



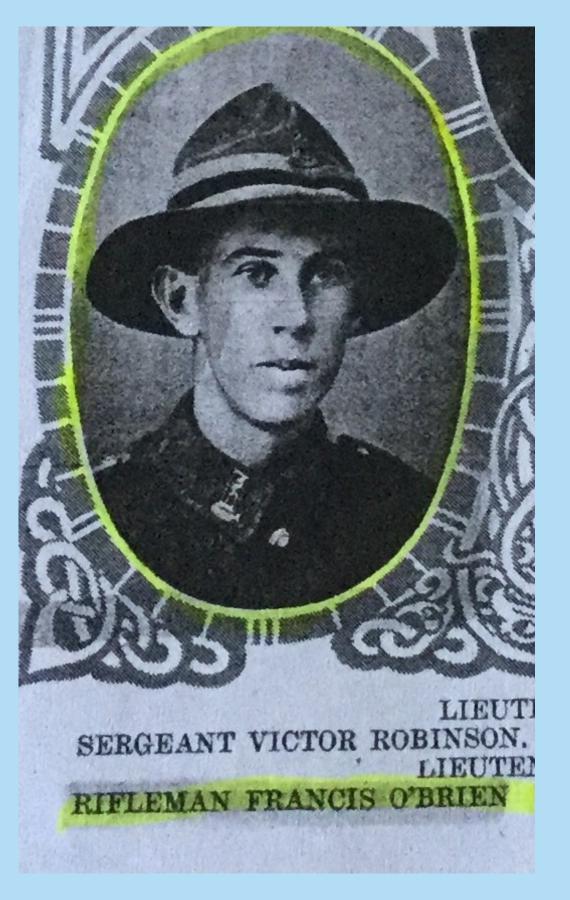
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Soldier story







<u>Francis</u> <u>O'Brien</u>

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1. Name, Serial Number, Rank and regiment Name: Francis Trevor Laughlin O'Brien Rank: Rifleman Serial Number: 62621

Regiment: Rifle Brigade 1st Batallion

Francis Trevor
Laughlin O'Brien
---1897-1918--Serial no: 62621

2. Family Backround

FATHER: Francis O'Briens fathers name was Adolph O'Brien and he was born in England in 1859. He practiced law in Auckland and became reasonably wealthy. He (family) owned three houses one in Putiki Bay one in Waiheke island and one in Parnell. They also owned a number of orchards. In 1947 Adolph O'Brien died. MOTHER: Francis O'Briens mothers name was Norma O'Brien. She was born in Germany but was a Belgian origin. Her date of death is unknown.

Early life: Francis O'Brien was born on the 22nd of June in 1897 in Auckland. Altogether he had 5 siblings. He had three brothers and 2 sisters but one brother died. Francis was single. At the age of 20, he was 5 feet 7 inches and weighed 144 lb.The colour of his hair was Browne. His religious profession was Roman Catholic.

Education of Francis O'Brien

Francis O'Brien was home schooled for majority of his school life, but went to Sacred Heart College in his final year in 1914. He was a full time boarder at the school. Francis was very involved in school activities and was a very good student. For example, in 1914 he came 3rd in the Junior marathon race, which was about 5km long.

He also joined the Senior cadets.

Francis O'Brien's work after College

There is not much on his work after college but he became a clerk and worked for the New Zealand Insurance company in Auckland



Enlistment in Army. Where Francis trained in New Zealand and the ship which transported Francis and others overseas. Where did they arrive at? Francis's deployment in France?

Francis was enlisted in the Auckland Infantry regiment.

Francis O'Briens ship was the RMS Tahiti that left on April 14th 1917 3 months after enlisting in the Auckand infantry regiment. Francis's ship arrived in France and then he was deployed to the the Rifle Brigade, 1st Battalion.



How Francis died and where did he die?

Francis O'Brien died on November 7th 1918. He died in Quensoy,France by death of wounds.

Daniel Schoensperger

Also I was lucky enough to be able to gather information about my soldier from Mario Koenigsperger.He was very helpful.

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