



NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE FORCE
PERSONNEL RECORDS

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Record Title: Robert James MCDONELL
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MILITARY HISTORY SHEET.

No. 11234 Name: Robert James Mac Donnell

	Country.	From	To	Years.	Days.	Initials of Officer making Entry.
1. Service Record ...	N. Zealand	14. 9. 14	14. 10. 14		36	<i>PM</i>
	HMNZ No 4.	15. 10. 14	3. 12. 14		50	
	Egypt	11. 12. 14				
2. Certificates ...						
3. Passed Classes of instruction † ... † This includes any authorised class of instruction.						
4. Active service ...						
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6. Effects of wounds ...						
7. Special instances of gallant or meritorious conduct						
8. Medals and decorations ...	Name of Medal.	Clasps.		Date of Grant.		
9. Injuries in or by the Service ...						
10. Name and address Next-of-kin ...	Mr G. Mac Donnell Box 49 Taihape					
II. Particulars as to Marriage.	(a.) Christian and Surname of Woman to whom married, and whether Spinster or Widow.			(b.) Place and Date of Marriage.		
	(a)	(b)		(c)		
12. Particulars as to Children.	Christian Names.		Date and Place of Birth.		Where registered.	

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Intended place of residence on discharge: Taihape

Regiment or Corps.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, etc.	Rank.	Dates.	Signature of Officer certifying Correctness of Entries.
W.M.R.	<i>Attested</i>	<i>Lt</i>	<i>14.9.14</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
	DARDANELLES: WOUNDED.		<i>9-8-15</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
	Adm. to Hosp. England.		<i>12.9.15</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
	Disc. from " "			
	Arrived at Depot H Church		<i>21.3.16</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
	Adm. Hosp. Walton-on-Thames		<i>20.4.16</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
	Invalidated to N. Z. per <i>"S.S. Rotorua" from England</i>	<i>Lt</i>	<i>30.5.16</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
	on <i>30th May 1916</i> + struck off the			
	strength of N.Z.C.F. (A.R.P. 15.24.6.16)			
W.M.R.	Disch'd in N.Z. from N.Z.C.F.	<i>Lt</i>	<i>18.8.16</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
	(N.Z. Norm Roll Aug 1916)			

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps

W M B. 6 Septm

Regimental No.

11/234

Rank

Spr.

Name

*Mac Donnell P. J.*Enlisted (a) *17/9/14*

Terms of Service (a)

End of war

Service reckons from (a)

*17/9/14.*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)

Date	Report From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
<i>15/15</i>	<i>W M B.</i>	<i>Report wounded</i>	<i>Andac.</i>	<i>9 8 15</i>	<i>B213</i>
<i>16/15</i>	<i>Roll</i>	<i>Admit Hos Bomb W. Put leg</i>	<i>Malta</i>	<i>16 8 15</i>	<i>A 5690</i>
<i>5/15</i>	<i>L. S. Blaisey</i>	<i>Emb for England</i>	" "	<i>5 9 15</i>	<i>B230</i>
<i>12/15</i>	<i>Lord Derby War 1803</i>	<i>Admit Bomb W. Wight. Lance</i>	<i>New End Stumpstead</i>	<i>12 9 15</i>	<i>List No 1417</i>
<i>23/16</i>	<i>W M B. Base</i>	<i>Taken on Strength</i>	<i>Kornchurch</i>	<i>23 3 16</i>	<i>Part II No 58.</i>
<i>1/16</i>	<i>W M B. Records</i>	<i>Invalided to No 1 per 18 Rotorua & struck off Strength of No 18.</i>	<i>London</i>	<i>30 5 16</i>	<i>List By 1st Col J. G. Herbert W M B. Records London Permanently Unfit</i>

(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, Shoemaking Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

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NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

PERSONAL RECORD of

(Surname)

ac
McDonell

(Christian name)

Robert James

1st NZEF	Army No
Registration No.	11/234
2nd NZEF	
RF- TF	

REGIMENT: W. M. B.

GROUP: 6 NUMBER: _____

PREVIOUS PAPERS: _____

SUBSEQUENT PAPERS: _____

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DISCHARGED.

NO LONGER PHYSICALLY FIT FOR WAR SERVICE.

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SERVICE CARD PREPARED

MEDICAL PAPERS AND CORRESPONDENCE
MERGED WITH PENSIONS FILE

M. 42309

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PTK, NGFN. MOUNTED RIFLES, 1914-18 W.M.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

NOTIFICATION OF DEATH

11/234

Service No. ~~44/234~~ Rank: T.M. Name: MACDONELL, Robert James
(Surname) (Christian names)

Regiment: W.M.R. Born at Huntville Date: 1.5.74 Religion: C of E

War Service* (Yes or No): Yes Discharged: 18.8.16

Decorations (if any): _____

Place: TAUPO Date: 23.8.1966

Next of kin (Relationship and Address): Mrs N.K. MacDonell,
Terrence Street,
Taupo (Widow)

*Between 4/8/14 and 31/8/21 or 3/9/39 and 31/12/47.

To DEPUTY SECY. OF DEFENCE (ARMY)
ARMY HEADQUARTERS
PRIVATE BAG
WELLINGTON

Please verify and complete the above particulars (where blanks exist) and return urgently.

Date: 15 September 1966 Signature: [Signature]
(G.R. MANUEL)
for District Officer.

To the District Officer,
Department of Internal Affairs,
Auckland.

DISPATCHED
27 SEP 1966

Checked and returned as requested.

Date: 26.9.66 Signature: [Signature]
for Deputy Secretary of Defence (Army)

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Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regiment or Corps *W M B. 6 Sigs*

Regimental No. *11/234*

Rank *Spr.*

Name *Mac Donnell P. J.*

Enlisted (a) *17/9/14*

Terms of Service (a) *End of war*

Service reckons from (a) *17/9/14*

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)

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 25, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
<i>Emb for Dardanelles 9/5/15</i>					
<i>15/5/15</i>	<i>W M B.</i>	<i>Report wounded</i>	<i>Anzac.</i>	<i>9 8 15</i>	<i>B 213</i>
<i>16/5/15</i>	<i>Roll</i>	<i>Admit Spr Bomb W. Pat leg</i>	<i>Malta</i>	<i>16 8 15</i>	<i>A 5890</i>
<i>5/5/15</i>	<i>Plassey</i>	<i>Emb for England.</i>	<i>" "</i>	<i>5 9 15</i>	<i>B 230</i>
<i>12/9/15</i>	<i>End Derby's War 803</i>	<i>Admit Bomb W. Right knee</i>	<i>New End Hampstead</i>	<i>12 9 15</i>	<i>List A 4174</i>
<i>23/6/15</i>	<i>W M B. Base</i>	<i>Taken on strength</i>	<i>Hornchurch</i>	<i>23 3 16</i>	<i>Part II of 52</i>
<i>1/6/16</i>	<i>W M B. 25</i>	<i>Invalidated to No 25 per 25 Portsea Records 7 Struck off strength of No 25</i>	<i>London</i>	<i>30 5 16</i>	<i>List B List of Struck Off Records London Permanently Unfit</i>

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W M B.
6-8-16

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30-7-16

[E.F. Form No. 19a.]

COPY OF FINAL DISCHARGE

Certificate of discharge of No. 11/234 Rank: Trooper

Name: Robert James MacDonald

Unit: New Mtd Regt.

Born at Hunterville

Attested at Awapuni on the 17th Sept '14

At the age of 20^{1/2} years

He is discharged in consequence of **NO LONGER PHYSICALLY FIT FOR WAR SERVICE.** being medically unfit for active service, although **ON ACCOUNT OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION.** fit for employment in civil life

Medals and decorations: No medal issued at date of discharge.

Service abroad: 1 year 278 days.
Service at home: year 58 days.
Total service: 1 year 336 days.

Wellington. James
18.8.16 Signature: [Signature] Capt.
For Brig.-Genl.,
Commanding New Zealand Military Forces.
Date: 18th August, 1916

DESCRIPTION ON FINAL DISCHARGE

Of No. 11/234

Age: <u>22^{3/12}</u> years.	Marks or soars, whether on face or other parts of the body:	Intended place of residence:
Height: <u>5</u> ft. <u>8</u> in.	<u>Nil</u>	<u>Taihape</u>
Complexion: <u>Fair</u>		
Eyes: <u>Blue</u>		
Hair: <u>Brown</u>		
Trade: <u>Student</u>		

Character: Good

Character-certificate prepared:

Character-certificate issued: (Date)
By [Signature]

HWA
3-5-16

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18-8-16

NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

ATTESTATION OF

No. 11/234 Name: Robert James MacDonell Regiment or Unit: W.M.R.

Questions to be put to the recruit before enlistment.

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1. What is your name? ... | 1. <u>Robert James MacDonell</u> |
| 2. Where were you born? ... | 2. <u>Hunterville</u> |
| 3. Are you a British subject? ... | 3. <u>Yes</u> |
| 4. What is the date of your birth? ... | 4. <u>May 1st 1894</u> |
| 5. What is your trade or calling? ... | 5. <u>Student</u> |
| 6. Are you an indentured apprentice? If so, where, and to whom? | 6. <u>no</u> |
| 7. What was the address at which you last resided? ... | 7. <u>Box 79 Tairāhema</u> |
| 8. Have you passed the Fourth Educational Standard or its equivalent? | 8. <u>Yes</u> |
| 9. What is the name and address of your present or last employer? | 9. <u>none</u> |
| 10. Are you married? ... | 10. <u>no</u> |
| 11. Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment by the Civil power? If so, when and where? | 11. <u>no</u> |
| 12. Do you now belong to any military or naval force? If so, to what corps? | 12. <u>Wanganui College Cadets</u> |
| 13. Have you ever served in any military or naval force? If so, state which and cause of discharge. | 13. <u>no</u> |
| 14. Have you truly stated the whole (if any) of your previous service? | 14. <u>Yes</u>
<u>Yes at Tairāhema</u> |
| 15. Have you been registered for compulsory military training under the Defence Act, 1909? If so, where? | 15. <u>+</u> |
| 16. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the military or naval forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds? | 16. <u>no</u> |
| 17. Are you willing to be vaccinated or revaccinated? ... | 17. <u>Yes</u> |
| 18. Are you willing to serve in the Expeditionary Force in or beyond the Dominion of New Zealand under the following conditions, provided your services should so long be required: For the term of the present European war and for such further period as is necessary to bring the Expeditionary Force back to New Zealand and to disband it? | 18. <u>Yes</u> |

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

I, R.J. MacDonell, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagement made.

Signature of Recruit: R.J. MacDonell
Signature of Witness: Edwin [unclear]

Oath to be taken by recruit on attestation.

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

Certificate of Magistrate or Attesting Officer.

The above questions were read to the above-named recruit in my presence. I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at Awapuni Camp, N.Z., on this 17th day of

Sept. 1914
Signature of Attesting Officer: Edwin [unclear]

Description of Robert James McDonnell on Enlistment.Apparent age: 20 years 4 months.

(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Service.)

Height: 5 feet 8 inches.Weight: 10-8 lb.Chest-measurement: (Minimum, 33 inches.
Maximum, 36½ inches.Complexion: FairColour of eyes: BlueColour of hair: BrownReligious profession: Ch of Eng.

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

nilMedical Examination.Sight: Right eye, NormalLeft eye, normalHearing: Right ear, NormalLeft ear, NormalColour-vision: Normal.Are his limbs well formed? yesAre the movements of all his joints full and perfect? yesIs his chest well formed? yesIs his heart normal? yesAre his lungs normal? yesWhat is the condition of the teeth? GoodIs he free from hernia? yesIs he free from varicocele? yesIs he free from varicose veins? yesIs he free from hæmorrhoids? yesIs he free from inveterate or contagious skin-disease? yesIs there a distinct mark of vaccination? yesIs he in good bodily and mental health and free from any physical defect likely to interfere with the efficient performance of his duties? yesAre there any slight defects, but not sufficient to cause rejection? noRemarks.Fair.Certificate of Medical Examination.

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

I consider him fit for service in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

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H. J. [Signature], Medical Officer.
Cap!

MILITARY HISTORY SHEET.

No.

Name: *Robert James McDonnell*

	Country.	From	To	Years.	Days.	Initials of Officer making Entry.
1. Service record	<i>N.Z.</i>	<i>17.9.14</i>	<i>15.10.14</i>		<i>29</i>	/
	<i>Foreign</i>	<i>16.10.14</i>	<i>20.7.16</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>278</i>	/
	<i>N.Z.</i>	<i>21.7.16</i>	<i>18.8.16.</i>		<i>29</i>	/
				<i>1</i>	<i>336</i>	
<i>b/d Discharge 18.8.16.</i>						
2. Certificates						
3. Passed classes of instruction <small>† This includes any authorized class of instruction.</small>						
4. Active service	<i>Foreign 16.10.14 to 20.7.16 - 1 yr 278 Days</i>					
5. Wounded						
6. Effects of wounds						
7. Special instances of gallant or meritorious conduct						
8. Medals and decorations	Name of Medal.	Clasps.		Date of Grant.		
9. Injuries in or by the Service						
10. Name and address of next-of-kin	<i>Mr. G. McDonnell (Father) Box 79 Taihape</i>					
11. Particulars as to Marriage.	(a.) Christian and Surname of Woman to whom married, and whether Spinster or Widow. (b.) Place and Date of Marriage. (c.) Name of Officiating Minister or Registrar.					
	(a.)	(b.)		(c.)		
12. Particulars as to Children.	Christian Names.		Date and Place of Birth.		Where registered.	

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Intended place of residence on discharge: *Taihape*

STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES OF No.

NAME :

Regiment or Corps.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Rank.	Dates.	Signature of Officer certifying Correctness of Entries.
<p><i>W. M. D.</i></p> <p>DISCHARGED.</p> <p>NO LONGER PHYSICALLY FIT FOR WAR SERVICE.</p> <p><i>Trooper 18.8.16</i> <i>[Signature]</i></p>				

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<u>AMNZT No 46.</u>	<u>15. 10. 14</u>	<u>3. 12. 14</u>		<u>50</u>	<u>Paul</u>
<u>Egypt</u>	<u>2. 12. 14</u>				

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Mr G. Mc Donnell
Box 49
Tairāpe

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"	<i>Disc. from " "</i>	"		
"	<i>Arrived at Depot Church</i>	"	<i>21.3.16</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
"	<i>Adm. Hosp. Walton-on-Thames</i>	"	<i>20.4.16</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
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W.M.F.	<i>Disch'd in N.Z. from NZEF (NZ Hon. List Aug 1916)</i>	<i>Priv.</i>	<i>18.8.16</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>