of Nfl d. Regt. Draft No.28
from 2nd Bn. Depot, to 1st Bn. B.E.F. Embarked Folke-
stone, 5-8-17.

2968 Pte. M.G.O'Brien.

C.R. 2968

Extract from Nominal Roll of Mfld. Regt. Draft No.14
from 2nd Bn. Depot, to 1st Bn. B.E.F. Embarked South-
ampton, 30-11-16.

2968 Pte. M.G.O'Brien.

C.R. 2968

Extract from Nominal Roll of Nfld. Regt. Draft No.53 from
2nd Bn. Depot, 1st Bn. B.E.F. Embarked Southampton, 1-10-18.

2968 Pte. M.G. O'Brien.

C.R. 2968

Mar. 4th 19

Mrs. Matilda O'Brien,
Witless Bay.

Dear Mrs. O'Brien:

I beg to inform you that we have received news by mail, from our Pay & Record Office, London, which states that your son No. 2968 the late Pte. Michael G. O'Brien, who was killed in Action on October 25th 1918, is reported by the Director of Graves Registration to be buried in the vicinity of Harlebeke, North East of Courtrai, Belgium, exact number of his Grave not stated. If at any time in the future we should receive any additional information regarding his Grave Site, it will be immediately communicated to you.

Yours sincerely,



Lieut.

WVW/MP.

Casualty Officer.

C.R. 2968

Feb. 21st 19.

Rev. Father O'Brien, P.P.

Witless Bay.

Reverend & Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Feb. 17th, and note what you say therein with reference to particulars of the late No. 2968 Pte. M.S.O'Brien, who was killed in action on October 25th 1918, and in reply I am directed by the Minister of Militia to give you the following particulars which we received from London by the last English mail in answer to the telegram that the Minister of Militia sent to London on November 29th which reads as follows:

The following reply to an enquiry made to the Officer Commanding 1st Battalion, Royal Newfoundland Regiment regarding the late No. 2968 Pte. M.S.O'Brien has been received:

"No. 2968 Pte. M.S.O'Brien, received a wound in the head during an advance of his Company on October 25th 1918." Cpl. G. Moores of his Company saw him hit and "states he must have died immediately."
"Pte. Patey of the same Company states that he found him on a stretcher in a barn at Harleboke, and he arranged with the members of the Artillery Battery stationed there to have him buried."

These are all the particulars we have received so far concerning the above mentioned soldier, and I have not been able to ascertain the name of the Captain of the Company that Pte. O'Brien was in, but shall keep the matter before me and perhaps some time in the near future I shall be able to forward you more particulars concerning him.

I also note what you say regarding monies that may be

Feb. 21st

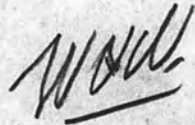
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coming to him from his estate, and I have passed your letter to Capt. Howley, Paymaster, Department of Militia, asking him to reply direct and to furnish you with all particulars concerning his estate, and I have no doubt you will hear from him in the very near future.

Trusting that the above information will prove satisfactory to you.

Yours faithfully,



Lieut.

Casualty Officer.

C.R. 2968

RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA

ONE COTTON BAG CONTAINING EFFECTS OF THE LATE
NO.2968 Pte.M.G.O'Brien.

SIGNED.....
A.P. O'Brien P.F.
for Mrs M.D. O'Brien

DATE.....
Feb 17 1919

Extract from Registered Receipt. dated Feb. 17th., 1919.

One package No. R. 1610.

To Mr. Mart O'Brien

Witless Bay.

C.R. 2968

Feb. 14th 19.

Mrs. M. O'Brien,
Witless Bay,
Ferryland.

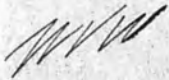
Dear Mrs. O'Brien:

It is my regrettable duty to have to forward to you one cotton bag containing effects which belonged to your late son No. 2968, Pte. M. G. O'Brien, of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

Herewith enclosed you will find receipt, kindly sign same and return at your earliest convenience.

Assuring you of my deepest sympathy in your bereavement and in the added sorrow that the receipt of these effects must entail.

Yours sincerely,


Lieut.
Casualty Officer.

1817 C.R. 7968N
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

CASUALTY:

GRAVE-SITES. 10-2-19

2968, Pte. C. O'Brien, is reported buried in the vicinity
of Harlebeke, North east of Courtrai.

Authority:

Letter from D.G.R. & E.
dated 6/2/19.

C.R. 2968

Extract from telegram from Syn. to Mil. dated Feb. 7th., 1919.

With reference to my telegram Nov. 24th., #520 and my telegram
Jan. 4th. D.G.R.E. states that 2968 O'Brien is reported buried
in vicinity of Harbebeke Northeast of Court~~at~~ exact
location not ~~not~~ known.

FROM SYNOPTICAL, LONDON

FEBRUARY 8th 1919.

with reference to your telegram Nov. 27th #520 and my telegram
Jan. 4th D.G.R.E. states that 2968 O'Brien is reported buried in
vicinity of "Harlebeke" northeast of "Contraal" Exact location not known.

CCB

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 128/6/ R & C.

From
PAY AND RECORD OFFICE,
58, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W.
4th January 1918

To **The Hon The Minister of Militia
St John's,
NEWFOUNDLAND.**

SUBJECT :

**2968 PTE.M.G.O'Brien.
(Deceased)**

Reference Nos.

REPLY

Dated

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Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE.

With reference to your tele-
gram of 24/11/18, No 520
(10145) -

"Endeavour to ascertain all-
"particulars of-death-burial-

O'Brien's "2968-O'Brien-O'Brien's *please see*
"Medical History-as soon as-

"possible-fullstop. "
I beg to quote the following
exchange of memoranda between
this Office and O.C.1st Bn.
for your information, please:-

1. P. & R.O. No 19458/610/R & C.
28/11/18 to O.C.1st Bn.

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25/10/18? Can you state where
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at HARLEBEKE, and he arranged
with the Artillery Battery
stationed there to have him
buried there.

O'Briens Medical History Sheet
was sent to you on 11/12/18,
please,

J. J. Maxwell Major,
Chief Paymaster & O I/e Records.

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for your information, please:-

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28/11/18 to O.C.1st Bn.

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please.

H. J. Munnell Major,

Chief Paymaster & O i/c Records.

Dec. 2nd 18.

Dear Sir Michael,

In reply to your letter of the 22nd ult., relative to the case of the late Pte. McL. O'Brien, nephew of Rev. Father O'Brien, I may say that I immediately wired to Major Timewell, asking him to forward me full information as to the death of this soldier, as you requested.

Yours faithfully,

Minister of Militia.

Sir Michael Cashin, K.B.E.,
City.

C.R. 2968

Extract from telegram from Synoptical, London dated Nov. 19th 1918.

PLEASE ASCERTAIN ALL PARTICULARS REGARDING DEATH AND BURIAL
NO 2968 O'BRIEN.

BC.

COPY

19461/45/R.&.C.

C.R. 2968

D.G. R. & E.,
War Office,
Winchester House,
St. James's Square, S.W. 1.

28th November, 1918.

GRAVE SITE: 2968 PTE. M.G. O'BRIEN.

I shall be glad if you can give me any information regarding the grave site of the above-named Soldier of the 1st Bn. The Royal Newfoundland Regiment, who was reported Killed in Action on 25/10/18.

Major,

Chief Paymaster & O.i/c Records.

HA/NV

Reference C.C.M./22/11496.

The Officer in Charge,
Newfoundland Record Office,
58, Victoria Street,
S.W. 1.

In reply to your 19461/45/R.&.C. dated 28th November 1918, I regret to say that the grave of Private M.G. O'Brien has not yet been located, but your enquiry has been noted and I will write to you again as soon as I am able to obtain any information.

I am very sorry not to be able to send you a more satisfactory reply.

(Sgd) H. WILLIS Lt. for
Major,
for Major General,
D.G.R. & E.

War Office,
Winchester House,
St. James's Square,
S.W. 1.

10874
14/12/18

C.R. 2968

Extract from Telegram from Synoptical, London dated Nov. 23rd. 1918

Forward O'Brien's Medical History as soon
as possible.

BC.

BC..

No. _____
In replying the number & date
of this letter should be quoted.



November 22, 1918.

Dear Mr. Bennett:-

I had a letter this morning from Father O'Brien asking for particulars reference his nephew. I wrote him to say that you were inquiring. Will you do the best you can. I suppose very little can be done. Kindly send a cable and ask Timewell if there are any particulars to give and oblige.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. J. R. Bennett,
Minister of Militia,
City.

C.R. 2968

Extract of DAILY ORDERS PART II, The Royal Newfoundland
Regiment in France, dated 21/11/18.

KILLED IN ACTION.

#2968 Pte. M. O'Brien.

25/10/18.

Wilkes Bay
Nov 10th 18

The Member of Parliament.

Sir,-- Your telegram of Salisbury
announcing that Lt. Mel. G. O'Brien
182968, was as sudden as it was unexpected.
We were rejoicing at the prospect of an
early peace and in the hope of the return
of our brave soldier boy, on the 8th month
of your arrival given first in
May last and repeated in your
letter of August 24th, saying that
you would instruct Major Guinness
to have him employed at the
Pay and Record Office should his
health permit. Your telegram
was a terrible blow to me of course, but
a twofold dagger into the heart
of his afflicted Mother who mourned
her dear son on the loss of the Clan Mac-
naughton.

I asked no privilege for my
worse nephew that had not
been easily granted to others
more favored. He enlisted a
boy of 17 and went through ~~the~~ the
first engagements in which the
Newfoundlanders engaged helping at
Munich to win the proud title of Royal
for his Regiment. In each of the encounters
he was wounded.

Considering these wounds, that his brother
had already had given his life, that his
mother was a widow with two helples
orphans, I hold that either you or Capt.
Ymewell should be held responsible for
the death of Mel S. O'Brien who now
rests in a soldier's grave in the bloodstained
land of France. If it has been that he
preferred to return to the firing line to
see it out to a finish, as he wanted to do
at Munich when bleeding he was ordered
behind the line, his death at the

moment of victory was the more
glorious, but if he was sent back
to the fight regardless of the foregoing
considerations and your arrangements,
then someone is guilty of an injustice
to him his mother and his relatives
left to mourn his loss.

I think we have a right to a
full explanation why O'Brien
did not get fair treatment, tho
we know officialdom has no
words to ease back the cherished
dead or soothe the hearts of
miserably wounded.

I remain, Sir,
Respectfully yours
G. O'Brien

C.I. No. 2968
Counter No.

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.



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(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Signature of Sender _____ Address **Dept of Militia.**

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Nov. 9th, 1918

Dated
To

Roman Catholic Priest or School Teacher, Witless Bay, Ferryland.

Regret to inform you Record Office, London reports today No. 2968, Private Michael O'Brien was killed in action Oct. 25th, Please inform next of kin Mrs. Matilda O'Brien.

J. R Bennett
Minister of Militia.

Chge Dept of Militia.

FOR TYPEWRITER

C.R. 2968

EXTRACT FROM TELEGRAM FROM SYNOPTICAL DATED NO. 9th., 1918.

2968 O'Brien.

KILLED IN ACTION OCTOBER 26th.

Counter No. 2968

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Dated Nov. 9th, 1918

To Mrs. Matilda O'Brien, Witlass Bay, Ferryland.

Regret to inform you that Record Office, London, officially reports **No. 2968, Private Michael O'Brien killed in action Oct 25th.**

Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately wire you.

J.R. Bennett

Minister of Militia.

NOTE FOR OPERATOR :

This Message is not to be delivered until Receiving Office notifies that Message to **Roman Catholic Priest or School Teacher Witlass Bay** has been received and acted upon

FOR TYPEWRITER

RE PTR. 2968 MICHAEL J. O'BRIEN DECEASED.

NEXT OF KIN. Mrs. Matilda O'Brien, (Mother) Witless Bay, Ferryland.

ENLISTED IN THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGT., July 17th., 1917.

AGE ON ENLISTING. 18 Yrs.

EMBARKED ST. JOHN'S FOR OVERSEAS. August 28th., 1916.

EMBARKED FOR ACTIVE SERVICE. March 1917.

WOUNDED. G. S. W., Left Arm, April 14th., 1917.

EMBARKED ACTIVE SERVICE, August 1917.

WOUNDED. Shell Wound Right Leg October 18th., 1917.

EMBARKED ACTIVE SERVICE. February 8th., 1918.

WOUNDED. Shell Wound Left Hand April 15th., 1918.

REPORTED AT WINCHESTER. June 3rd., 1918.

EMBARKED ACTIVE SERVICE. September 21st., 1918.

KILLED IN ACTION. October 25th., 1918.

C.R.

2968

Extract from Nominal Roll of Draft No. 55 and 21 Other
ranks from 2nd., Bn. R. Nfld. R. to 1st., Battalion
Newfoundland Regiment B. E. F. Embarked Southampton
1/10/18.

Conducting Officer 2/Lieut. W.G. Munn.

#2968 Pte. M. G. O'Brien.

BC.

C.R. 2968

August 24th 1918.

Rev. Fr. P. O'Brien, P.P.
Witless Bay.

Dear Fr. O'Brien,

I have your letter of the 13th inst. with reference to your nephew #2968 Pte. Michael O'Brien. When you last wrote me I replied that I would take the matter up with Major Timewell; Pte. O'Brien was then in Hospital suffering from Wounds, and since then has again been on duty. Our last report shows he was then at Winchester. However, I have written Major Timewell, instructing him to look up Pte. O'Brien, and if at all possible, to give him employment on his Staff at the Pay & Record Office, London, if his state of health will permit him to take such employment.

I beg to remain,

Yours faithfully,


Minister of Militia.

C.R. 2968

Extract of Orders Part II by Lt. Col., R.A. Barners, D.S.O. ~~xxx~~ Commanding
3rd. Bn., Royal Newfoundland Regiment, dated 3/6/18.

The following having reported back from the 1st. Battalion is posted to "H"
Company from 2/6/18 :

2968 Pte. O'Brien.

CR. 2968

Extract of Casualty received from Pay & Record Office, London,
dated 6th May 1918.

2968 Pte. M. J. O'Brien.

Wounded 13/4/18.

Auth: O.C. Unit 22/4/18.

C.R. 2968

Extract of Sick and Wounded N.C.Os. and Men of the Expeditionary Force

-----France. List No: H.A. 22187. Dated 27th. Apl. 1918.

2968 Pte. M. O'Brien

Royal Newfoundland Regiment..... GSW.L.Hand Sev.....

Adm. 22 Gen. H. Dannes Camiers 15 Apl. '18.

Apl. 26th. 1913.

Dear Father O'Brien,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 24th inst., having reference to the case of 2968 Pte. Michael G. O'Brien of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I have read your letter with a great deal of interest and I may say that I am entirely in sympathy with you in this matter. It is lamentable that our boys have had to return, again and again, to the perils and hardships of the trenches, but this has been solely due to the deplorable lack of reinforcements.

This boy's case is one well worthy of consideration, and I am writing Major Timewell requesting him, if it is at all possible, to give Private O'Brien employment in the Pay & Record Office when he has recovered from his wounds; or, if he is unfit for further active service, to send him home for discharge.

Lord Morris's address is "Durrants Hotel, George Street, Manchester Square, W.I." London, Eng." Or you may write him C/o The Colonial Office.

With kind regards,
Yours faithfully,

Actg. Minister of Militia.

Rev. Fr. P. O'Brien, P.P.

Witless Bay.

C.R. 2968

Witless Bay

April 24th 18

Mr. Jno Bennett.

Dear Mr Bennett

I am sure you will not deem it impertinent when I remind you that my nephew that my nephew Mel. O'Brien 2968 has now been wounded for the third time. He bolted from the college ~~now~~ tried to enlist before he was seven ten and had his baptism of fire at the famous battle of Monmouth.

You may not remember that his brother P. H. B. joined the first of the volunteers and in less than four months was reported lost in the ill-fated Blau Mananthon.

Who will deny the O'Briens have done their duty! It was only a sense of duty ~~not~~ that sent these boys to face the enemy's battalions, and it was a sense of duty that drew a willing conscript from a deplorable father and a delicate mother, that left

with orphans.

I am not going to pick the partiality that has been shown to others, but I think that in view of the facts set forth, I have a right to expect that what is left of young O'Brien should not again be sent on a Constat for German bullets, in reparation to the brutality of German barbarism. Every time a wounded ^{volunteer} soldier is sent back to the front line or often is his life offered to the gods of war on the altar of Liberty, and to show you that the sacrifice was readily accepted for the third time by Melg. O.B. that he wrote us from London in December saying "not to worry about him as he would soon be again in the mud of Flanders to have another whack at Hell."

I think, therefore it would be unjust, and inhuman to send him again when patched up, while so many young, strong and free young men stay at home at one while others repeat again and again shed their blood in defense of men who do not deserve freedom. That man does not deserve the protection of the flag he

he is not ready to defend. And the Govt.
tho that will force a volunteer, several
times wounded to again face the hardships
hazards and strain of battle such as is
now being fought, while allowing capable
citizens to pursue their avocations regardless
of the dangers encompassing the State, is
either ignorant of its duty or afraid to ex-
ercise its authority.

Man's inhumanity to women has made
counters mothers mourn. And there
are many heroic women in Newfoundland
who should have been spared many a heart
- pang, were their sons given a little more con-
sideration and slackers made do their duty.

While I write the above I am not quite sure
but young O'Brien is prepared to see it out to the finish.

When wounded at Mentby, and the blood
was trickling down his arm, he said to a comrade
"That's nothing, boy, let us finish this job."

I think, however, if not for his own sake at
least for the sake of his mother, he ought to
get a furlough or that when his strength is
renewed, he ought to get some office
work on the other side, where there is plenty
for a young soldier of education to do to help

was the war.

I trust that Mr. Bennett, as
minister of Matrimonial, will use
the prerogatives of his office in
favor of private O'Brien, if not for
his own sake, at least for the sake
of a widowed mother who has, for
the past three years, borne more than
her share in the 'torres and sorrows
entailed by this bloody conflict.

I shall greatly appreciate any efforts
on your part to obtain reasonable
consideration for private Mel G. O'Brien
and those near and dear to him, excepting
myself.

I would thank you also if you
would kindly give me your home address.

Yours very truly
P. J. O'Brien P.

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.



CR 2968

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Signature of Sender _____

Address Dept of Militia.

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated April 19th, 1918.

To Mrs. Matilda O'Brien, Witlass Bay, Ferryland.

Regret to inform you that Record Office, London,
officially reports No. 2968, Private Michael O'Brien
2nd London General Hospital shell wound left hand

Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately wire you and trust that next report will be of his convalescence.

J.R. Bennett

Actg. Minister of Militia.

FOR TYPEWRITER

2968 O'Brien M.

C.S.W. left hand

at 2nd London Gen. Hospital.

13/4/18.

Returned to Duty 2/6/18

Willow Bay
Aug 13th '18

How do you Bennett

Dear Mr Bennett,

You will remember wrote you about private
McL. G. O'Brien, 2968 who had been
wounded in all of three engagements
the last time being April up to last.

You replied that you would have
the case brought before Cpt. Funnell
and get him attached to the Pay and Board
office if you get sent home.
What has been done?

Many lads who have not seen so
much of the fight as India and who were
wounded slightly but were at Munich, (where
O'Brien got his baptism of fire) and are free.
I would be pleased to hear
from you of O'Brien's present whereabouts.

Yours very truly
P. O'Brien

R! 2968

Extract from Nominal Roll of Draft No 37, embarked Southampton 8/2/18
from 2nd Batta, Royal Newfoundland Regiment, to 1/Batta, Royal
Newfoundland Regiment B.E.F.

2968 Pte. O'Brien, M.

C.R. 2968

Extract from Casualties received from Pay and Record Office,
London, dated Dec. 20th 1917.

O.C. Convalescent Hospital, Eastbourne Reports,

Discharged Hosp. 19/12/17 furlough to 28/12/17

2968 Pte. W. G. O'Brien fir for I Duty

Authority:-

A.Fs W. 3016 from Hospitals.

RE PTE. 2968 MICHAEL J. O'BRIEN DECEASED.

NEXT OF KIN. Mrs. Matilda O'Brien, (Mother) Witless Bay, Ferryland.

ENLISTED IN THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGT., July 17th., 1917. -?

AGE ON ENLISTING. 18 Yrs.

~~EMBARKED ST. JOHN'S FOR OVERSEAS.~~ August 28th., 1916. -?

EMBARKED FOR ACTIVE SERVICE. March 1917.

WOUNDED. G. S. W., Left Arm, April 14th., 1917.

EMBARKED ACTIVE SERVICE, August 1917.

WOUNDED. Shell Wound Right Leg October 18th., 1917.

EMBARKED ACTIVE SERVICE. February 8th., 1918.

WOUNDED. Shell Wound Left Hand April 15th., 1918.

REPORTED AT WINCHESTER. June 3rd., 1918.

EMBARKED ACTIVE SERVICE. September 21st., 1918.

KILLED IN ACTION. October 25th., 1918.

C.R. 2968

Extract of Casualty List received from P&RO London Dated April 29th
1917.

The following r/b O.C. Unit as "Wounded" 14.4.17. Report dated X
15.4.17. No previous reports.

2968 Pte. M.G. O'Brien

1st. Nfld. Regy.

C.R. 2968

Extract from Nominal Roll Draft (All Ranks) to 1st
Br. B.E.F. Embarked Southampton.

2968 Pte. M.G.O'Brien.

30-11-16.

C.R. 2968

Extract from Nominal Roll Embarked St. John's for Overseas.
00/0/10.

2968 Pte. M.J.O'Brien.

C.R. 2968

M. G. O'Brien was attested for General Service
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on ... July. 17th. 1916
Regimental No. 2968 was allotted to Pte M. G. O'Brien

AUTHORITY:

Record Officer

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th. 1919.

L. H. W. Green

CR. 2968

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To be used only for Special Reserve Recruits, and for Special Reservists enlisting into the Regular Army.

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname O' Brian OF Christian Name M. J.

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish _____ County _____

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	on	day of	on	day of
Examined	on 17 th	day of July	on	day of
	at St. Johns	Rifed.	at	
Declared age	18	years		
Trade or occupation				
Height	5	feet 9		
Weight		136		
Chest Measure. {	Girth when fully expanded ..	37 1/2		
	Range of expansion ..	4 1/2		
Physical development				
Vaccination marks {	Right	Left	Right	Left
	Arm			
Number				
When vaccinated				
Vision	R.E.—V.=	6/6	R.E.—V.=	
	L.E.—V.=	4/36	L.E.—V.=	
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease	(a)		(a)	Original
	(b)		(b)	
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection				
Approved by (Signature)	Maj. Lambert Paterson			
(Rank)	Major			
	Medical Officer.			
Enlisted	at St. Johns		at	
	on 17	day of July	on	day of
		1916		191
Joined on enlistment				
Transferred to.. .. .	104.			
	Rifed.	2968		
Became non-effective by				
	on	day of	on	day of
		191		191
(Signature)				
(Rank)				

COPIES SENT		
TO	NO.	DATE
M. OF M.	2028	11/19/18
(b) D.C. 1ST. BN.		11/12/18
" 2ND. BN.		

Table II.—Only for admissions to hospital or to the sick list in the case of Warrant Officers treated in quarters.

Name of hospital	Admitted to hospital			Discharged from hospital			Disease	Number of days in hospital	Remarks bearing on the case, nature or treatment of the case likely to be of interest or of future use. In cases of syphilis, admissions and re-admissions to hospital will be shown. The subsequent progress, including particulars of treatment out of hospital, transfers, &c., will be given in the special syphilis case sheet	Signature of Medical Officer
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year				
3 rd Lon. Gen. Hosp. Wandsworth	22	4	17	5	5	17	S.S.W VIII / L arm & forearm	13	Wounded in France 14.4.17 Nature injury noted. Transferred to Hed. Grove Mil. Hosp. Tooting.	Ofd. S.M. Ogley Capt. Rame.T.
Grove Mil. Hosp. Tooting Grove S.W.	5	5	17	13	6	17	-	39	Wound healed. Discharged I duty	Ofd. E. Cooke Maj. Rame.T. Registrar Grove Mil. Hosp. Ofd. S. W. Green Capt. Rame.C.
New End Mil. Hosp. Hampstead	16	10	17	25	11	17	S.S.W. Rly sharpnel	43	To Eastbourne	Ofd. S. W. Green Capt. Rame.C.
Mil. Convalesc. Hosp. Eastbourne	28	11	17	19	12	17	Do.	21	Fit to Lurough	Ofd. C. J. Brooke Capt. Rame.C.
2 nd Lon. Gen. Hosp. Chelsea	17	4	18	17	5	18	S.S. (bullet) wound L. hand	30	Almost healed - For 3 rd London Gen. Hosp.	Ofd. John Moir Capt. Rame.T.
3 rd Lon. Gen. Hosp. Wandsworth	17	5	18	22	5	18	Do. Perforating L. index finger		Healed. Wounded in France 14.4.18	Ofd. G. C. Hall Capt.



3 1ST. NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT 12

ALLOTMENTS

Michael Gregory O'Brien, Regl. No. 2968

hereby agree, until further notification by me, and in similar official form to make an Allotment of Dollars and Seventy Cents, per diem, from my Pay, to, and for the benefit of the undermentioned Person ^{and} or Persons, such payment to be made on proof of identity of, and production of the relative Identity Certificates by the Person ^{and} or Persons concerned, viz.:

Allotment begins Aug 1st / 16

Identity Certificate No.	Whether Wife, Child, other Relative or Friend	NAME (in full)	ADDRESS	AMOUNT (each person)
<u>2757</u>	<u>Mother</u>	<u>Mrs R. J. O'Brien</u>	<u>Witless Bay</u>	<u>50</u>
		<u>Commencing 1/9/16</u> <u>Cancelled 31/12/17</u>		
Total Allotment, \$				

NOTE.—This form must be completed by the Officer Commanding Company, signed by the Volunteer, countersigned by the Officer Commanding Company and handed to the Paymaster as authority to make the required payments on application.

(Sig.) Chas. H. Aye Capt.

Officer Commanding
C. Company

July 20th
St John's 1916

(Sig.) Michael G. O'Brien

(Rank)

Sgt

No. 2968 Rank Ske Name O'Brien, M. G.

Pay	F.A.	Wkg	Total	N. W. D. P. S.
100	10		110	
Less Allotment			None	
Net Rate			110	

DEBITS	Date	£	s	d	CREDITS	Period		Days	Rate	£	s	d	N. W. D. P. S.	
						From	To							
Balance <u>Aboy</u>	15 ⁷ / ₁₈	13	9	4	Balance #									
Acquittance Rolle		2	15	0	Pay @ Net Rate	16 ⁷ / ₁₈	22 ⁵ / ₁₈	96	110	105	60	21	13	11 ✓
Hospital Advances			3	6	Ration Allow							1	0	10 ✓
A.B. 64.					10 days @ 7/1									22-14-9 ✓
P.&.R.C. Payments		3	0	0		23 ⁵ / ₁₈	28 ⁵ / ₁₈	6	110	660	1	7	1	
E. J. M. to N. J. D.			2	9										24-1-10
W. A. 48 256		2	13	6	17-6-3 ✓	29 ⁵ / ₁₈	30 ⁵ / ₁₈	2	110	220		9	7	24-11-0
✓ Cheque £106	22 ⁵ / ₁₈	12	0	0	13-#	30 ⁵ / ₁₈	31 ⁵ / ₁₈	1	110	110		4	6	24-15-6 ✓
Print No. 7427	28 ⁴ / ₁₈	1	10	0										
Hospital Advance	5213	1	0	0	24-15-6 ✓									
#														
2-0														

~~9-8-6~~
~~24-18-6~~
~~24-18-6~~
~~24-18-6~~

Handwritten signature

EASTBOURNE

Military Convalescent Hospital.

NOTIFICATION OF FURLOUGH.

To reach the Regimental Paymaster concerned not less than three days before the first day of furlough.

62857

Regimental Number, Rank, and Name of Soldier } 2968 Pte O'Brien M.G.

Regiment or Corps 1st Newfoundlands

Period of Furlough Approved 19 DEC 1917 to 28 DEC 1917

Address while on furlough:—

Peel House

158 Regency St

London W

Cash advances made to the soldier from date of admission to the Military Convalescent Hospital to date of this notification, £ 0 - 15 - -

A further advance of £1 will be made at the Hospital when the soldier proceeds on furlough.

Any circumstance affecting the action required in the Pay Office will be immediately reported to the Paymaster.

H.C.
21/12/17

Boyd *15th*
FOR LT-COL R.A.M.C.
COMMANDANT CONValescent HOSPITAL
Commanding Military Convalescent Hospital.

15 DEC 1917

Date _____

EASTBOURNE

128/6/ R & C.

The Hon The Minister of Milit
St John's,
NEWFOUNDLAND.

4th January

2968 PTE. M.G.O'Brien.
(Deceased)

With reference to your tele-
gram of 24/11/18, No 520
(10145) -

"Endeavour to ascertain all-
"particulars of-death-burial-
O'Brien "2968-O'Brien-O'Brien's *please send*
"Medical History-as soon as-
"possible-fullstop."

I beg to quote the following
exchange of memoranda between
this Office and O.C.1st Bn.
for your information, please:-

1. P. & R. O. No 19458/61c/R & C.
28/11/18 to O.C.1st Bn.

Will you please inform me if
you are able to give me any
particulars of the death of the
above named Soldier, who was
reported Killed in Action
25/10/18? Can you state where
Pte. O'Brien was buried?

2. Reply thereto 26/12/18 (49)

2968 Pte O'Brien received a
wound in the head during the
advance of his Company on
25/10/18. Cpl. C. Moores of his
Company saw him hit and states
he must have died immediately.
4260 Pte. Fately of the same
Company states he found deca-
sed on a stretcher in a barn
at HARLESBEE, and he arranged
with the Artillery Battery
stationed there to have him
buried there.

O'Briens Medical History Sheet
was sent to you on 11/12/18,
please.

Major,
HA/EJ. Chief Paymaster & O 1/c Records.

No.

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To E.F.M. REV & P. G. O'BRIEN,
 WITLESS BAY,
 FERRYLAND DISTRICT. (NEWFOUNDLAND)

PLEASE CABLE FIVE POUNDS 2968 BTR. O'BRIEN NEWFOUNDLAND
 REGIMENT RACECOURSE AYR SCOTLAND.

O'BRIEN.

CHECKED.
 C. B.
 4/10/17

*Charge of
 2968 O'Brien*

*changed two words
 Bath Book # 13, 5
 notified Dept (ayr)
 19/6/17*

Authorized:

Call

H1

*2 1/2 20 1/2
 4 1/2 5*

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29/10/17 TO PREVENT MISTAKES PLEASE WRITE DISTINCTLY.

To EFM REV P J OBRIEN
WITLESS BAY (Newfoundland)

PLEASE CABLE FIVE POUNDS THROUGH MINISTER MILITIA

2968 M J OBRIEN

CHARGED
PAY BOOK No 13.
Date 30/10/17 by RMA

CHECKED.
H.P.

17 1/2
 34
 8 1/2

 42 1/2
 3/6 1/2

Charge to
2968 M.J. O'Brien

(Authorised)

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12/11/17. TO PREVENT MISTAKES PLEASE WRITE DISTINCTLY.

To E.F.M. SIR W. D. REID,
ST. JOHN'S (Newfoundland).

PLEASE CABLE FIVE POUNDS THROUGH MINISTER MILITIA.

2968 PTE. M.J. O'BRIEN.

18
 2 1/2

 36
 9

 45

 39

CHECKED.

H. R. O.

Charge 2968 O'Brien

Authorized:

CHARGED

PAY BOOK 15.

Date 16/11/17 by R.H.H.

NOT TO BE TELEGRAPHED.

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1158 sent

London
Nov 11th

Major Timewell
Newfoundland Pay Office

Dear Sir

Please cable to
Sir W. D. Reid St Johns
Newfoundland to send
five pounds to Pay
Office for me and oblige

yours truly

1ST NOV 11 1917	2968 P to Mr. J. O'Brien
✓ 6740	Rds
NOV 12 1917	ACTED UPON
By	JAS
File No.	DATE

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

N.F.P/50.

No. 63

RECEIPT VOUCHER

No. 2 Account.

Received From	Particulars	Account	Amount		
			£	s.	d.
Minister of Military Expenditure 650;	Deposited at request of of Hampshire Military Hosp.	2968 R.M.G.O' Brien	5	-	-
	Reference:-				
			5	-	-

Nov. 6. 1917.

CERTIFIED CORRECT.

for F. H. Marshall
Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

No. 11721/7

N.F.P./80.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

From:
Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records,
Newfoundland Contingent,
58, Victoria Street,
London, S.W. 1.

To:
Officer Commanding,
New End Military Hosp.
Hampstead, N.W.

3rd, November 1917

Subject: 2968, PTE. M. G. O'BRIEN,
1st Newfoundland Regiment

With reference to the following telegram (6507) from the Hon. the Minister of Militia, received 3 /11/ 17,-

"Pay to 2968 O'Brien £5.

Kindly advise whether this amount should be remitted to you for payment to this Soldier, or retained to credit of his account.

[Signature]
Major,
Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

5 - 11 - 17. 191

ANSWER

*This amount should
retained to the credit of
his account.*

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT		BRANCH	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE			
Def. No.	✓ 6569	Pay	
Recd.	6 NOV 1917	<i>[Signature]</i>	PQN
Acctd.	<i>[Signature]</i>		
Amtd.			
File No.			
Capt. R. A. M. C., Registrar. For O. i/c. Military Hospital.			

No. _____

N.F.P./45.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

*Ok
AW. 3.10.17*



To: Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records,
Newfoundland Contingent,
58, Victoria Street,
London, S.W. (1).

Please remit to Private M. J. O'Brien

the sum of one pound pounds _____ shillings, on
account of any balance that may be due to me.

1st N.F. CONTINGENT
PAY & RECORDS
Ref. No. <u>6402</u>
Rec'd. <u>31 OCT 1917</u>
Acc'd. <u>11543/5</u>
File No.

BRANCH

Regtl No. 2968 Rank Private

Name Michael J. O'Brien

*pay
11/17*

Approved [Signature] R. A. M. G., Registrar.
For Officer i/c., Military Hospital.

Dated at October 29th
1917

11543/5

Hospital.

11543/5

1st, November

.. Military ..

Hampstead, N. W.

2968 Pte. Michael J. O'Brien ..

6968
1. 0. 0.

BRANCH
Rob.
 ACTED UPON
 DATE
 newfoundland Pay office

London
 October 26th

Major *Ameswell*

Dear Sir

Please cable Rev P. J. O'Brien Witley Bay Newfoundland to send five pounds to Newfoundland Pay and Record

NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT
 PAY & RECORD OFFICE
 Ref. No. *0331*
 Rec'd. *29 OCT 1901*
 Acc'd. *627 2968*
 Ans'd. *1067*
 File No. *of 29/17*

Office *for me* and oblige
 yours truly
 M. J. O'Brien

Rob.



To Major Timewell

Newfoundland Pay and Record Office

Please remit to Pte M. J. O'Brien
the sum of £1

Signed 2968 Pte M. J. O'Brien
1st Newfoundland Regt
Hampstead Milit Hosp

Approved



Capt W. J. McKeene.
R. A. M. C. Surgeon
For O. i/c. Military Hospital.

OK
AW
Recd
24/10/17
2042/60

BRANCH	
Pay	
BY	<i>[Signature]</i>
DATE	23/10/17

London
Oct 17th

Major

Pay and Record Office

P 54/45

Dear Sir

I am in hospital at Hampstead having been wounded on the 9th of October. We don't get any money here. Please send me up 100 and charge to my account; and oblige

✓ yours truly

2968 Plt-Maj. G. O'Brien

1st N.F.L.D. Reg.

1ST N.F.L.D. REG.	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE	
Ref. No.	6045 No 39 Ward
Rpd'd.	20 OCT 1917
Acc'd.	
Ans'd.	11014
File No.	

Hampstead Hospital
London.

Cable Sent
90'

Race Course
Ayr

Majr Timewell.

Dear Sir

Please cable to Mr
W. D. Reid, president Reid
Wfld Company, to cable five
pounds to Ple- M. J. O'Brien
and charge to my account
I am

yours truly
M. J. O'Brien

Ple- M. J. O'Brien 2968

Majr Reid
Race Course
Ayr

1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT	
PAY & RECORDS OFFICE	
Ref. No.	4181
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SCOTTISH NATIONAL COUNCIL OF Y.M.C.A.'S
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PATRON
MILITARY CAMP DEPT
H.R.H. DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

Reply to _____ Company _____ Bat. _____ Regt. _____ 191

Stationed at *To Major Limewell*
NFLD Pay and Record Office Lon.

Dear Sir

Please cable to Rev.

P. J. O'Brien Witness Bag
Ferryland District Rfld to
send five pounds as soon
as possible. and charge to my
account.

yours truly

M. J. O'Brien

No 2968

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Opp Scotland.

1ST N W FOUNDLAND REGIMENT	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE	
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Only for use with Men returned from an Expeditionary Force or from
Garrisons Abroad.

Army Form W. 3016.
(In Books of 200.)

No. 02857 Date 18 DEC 1917 191

(1) To the Officer i/c Records, 58, Victoria Street,
London, W. (Station).

(2) The Officer Commanding, Depot,
4th (Station).

(3) The Paymaster, 58, Victoria Street,
London, W. (Station).

Regimental No. 2968

Rank and Name Plt. O'Brien, W.G.

Regiment or Corps 1st Newfoundland

has been granted a furlough from 19 DEC 1917 to 28 DEC 1917

His address while on leave will be: Beel House,
158 Regency Street,
London, W.

I consider he is fit for* i. Duty.
 ii. ~~Command Depot.~~
 iii. ~~Employment.~~

* Strike out that which is inapplicable.

Officer in charge G. R. Henderson Hospital, EASTBOURNE
~~SENT FOR~~ LT-COL. R.A.M.C. (Station).

COMMANDANT, CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL

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MEMORANDUM.

PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,
From 38, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1.
ENGLAND.

To Officer Commanding,
Convalescent Hosp.
Eastbourne.

From

To



ANSWER.

Pay & Record Office,

Eastbourne

10th December 1917

Allotment: 2968, Pte. M.J.O'Brien
1st Newfoundland Regiment.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT	1917
PAY & RECORD OFFICE	
14 DEC 1917	
St. Nos. 001	
Comd	
&	
& C.	
B & I	
P.S.	

With reference to enclosed letter from the above Soldier, (7325) 1/12/17, if sufficient reason is given for cancellation of Allotment and you approve, N.F.F. 12 may be completed and returned to this Office, when necessary action will be taken.

The following facts should be considered,-
(1) Allotment is payable to his mother who may be partially dependant on the Soldier for support.
(2) If his Mother is a widow she may be in receipt of Separation Allowance from the Newfoundland Government, in which case it will be necessary for the allotment to remain in force.

(3) Statement should be submitted in writing as to points (1) and (2)

Attached complete and returns please

[Signature]

Lt. Col. R.A.M.C.
O.C. Convalescent Hospital,
Eastbourne.

[Signature]
Major,
Chief Paymaster & O, i/c Records

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PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS,
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,
55, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1,
ENGLAND.

Officer Commanding,
Convalescent Hospital,
Eastbourne.

Reference reverse:
Minute 1 is again referred
to you for enquiry as to
points (1) & (2).

Statement should be
submitted in writing, please.

M. D. Guinness
Major,
Chief Paymaster & O i/c Records.

London, S. W.
18/12/17

*Cancellation of
allotment forms
are held pending
reply.*

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*Chief Paymaster
Newfoundland Contingent
58 Victoria St.
London SW 1*

*This man proceeds
on 19.12.17*

C. W. Humphrey
Postmaster
20.12.17

NEWFOUNDLAND CONValesCENT HOSPITAL
PAY & RECORD OFFICE
No. *A 1872*
8629
21 DEC 1917
EASTBOURNE

ci. Nos. 601

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P. S.	

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PATRON
MILITARY CAMP DEP'T
H.R.H. DUKE OF CONNAUGHT

Reply to..... Company..... Bat..... Regt.

Nov 30th 1917

Stationed at.....

Major Timewell

Newfoundland Pay Office

Dear Sir

*Please cable to
Capt Ayre Paymaster Newfoundland
to have my allotment
stopped and oblige*

yours truly.

*2968 M. G. O'Brien
Convalescent Hosp. Eastbourne*

BRANCH

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ACTIONED UPON

1ST N. WESTMINSTER REGIMENT	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE	
Ref. No.	<i>✓ 4325</i>
Rec'd.	<i>1 DEC 1917</i>
Ack'd.
Ans'd.
File No.

9. Cheit Paymaster
Newfoundland Company
58 Victoria St
P. 20

Sir
Referring my request
to cancel allotment in
favour of my mother.
Mrs G. J. O'Brien Wether Bay
Terryland. N.S. 50[¢] per day.
I beg to state that
my mother is a widow.
But to the best of my knowledge
is not in receipt of separation
allowance.
She is not dependant upon
me for support as she
has private means of her
own.
In a recent letter which
I received from her she

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PAYROLL OFFICE RECORDS,
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,
58, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1.
ENGLAND.

Officer Commanding,
Convalescent Hosp.
Eastbourne.

Pay & Record Office,

10th December 7

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Allowance from the Newfoundland
Government, in which case it will
be necessary for the allotment to
remain in force.
- (3) Statement should be submitted
in writing as to points (1) and (2)

Officer Commanding,
Convalescent Hospital,
Eastbourne.

Reference received
from you in relation to
the above soldier's
Allotment, (1) and (2)

12/12/17

Statement should be
submitted in writing, please.

Attached completed

and returned, please.

(Sd)

Lt. Col. R. A. M. C.
O. C. Convalescent Hosp.
Eastbourne.

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14th, December, 1917

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PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS,
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,
55, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1.
ENGLAND

55, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1,
ENGLAND

Officer Commanding,
Convalescent Hospital,
..... Eastbourne.

Officer Commanding,
Convalescent Hosp.,
Eastbourne.

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Minute 1 is again referred
to you for enquiry as to
points (1) & (2).

Statement should be
submitted in writing, please.

Pay & Record Office

10th December

Attached completed

Allegation: 2008, The N.L.O. (British
Infantry) returned.

Major,
Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

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letter from the above Soldier,
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(2)

Lt. Col. S. W. J.
O. i/c Convalescent
Hospital,
Eastbourne.
12/12/17

Yours

14th, December, 1917

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N.F.P./12.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT



CANCELLATION OF ALLOTMENT

1. I, (No) 2968 (Rank) Private (Name) O'Brien M.G.
hereby apply for cancellation of Allotment made by me on N.F.P./11
No. 2736 dated 1/9/17 in favour of
Mrs. R. J. O'Brien, Wireless Bay
for \$ — cts 50 per diem.

Such cancellation to take effect on the 30th 31st day of
November Dec 1917

2. I agree to accept all risks and consequences of this appli-
cation failing to reach Headquarters, St. John's, in time to become
operative at above nominated cancelling date; and that in the event
of such non-delivery, and thereby the allotment continuing to be
paid to the Allottee, I also agree to such further stoppage in the
Pay Books as may be necessary, or otherwise to refund such overpaid
amount or amounts.

Dated at Sumerdown Camp
Eastbourne
on the 13 thirteenth day
of December 1917

Michael G. O'Brien
Allotter.

Approved and Witnessed:

D. Evan Macpherson, Capt
O.C. "C" Company, Division



To be made out in TRIPPLICATE and delivered at the Pay &
Record Office not later than date of cancellation, in
accordance with P.&R.O. C.L./10, 9/12/16.

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29/4/18

TO PREVENT MISTAKES PLEASE WRITE DISTINCTLY.

To EFM REV OBRIEN

WITLESSBAY (Newfoundland)

PLEASE CABLE FIVE POUNDS THROUGH MINISTER MILITIA

2968 OBRIEN

Handwritten calculations:
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3 2 1/2 = 25/8 1/2

Handwritten signature: *Chge a/c*

CHARGED
PAY BOOK 1 *per van*
Date 29/4/18 by *ORB*

Stamp: CHECKED 29/4/18

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NEWSPAPER CONTINGENT
58, VICTORIA ST.
LONDON, S.W. 1
21 MAY 1918
PAY & RECORD OFFICE

2968 Pte M. J. O'Brien
has permission to
draw £1^m from his
a/c subject to your
approval.

OK. I. O. O.
G.H.R. 21-5-18
Receipt no 2310

391 LONDON GENERAL HOSPITAL
REGISTRARS
21 MAY 1918
WANDSWORTH
M.G.T.

Approved
Sent
Capt W

2968 Pte Michael J. O'Brien

FILE
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INITIALS

MEDICAL TRANSFER CERTIFICATE. (To accompany a Man Transferred from one Hospital to another)

Extract from Admission and Discharge Book of..... Hospital at *Chelsea*.....



No. of Case.	Regiment or Corps.	Troop or Company.	Regt. No.	RANK AND NAME Surname first. If Married, write "M" under name.	Completed Years of			DATES.		Religion.	DISEASE. (a) Primary. (b) Secondary. (c) Operations.	Destination on Transfer and to what Hospital or Club
					Age last birthday.	Service.	Service in the command.	Admitted into Hospital.	Transferred.			
<i>1 R</i>	<i>how</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>2968</i>	<i>Lieut O'Brien</i> <i>Michael</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>27/11</i>	<i>17/4/18</i>		<i>R.C.</i>		<i>3rd Gen Hospital, Wandsworth</i>

State whether the Patient

- (a) Was transferred from an Expeditionary Force..... *yes*
- (b) Has already been granted 10 days furlough..... *no*
- (c) Was admitted whilst on short leave from Overseas.....
- (d) Was admitted from a Home Service Unit.....

State here briefly reasons for Transfer, and note any particulars of Case for information of Medical Officer.



Arthmann, Major & Registrar,
2nd London General Hospital, Medical Officer in Charge.

April 26th
1918

To Major Timewell
Pay & Record office

Dear Sir

Please cable to Rev. P. J. O'Brien.
Witless Bay, Ferryland Dist Newfoundland, to
cable five pounds to Pay and Record
office for me and oblige

yours truly

2968 Michael J. O'Brien

2nd London General Hospital
Chelsea SW

Cable no 539
Dat 29/4/18

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT, PAY & RECORD OFFICE.	
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BY	
29/4/18	Jh

Copy sent to O'Brien 2nd London Gen Hospital 29/4/18

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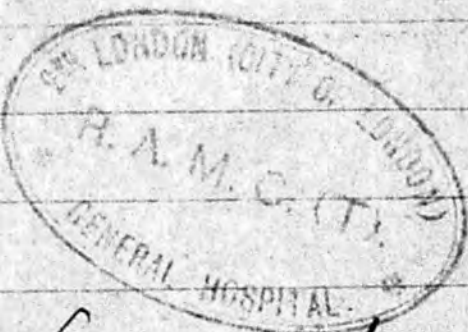
2nd London Gen. Hospital,
King's Road, Chelsea, S.W.

To Paymaster

Royal Newfoundland Regt.
38 Victoria St. S.W.

Please remit to 2968 Private
M. J. O'Brien the sum of £2

Countersigned



A. Sherman Major Genl.,
Comd. 2nd London General Hospital.



£2.0.0 M.C. 2
24/18 Recept No 1746

19458/SIO/R.&C.

Forms
C. 348
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MEMORANDUM.

128/6 Copy to me
4-1-19
From O.C. 1st Bn. Royal Newfoundland Regt

C.P. & O. i/c Records,
Newfoundland Contingent.

Officer Commanding,
1st Bn.
R. Newfoundland Regt.,
B. E. F.

CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS,
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,
58, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1.
ANSWER ENGLAND.

Pay & Record Office.

28th November, 1918.

2968 PTE. M. G. O'BRIEN
Deceased.

Will you please inform me
if you are able to give me any
particulars of the death of
the above-named soldier, who
was reported killed in Action

25/10/18? Can you state
where pte. O'Brien was
buried?

[Handwritten signature]
Major,

Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

Dec 26th 1918

2968 Pte M.G. O'BRIEN received
a wound in the head during
the advance of his Company on
25.10.18. Conf. C. Morris of his
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT
PAY & RECORD OFFICE
has stated he must have died
near the trench, 4260 Pte Patey
of the same Company states he
found released on a stretcher
in a barn at HARLEREKE
and he arranged with the
Artillery Battery stationed
there to have him buried there
T.O. Matthias
LIEUT. COL.
COMMANDING 1st Bn. ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

To be extracted for
Cas. re-grave site
[Handwritten initials]

19458/610/R.&G.

P. & O. i/c Records,
Newfoundland Contingent.

Officer Commanding,
1st Bn.
R. Newfoundland Regt.,
B. E. F.

Pay & Record Office.

28th November, 8.

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the above-named soldier, who
was reported Killed in Action

25/10/18? *Can you state
where Pte. O'Brien was
killed?*

Major,

Chief Paymaster & O.

19461/45/F.&C.

C.P. & O. i/c Records,
Newfoundland Contingent,
58, Victoria Street,
S.W. 1.

D.GLR. & E.,
War Office,
Winchester House,
St. James' Square,
S.W. 1.

28th November, 8.

GRAVE SITE:
2968 PTE. M. G. O'BRIEN.

I shall be glad if you can give me
any information regarding the grave site
of the above-named Soldier of ^{the 1st Bn} The Royal
Newfoundland Regiment, who was reported
killed in Action on 25/10/18.

Major,
Chief Paymaster " O. i/c Records.

HA/NV

Reference C.C.M/22/11496.

The Officer in Charge,
Newfoundland Record Office,
58, Victoria Street,
S.W.1.



In reply to your 1946 1/45/R & C dated 28th November 1918, I regret to say that the grave of Private M. G. O'Brien has not yet been located, but your enquiry has been noted and I will write to you again as soon as I am able to obtain any information.

I am very sorry not to be able to send you a more satisfactory reply.

W. S. J.

War Office,
Winchester House,
St. James's Square,
S. W. 1.

Major,
for Major General,
D. G. G. R. & E.

NEWFOUNDLAND GOVT. GOVT.
PAY & RECORD OFFICE
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Re.
B.S.
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[Large handwritten signature]

CCPY

19461/45/R.&.C.

Copy to Major

D.G. R. & E.,
War Office,
Winchester House,
St. James's Square, S.W. 1.

28th November, 1918.

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(Sgd) H. WILLIS Lt. for
Major,
For Major General,
D.G.R. & E.

War Office,
Winchester House,
St. James's Square,
S.W. 1.

10874
14/12/18

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128/e/ R & C.

The Hon The Minister of Milit
St John's,
NEWFOUNDLAND.

4th January

9

2968 PTE. M.G. O'Brien.
(Deceased)

With reference to your tele-
gram of 24/11/18, No 520
(10145) -

"Endeavour to ascertain all-
"particulars of death-burial-

Official "2968-O'Brien-~~O'Brien's~~ *Medical History* - as soon as
"possible - full stop. "

I beg to quote the following
exchange of memoranda between
this Office and O.C. 1st Bn.
for your information, please:-

1. P. & R. O. No 19458/610/R & C.
28/11/18 to O.C. 1st Bn.

Will you please inform me if
you are able to give me any
particulars of the death of the
above named Soldier, who was
reported killed in Action
25/10/18? Can you state where
Pte. O'Brien was buried?

2. Reply thereto 26/12/18 (48)

2968 Pte O'Brien received a
wound in the head during the
advance of his Company on
25/10/18. Cpl. C. Moores of his
Company saw him hit and states
he must have died immediately.
4260 Pte. Patey of the same
Company states he found deca-
sed on a stretcher in a barn
at HARLEBERRY, and he arranged
with the Artillery Battery
stationed there to have him
buried there.

O'Briens Medical History Sheet
was sent to you on 11/12/18,
please.

Major,
HA/NJ. Chief Paymaster & O i/c Records.

2968 Lt. O'Brien



Reference: - C.C.M/22/11496.

The Officer in Charge,
Newfoundland Contingent,
58, Victoria Street,
S.W.1.

2968.

In further reply to your letter
19461/45/R. & C., I have to say that Private
M. G. O'Brien is reported as buried in the vicinity of
Harlebeke, North East of Courtrai.

If at a later date the officers of the
Graves Registration Units in that area are able to
locate the grave, it will be registered, and information
will be sent to you at the first possible moment.

I am very sorry not to be able to send you
a more satisfactory reply.

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17 FEB 1919

War Office,
Winchester House,
St. James's Square,
London, S.W.1.

T. H. Davis

Major,
for Major General,
D. G. G. R. & E.,

lined 7/2/19.

Casualty extracted.
asth

Translation of Cable No. 70. 7/2/19, to Military.

Reference your telegram Nov. 24-No. 520-Ref. my letter 4th Jan-
D.G.R. & E., -states that-2988-O'Brian-is-reported-buried-in
vicinity-Harlebeke-Northeast-of-Courtrai-exact-location-
not known yet-

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ON NEWFOUNDLAND GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

To MILITARY

STJOHNS (Newfoundland)

UNWEARY WHIMRAJAH UBBONITE DGRE SHOWERS 2968 O'BRIEN IS
 REPORTED BURIED TIARATAM HARLEBEKE NORTHEAST OF COURTRAI EXACT.
 LOCATION ~~KOBOLD~~ KOBOLD

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Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 2/1 Rfld.

Regimental No. 2968 Rank Pte. Name O'Brien Michael J.

Enlisted (a) at Johns Terms of Service (a) Dur. of War Service reckons from (a) 17.7.16

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

Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) Ygd. A. Raley Capt.

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 218, Army Form A. 86, 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. 86, or other official documents.																					
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		Wounded in Action		9.10.17	B213 Oct. 12.17																					
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89th F.A.
18th Gen. Hosp.

H/S. Victor de Cannich

O/A E Neave 2/Lt. for Maj.

O/c No 1 Inf. Dec.
9th A. 3rd Echelon

(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.

(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

Regiment or Corps Royal Afd. Regimental Number 2968
 *Substantive Rank Pte. Surname Mr. O'Brien Christian Names Michael J.
 *Acting Rank _____
 (* To be entered in pencil to facilitate alteration.)

Sgt. S.J. Whitty Capt.

(A) Report		(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)
Date.	From whom received	Authority of Part II. of Orders	Record of promotions, appointments, reductions, casualties, transfers, postings, &c. All acting as well as substantive promotions to be shown, for method of entry of which see A.C.I. 1816 of 1917. Corps and unit to which transferred and posted to be invariably named.	Place of casualty	Date of promotion, reduction, reversion, casualty, &c.	Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
			Embarked		1.10.18	
			Dis-embarked		4.10.18	
			Joined Unit		19.10.18	
28.10.18	O/C Unit		Killed in action		19.	
					25.10.18	B213
			Sgt. J. Short Capt. for O/C Inf. Section G.H.A. 3rd Echelon			

Original

COPIES SENT		
To	No.	DATE
M. OF M.	20281/198	11/12/18
O.C. 1st. BN.		
" 2ND. BN.		

To be folded on this line.

Nothing to be written in this margin.

W1889 - P11150 500,000 5/18 G.W.P.Co.(3490)

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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 } "1st Newfoundland Regt." Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } A.

Regimental No. 2988, 1st Rank Private

Surname O'Brien. Christian Names H.

Died { Date 25-10-18. Place Belgium.

Cause of Death* Killed in Action

Nature and Date of Report O.C. Unit. B 213 4/28-10-18.

By whom made O.C. Unit.

COPIES SENT		
To	No.	DATE
M. OF M.	2/445/214	11/28-10-18
O.C. 1ST. BN.		
" 2ND. BN.		

* 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.

State whether he leaves a Will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) none received (b) in Small Book (if at Base) not received
(c) as a separate document none received

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Station and Date } 3-11-18. Signature of Officer in charge of Section } For Officer i/c No 1 Infantry Section
Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } Captain,
3rd Echelon. General Headquarters

MORNING SICK REPORT
MEDICAL INSPECTION REPORT

Army Form B 256

Unit quad Batt Royal Westmidland
 Squadron, battery, or company _____

Station and date Fazley Down Camp June 4th 1918

Regtl. No.	Rank and Name (Christian name in full; Surname first; M under name if married.)	Completed Years of		Religion.	If for duty †	Whether • defaulter.	Lines or barracks.	Room.	Disease.	Disposal.
		Age	Service.							Medical Officer's remarks and signature.
2968	H. O'Brien M.C.	19	2	R.C.	—	—	M Coy		Defect of Vision	The Dentist Winchester



† State nature of duty for which warned. In the case of men for medical inspection, the reason, such as, "Soldiers for trial by Court-Martial," or "joining the station," &c., should be stated against their names.

* Strike out whichever is not applicable.

Atkinson

Orderly
N.O.O.

O'Brien, M. G.

1968

Hay sept.

ORIGINAL

Army Form O. 1625.

PAY LIST.

to

191 . Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

No. 2968

Rank Pte,

Name O'Brien, M.G

Died (a) Will No 304 at Franc

on the 25th of Oct

191 8

Deserted at

on the of

191 .

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

Commanding Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

Form 1.

Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month				Balance Cr. 25.10.18 25.10.18.....	1	19	1
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated) £ s. d.				Pay days at from to			
	191				Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at from to			
	"				Messing allowance days at			
	"				from to			
	"				Kit allowance			
	Consolidated stoppage							
	Balance due by the Paymaster	1	19	1	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£				£		
		1	19	1		1	19	1

This account is in accordance with services received at the Pay & Record Office to and may therefore be subject to amendment if and as may be revealed by subsequent services.

CHECKED. P.L.A. 21 JUL 1919

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT, 53, VICTORIA ST. LONDON, S.W. 21 JUL 1919 PAY RECORD OFFICE

W. J. Munnell Chief Paymaster & Officer

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, ~~and that the~~ ~~debt is hereby charged to the~~ ~~Debit~~ NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

Dated at this day of 191 .

- (a) Here state whether the soldier died intestate, or whether he left a Will. In the latter case the Will should be annexed hereto, if not already sent to War Office with Army Form B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1815.
- (b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

ORIGINAL.

Army Form O. 102

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CHECKED. S. A. 21 JUL 1919

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, ~~XXXXXXXX~~

Dated at

21 JUL 1919

this

day

191

CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE

- (a) Here state whether the soldier died intestate, or whether he left a Will. In the latter case the Will should be annexed hereto, if not already sent to War Office with Army Form R. 2090 or Army Form O. 1812.
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Temporary

To be used (a) for recruits enlisting direct into the Regular Army, and (b) for men of the Territorial Force when they are admitted to Hospital.
 Army Form B. 178A to be used for Special Reserve recruits and Special Reservists enlisting into the Regular Army.

MEDICAL HISTORY of

Surname O'Brien Christian Name M. J.

TABLE I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace ... Parish ... County ...

Examined ... { on _____ day of _____ 191 ,
 at _____

Declared Age ... years ... days.

Trade or Occupation ...

Height ... feet ... inches.

Weight ... lbs.

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully Expanded _____ inches.
 Range of Expansion _____ inches.

Physical Development ...

Vaccination Marks { Arm ... Right Left
 Number ...

When Vaccinated ...

Vision ... { R.E.—V=
 L.E.—V=

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease ... { (a) _____

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection ... { (b) _____

Approved by (Signature) _____
 (Rank) _____

Medical Officer.

Enlisted ... { at _____
 on _____ day of _____ 191 .



Corps.	Regtl. No.
<i>1st Med.</i>	<i>2968</i>

Transferred to ...

Became non-effective by ... on _____ day of _____ 191 .

(Signature) _____
 (Rank) _____

Table II.—Only for Admissions to Hospital or to the Sick List in the case of Warrant Officers treated in quarters.

Name of Hospital	Admitted to Hospital			Discharged from Hospital			Disease	Number of days in Hospital	Remarks bearing on the cause, nature, or treatment of the case, likely to be of interest or of future use. In cases of syphilis, admissions and re-admissions to hospital will be shown. The subsequent progress, including particulars of treatment out of hospital, transfers, &c., will be given in the special syphilis case sheet.	Signature of Medical Officer
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year				
3 RD LONDON GENERAL HOSPITAL WANDSWORTH.	x 22	4	17	5	MAY	1917	G.S.W. VII I.L. arm Forearm	13	Wounded in France 14/11/17. Sustained injury when transferred to the Grove Military Hospital, London.	W. B. R. R. R. Capt. Raul
	x 5	5	17	13	6	17	"	39	Wound healed discharged J. D. R.	W. B. R. R. R. MAJOR R.A.M.C. (T) REGISTRAR GROVE MILITARY HOSPITAL, TOOTING GROVE, S.W.
	+ 16	10	17	28	11	17	G.S.W. Reg. Sharpel	43	To Eastbourne	D. W. Green Capt. R.A.M.C. (S. F. M.)
Withy Combe Hq. Eastbourne	28	11	17	19	12	17	do	21	Fit to serve	C. J. Brooke Capt. Raul
2d. The W. B. R. R.	+ 14	4	18	17	5	18	G.S. (Bullet) wound Hand (left)	20	all wounds healed. The 3rd London Gen. H. P.	John Mori Capt. Raul

To be used only for Special Reserve Recruits, and for Special Reservists enlisting into the Regular Army.

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname *O'Brien* OF Christian Name *Michael G.*

Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish..... County.....

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
Examined	on <i>17</i> day of <i>July</i> 191 <i>6</i>	on	on <i>15</i> day of <i>AUG</i> 1917	on
at	<i>St John's, R.I.</i>	at	<i>58, VICTORIA ST. LONDON, S.W.</i>	at
Declared Age	<i>fisherman</i> 18 years	days		days
Trade or Occupation				
Height	5 feet	9 inches		
Weight		136 lbs.		
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... 37 1/2 inches		Girth when fully expanded... 37 1/2 inches	
	Range of expansion... 4 1/2 inches		Range of expansion... 4 1/2 inches	
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Right	Left	Right	Left
	Arm			
	Number			
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R. E.—V= <i>4/6</i>	L. E.—V= <i>6/36</i>	R. E.—V= <i>22 OCT 1917</i>	L. E.—V= <i>22 OCT 1917</i>
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease	(a)		(a)	
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to Cause Rejection	(b)		(b)	
Approved by (Signature)	<i>Lamont Paterson</i>		<i>22 OCT 1917</i>	
(Rank)	<i>major</i>		<i>9 MAY 1917</i>	
	Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at <i>St John's</i>	at	at <i>58, VICTORIA ST. LONDON, S.W.</i>	at
	on <i>17</i> day of <i>July</i> 191 <i>6</i>	on	on <i>19</i> day of <i>JUN</i> 1917	on
	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
Joined on Enlistment	<i>4th B.D. 2968.</i>			
Transferred to	<i>ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.</i>			
	<i>1st Newfoundland</i>			
Became non-effective by				
	on	day of	191	on
				day of
				191
(Signature)				
(Rank)				

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Nil Convalescent Hq. Eastbourne	28	11	17	19	12	17	S. D. R. Leg.	21.	Fit to work	C. Brooke Capt. Rawl
2nd London General Hospital, St. Mark's College, King's Road, CHELSEA, S.W.	17	4	18	17	5	18	G.S. (bullet) wound Hand (left).	30	1st finger. Almost healed. In 3rd London Gen. H.P.	John Mori Capt. Rawl
3rd LONDON GENERAL HOSPITAL WANDSWORTH.	12	5	18	22	5	18	ditto Perforating L index finger	57.	healed made us from 14.4.18	G. C. Hall Capt. Rawl

Oct. 18, 1919

Secretary,
Board of Pensions Commissioners,
City.

Re #2968. Pte. M. G. O'Brien, Deceased

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of recent date,
I beg to state that there has been no allotment paid
on this man's account, owing to the fact that his
allotment was cancelled previous to his death. For
your information, please.

Yours truly,

Major
Paymaster.

FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090A.

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Handwritten: Now
2968

REGIMENT OR CORPS } "1st Newfoundland Regt." Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } A.

Regimental No. 2968, P Rank Private

Surname O'Brien. Christian Names M. J.

Date 25-10-18. Place Belgium.

Died { Cause of Death* Killed in action

Nature and Date of Report O.C. Unit. B 213 d/29-10-18.

By whom made O.C. Unit.



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Station and Date } 3-11-18. Signature of Officer in charge of Section } [Signature] For Officer i/c No 1 Infantry Section
Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } Captain,

3rd Echelon General Headquarters

DUPLICATE.
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NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT



CANCELLATION OF ALLOTMENT

1. I, (No) 2968 (Rank) Private (Name) O'Brien M.G.
hereby apply for cancellation of Allotment made by me on N.F.P./11
No. 2736 dated 1/9/16 in favour of
Mrs R. J. O'Brien, Willess Bay
for \$ — cts 50 per diem.

Such cancellation to take effect on the 31st day of
December Dec. 1917

2. I agree to accept all risks and consequences of this application failing to reach Headquarters, St. John's, in time to become operative at above nominated cancelling date; and that in the event of such non-delivery, and thereby the allotment continuing to be paid to the Allottee, I also agree to such further stoppage in the Pay Books as may be necessary, or otherwise to refund such overpaid amount or amounts.

Dated at Sumerdown Camp
Eastbourne
on the thirteenth day
of December 1917

4982-77
JMS

Michael G. O'Brien
Allotter.

Approved and Witnessed:

J. Evan Macpherson Capt
O.C. "E" Company. Division

NOTED
W.M. Martin
Date 28/12/17 P.M.O. Coy

To be made out in TRIPLICATE and delivered at the Pay & Record Office not later than date of cancellation, in accordance with P.&R.O. C.L./10, 9/12/16.



DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

12121
Oct. 18, 1919

file
Secretary,
Board of Pensions Commissioners,
City.

Re #2968. Pte. M. G. O'Brien, Deceased

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of recent date,
I beg to state that there has been no Allotment paid
on this man's account, owing to the fact that his
Allotment was cancelled previous to his death. For
your information, please.

Yours truly,

Major
Paymaster.

AJI/LM

May 3 -1920

From: Paymaster

To : Board of Pension Commissioners for Mfld.

Re #2968, Pte. H.G. O'Brien, deceased

I beg to state that the amount paid Mrs. Matilda
O'Brien, Witless Baygon account of the above soldier,
from the Patriotic Fund is \$610.00

Major
For Asst. Secretary.

THE BOARD OF PENSION COMMISSIONERS FOR Nfld.

March 13 1919

The Paymaster & Officer i/c Records,
St. John's Nfld.

DEAD AND MISSING MEN.

No. 2968
Rank Sgt.
Name M. G. O'Brien

Sir:-

I have the honour, by direction to advise you that a pension has been awarded to the mother of the marginally noted, as follows:

Name Matilda O'Brien
Address Watters Bay
Pension 1/2
Pension commences _____

Kindly govern yourself accordingly, and advise me what deductions will have to be made.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant

[Signature]
Asst. Secretary.

25/10/18

D. R. C. Form 1.

No allot paid since death cancelled
3/12/17
26/10/18

Wilton Bay,
Feb 17th 19

Genl W. Warren

Dear Sir,

The effects received
thru you belonging to the late ple McGOBrien
has brought sorrow mingled with joy. We
value that down as a sacrifice beyond price
We felt the loss of my brave nephew the more
so that we were assured he was safe at the moment
having given three three of the finest judgments,
and having given his part above at Munchy. We
were advised by the Minister of Malitia that
O.B. would not be sent to the front again as
he had been wounded several times.

The Minister of Malitia has refused to give
me any explanation and your communication
was the first of any kind received concerning
McGOB.

We have been anxious to hear some-
thing about him - how he came to be sent
to die at the moment of victory - some

circumstances of his death, or the name
of the Captain who led at the time or some
of our soldiers who were near him.
Where he was buried. If any money
remains due to him, and how it
could be procured, as it may be some
service done to his widowed mother.

You can do us a kindness that
we shall very highly appreciate
if you can give me any information
as suggested. I feel you have a
soldier's sympathy for a dead com-
rade, and I trust you will get us
any news of interest about Wm. G. Brown
Thanking you in advance
to remain
very truly yours
P. H. Brown

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NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT
28 JAN 1919

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

CASUALTIES

1. The following reply to an enquiry made to O.C. 1st Bn. regarding the late 2968 Pte. M.G. "O'Brien has been received. "2968 Pte. M. G. "O'Brien received a wound in the head during the advance of his company, 25/10/18. Corpl. "C. Moores of his company saw him hit and states "he must have died immediately." 4260 Pte. Patey of the same company states he found the deceased "on a stretcher in a barn at Harlebeke and he "arranged with the Artillery Battery stationed "there to have him buried there."

2. 2544 PTE. HALFYARD, released prisoner of war, arrived at Ripon and was ordered to report to Depot, Winchester, 6/1/19.

3. 1981 PTE. H.H. KING, released prisoner of war, writes, 4/1/18, that he "was admitted Military Hospital, Westgate Road, Newcastle, on the previous Monday, suffering from a few spreading sores on left leg."

4. 2495 PTE. F. STONE was transferred from Mitcham Military Hospital to 3rd London G. Hospl. on 3/1/19.

5. The undermentioned were granted special leave by the O.C. 3rd London G. Hospital from 4/1/19 to 15/1/19. To return on latter date to Hospital.

4086 Pte. Taylor, I.
4103 " Taylor, M W.

Authorities:-

1. O.C. 1st Bn's reply to P.&R.O. No. 19458/610/R.&C. (1918).
2. Telegram from GSM. Butler, Ripon.
3. Letter from Pte. King.
4. Memo from 3rd L.G.H.
5. Memos " " "

Cancelled
3/12/17.

Witless Bay
Feb. 14th / 18.

Mr. J. W. Howley,
Dept of Militia,
St. John's.

Dear Sir:-

The cheque from no 2968
Pte. Michael G. Brown has not
been sent as usual on the first
of the month. Will you kindly
forward the same or give me
the reason why it was not sent.

Respectfully yours
(Mrs) R. G. Brown,
Witless Bay.

Feb. 21st. 18.

Mrs. R.J. O'Brien,
Witless Bay.

Dear Madam:

With reference to your enquiry of Feb. 14th. regarding the non-receipt of allotment cheque on account of No. 2968, Pte. O'Brien, I beg to state that this man cancelled his allotment from Dec. 31st.

Yours truly,

Wilton Bay
Feb 19th 1888

Mr J. R. Bennett

West Sid. - Answered previous
letters to day
J.M.M. 21/2/88.

The monthly allowance from Private W. C. O'Brien 2968, was not forwarded when we advised Master on the first of the month. She wrote Mr J. A. Howley but received no answer.

Will you kindly let me know whether Mr O'Brien has done anything on the matter, or if anything has happened here.

Yours very truly
P. J. O'Brien M.P.

February 24, 1919

Rev. P.J. O'Brien,
Witless Bay.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of
Lieut. Warren, it has been referred to me for
action, and in reply I beg to state that the
amount of his estate has not yet been received
from the Pay & Record Office, London, as it takes
from six to eight months from the time a boy is
reported Killed in Action, until his estate is re-
ceived by this Department.

Just as soon as it is received and
Letters of Administration granted, payment will
be made.

Yours truly,

Lieut.
For Paymaster.

In replying the date of this
letter should be quoted

B.

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August 29, 1919.

A. C. G.

Sir:

As the estate of Michael G. O'Brien, #2968,
a deceased member of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment,
consists only of the amount due from the Pay & Record
Office, I have the honour to authorize you to pay
the amount, viz: \$16.10 to Matilda O'Brien, Mother
and Legatee.

I have the honour to be,
Sir
Your obedient servant,

H. J. Summers

Deputy Minister of Justice.

Capt. J.M. Howley, M.B.E.,

Paymaster,

Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

Oct. 1, 1919

Mrs. Matilda O'Brien,
Witless Bay, Ferryland.

Dear Madam:

I enclose cheque for
\$16.10, balance of estate of late Pte. H. G.
O'Brien, due you.

Yours truly,

Major
PAYMASTER & O I/c RECORDS

LM/
Enc. 1

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.
REGIMENTAL PAY BRANCH.

PAY VOUCHER.

\$ 16¹⁰/_x.

Sep 5 1919

Received from the First Newfoundland Regiment
the sum of Sixteen ¹⁰ Dollars.
on account of Pay. Estate
balance



Ch. No.	9227	Initials	EW
Pay Ledger	64	Initials	WR
Gen. Ledger		Initials	

Regtl. No. Rank

No. 2968

Rank Pfc

Name M. G. O'Brien

Wittes Bay
Lorvland

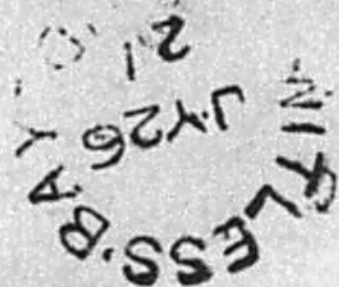
ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

To the Officer in Charge of Records,

The Royal Nfld. Regt.

Dept. of Militia,

ST. JOHN'S. Nfld.



NO STAMP REQUIRED

Dept. of Militia,
St. John's.

July 28th 1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. 2968 Rank Private
Name Michael J. O'Brien
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Mrs. Matilda O'Brien (Sgd.)
Mother Relationship.

Address Witley Bay



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ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

To the Officer in Charge of Records,



Royal Nfld. Regt.

Dept. of Militia,

ST. JOHN'S. Nfld.

Fold Here

OCT 21 1921

The accompanying **Victory Medal** and/or **British War Medal**

is/are forwarded herewith to

Mrs. Matilda O'Brien (Mother)

in respect of his service as No. 2968 Rank Pte.

Name Michael G. O'Brien Royal Nfld. Regt.
Nfld. Mounted Corps.

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received Victory Medal British War Medal

Signature Mrs Matilda O'Brien

Date OCT 26th

Address Witless Bay N. I. L. I.

[P.T.O.]

C.R. 2968

Witless Bay

Jan 30 ~~th~~ / 22.

Lieut- Col.

W. J. Rendell,

Chief Staff Officer

Department of Militia,

St. Johns

Dear Sir:-

I received photograph of the
grave of my son No 2968 Pte M. J.
O'Brien, by to-day's mail for which I
thank you.

Yours truly,

Mrs Matilda O'Brien

Per Annie M. O'Brien.

C.R.

2968
Army Form B. 2090A.

FIELD SERVICE.

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 } 1st Newfoundland Regt. Squadron, Troop, }
OR CORPS } Battery or Company } A.

Regimental No. 2968, P Rank Private

Surname O'Brien, Christian Names H.

Died { Date 25-10-18. Place Belgium.

Cause of Death* Killed in Action

Nature and Date of Report O.C. Unit. B 213 d/28-10-18.

By whom made O.C. Unit.

* 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.

State whether he leaves a Will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) none received (b) in Small Book (if at Base) not received
(c) as a separate document none received

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.

Station and Date } 3-11-18. Signature of Officer in charge of Section }
Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } For Officer in No 1 Infantry Section
Captain,

3rd Echelon, General Headquarters

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regiment or Corps Royal Newfoundland
 Rank Pte Surname O'Brien Christian Name Michael
 Religion R.C. Age on Enlistment 18 years months
 Enlisted at St. John's Terms of Service (a) Duration Service reckons from (a) 17-7-16
 Date of promotion to present rank Date of appointment to lance rank
 Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b)
 or Corps Trade and
 Occupation Fisherman Jack G.A. Russell Officer.



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 ... <u>9 FEB 1918</u>		
			Disembarked... <u>11 FEB 1918</u>		
			Joined Battalion <u>20 FEB 1918</u>		
		Wounded in Action			
	<u>10 CCS ad G.W.H. Head</u>			<u>13/4/18</u>	<u>3213 24/4/18</u>
				<u>14/4/18</u>	<u>8 D 593 20/4/18</u>
	<u>James Elizabeth</u>	Transferred to England	<u>n 7 Filgate</u>	<u>17/4/18</u>	<u>W 3083</u>
			<u>MAJOR</u>		
			<u>Industry Section</u>		
			<u>Industry Section</u>		

[Handwritten signature]

(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) Signaller, Shoeing-Smith, &c.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGT

Rank Ote Surname O'Brien Christian Name Michael G

Religion Roman Catholic Age on Enlistment 18 years — months

Enlisted (a) St John's Terms of Service (a) DURATION Service reckons from (a) 17/7/16

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

Extended Re-engaged Qualification —
or Corps Trade and Rate —

Occupation Fisherman Signature of Officer [Signature]



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 ...	1 OCT 1916		
		Disembarked...	4 OCT 1918		
<u>20/10/18</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>Joined unit 19/10/18</u>		<u>25/10/18</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
		<u>Killed in Action</u>			<u>For Officer 1st Infantry Section N°1</u>
					<u>General Headquarters 3rd Echelon</u>

Asst. of Com. - [Signature] Other - Mrs. [Signature] [Signature] [Signature] [Signature]

In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted in Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
(b) Signaller, Messrs. Smith, & Co. (Printed) Wt. W 1887-P 113. 1,000,000, 8/18, D & S. Form B.103. (E. 1956.5)

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

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Regiment of *Newfoundland*

Number of Sheet _____
 Signature of O. C. Company *Heddingham*
Capt

Regimental Number and Name <i>2466 Owen m/c</i>		Enlistment Age on <i>18</i> years <i>0</i> months		Trade <i>Soldier</i>	Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay	
Joined <i>Soldier</i>	Date <i>5/9/16</i>	Place and Date of Enlistment <i>St John 17-7-16</i>		Religion <i>R.C.</i>		
Joined _____	Date _____	Period of { with Colours <i>2 10 1/2</i> years with Reserve <i>3 5 1/2</i> years		Place of Birth <i>St John's</i>		

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of order dispensing with trial	By whom awarded	REMARKS
<i>Ayr</i>	<i>18/11/16</i>	<i>Pte</i>		<i>Being in town about 10:25 PM without a pass</i>	<i>W. Kelly</i>	<i>2 days BS</i>	<i>29/1/16</i>	<i>Capt Heddingham</i>	<i>SR</i>
<i>Ayr</i>	<i>19/1/17</i>	<i>"</i>		<i>Absent from 6:30 am</i>	<i>Cap. Hodge</i>		<i>19.7.17</i>	<i>C. Wallace</i>	<i>10 days pay</i>
<i>Ayr</i>	<i>25.7.17</i>	<i>"</i>		<i>Absent from 11:45 pm</i>	<i>Cpo. Watson</i>				
<i>Ayr</i>	<i>25.7.17</i>	<i>"</i>		<i>Refusing to report to No Guard Room</i>	<i>Dep. Farrington</i>	<i>5 days sick</i>	<i>26.7.17</i>	<i>Capt Huddle</i>	<i>a.c.H</i>
<i>Worcesters</i>	<i>25.7.17</i>	<i>"</i>		<i>Absent from all defaulters calls from 4 pm until 10 pm</i>	<i>Spl. Wainwright</i>	<i>7 hours detention</i>	<i>30.7.17</i>	<i>Major March</i>	<i>u.c.H</i>
				<i>To be carried over</i>					
				<i>Killed in Action. 25</i>			<i>10/18</i>		

Army Form B. 121.

Hayley Down Camp	21-1-18	Pte.	Not Shaved on g.d. parade	Sgt. Haynes	2 days C.B.	22-1-18	2/lt. W. J. Glass	W.J.C. ✓
"	24/6/18	"	On proper conduct					
			Being in the possession of the property of a comrade knowing it to be stolen	Pte. Sexton				
				Williams	28 days detention	25/6/18	Capt. J. G. Ham.	J. G. Ham.
"	27/8/18	"	Absent from 10.15 parade	Capt. Stiffin	5 days C.B.	28/8/18	Capt. J. G. Ham.	
"	19/9/19	"	Absent from g.d. parade until 2.15 pm	Capt. Stiffin	2 days C.B.	19/9/19	Capt. Stiffin	

Whittless Bay
Jan. 13th 20

C.R. 2968

The Ministry of Malakka.
(P.R. & E. Dept)

Mrs Matilda
O'Brien (for whom I am acting) has
received a communication re
Graves Registration. But having
received no information regarding
the exact place of his burial or
the number of his grave, I am at
present unable to completely
fill in the form required for the
Graves Registration, for Mr. O'Brien.

Casualty Officer Warren, under
date of Nov. 4th '19 reports: no 2968
Pte. Kelly, O'Brien, killed Oct 25. '18 and
that the Director of Graves Registration, Paris
he was buried near Harlebeke, N.E. of Courtrai
Belgium. On Feb 21st '19 the Minister
of Malakka learned, reported he was found
in a stretcher in a barn at Harlebeke,
Pte. Patey who was arrayed with the
Artillery Battery to have his burial here.

2 Jan 13. no O'Brien

Officers were promised to furnish further particulars, but none have been received.

I spoke to Capt. Maple when here in the summer, and wrote him a few days ago for the information he had promised me.

We are anxious to have all particulars regarding O'Brien's frame. His brother is reported to have gone down in the Clam net. Naughton, and we have no particulars about him. The office in London demanded his Certificate with a view, I thought, to apporportion of some money, that may be due, but it is quite a while since, and without furthering.

I may be permitted to say here that the Dept of Militia is not aware of the heroic self-sacrificing spirit of Mel G. O'Brien.

Once while a student at St. Denis, the only 16 years of age, he tried to enlist first in the Navy to take the place of his brother, and a second

of Brian 3

Crime in the States in April '16,
preceding attempt in August of the
same year. He won the crosses
for gallantry. He fought at Marchoy
in that famous engagement that won
for our brave 1st Regiment the title of Royal.

Wounded and bleeding, he was ordered
back by his officer, but replied: "That's not my
let us finish this job." He fought
and was wounded in two other engage-
ments before the final, when he fell.
When the last call was made to deter-
mine victory or defeat for the Allies.

McL. G. Brian received a ticket to remain
back. He asked the soldier next him ^{the sergeant's} to
exchange tickets, (which was not done) and
showing disappointment, ^{the officer}
replied, "and he said to him, 'Brian,
you have been wounded often enough?'"

Brian said to Squire a very pretty: I
will have the last shot at the Germans or die.
On the fatal evening of the 20th Oct. 18 the
New Formers were driving the Germans before
them, Squire looked back when ^{the} G. of Brian
hauled him saying: "They could not hold
me back." He did not fire the last shot, but he

to P. W. H. P.

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nobly gave up his life.

Men may have worn distinctions,
but not he paid a higher price for
victory and eternal hope, freedom
and peace, Memor No 2968. P. W. H. P.

The above may not interest the reader,
but such facts make us proud of my
nephew W. H. P.

You will understand why we
are anxious for all particulars
about the place of his interment,
and that we may be able to have
a suitable inscription placed
upon his headstone.

I shall be grateful there for
required information, and such as
the proper officials should be able
to furnish.

Yours faithfully
P. W. H. P.

of
An inscription

He gave his life
for his country,
his soul to his
God

Peace eternal
to the hero

Answer.

C.R.I.

Whittier Bay

Feb 2nd 20

The Minister of Malitia.

Dear Sir,

We have yet received no information about the Cemetery, grave or number of private McE G. O'Brien 2968.

The soldiers who have returned here were well acquainted with himself, the particulars of his death and place of his burial.

The Regiment had not first not braver soldier, and it shows poor appreciation of his heroic service when there will not even be furnished particulars of his burial place and number of his grave.

If local authorities fail in their duty I shall have to write London for various particulars.

I am signing and returning the foregoing as picturing you to give us the number of the grave
Yours truly, P. O'Brien R.P.

CF 2968
April.8th. 1920

Rev. P.J. O'Brien,
Witless Bay

Dear Sir:-

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letters of Jan. 13th and Feb. 2nd relative to No.2968 Private Michael G. O'Brien.

With reference to the Cemetery Register Form which has been returned with your letter of Feb. 2nd, and your enquiries re the registration of Private O'Brien's grave, I beg to state that up to the present time this soldier's grave has not been located. However, Captain T. Hangle, D.S.R. & E. is now going through the fighting areas endeavouring to locate and concentrate the isolated graves into other cemeteries, and it is hoped that eventually a great number of the graves now unknown, will, owing to the energetic efforts of Major Hangle, be gathered into recognized cemeteries. And it may be that Private O'Brien's grave will be notified as having been registered, in which case I shall be very glad to acquaint Mrs. O'Brien of the fact.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Col.,
Chief Staff Officer