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Francis
O'Brien

LIEUTENANT
SERGEANT VICTOR ROBINSON.
LIEUTENANT
RIFLEMAN FRANCIS O'BRIEN

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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



2. Family Background

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



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

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