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O'BRIEN JOHN WILLIAM ALEXANDER : Service Number - VX15127 : Date of birth - 13 Jun 1908 : Place of birth - MELBOURNE VIC : Place of enlistment - CAULFIELD VIC : Next of Kin - O'BRIEN GWEN

M. F.

AUSTRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES

ATTESTATION FORM

FOR SPECIAL FORCES RAISED FOR SERVICE IN AUSTRALIA OR ABROAD.

Army No. ^{Map} V+15127
 Surname O'BRIEN. Other Names John William Alexander.
 Unit ^(BLOCK CAPITALS) Command Recruiting Depot South Melbourne, S.C.4 ~~7. Div. ART. Y (Army) Troop Regt.~~
 Enlisted for service at Campfield (Place)
Victoria (State) 15. April 1940 (Date)

A

Questions to be put to persons called out or presenting themselves for voluntary enlistment.*

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. What is your name? | 1. Surname <u>O'BRIEN</u>
<small>(BLOCK LETTERS)</small> |
| | Other names <u>John William Alexander</u> |
| 2. Where were you born? | 2. In or near the town of <u>Melbourne</u>
in the state or country of <u>Victoria</u> |
| 3. Are you a natural born or a naturalized British Subject? If the latter, papers are to be produced | 3. <u>Yes Catholic Born</u> |
| 4. What is your age and date of birth? | 4. Age <u>31 years 10 months</u>
Date of Birth <u>13 June 1908</u> |
| 5. What is your trade or occupation? | 5. <u>Exchange</u> |
| 6. Are you married, single or widower? | 6. <u>Married</u> |
| 7. Have you previously served on active service? If so, where and in what arm? | 7. <u>no</u> <u>MS.</u> |
| 8. Who is your actual next of kin? (Order of relationship:—wife, eldest son, eldest daughter, father, mother, eldest brother, eldest sister, eldest half-brother, eldest half-sister) | 8. Name <u>Gwen Victoria O'Brien</u>
Address <u>6. Greendale Rd. Glen Iris</u>
Relationship <u>Wife</u> |
| 9. What is your permanent address? | 9. <u>6 Greendale Rd. Glen Iris</u> |
| 10. What is your religious denomination? (This question need not be answered if the man has a conscientious objection to doing so) | 10. <u>R.C.</u> |

I, John William Alexander O'Brien do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true and that I am willing to serve in the Australian Military Forces within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

Witnessed by [Signature] (Signature of Attesting or Witnessing Officer) [Signature] Signature.

*The person will be warned that should he give false answers to any of these questions he will be liable to heavy penalties under the Defence Act.

APR 15 1940

MEDICAL EXAMINATION

I have made full and careful examination of the abovenamed person in accordance with the instructions contained in the Standing Orders for Australian Army Medical Services. In my opinion he is—*

- 1. Fit for Class I.
- 2. Temporarily unfit for Class II
- 3. Unfit for military service†

Place Campfield Date 15 April 1940

Signature of Examining Medical Officer [Signature]

* Classifications which are inapplicable to be struck out.

† Reasons for unfitness to be stated.

C

OATH OF ENLISTMENT‡

I, _____ swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord, the King, in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia until the cessation of the present time of war and twelve months thereafter or until sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed, and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained, and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

So Help Me God.

Signature of Person Enlisted _____

Subscribed at _____ in the State of _____

this _____ day of _____ 19 _____

Before me—

Signature of Attesting Officer _____

‡ Persons who object to take an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Defence Act. In such case the above form will be amended accordingly and initialed by the Attesting Officer.



PROCEEDINGS FOR TERMINATION OF AN OFFICER'S APPOINTMENT.

A.A.F. A. 209.
(Introduced July, 1945)

PART A—Compiled by Unit:

Termination Authority	AMR & O 253A (1) ()
Reason for Termination	<i>N</i>
State in which termination desired. Normally State in which member's home is situated.	

Unit: *205 D Coy 1 T.S. Students Army No. VX 16137 Rank *Drig* DSO.*

Other Names: *John William Alexander* Surname: *O'BRIEN* ED
(Block Letters)

PART B—Personal details—compiled by Unit:

1. Home address: *15 HOD Date of Birth 13/6/108.*

Date commenced F.T.D.: *15/11/40*

State whether: —
 Married, single, divorced, widow
Married

No. of Dependents in respect of whom dependent's allowance is being paid: —
 Under 16 yrs. 16 yrs. & over.

Present Description of Officer:
 Age: *35* yrs. months
 Height: *5* ft. *10* ins. Eyes: *Blue*
 Complexion: *Bred* Hair: *Brown* Gray
 Marks/Scars: *None*

PART D—Compiled by Ech. & Rec.: 49173 49152 (Cancelled)

5. Details of Certificate of Service No. *49173 49152*
 Unit (for termination purposes) *205 D Coy 1 T.S. Students Army No. VX 16137*
 Served on continuous Full Time War Service in the *Citizen Military Force* from *10/5/40* to *30/6/47*
 for a Total Effective Period* of *4227* days, which included Active Service in Aust. *193* days & O/S Aust. *2508* days.
 Service in the Ranks } was from *1/7/47* to *1/1/51*
 (included in above) }
 Honours, Decorations and Award† during that Service: *Feb. 41*

Awarded D.S.O. 24/12/41 in recognition of distinguished service in the field.
"Aust. Operational Medal" 24/12/41
A.F.E. 11 CHG 200946

War Badge Entered *1/7/47*
 Class and No. *A138 0049* Badge Register
 F.T.W.S. as an Officer in the *1A* ceased on *30/3/51*

Place *Brill.* Signature
 Date *1/1/51* Officer i/c *J.C. Pao* Ech. and Rec.
 Details compiled by *H.H.*

6. A.A.F.A.208 written by *H.H.*
 checked by *H.H.* Army List No. *1171*
 Entered in Register by *H.H.* C.A. Gazette No. *1171*
 Entered "Wills" Register

PART E—To be signed by Officer on termination of appointment:

I hereby acknowledge receipt of:
 (a) Certificate of Service No. *49173 49152*
 (b) Army Form A.131 purporting to contain my Will. *11/7/51*
 (c) War Badge No. *1171*

Date: *11/7/51* Signature of Officer: *H.H.*
 Place: *Brill.* Signature of Witness: *H.H.* 11 JUL 1951

* "Effective Period" means the period of service, less any consecutive 21 days or more for which the soldier was not entitled to pay.
 † Australia means the mainland of Australia and Tasmania.
 ‡ Does not include War Medals

3. Operational Service:—

(a) Overseas area of service	Embarked from Aust.	Disembarked in Aust.
<i>W.F.E.</i>	<i>11/40</i>	<i>29/11/42</i>
<i>N.T.</i>	<i>16/42</i>	<i>29/11/43</i>
<i>N.T.</i>	<i>1/43</i>	<i>30/6/44</i>
<i>N.T.</i>	<i>1/44</i>	<i>28/11/44</i>
<i>N.T.</i>	<i>1/45</i>	<i>28/11/45</i>
<i>N.T.</i>	<i>1/46</i>	<i>28/11/46</i>

(b) N.T. (North of Par. 14 1/2 Sth.) or Torres St. Is.: —
 At From To

Part B compiled by:—

Date: *1/1/51* (Officer's signature and rank)

PART C—Compiled by Ech. and Rec.:

4. Non-effective Service:*

DETERMINATION OF DEMOBILIZATION PRIORITY

DEMOB. INDICATOR	

A. ARMY NO. **RANK** **UNIT**

SURNAME

OTHER NAMES

Date of Commencement of Full War Time Service / / Age at commencement of Full Time War Service years.

B. ASSESSMENT OF NORMAL PRIORITY.

- | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|---------------|-------|-------------------------|
| 1. Length of Service in months | X 2 (males) or | X 1 (females) | | Points |
| 2. Age at enlistment in years | X 2 (males) or | X 3 (females) | | |
| 3. Dependency Status (males only)—one point for each month of Service | | | | Total (Normal Priority) |
| 4. Dependency Status (females only)—insert "A" | | | | |
| 5. Marriage (females only) | —insert "B" | | | Class |
| 6. Records and assessment checked. | | | | |

Date Signature of Officer.

7. I desire discharge in the State of

8. I intend to apply—

* (i) For service in the Permanent Military Forces.

* (ii) For service throughout the Demob. period.

Date

Signature of Member.

C. DECISION OF COMMANDING OFFICER OR REPRESENTATIVE OF SERVICE ON FORMATION H.Q.†

Signature.

Date.

*Not to be retained

*To be retained—(see instructions).

D. ALLOTMENT OF SPECIAL PRIORITY.

Reason and Authority

Date

Signature of Commanding Officer
or Representative of Service.

INSTRUCTIONS.

LENGTH OF SERVICE.—Months of service calculated from the date of commencement of full-time service to the date notified by L.H.Q.
AGE AT ENLISTMENT.—Completed years of age at date of commencement of full-time war service.

DEPENDANCY STATUS.—Accorded only to members on whose behalf an allowance is being paid by the Army for one or more dependants.
MARRIAGE.—Claims by female members for discharge on account of marriage will not be recognised if such marriage has not been reported, and in consequence has not been entered in their personal records.

†**PART C.—REASONS FOR RETENTION**—to be inserted as appropriate

(i) Member of Permanent Military Forces;

(ii) Applicant for Permanent Military Forces.

*Strike out where appropriate.

(iii) Service throughout Demob. period—voluntary.

(iv) Services essential—Retained until

Authority

EXAMINATIONS.

Rank for which Examined.	Date.	Authority (M.O. or D.O.).	Remarks, commendatory or otherwise, regarding Officer's Service. (Corres. Reference Nos. to be quoted.)
Cadet { 2nd Lieutenant Lieutenant ...	12.7.28	Passed Pt. I. 365/28.	
	26.7.28	" Pt. II "	
Lieutenant ...	24.10.31.	332/31. Passed 'B'	} Qualified for Captain.
	19.11.31	359/31. " 'A'	
Captain ...	Dec 31.	24/32 " C.D.E.F.	
Major ...	30.7.33	159/33 Passed A (Fd)	} Qual. capt. Faculty.
	May 33.	160/33 " F (Fd)	
	May 35	180/35 " C.D.E.F. (Special pass E)	
Lieutenant-Colonel ...	12.12.36.	22/37 " B.	

Schools of Instruction, Staff Tours, Certificates awarded (including instruction abroad).

Nature.	Locality.	Date.		Authority.	Result of Examination.		Certificates, Exemptions, &c.
		From.	To.		Theory.	Practice.	
6 Army Staff Course	S. of A.	4.4.32	28.5.32	1190.	123/32.		Excellent. Jud. (1st class) Passed.
11 Field School Course	"	24.7.33	22.10.33	6/34			
21 A Course	Inquay	5.12.36	12.12.36	22/37			

Record of Special Leave.

Leave without Pay.			Long Leave—A.M.R. 407-9.			Remarks showing State or Commonwealth Service under A.M.R. 410, and Authority.
From.	To.	Authority.	From.	To.	Authority.	
11.5.30.	10.1.31.	DBRO. 5/30				
11.1.31.	10.5.31.	" 13/30				

Special Qualifications, quoting Authority.

Special Employment, quoting Authority.

Attached 1 Svy. Coy., R.A. Larkhill, 6.1.31 to 15.1.31 D.C.R.32/15/49

OFFICER'S RECORD OF SERVICE.

A.M. Form A. 98.
(Reprinted November, 1921.)

Regiment or Corps

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VX15127

Name *O'Brien John William Alexander*

Date of Birth *13.6.08*

Civil Profession or Employment *M.A.I.E. Draughtsman*

D.1927/8.21.—C.18702.—20M.

56 Spray St Elwood S3

Rank.	Date.	Authority (M.O. or D.O.).	Detail of Military Appointments held, including A.I.F.		
			Nature of Appointment.	Period.	
From.	To.				
Cadet { 2nd Lieut. Lieut. ...			<i>Appointed Lieut., 2nd Arty Survey Coy</i>	<i>30.8.28</i>	<i>C.G.97/28</i>
Lieutenant ...	<i>30.8.28</i>	<i>C.G.97/28</i>	<i>Seconded from A.G.A. (Arty Svy Coy) & appointed Staff Officer for Reconnaissance</i>	<i>9.11.31</i>	<i>C.G.95/31</i>
Captain ...	<i>2.2.32</i>	<i>C.A.17/32</i>	<i>Appointed Militia Acting Adjutant & temporary Quartermaster 10th Field Brigade</i>	<i>15.11.32</i>	<i>A.A.O.221/32</i>
Major ...	<i>19.3.37</i>	<i>C.E.19/37</i>	<i>Transferred (Prov) from A.G.A. to A.F.A.</i>	<i>6.12.33</i>	<i>C.G.5/34</i>
Lieut.-Colonel ...			<i>Provisional Transfer confirmed</i>		<i>C.G.41/1935</i>
Colonel ...			<i>Appointed Act Maj. Arty Temp O.I.M. extended for 12 months from</i>	<i>15.11.35</i>	<i>A.A.O. 260/1935</i>
Record of Military Service in the Ranks.			<i>Relinquished app't. as Maj. of Arty & Temp Ar Arty</i>	<i>10.6.36</i>	<i>A.A.O. 191/1936</i>
Military Forces. (Units to be shown.)	Senior Cadets. (Units to be shown.)		<i>Appointed D.A.D.A., A.H.Q.</i>	<i>1.9.39</i>	<i>A.A.O. 48/40</i>
			<i>Relinquished appointment of D.A.D.A.</i>	<i>9.5.40</i>	<i>" 151/40</i>
<i>Sgt, 2nd Arty Survey Coy</i>			<i>Seconded from R.A.A.(M) and appointed Major, Arty, 1st Aust Corps A.I.F.</i>	<i>21/7/40</i>	<i>C.G.106/40</i>
Active Service. (Units to be shown.)					
			Orders, Decorations, and Medals.		
			Authority (M.O.).		
Name, Relation, and Address of Next-of-Kin. (To be entered in pencil.)					
<i>Father Honny Charles O'Brien 56 Spray St Elwood S.3</i>					

EXAMINATIONS.

Rank for which Examined.	Date.	Authority (M.O. or D.O.).	Remarks, commendatory or otherwise, regarding Officer's Service. (Corres. Reference Nos. to be quoted.)
Cadet { 2nd Lieutenant Lieutenant ...			
Lieutenant ...	12.7.28 + 26.7.28 May 1928	365/28 Passed Part I " Part II	
Captain ...	24.10.31 19.11.31 Dec. 1931 30.7.1933 May, 1933	322/31, Passed "B" 358/31, "A" 24/31, "C.D.E.F." A/AO 159/1933 A/AO 160/1933	Qualified for Captain Passed A (FA) } Qualified for Captain in Passed F (FA) } Field Artillery.
Major ...	May 1935 12.12.36	A/AO 180/1935 " 72/1936	Passed C.D.E.F. (Special pass E) " "B"
Lieutenant-Colonel ...			

Schools of Instruction, Staff Tours, Certificates awarded (including instruction abroad).

Nature.	Locality.	Date.		Authority.	Result of Examination.		Certificates, Exemptions, &c.
		From.	To.		Theory.	Practice.	
3rd Arty Survey							VG
6th Arty Survey Course	Arty Schools of Instruction	4.4.32	28.5.32	A.A. 9 127/32			Excellent
11th F.A. Short Course	S.A.P.A. Ramdunick	24.7.33	27.10.33	A.A.O. 6/1934			Qualified - 1st Class
21A Course	Torquay	5.12.36	12.12.36	A.A.O. 22/37			Passed.

Record of Special Leave.

Leave without Pay.			Long Leave—A.M.R. 407-9.			Remarks showing State or Commonwealth Service under A.M.R. 410, and Authority.
From.	To.	Authority.	From.	To.	Authority.	
11.5.36	10.1.31	DBRO N° 5				
11.1.31	10.5.31	" 13/1930				

Special Qualifications, quoting Authority.

Special Employment, quoting Authority.

Attached to 1st Surrey Coy. P.A. LARKHILL 6.1.31 to 15.1.31. DCA 32 1/15/49 (ENGLAND)

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OFFICER'S RECORD OF SERVICE

Continuation Sheet to A.F. B.199 (a) (Adapted).

Personal Number
VX 15127

Regt. or Corps.....
Other Names *John William* Surname **O. BRIEN** *D.S.O*
Alexander (BLOCK CAPITALS) A.H.M.—11/44—B7257

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS SPACE.

REPORT		Record of all casualties regarding promotions (acting, temporary, local or substantive), appointments, transfers, postings, attachments, etc., forfeiture of pay, wounds, accidents, admission to and discharge from Hospital, Casualty, Clearing Stations, etc. Date of disembarkation and embarkation from a theatre of war (including furlough, etc.).	Date of Casualty	Place of Casualty	Authority W.3010 B.2069 or other document	Initials of Officer certifying to correctness of entries
Date	From whom received					
	AMF.	<i>leaves to be allotted for special duties as leader of the Scientific Mission to Japan & is att'd HQ Supreme Commander Allied Powers (Economic & Scientific Sec) & remains seconded 10.4.46</i>	10.4.46		AMF 130/712 R/O 11619 22/46/0V1	64
8.5.46	2 Oct A.H.Q.	<i>Empl'd Sydney per Qantas. G/AGTS for Singapore.</i>	14.4.46	Sydney	2 Oct A.H.Q. Memo 09283 of 7.5.46. 30.10. 12130	64
2.6.46	G.H.Q. SCAP.	<i>Depl'd Tokyo.</i>	26.4.46		12130	64
10.7.46	"	<i>alteration of address of N.O.K. 6. Kioicho Kojimachi Tokyo Japan.</i>	23.5.46		14879 R/O. 32/46/0V1	64
		<i>new Postal Address. C/O British Commonwealth Sub Area Tokyo Japan</i>				
2.8.46	Ass. Secnt. Mission Japan	<i>allotted for duty from Gen List & appt'd leader of the Scientific Mission to Japan.</i>	27.10.45	Japan	AMF 116/45 R/O. 1/18 of 28.6.46.	64
3/3/47	do	<i>1st Lt from 1. HQ TSS Secondment</i>	28.10.45		R/O 1/1 of 28.6.46.	64
2.8.46	"	<i>Empl'd Melbourne.</i>	27.10.46		TSS 3(M-3) Roach.	
"	"	<i>Depl'd at Tokyo.</i>	28.10.45			
"	"	<i>Empl'd at Tokyo.</i>	3.11.45			
"	"	<i>Empl'd at Tokyo.</i>	24.12.45			
"	"	<i>Depl'd at Melbourne.</i>	28.12.45			
"	"	<i>Empl'd at Melbourne.</i>	3.1.46			
"	"	<i>Depl'd at Tokyo.</i>	6.1.46			
"	"	<i>Empl'd at Tokyo.</i>	19.2.46	do	R/O 1/2 of 28.6.46	
"	"	<i>Depl'd at Melbourne.</i>	26.2.46			
"	"	<i>Empl'd at Melbourne.</i>	14.4.46			
"	"	<i>Depl'd at Tokyo.</i>	26.4.46			64
10/2/47	L.H.Q. 2 Oct	<i>Awarded Australian Efficiency Decoration.</i>	24.10.46		DX39. 1.7.46. 2 Oct R/O 48/46/0V1	64
10/2/47	Smallhead Dist Office	<i>TOS from G.H.Q. SCAP.</i>	1-12-47		2/4/45	64

Ceased Secondment A.F. 30-6-47
Seconded Interim Army CMF 1-7-47 CAG 198/47

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Date	From whom received					
18/11/45	Uk of sea	Pld to Pers Sec on Det + LT Students	18/11/45	vic	176/45	DA
19/11/45	Pd/D+LTs	T of from Uk of sea	19/11/45	"	182/45	DA
26.4.51	PSDg S.	Terminated S Comd	30.3.51	-	181/51 (PS)	DA

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Personal Number

VX 15127

Regt. or Corps

050.

Other Names

John William

Surname

Alexander

O B R I E N

(BLOCK CAPITALS)

A.H.M.—8/42—B3048

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REPORT		Record of all casualties regarding promotions (acting, temporary, local or substantive), appointments, transfers, postings, attachments, etc., forfeiture of pay, wounds, accidents, admission to and discharge from Hospital, Casualty, Clearing Stations, etc. Date of disembarkation and embarkation from a theatre of war (including furlough, etc.).	Date of Casualty	Place of Casualty	Authority W.3010 B.2069 or other document	Initials of Officer certifying correctness of entries
Date	From whom received					
1/3/44	JMGOE M. 30 Bick	M'in from duty NSW Lofc area	23/7/43			
		M'out for duty Las Lofc area	26/7/43			
		M'in from Las Lofc area	30/7/43			
		M'out for duty SA Lofc area	1/9/43			
		M'in from SA Lofc area	18/9/43			
		M'out for duty NSW Lofc area	27/9/43			
		M'in from NSW Lofc area	28/9/43			
		M'out for duty NSW Lofc area	6/11/43			
		M'in from NSW Lofc	11/11/43	Melb	W3010 in folder	Set
		M'out for duty Canberra	6/12/43			
		M'in from Canberra	7/12/43			
		M'out for duty Canberra	24/1/44			
		to duty NSW Lofc area from Canberra				
		M'in from Canberra NSW Lofc	28/1/44			
		Emplaned Melb for N.G.F.	9/2/44			
		Emplaned Townsville for duty N.G.F.	11/2/44			
		Emplaned Moresby for return from duty N.G.F.	26/2/44			
		M'in from N.G.F.	27/2/44			
		Admit 2/1 Aust. C.C.S.	18/11/43			
		Disch 2/1 Aust. C.C.S. (Belaria MT)	25/11/43			
29/3/44	HQ 11th Aust Div	Corrigenda R/O 1/33/43				
		For HQ 1 Aust Div				
		Substitute "LHQ"				
12.2.44	Rice 11/504 TOWNVILLE 2/1 MORT	Deplaned Townsville from Melbourne	10.2.44	OLA	1/43238 1/327109	
30.6.43	CONT. GRP	Deplaned Townsville from base for Abouy	15.6.43	OLA	9 EXT 1/33 574/157	
30.6.43	"	Emplaned Townsville for N.G. Lofc Abouy	16.6.43	OLA	9 EXT 1/50	
25.6.43	H.G. Lofc Records H.Q. MORT	Deplaned Port Abouy from Melbourne	16.6.43	N.G.	24/2/107-276 9 EXT 1/33	
15.7.43	CONT. T.V.I.L.L. 2 tech	Emplaned Abouy Deplaned T.V.I.L.L. for Brisbane	30.6.43		24/2/107 9 EXT 1/64	
31.8.44	L.H.Q.	Advised Departed by Air from Townsville 7.8.44 for U.S.A.	7.8.44		2 tech L.H.Q. Memo 0432454 31.8.44	
		After SPENDING approx 14 days				

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Date	From whom received					
31.8.44	2 beh L.H.Q.	in U.S.A., will proceed to Canada and U.K., returning to Aust. by air via U.S.A.			2 ad beh L.H.Q. Memo 043254 31/8/44	64
6.9.44	"	S.O.S. 1040 Bch Staff of D.M.90(E) relings appnt as D.M.90(E) & No/Out to United Kingdom 4/9/44	26.9.44	Melb.	9129 R/O 3/9/44	64
25.10.44	AMF	To be Colonel & retain Temporary rank of Brigadier	1.9.42	AMF	51/3	
4.11.44	2.FCH L.H.Q.	Departed from U.K. for Italy BY AIR	18.10.44		2.F.C.H. L.H.Q. 04.9.44 3.1.45	10
13.11.44	"	Arrived in India & expect O/M to Aust by air	15/11/44		056472 memo	9
23.11.44	2.FCH L.H.Q.	DEPARTED PERTH FROM COLOMBO AND EXPECT O/M TO MELB. BY AIR.	16/11/44	Vic. 2.FCH	051326	10
27.10.44	AUST ARMY STAFF U.K.	CEASED TO BE ATTACHED TO L.H.Q.	18/10/44	LONDON.	2023/360	10
1.9.12.44	AUST ARMY STAFF VIC	(L.H.Q.) ceases to be attached on detachment to 21 Army Grp.	5.10.44	London	2/029/44/43	M.
	✓	attached from L.H.Q.	9.10.44	do	do	
21.2.45	A.M.F.	Given to be used for special duties in U.K. and is appnt 2160 Sgt. Div. A.G.O. Bch L.H.Q.	11/1/45		A.M.F. 68/296 2669	M.
23.4.45	H.Q. N.G.F.	Emplined Townsville. Deplined A. S. S. S.	11/2/44		R/O 3/501/45 2669	
	✓	Emplined A. S. S. S. Deplined A. S. S. S.	26/2/44		R/O 3/502/45	
18.2.45	L.H.Q.	Not in from U.K. & S.O.S. 1040 Bch Staff of D.M.90 (E) in appnt as D.M.90. 11/1/45. (AMF. 68/45)	11.1.45	Vic	6532 R/O 1714670V1	64
16.2.45	2 beh L.H.Q. AMF	Approval by Gen. to the grant of the "Pacific Star" periods Nov. 1942 (17 days) June 1943 (15 days) Feb. 1944 16 days. Auth. DPS 153667 beh 476/6/192		Vic	DPS 153667 of 30.11.45. 2 beh Memo 0982 of 15.1.46	64
27.10.45	H.Q. AMF	Rel. the appnt. of D.M.90. 1060 Bch Staff of D.M.90. 27.10.45. AMF 116/326	27.10.45	Vic	2642 R/O 1/26/0V1	64
	AMF.	Rel. appnt. of D.M.90. Capt. Div. 1060. Bch L.H.Q. & in need in Gen List for Spec Duties as Leader of the Scientific Services Japan.	27.10.45	3	AMF 116/326	64
14.2.46	H.Q. AMF.	Detached to Japan	27.10.45	Vic	5517 R/O 8/16/0V1	64

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Date	From whom received					
17.11.44.	A. ARMY STAFF. U.K.	L.P.O. ceased to be attached on detachment to 21 Army Group.	5.10.44	India	D. ORDER No. 25/42/44	OB
8.2.45.	A.M.F.	ceased to be seconded (General list) for special duties in U.K. and is appointed to M.C., Capt Div, N.S.O. Brn, I.P.O.	11.1.45	UK	Dist 68/496/45.	OB
18.4.45	HQ. NG. Brn	Command Third Army Bombay	11.2.44	"	R/O 3/50/502/45	OB
		Command Bombay district Mombasa	26.2.44			
22.5.45	RAF	Officer in UK + TOS M30 Brn. Staff of COMGO (C) in Africa	4.1.45	"	R/O 17/27/45	OB
17.1.46	"	Relief the staff of COMGO Egypt Div M30 Brn, I.H.A. and is seconded (General list) for special duties as leader of the Scientific mission to Japan.	27.10.45	"	Dist 116/326	OB
13.3.46	H.Q. AMF	Det. to Japan	27.10.45	"	R/O 8/108/46	OB
25.4.46	AMF	ceased to be affd for special duties as leader of Scientific mission to Japan & is affd HQ Supreme Commander Allied Powers (Economic & Scientific sec) & remains seconded	10.4.46	"	Dist 130/712	OB
13.5.46	2nd Lt. AMF	Employed Sydney via Singapore	14.4.46	"	M370/12	OB
20.6.46	2nd Lt. AMF	Employed Melbourne	28.10.45	"	R/O 1/1/46	OB
		Employed Tokyo	28.10.45	"	R/O 1/2/46	OB
		Employed Tokyo	3.11.45	"		
		Employed Tokyo	24.12.45	"		
		Employed Melbourne	28.12.45	"		
		Employed Melbourne	3.1.46	"		
		Employed Tokyo	6.1.46	"		
		Employed Tokyo	19.2.46	"		
		Employed Melbourne	26.2.46	"		

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28.6.46	AVST. SCIENTIFIC MISSION JAPAN	Emplaned at Melbourne	14.4.46		R/O 1/2/46	BS		
		Deplaned at Tokyo	26.4.46					
		Allotted for duty from Gen. List & appointed leader of the Scientific mission to Japan.	27.10.45		R/O 1/18/46	BS		
13/11/46	CAG	Award: Aust. Officing Decoration	28/10/45					
28-2-47	Aust Scientific mission Japan	M/I from G.H.Q. S.C.A.P. Tokyo.	10/4/46		R/O 1/3/47	aws		
		Emplaned at Melbourne	28/10/45		R/O 1/2/46	aws		
		Deplaned at Tokyo	3/11/45					
		Emplaned at Tokyo	24/12/45					
		Deplaned at Melbourne.	28/12/45					
		Emplaned at Melbourne.	3/1/46					
		Deplaned at Tokyo.	6/1/46					
		Emplaned at Tokyo.	19/2/46					
		Deplaned at Melbourne.	26/2/46					
		Emplaned at Melbourne.	14/4/46					
		Deplaned at Tokyo.	26/4/46					
10-2-48	Unallotted Gen. List O/S.	M/I from G.H.Q. S.C.A.P.	1/12/47				R/O 2/4/48	aws
Transferred to Interim Army 1-7-47 CAG 198/47								
28-3-51	MIL SEC	Relinqs. appra of Chief Scientific & Economic Sec. G.H.Q. SCAP	22/3/51		MS 1686	aws		
"	"	To be finalised	30/3/51					
13-4-51	"	Relinqs. the rank of 1/Brig + no trans to the Regd. Gen. List. (3670)	5/3/51		MS 6380 CAG 42/1502/51	aws		
		approval given for the Hon rank of Maj Gen whilst appra. low supp. Officer representative Washington.						
		Relinq. to appra. on Gen List Reserve Comp. relinq. the appra. of low supp. Dep. Washington represented the Hon rank of Maj Gen & granted the rank of Hon Brig	29/9/51					
			30/9/51		R/O 1/31/51	AW		

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23.1.42	H. Com office London	<u>Awarded D. S. O.</u>	-	-	Table 8176 30.12.41 D.V. 8.	D.V. 8.
8.5.42	2/5 H.A. Regt	<u>Embarked M/E for New Amsterdam</u>	11.2.42	M/E	R/O 01/42 24/42 5363/42 59	
	do	<u>Transhipped to "Kevassa" at Bombay</u>	21.2.42	Bombay	2/5 Memo 5527	
9.4.42	2nd Ech.	<u>Disemb. ex SS. Kevassa at M.D.</u>	29.3.42	M.D.	9.4.42	59
19.5.42	L.H.Q. Aust.	<u>To be Brigadier</u>	6.4.42	3rd	W 8/42 R/O 24/42/1	59
"	do	<u>2.0.9. G. H.Q. "O Branch" State of Artillery ex 4 M.D. (C/Sec)</u>			W 8/42 R/O 24/42/1	59
"	"	<u>In apptmt. as Director of Artillery.</u>	5.5.42	do		59
8.6.42	L.H.Q.	<u>Duty to N.S.W. Lofb Area and 1st Army from 22.5.42 to 29.5.42</u>	29.5.42	do	R/O 27/42/1	59
1.7.42	do	<u>Relinqu. command of a Hd. Artillery Regiment. is transferred from Royal Aust. Artillery, is appointed Commander Royal Aust Artillery and to be Brigadier (Temp)</u>	6.4.42	do	W 13/42 R/O 33/42/1 C.A.G. 177/42	59
1.11.42	2. Sup. London Gazette	<u>Mentioned for distinguished services in Middle East period February 1941. to July 1941</u>			LONDON GAZ. 35296 of 26.12.41 31/3/42 R/O 48/42/4	D.V. 8 59
8.8.42	L.H.Q.	<u>The King has been graciously pleased to approve of the following award in recognition of distinguished services in the Middle East (including Egypt, East Africa, The Western Desert, The Sudan, Greece, Crete, Syria & Tobruk) during the period February 1941. to July 1941.</u>				W 53/42 R/O 48/42/1
"	"	<u>Award. D. S. O.</u>				
25.8.42	do	<u>Duty to S.A. Lofb Area from</u>	20.8.42	3rd	W 56/42 R/O 50/42/1 W 66/42	59
28.9.42	do	<u>Duty to S.A. Lofb Area & Force from</u>	16.9.42	do	R/O 58/42/1	59
5.10.42	do	<u>Resumed duty from S.A. Lofb & Force</u>	29.9.42	do	W 69/42 R/O 60/42/1 R/O 25/12/42	59
1.10.42	2/5 H.A. 2nd Ech.	<u>Awarded Distinguished Service Order</u>	2.10.42		R/O 7/10/42 R1357	59

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15.10.42	LHQ	From Comdr Royal Aus. Arty.			Day Sup List 2/42.	
"	"	3 Aus. Div. is appointed Director	5.5.42		6/44	HQ RAA 3 Dec
"	"	of Arty. at Land Headquarters			269/42 W 77/42 R/O	Old Lofc R/O 1/43
16.11.42	do	Duty to Old Lofc Area from	9.11.42	vic Lofc	2/42/VO1 W 89/42 R/O 7/42/011	178/5/43
2.2.43	do	Relinquishes appoint as D of A. M.G.O Bds				
		State of Arty. 24.1.43 to appoint as D.M.G.O.			M 2010	
		(Equipment) M.G.O Bds Staff of D.M.G.O. (E)	25.1.43		R/O 6/43/011	L
29.1.43	Civil	From appoint of D of A. LHQ is appoint				
		JMGO (Army Equpt) MGO Branch			R/O 11/43/011	
5.5.43	LHQ	LHQ retains the temp rank of brig	8.1.43		CinC 42 JCB R/O 1/43/01561 Cal 767/43	
		Emplaned Maple				
16.6.43	RAA	Deplaned Townsville	29.11.42	Old Lofc	R/O Ext 2237 1/18/43 JCB	
3.6.43	11 Div	Attached from HQ 11 Aust Div Arty	17.11.42		R/O Ext 2181 1/33/43 JCB	
28.5.43	HQ RAA	Trans to LHQ as Director of Arty	5.5.42		vide Cal 767/42 R/O 1/43/25	
16.12.43	HQ of Services	S.O.S + M'out to LHQ	13.12.43	Melb	R/O 34/43/01561 JCB	
"	LHQ	M'in + J.O.S.	13.12.43		R/O 53/43/011 JCB	
7.3.44	JMGO (E)	M'out duty S.A. Lofc area	19.8.42			
	MGO Bds	M'in from S.A. Lofc area	24.8.42			
		M'out duty Norforce	16.9.42			
		M'out Norforce to Old Lofc area	25.9.42			
		M'in from Norforce & Old Lofc	29.9.42			
		Emplaned Townsville				
		Duty N.G. I	11.11.42			
		Duty to Old Lofc area	9.11.42			
		Admitted 2/1 CCS Milne Bay	18.11.42			
		Positive Malaria (M.T)	20.11.42			
		Evac on AB 3118 to Mainland	29.11.42			
		Emplaned Milne Bay				
		M'in from Evac N.G.	30/11/42			
		Out. Patient No 115 A.G.H.				
		M'out Duty NSW Lofc	11.4.43			
		M'in from NSW Lofc	18.4.43			
		M'O. Duty NSW Lofc area	8.6.43			
		to Duty Old Lofc area	10.6.43			
		Emplaned Townsville for duty N.G.F.	16.6.43			
		Deplaned Townsville from duty N.G.F.	30.6.43			
		to Duty N.S.W. Lofc from N.G.F.	23.7.43			

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Examinations and Promotions—

Rank	Subject	Date	Authority	Promoted	Date	Authority
Lieutenant				Maj.	1.5.40	C.A.F.
				Lieut. Col	7.3.41	13.6.40
			Relinquish 31-3-51	Col	6.4.42	177/1124/42
				Col	1.9.42	57/5/44

Schools, Courses, &c.—

Nature of Course	Place	From	To	Certificate	Authority

Special Qualifications or Experience—

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Attached for full time duty as D.A.D.A.

1.9.1939

Melbourne

(A.H.Q. Part II Order of 2.10.39)

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(A.H.Q. Part II Order of 6.10.39)

~~Transferred to E bomb truck off A.H.Q. strength~~
~~ENTRY AMENDED SEE BELOW~~

18.11.40

3.M.D.

R.O. II

Struck off strength of A.H.Q.

9.5.40

3.M.D.

R.O. II

Appointed to A.I.F. as flow

10.5.40

125/277/40

Commenced duties with unit.

10.5.40

M.D.

W3008

(A.G.D.)

Jobe Major

9.6.40

W3008

Taken on strength (S.C. memo 6/17/186, 2/15/40)

1.5.40

3.M.D.

106/140/255

Transferred to 2/7 Flt Lt. to be 2nd in charge. (S.C. memo 6/17/186 of 2/15/40)

1.5.40

3.M.D.

D.O. 12/102/40

with unit.

14.7.40

3.M.D.

W3008

Embarked per train to Perth from Adelaide

28.8.40

4.M.D.

A206/57

14th Bty Administration.

7.9.40

4.M.D.

W3008

Attached to 14th Bty. as p.m.

29.8.40

5.M.D.

R.O. 202

M/O to Repair Unit.

9.9.40

5.M.D.

do

Rejoined unit.

29.9.40

4.M.D.

W3008

Embarked "Shaltheden" Adelaide.

17.11.40

4.M.D.

A206/104

Marched in from 14th Fed Bty. Northam. N.A.

11.9.40

4.M.D.

5993/40

M/O to R.A.A. (auxiliary corps admin. Supply)

14.9.40

4.M.D.

5793/40

Maintenance Course Melbourne.

30.9.40

4.M.D.

5889/40

Marched in from above.

17.6.40

M.D.

R.O. 5399/40

Marched in from School atqy. Hetherington.

6.7.40

4.M.D.

5609/40

So Senior Officers Training School Melb.

6.7.40

4.M.D.

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Disembarked MIE (2/4 to Rpt) 1/A30)

17.12.40

MIE

EXT. V1691

Attending 1/5 Artqy. School.

11-1-41

MIE

V. 2106

Rejoined unit from MIE Artqy. School

19-1-41

MIE

17/3/41

Manufactured to 7th Dist. Artqy. appointed to command

5.3.41

27/2/41

CAG. 100/1107/41

20-2-41

Disembarked 6.6.41. Ingate D.C.M.E.D.

47 Fed. Bty.

14.3.41

Spec Copy held 2 Dec. AHQ.
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Examinations and Promotions—

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Lieutenant						
Major ✓				MAJOR.	1.5.40	CA 9.106/40
				Lt Colonel	5.3.41	V 4834/41 CAC 100/41 R/O
				✓ 2/Brigadier	6.4.42	241/42/1 CA 9 179/42

Schools, Courses, &c.—

Nature of Course	Place	From	To	Certificate	Authority
M/Gen Artillery School	M/Gen	11.1.41	19.1.41		Ext V 2106/41

FOR PREVIOUS SERVICE

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1/5/40	OC. Corps Arty.	Taken on strength	1/5/40	Melb	R.D. 12/102/40	W.R. Cpl.
10/5/40	OC. Records 4 M.D. (Stk. Command)	Transferred to 5th. Aust. (to 2/7 Regmt)	10/5/40	"	CA. 3. 106/40 1. 5. 40 O.C. Dist. Bonds 4 M.D 1940/747/66	W.R. Cpl.
11.7.40	S#52/40 4 M.D	Posted to 2/7 Field Regt with rank of Major	1.5.40	S/Head		
26/6/40	"	Marched in front School of Artillery Holdsworth	17.6.40	S/Head		
19/8/40	"	Marched in front Adv. Duties W.A.	6.7.40	"		
19/8/40	"	Marched out to Senior Officers Inst Sch 3MD	6/7/40	"		
19/8/40	"	Marched in front Inst School 3MD	15/7/40	"	D.R.O	Cpl.
31/9/40	"	Embarked 4 M.D for 5 M.D to 14th Bty. W.A.	28/8/40	"	4th 16R	
20/9/40	"	Attached to 14th Field Bty from 13th Bty	29/8/40	"	Memo	
6/10/40	"	M/O to rejoin regiment Southern Command	9/9/40	"	1940/2009/125	
27/10/40	"	Marched in to 2/7 Field Regt from R.A.A.S. & M course Melbourne	30/9/40	"	Excl 37 of 2/11/40	
18.11.40	"	Embarked overseas	17.11.40	Auckland	4 M.D. Excl 12/11/41 Excl 30	Cpl
21.11.40	A.R.O 4th 16R	Marched in front 14th Bty Northam W.A.	11.9.40	"		
	"	Marched out to R.A.A. 1st Aust Corps Supply. Maintenance course Melb.	14.9.40	1st Aust	Excl 32	Cpl
5.3.41	2/7 Field Regt 2/11/40 2/27/40	Disembarked in the NE East	17.12.40	NE East	Ext 2 Sch V1691/41	Cpl
18.3.41	2/7 Field Regt 2/5/41	Attending NE East Artillery School	11.1.41	"	Ext V3101/41	Cpl
21.3.41	2/7 Field Regt 2/7/41	Rejoined Unit from NE East Artillery School	19.1.41	"	V3391/41	Cpl
8.5.41	2/7 Field Regt 2/21/41 2/23/41	Detached for Duty to 2/5th Field Regt.	6.3.41	"	V3754/41	Cpl
15.5.41	2/5th Field Regt 2/31/41 2/27/41	Attached from 2/7th Field Regt.	7.3.41	"	V4255/41	Cpl
23.5.41	2/5th Field Regt 2/27/41 2/34/41	Transferred to Arty. 7th Aus. Div.	5.3.41	"	V4436/41	Cpl
		(vide A.I.F. Order ME. List 22 dated 14.3.41)				Cpl
	2/5th Field Regt 2/10/41 2/7.4.41	Taken on strength from 2/7th Field Regt.	5.3.41	"	V4564/41	Cpl
	2/10/41 2/7.4.41	Appointed to command Vice Lt/Col. G.L.				
		Engage. D.C.M. E.D. (vide A.I.F. Order ME. 22 of 14.3.41)	5.3.41	"	CAG. 100/41 V4564/41	Cpl
30.5.41	2/5th Field Regt 2/10/41 2/14.4.41	Sub Lieut / Colonel	5.3.41	"	V4834/41 CAG. 100/41	Cpl

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Personal Particulars—

Address 6 GREENDALE RD. GLEN IRIS, MELBOURNE. VIC
Date of Birth 13-6-08 Place MELBOURNE. VIC
Civilian Employment CONSULTING ENGINEER, Religion Roman Catholic

Name, Relationship and Address of next of kin	Children		Previous Military Service		
	Date of Birth	Sex	Unit	From	To
<u>MRS GWEN VICTORIA GODDARD O'BRIEN.</u> <u>6 GREENDALE RD. (WIFE)</u> <u>GLEN IRIS. SE6</u> <u>MELBOURNE. VIC.</u>					

Examinations and Promotions—

Rank	Subject	Date	Authority	Promoted	Date	Authority
Lieutenant				MAJOR		

Schools, Courses, &c.—

Nature of Course	Place	From	To	Certificate	Authority

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS SPACE.

Special Qualifications or Experience—

OFFICER'S RECORD OF SERVICE

A. Form 1133 (old)

O'BRIEN

REPORT		Record of all casualties regarding promotions (acting, temporary, local or substantive), appointments, transfers, postings, attachments, &c., forfeiture of pay, wounds, accidents, admission to and discharge from Hospital, Casualty Clearing Stations, etc. Date of disembarkation and embarkation from a theatre of war (including furlough, &c.).	Date of Casualty	Place of Casualty	Authority W.3011 B.2069 or other document	Signature of Officer certifying to correctness of entries
Date	From whom received					
		Attached for full time duty as D.A.D.A. 1.9.39	MELB.		A.H.Q. PART II order d/2.10.39	
		allocated Personal number (V159769)	—	MELB.	A.H.Q. PART II order d/16.10.39	
21.5.40	A.H.Q.	Shook N Strength of A.H.Q.	9.5.40		R.O. PART II	
		appointed to A.I.F. as from	10.5.40	J.M.D.	125/277/40	J.R.
11.8.44	H.Q. RAR NGF	Englond Townsville Depland Hoople	12.11.44		97744 3/21/44	f

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OFFICER'S RECORD OF SERVICE

Continuation Sheet to A.F. B.199 (a) (Adapted)

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Personal Number
VX 15127

Regt. or Corps **2/5 F.I.L.D. REGT**

Other Names **JOHN WILLIAM ALEXANDER** Surname **O'BRIEN J.C.**
(Block Capitals) **ED**

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21.3.41	A.I.F. (M/F) DROKAS 258866	To be Lieut. Colonel	5.3.41	M/F	A.I.F. (M/F) Ext. V. 4834 1.5.41 No. 23 26.3.41	apl
13.3.41	2nd Lt. A.I.F. M/F	Detached to 2/5 Sd. Regt.	6.3.41	"	Ext. V. 2754 7.5.41 2/5 Sd. Regt. No. 21 29 47	apl
31.3.41	do	Attached 2/5 Sd. Regt. from 7/1 Sd. Regt.	7.3.41	"	Ext. V. 2754 2/5 Sd. Regt. No. 21 29 47	apl
7.4.41	do	Transfer on strength 2/5 Sd. Regt. from 7/1 Sd. Regt.	5.3.41	"	Ext. V. 2754 2/5 Sd. Regt. No. 21 29 47	apl
30.12.41	High Comm Officer London Sergeant 35396	Awarded D.S.O. (SERV. 500-1041941)	24.4.42	"	Ext. V. 2754 2/5 Sd. Regt. No. 21 29 47	apl
26.11.41	2nd Lt. M/F 3MD	Mentioned in Despatches Feb to July 41	0.2.42 M. S. Order 1073-1078	"	Ext. V. 8 Ext. V. 5363 2/5 Sd. Regt. No. 19	apl
24.4.42	do	Embarked M/F "Hermes" to New Caledonia	11.2.42	"	Ext. V. 5363 2/5 Sd. Regt. No. 19	apl
29.5.42	do	Disembarked 4MD "Newarra"	27.2.42 29.5.42	Banking 4MD	File 6785	apl
25.5.42	G.H.Q.	Transfer on strength G.H.Q. "O'Connell's Draft" of 1st Lt. In app't as Director of that	5.5.42	36th D.	No 24/622/42	apl
17.6.42	L.H.Q.	Duty to H.S.W. of L. Area and 1st Group 22.5.42 to 29.5.42	22.5.42	"	No 27/1823/42	apl
25.6.42	C.A.G.	Relinquishes command 7th Art. Regiment. Transf. to General List from R.A.H. Appointed Commander R.A.H. and promoted Brigadier (Temp.)	6.4.42	Quot	Ext. V. 8 177/1524/42	apl
4.9.42	L.H.Q.	Duty S.A. L. of C. Area	20.8.42	"	Ext. V. 8 177/1524/42	apl
9.10.42	L.H.Q.	Resumes Duty from S.A. L. of C.	29.9.42	"	Ext. V. 8 177/1524/42	apl
30.12.42	Records	Deplanned Townsville ex. Mafik HQ ARE NO 744	28.11.42	"	MS 67 A206	apl
30.12.42	"	Deplanned Townsville for South	29.11.42	"	MS 67 A206	apl
22.1.43	C.I.C.	From appnt of D. of Art. L.H.Q. is appntd D.M.G.O. (army equipment) M.G.O. Pond L.H.Q. and retains temp. rank of Brigadier	8.1.43	Quot	A10 152/43 A10 1446/43 CAG 76/13/43 HQ A10 6/824/43 C.I.C. Aust. Res. 23	apl
29.9.42	L.H.Q.	Duty to S.A. L. of C. Area and therefore	16.9.42	"	Ext. V. 8 177/1524/42	apl
20.11.42	"	Duty to 2nd Land L. of C. Area from	9.11.42	"	Ext. V. 8 177/1524/42	apl

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8.10.42	LAC	From Comdr R.A.F. 3rd Lt. [unclear]			A/O 2/80/42 LAC	
	HQ RAE	is apptd Director of [unclear] HQ	5.5.42		2197/13/42	
16.6.43	N.G.F	Empld Maple Depld [unclear]	29.11.42		A/O	
	LAC	Empld [unclear] for [unclear]	30.6.43		1/1653/1671/43	
11.7.43	2 Ech	Empld [unclear] for [unclear] (LHQ)	30.6.43		M 3	
		Depld " En NG	30.6.43		172	
28.6.43	HQ 2 Ech	Empld [unclear] for North.	12.6.43		MS 158/7228	
	"	Depld [unclear] from South	11.6.43		MS 158/7234	
29.6.43	"	Empld [unclear] for NG, [unclear]	16.6.43		MS 159/7572	
	"	Depld [unclear] from South	15.6.43		MS 159/7534	
3.6.43	HQ 11 Div	Att'd from HQ 1 Div Arty.	17.11.42		R01/33/43	
29.12.43	HQ of Gen -LHQ	S.O.S. & T.O.S. LHQ	13.12.43		R0 34/2377/43	
24.2.44	2 Ech	Empld from [unclear] to Cairns	10.2.44		MS 47/10363/44	
	"	Depld from [unclear] to [unclear]	10.2.44		MS 47/10389/44	
11.8.44	H.Q.R.A.A N.G.F	Empld [unclear]			R0	
		Depld [unclear]	13.11.42		3/21/44	
16.8.44	LHQ	Depld [unclear]	10.2.44		R0 33/6717/44	
24.8.44	AMF	Relinquishes affl. of DMSO "E" MSO [unclear] LHQ and is [unclear] for Special duties in UK.	26.7.44		Post 24/302/44	
16.8.44	AMF L.H.Q.	Depld [unclear] from South for [unclear]	15.6.43		R0 33/6987/44	
12.10.44	AMF	To be [unclear] & retain the rank of [unclear] (Gen [unclear])	19.42		Post 5/1/3	
12.10.44	DIRECTOR STAFF DUTIES	Arrived San Francisco. Visited [unclear] en route to Washington - arriving Visited Ottawa & Montreal & departed for U.K. by R.A.F.T.C.	8.8.44 15.8.44 30.8.44		Post Washington London of 11.9.44	
16.10.44	"	Arrived U.K.	31.8.44			
15.9.44	2 Ech LHQ	Disembarked U.K. on Depld UK from USA	31.8.44		Estab. PAS London 31.8.44 21.9.44 PAS UK DO. 16 2 Ech PAS (UK) London V189/278	
22.11.44	2 Ech LHQ	L.H.Q. ceased to be attached	18.10.44		PAS UK DO. 23 27/10/44 V288/360	
27.11.44	"	Empld UK for return to Aust. via Italy	18.10.44		PAS UK DO 24 3/11/44 V283/403	
14.12.44	"	Depld R.A. [unclear] from Colombo	16.11.44		MS 278/11/44	

NAME

Brian O'Brien
BRIEN

No.

JWA. No. VX 15127

Address

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AUTHORITY:

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TO WHOM DESPATCHED

A.S.M. Packed 15-3-51

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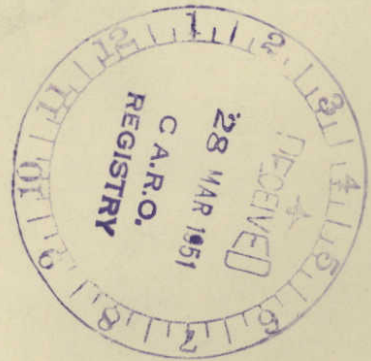
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TO: MILCOMMAND MELBOURNE

MS **1686** UNCLAS (.) FURTHER MS 1414 OF
 14 MAR 51 (.) APPROVAL GIVEN FOR VX15127 COL (T/BRIG)
 J.W.A. O'BRIEN DSO ED GEN LIST TO BE FINALISED 30 MAR 51 (.)
 BRIG O'BRIEN RELINQUISHED APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF SCIENTIFIC
 AND ECONOMIC SEC GHQ SCAP 22 MAR 51 (.) ADVISE WHEN
 ACTION COMPLETED

H. E. Newman
 Colonel, *1457*
 MILITARY SECRETARY.
 28 Mar 51

Copy to: DAR
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 Camp



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A Sgt Clayton 28/3
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Date Recommendation passed forward.

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Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Personal or Army No.	Rank and Name (Christian names must be stated)	Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	2/5 Aust. Fd. Regt.	VX 15127	Lt.-Col. John William Alexander O'BRIEN	Throughout the present operations this officer has displayed courage driving power and relentless energy in fighting. His Regiment for attack on Khirbe-Merdjayoun was deployed in the line of FDLs of 2/31 En. When enemy counter attacked and recaptured Merdjayoun Berryforce was ordered back from Djezzine to stabilise the situation. Lt.-Col. O'Brien was sent on ahead to find out the position at Merdjayoun. This he did by personal recon which permitted immediate steps to be taken to stabilise the position and to prepare a counter attack. On 18 Jun he approached within 500 yds of enemy FDLs on NW of Merdjayoun and there with C.O. 2/25 En a plan of attack was decided on the ground under constant sniping. The physical effort of walking over 10 miles up and down the Litani Gorge left Lt.-Col. O'Brien in a state of physical exhaustion but by his grit he carried out his work in the plan of attack. Again for the attack on 22 Jun he personally registered his tps from the front line at Fort Khian. He has been repeatedly under heavy mortar fire in the FDLs and much sniping when carrying out his duties.		P.S.O.	

D.V. 8/42
D.V. 1/42
EXT. SHEET
AUTHORITY (LG SUPP 35396/41)

AUSTRALIAN REGULAR ARMY

SPECIAL RESERVE

49175
Now 49155.
D/C
REG. No 49152
(Cancelled)

ARMY NO VX 15127 RANK Brigadier
NAME IN FULL John William Alexander O'BRIEN DSO. ED.
UNIT 2/5 Australian Field Regiment

DATE OF BIRTH _____

ENLISTED AT _____ on _____

OCCUPATION ON ENLISTMENT _____

SERVED ON CONTINUOUS FULL TIME WAR SERVICE IN THE

Citizen Military Forces from 30/SEP/1939 to 9/1/MAY/1940
Australian Imperial Force from 10/1/MAY/1940 to 30/1/JUN/1947
Interim Army from 1/1/JUL/1947 to 30/1/MAR/1951

for a TOTAL EFFECTIVE PERIOD of 4227 days, which included
ACTIVE SERVICE IN AUST 1192 days & O/S AUST 2508 days
PERIOD OF SERVICE _____ years _____ days, including
ACTIVE SERVICE _____ years _____ days.

SERVICE IN THE RANKS from 1/1 to 1/1

H ONOURS, MEDALS, DECORATIONS and AWARDS

Companion of the Distinguished Service Order 5th June 1941.
Mentioned in despatches February 1941 - July 1941.

DISCHARGED from Interim Army

ON, and FROM 30th March 1951

DISCHARGED AT _____ on _____

REASON _____

WAR BADGE (Class and NO) Returned from Active Service Badg. No. 380049

Description of Soldier/Officer on Discharge

AGE _____ HEIGHT 5 ft 10. ins. EYES Blue

Complexion Medium Hair Brown-Grey

Marks and Scars _____

TRADE GROUP _____

175

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ROYAL MAIL TELEGRAPH

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Army Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE. S.C.1.

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13 Apr 51 **DESPATCH**

16 APR 1951

SOUTHERN COMMAND

Copy to: DAR ✓
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Camp
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VX15127 COL (T/BRIG) J.W.A. O'BRIEN, DSO, ED, GENERAL LIST

Ref AHQ Signal MS1686 of 28 Mar 51 and S Comd
Signal AG458 of 6 Apr 51.

1. Approval has been given for the following:-

- VX15127 Col (T/Brig) - (i) to cease to be attached Hq SCAP
J.W.A. O'BRIEN, DSO, ED, (Economic & Scientific Sec),
Gen List to date 22 Mar 51.
-
- (ii) to relinquish the temporary
rank of Brigadier and be trans-
ferred to the R of O (Gen List)
3rd, to date 31 Mar 51.

2. The above will be promulgated in due course.

[Signature]
Colonel,
MILITARY SECRETARY.



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Apt [unclear]

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PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO
"HEAD-QUARTERS, SOUTH-
ERN COMMAND, VICTORIA
BARRACKS, MELBOURNE"

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEAD-QUARTERS, SOUTHERN COMMAND,

70276

No.

MELBOURNE, S.C.1

Vic. Ech. and Rec.,
281 Lonsdale Street,
MELBOURNE, C.1.

*VX15127.
Brig O'Brien*

18th August, 1944.

Mrs. G.V. O'Brien,
58 Brighton Rd.,
ST. KILDA.

RECEIVED
25 AUG 1944

Dear Madam,

It is with much pleasure the enclosed Distinguished Service Order Warrant is forwarded to you.

Kindly acknowledge receipt on attached copy of this memorandum.

Stamped and addressed envelope is enclosed herewith.

Yours faithfully,

J. Chapin

Lieut. Col.,
Officer in Charge,
Victoria Echelon and Records.

Enc. Dear Sir,

*Please accept this as a receipt of
the above.*

*Yrs sincerely
S. O'Brien.*

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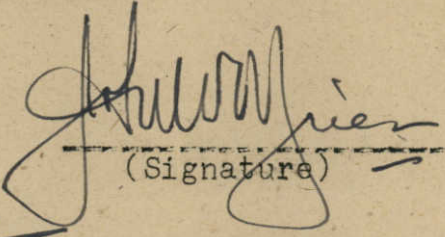
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APPENDIX "A" to HQ BCOF AG204
of 1 AUG 50.

I, VX 15127 Brigadier O'BRIEN, John William Alexander
(No.) (Rank) (Name in full)
Unit : ESS/ST, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers,
Tokyo, Japan.
Corps : General List (artillery)


a member of the AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES hereby voluntarily agree to serve ANYWHERE beyond the limits of the COMMONWEALTH if and when required until the cessation of the present time of war and TWELVE months thereafter.

Date : 17th August 1950



(Signature)

SIGNED BEFORE ME


Lt Colonel (Rank)
(Signature)

GHQ. S.C.A.P. Tokyo. (Unit or Appointment)

an Officer of the AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

Hollerith Cards prepared.

VX15127 Brig. J.W.A. O'BRIEN

Received R.A.S. Badge No. A 380049

Date 15 Oct 47

Signature John W. A. O'Brien

10-9-1943

AUTHORITY L.H.Q. 024902,

CASUALTY NO. 5.

ARMY NO. YX15127.

RANK Lt. Col.

NAME John William Alexander O'BRIEN

UNIT 2/5th Austral Field Regt

NATURE OF CASUALTY Eviction, D.S.O.

NEXT OF KIN

Wm J. O'Brien

58 Brighton Rd. M. Kildara

Received by

Time

RECEIVED	28 JUN 1943	3rd District	Greendale Road
	MIC. L. OF C. AREA	72	Glen Iris, S.E.6
			134

58 Brighton Rd

St. Wilda

26th June 43

Officer in Charge
Records

Dear Sir,

In reference
to your letter of 8th June -
Brig. O'Brien said he would
attend to the acknowledgement
of the mention in despatch last.
However you may accept this
as a receipt for same.

b.

Sincerely yours

Gen O'Brien

Interim Certificate of Termination of Appointment or Discharge

Issued to: *PSD* *Yes* *A1* Serial No. *V2021*
 (Army No.) *151577* (Rank) *1st Lt* (Surname) *BRIDGES* *DISO ED*
 (Other Names) *John William Bridges*

This is to Certify that the appointment of the abovenamed Officer was terminated the discharge of the abovenamed soldier was effected

PSD Long Term Student on (date) *30/3/51*

This Certificate is of a temporary nature and indicates only that the abovenamed has served in the AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

The permanent Certificate will be forwarded by registered post within 21 days to the following address:-

B. 4464
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A. 4464
D. 4464
3448 Chesham Road
Washington NW D.C. USA

(Specimen signature of Member).

(Signature of Confirming Officer).

5'10"

Comp. Med.

Dr. Brown - Guy.

Eyes: Blue.

~~Age for insurance~~

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Hollerith Cards ~~Ordered~~

Hollerith Cards checked

Richard W. Thompson, Jr. 1000 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

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AIR MAIL

Telephone :
MXY : 130
EXT : 568



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HEADQUARTERS
VICTORIA BARRACKS
MELBOURNE S.C.3.

Central Army Records Office
"A" Block, Albert Park Barracks,
MELBOURNE, S.C.3.

10 JUN 1960

Dear Sir,

... The enclosed letter from Mr. D. McEvoy, of Ventura Rodriguez, 24 Madrid, Spain, was received at this office, and is forwarded for your attention.

Yours faithfully,


Colonel,
OIC CENTRAL ARMY RECORDS OFFICE.

Mr. J.W.A. O'Brien,
Senior Supply Representative,
C/o Australian Embassy,
3148 Cleveland Avenue,
WASHINGTON, N.W.
D.C., U.S.A.

Returned unclaimed.

AIR MAIL

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29 JUL 1960

Dear Sir,

Your letter of 24th May, 1960, which was forwarded by this office to ex-VX15127 Brigadier John William Alexander O'BRIEN, has been returned unclaimed from his last recorded address.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
OIC CENTRAL ARMY RECORDS OFFICE.
Colonel,

Mr. D. McEvoy,
Ventura Rodriguez, 24,
Madrid,
SPAIN.

P/A P/D
P 29/7

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Central Army Records Office,
"A" Block, Albert Park Barracks,
MELBOURNE, S.C.3.

14 JUN 1960


Dear Sir,

Your letter of 24th May, 1960, is acknowledged.

The letter has been forwarded to Brigadier O'Brien at his last recorded address for his attention.

Please note that Brigadier O'Brien ceased Full Time Duty with the Australian Military Forces on 30th March, 1951.

Yours faithfully,


OIC CENTRAL ARMY RECORDS OFFICE.

Mr. D. McEvoy,
Ventura Rodriguez, 24,
Madrid,
SPAIN.

P/A P/D
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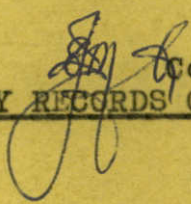
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D.C., U.S.A.

P/A P/D
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48A MONA ROAD,
DARLING POINT, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.

4th May, 1961

The Officer-in-Charge
Central Army Records Office
Melbourne, SC 3.

Dear Sir,

I refer to your (E2) 05799 of 2nd May, 1961,
forwarding a letter seeking my whereabouts and dated
24th May, 1960.

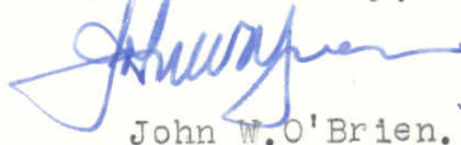
Apparently there has been considerable difficulty
in locating me and I thank you for the endeavours that
you have made. I note that it has even been to the
United States as well as to the Department of Supply.

I have informed Victoria Barracks, Sydney each
year of my address according to AMR re Reserve Officers
but it would appear that this information does not get
through to you. I would therefore be grateful if you
would make a permanent notation in your records of
my address because, as a result of having been on duty
abroad for some 14 years, there are frequently enquiries
from overseas as to my whereabouts. Furthermore, as I
held the rank of Honorary Major General for some four years
in the United States, you may find that enquiries are
addressed to me from that country in such form.

I also confirm the notation on the letter
that my AIF number was VX 15127.

Once again, my thanks,

Yours sincerely,



John W. O'Brien.

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CENARMYREC MELBOURNE

MILCOMMAND SYDNEY

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CAR(E2)

PLEASE ADVISE LATEST ADDRESS BRIGADIER JOHN WILLIAM ALEXANDER

O'BRIEN R OF O GENERAL LIST

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28 APR 61

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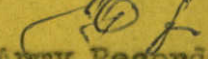
Dear Sir,

Re : Brigadier John William Alexander O'BRIEN.


Your letter GS of 24th April, 1961, is acknowledged.

Records held at this office indicate that the abovenamed is now residing at 48A, Mona Road, Darling Point, Sydney, N.S.W.

Yours faithfully,

 Colonel,
OIC Central Army Records Office.

Hall and Rose,
Chartered Accountants,
390 Little Collins Street,
MELBOURNE, VIC.

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HALL & ROSE
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

C. RAMSAY ROSE, B.COM., F.C.A.
J. KENNETH HALL, F.C.A.

390 LITTLE COLLINS STREET
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Dept. of Army Records
A Block
Albert Park Barracks,
Melbourne.

24th April 1961.

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Dear Sirs, re General Chemical & Mineral Products of Aust.Ltd. (in Liq)

Brig. J.W.O'Brien was a shareholder in the above Company and the last address we had for him was

c/- Australian Embassy in Washington (1953)
Now that we have finalised the accounts of the Company we have a small refund to make to the shareholders and are wondering whether you have any record of the present address of J.W.O'Brien.

I am told that he might have gone to the Department of Supply but can get no satisfaction from them- they state that he left the Department shortly after his return from America.

I shall be grateful for any information you can supply,

Yours faithfully,

EJ

for J. K. Hall

Liquidator.

Mr Sec Adverse Brig. O'Brien on Rgo (Gen List) E Comd since 20/6/55.



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(E2) 05799

2 MAY 1961

Dear Brigadier,

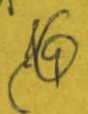
The enclosed letter from Mr. D. McEvoy, of Ventura Rodriguez, 24, Madrid, Spain, which was received at this office is forwarded for your attention.

Efforts were made to locate you through the Department of Supply but the letter was returned unclaimed and has been held pending advice as to your current address.

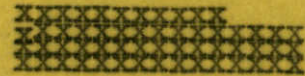
Yours faithfully,

 Colonel,
OIG Central Army Records Office.

Brigadier J.W.A. O'BRIEN,
48A, Mona Road,
Darling Point,
SYDNEY N.S.W.

BF E2


(E2) 05818




Central Army Records Office,
'A' Block,
Albert Park Barracks,
MELBOURNE S.C.3.

3 MAY 1961

Dear Sir,

Further to the letter of 29th July, 1960, from this office, it is now advised that the private address of Brigadier John William Alexander O'BRIEN has been ascertained and your letter has been forwarded to him for attention.

Yours faithfully,

 Colonel,
OIC Central Army Records Office.

Mr D. McEVOY,
Ventura, Rodriguez, 24,
Madrid,
SPAIN.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, John William Alexander O'BRIEN, D.S.O., E.D.
(Name in full)
of 4 Sheldon Place Bellevue Hill, N.S.W.
(Address in full)

do solemnly and sincerely declare:

Agp

1. That I served/~~am serving~~ in the Australian Military Forces and my particulars were/~~are~~ as follows:

Regimental Army No VX15127 Rank Brigadier Unit 2/5 Fd. Regt, L.H.Q.

Agp

2. THAT I have lost the Returned from Active Service Badge No. A380049.
issued to me by the Department of ~~Defence~~
The Army

3. THAT the circumstances under which the said loss occurred are as under:

HOW My residence was moved several times and the badge became mislaid. Loss was discovered some years ago and every opportunity has been taken to watch for it in case it turned up

WHERE Sydney, N.S.W. WHEN about 1960

4. THAT to the best of my knowledge and belief the said badge

is/~~are~~ not in the hands of any other person on my behalf or with my consent.

AND I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959, and subject to the penalties provided by that Act for the making of false statements in statutory declarations, conscientiously believing the statement contained in this declaration to be true in every particular.

Signature of person making declaration: _____
DECLARED AT Sydney the 20 day of March 1967 before me:
[Signature]
Signature of JP or Commissioner for Declarations.

REPLACEMENT OF
RETURNED FROM ACTIVE SERVICE NO. A409986
8 MAR 1967

HERE INSERT:

- 1. Date and place of enlistment 10th May 1940 - A.I.F. Melb. on C.M.F.
- 2. Date and place of birth 13/6/1908.
- 3. Name and address and relationship of recorded next-of-kin on enlistment. Wife - Gwen Victoria O'BRIEN
6 Greendale Rd
Glen Iris, S.E.6, Victoria

Required for Military identification purposes only.

NB - This form should be completed in all respects, otherwise unavoidable delay may arise in dealing with applicant's request.

REG No 8892

8/3/67

4 Sheldon Place
18A MONA ROAD,
DARLING POINT, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA
Bellevue Hill, N.S.W.

17/2/67

The Officer-in-Charge
Army Records Office
Victoria.

Dear Sir,

About five years ago, my Returned from
Active Service Badge No A 380049 was mislaid
and, although I have searched every likely place in
the intervening period, I have not been able to
locate it.

Is it possible to obtain a replacement? If
so, what action do I have to take.

Details are:

Name - Brigadier John William Alexander O'BRIEN DSO, ED.
Service - Full Time Continuum 3/3/39 to 30/3/51.
Discharged - Melbourne, 30/3/51. - Certificate No. 49175.
A.I.F. No. - VX 15127.

Yours Faithfully



Brigadier (Ret)

Stat Dec

27 FEB 1967



John William Alexander O'Brien DSO

~~George Henry O'Brien OBE~~

VK 15127

Norman A Peet

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10 River Street. ~~that~~!

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Central Army Records Office. 2532.

Albert Park Barracks

Victoria.

VK 15127

WO2 G. R. VAZENRY
GARO

Dear Sir,

Firstly Thank you for your very
welcome assistance in the past.

My present inquiry is about Brigadier
O'Brien believed to reside in Melbourne.

The Brigadier was on service in U.K.
during 1939-45 war and was decorated
at Buckingham Palace. I have a request
from his driver in England to find out
if he is still alive and if you have
his address, I have informed the gentleman
making the request that if you locate the
Brigadier you can only forward a letter
on and can not disclose his address.

Trusting you can help me again.

Yours faithfully

Norman A Peet Honorary Welfare officer
Warilla R.S.W. Sub Branch.

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MAYOR'S ROOM



WOOLLAHRA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
536 NEW SOUTH HEAD ROAD
DOUBLE BAY, N.S.W. 2028

O'B:V

29th July, 1976.

The Officer in Charge,
Records Office,
2nd Military District,
Victoria Barracks,
PADDINGTON. N.S.W. 2021.

Dear Sir,

Up to recently, I regularly advised my current address to the Barracks because I receive many letters from abroad, arising out of my previous service activities. In many cases, these correspondents are not aware of my present address and forward them to the Barracks.

Although I regularly advised my address when I was on the Reserve of Officers, your office is still forwarding letters to an address I left more than 10 years ago.

I am very grateful for the kind service you have rendered, but would appreciate it if you could ensure that any record concerning myself is altered to my present address, which is -

→ VX 15127.
Brigadier (Ret.) John W.A. O'Brien,
7A/73 Yarranabbe Road,
Darling Point. 2027.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Sincerely yours,


John W. O'Brien.

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94 0101
Extension 5599
Telex 33464

10 March, 1976

Info Svcs/ex VX15127


Mr N.H. Peet
10 River Street
MINNAMURRA NSW 2532

Dear Sir,

1. Your letter of 19th February, 1976, is acknowledged.
2. From the information supplied, the subject of your inquiry would appear to be identical with ex VX15127 Brigadier John William Alexander O'Brien, whose Army appointment was terminated on 30th March, 1951.
3. We are not authorized to disclose the private address of a former soldier. If, however, you wish to send a letter to him care of this Office, we will be pleased to forward it to his last recorded address.
4. Your letter should be addressed:

Ex VX15127 J.W.A. O'Brien
(Discharged - Please Forward)
C/- Central Army Records Office
Albert Park Barracks
MELBOURNE VIC 3004.

Yours faithfully,


(K.J. O'NEILL)
Colonel
Officer-in-Charge



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Correspondence: GPO Box 1932 R
MELBOURNE VIC 3001

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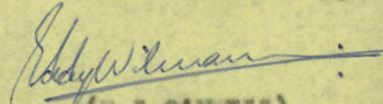
9 September, 1976

Brigadier J.W.A. O'Brien (RL)
7A/73 Yarranabbe Road
DARLING POINT NSW 2027

Dear Brigadier O'Brien,

1. Your letter of recent date is acknowledged.
2. The address stated in your letter has been noted on all relevant documents and in future all correspondence will be forwarded to that address, unless you notify us of a change of address.

Yours faithfully,


(R.J. O'NEILL)
Colonel
Officer-in-Charge

P/A PD
Initials *SL*
and
Date *12/9/76*

Extension : 600261
 : 462
Correspondence : GPO Box 1932R
 MELBOURNE VIC 3001

R707/1/7

29 November 1982

School of Artillery
PO Box 42
MANLY NSW 2095

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Reference: A. Your 237-1-1 dated 7 October 1982

1. Records maintained by this office are of the Australian Army only and commence at Federation. Prior to Federation the States maintained their own forces and consequently personal records are not available.
2. The only record available to this office is the publication "Records of Australian Contingents to the War in South Africa, 1899-1902", which was compiled and edited for the Department of Defence by Lieutenant Colonel P.L. Murray, RAA (Ret). The book should be available from the State Library.
3. From the information provided it has not been possible to identify the Brigadier Harry O'Brien of your inquiry. However, it appears that he may be identical with a Major Harold Ormond O'Brien who served in the 1st Australian Horse and the 1st Battalion Australian Commonwealth Horse in the Boer War and in the 1st Australian Imperial Force. Further information on his Boer War service may be obtained by writing to the following address:

Archives Office of NSW
2 Globe Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

4. According to records held at this office, the information you have requested on Brigadier J.W.A. O'Brien is as follows:

VX15127 Brigadier John William Alexander O'Brien

Appointed to the rank of lieutenant in the Australian Citizen Military Forces (Part-time Duty) on 30 August 1928.

/Served

Served in Australia with the following units:

Australian Garrison Artillery (Survey)

10th Australian Field Artillery Brigade

Royal Australian Medium Field Artillery

Deputy Assistant to the Director of Artillery,
Army Headquarters.

Called up for full-time duty in the Australian
Citizen Military Forces on 1 September 1939.

Allotted Army number V159769.

Appointed to the 2nd Australian Imperial Force on
10 May 1940.

Allotted Army number VX15127.

Served with the following units in the locations
shown:

2/7th Australian Field Artillery Regiment,
South Australia and the Middle East

2/5th Australian Field Artillery Regiment,
Middle East

Directorate of Artillery General Headquarters,
Victoria

Commander Royal Australian Artillery, 3rd
Australian Division

Director of Artillery Land Headquarters

Headquarters New Guinea Force

Deputy Master General Ordnance Branch

Australian Army Staff United Kingdom

Australian Scientific Mission Japan.

Seconded for duty to the Interim Army on 1 July 1947.

Placed on the retired list, 3rd Military District,
on 31 March 1951.

Honours and awards: Distinguished Service Order

Mentioned in Despatches

1939/45 Star

Africa Star

Pacific Star

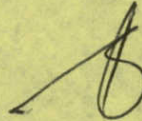
Defence Medal

War Medal

Australia Service Medal

Efficiency Decoration.

5. This information is released pursuant to Australian Military Regulation 770.



(B. SNEZWELL)
Major
for Commanding Officer

This information is a true extract from
the records taken by Sgt Butler
Release recommended under MPA Vol 3 Chap 101
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AUSTRALIAN ARMY

JP:DB
Telephone

977 4499
977 4815 (after hours)

School of Artillery
PO Box 42
MANLY NSW 2095

In reply please quote
237-1-1

7 Oct 82


CARO (for Records Section)

REQUEST FOR SERVICE DETAILS

1. The School of Artillery is to be presented with two swords by the wife and family of the late BRIG J.W.A. O'Brien D.S.O., ED. The swords belonged to her late husband and his father. They are to be displayed in the Officers' Mess.
2. To complete the display it is requested that service details be supplied for:
 - a. BRIG Harry O'Brien, a Boar War Veteran. No other details are available; and HW
 - b. BRIG J.W.A. O'Brien D.S.O., ED. 39

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 (G.K. MARTIN)
 Captain
 for Commanding Officer/
 Chief Instructor

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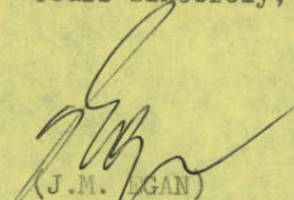
22 November 1984

Mr W.G. Rimmer
Professor of Economic History
The University of NSW
PO Box 1
KENSINGTON NSW 2033

Dear Mr Rimmer,

1. I refer to your enquiry concerning documents related to the service record of ex VX15127 J.W. O'Brien.
2. All documents contained in the ex service dossier of the former member have been photocopied and are attached for your retention.
3. The attached documents are released by my authority pursuant to the FOI Act (1982).

Yours sincerely,



(J.M. EGAN)
for Commanding Officer

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**REQUEST THIS BE TREATED AS AN INFORMAL
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Date 11/10/84	Signature and Appointment <i>[Signature]</i>	Tel Extn 6045
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THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

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EXTN. 3328



PLEASE QUOTE

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC HISTORY
GORDON RIMMER
PROFESSOR AND HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

8 October 1984

Sergeant Butler
Central Army Records Office
366 St Kilda Road
MELBOURNE
Victoria 3004

Ref: R54/4/1(9)

Dear Sergeant Butler,

Brigadier John William O'Brien, 1909-1981

Further to our telephone conversation last Friday and to the letters from myself and Mrs G. O'Brien, I am writing to request a copy of Brigadier O'Brien's military dossier under the Freedom of Information Act.

Brigadier O'Brien's service number was VX 15127.

Thank you very much indeed for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Gordon Rimmer

W.G. Rimmer
Professor of Economic History

VX 15127

Sorry Cannot Identify Brigadier
John O'Brien. No Brigadier
is listed under this name
and the number of John William
O'Briens in the books runs into
the Millions. Could you possibly
get more information please.

Yours Diligently

GARY* (INDEX)

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Signature and Appointment

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73 Yarranabbe Road,
Darling Point,
N.S.W. 2027
Telephone 32-1312

Officer in Charge
Information Section
Central Army Records.
Melbourne

Dear Sir,

I would appreciate your help and aid to Professor Rimmer in his writing of my late husband's Biography.

JOHN O'BRIEN

Bugodini John Bernard
is collecting uniforms, medals, relations and records for the Museum at Victoria Barracks Sydney of 3 generations O'Briens.

Thanking you
John O'Brien

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC HISTORY
GORDON RIMMER
PROFESSOR AND HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

14 September 1984

Officer-in-Charge
The Information Section
Central Army Records Office
366 St. Kilda Road
MELBOURNE
Victoria

Dear Sir,

Re: Brigadier John William O'Brien, 1909-1981

I am currently engaged writing a biography of the late Brigadier John O'Brien at the request of his widow, Mrs Gwen O'Brien.

The Brigadier kept detailed records for much of his military career but some parts are not too well documented.

It would therefore be helpful if I could obtain relevant information from his file in the Central Army Records Office. If the information is substantial, I would of course be prepared to call at your office when I am in Melbourne.

Yours sincerely,

Gordon Rimmer

*TELECON PROF RIMMER/SOT BUTLER
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W.G. Rimmer
Professor and Head of the
Department of Economic History

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
KENT STATION - NEW SOUTH WALES - AUSTRALIA - 2052
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FAX: (02) 335 1234
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28 SEP 1984

Bowen C. Dees

140 NORTH CAMINO MIRAMONTE
TUCSON, ARIZONA 85716

August 21, 1988

Mr. J. M. Egan
Central Army Records Office
366 St. Kilda Road
Melbourne, Vic. 3004

CENTRAL RECORDS

DOSSIER PLEASE
JM 30/8/88

Dear Sir:

REF: Info Svc/ex VX 15127

Thank you for your letter of 11 August in which you give me the sad news that my friend Brigadier O'Brien died some time ago. We would hope to have the opportunity of writing to his widow and expressing our condolences. Could you possibly let us have her address?

Also, in connection with the same studies on which I had hoped Brigadier O'Brien could shed some light, we would very much like to get in touch with the officer who in the late 1940's headed a unit in the Scientific and Technical Division of the Economic and Scientific Section of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers in Tokyo, (then) Lt. Col. E. C. Allan. Is it possible for you to give us any information concerning his whereabouts (assuming -- hopefully -- that he is still living)?

Again thanks for your help.

Sincerely yours,

Bowen C. Dees
Bowen C. Dees

IN CONFIDENCE

CW:CAS

697 5577

Info Svc/ex VX15127

11 August 1988

Mr B.C. Dees
140 N. Camino Miramonte
TUCSON
ARIZONA USA 85716

Dear Mr Dees,

1. I refer to your letter received at this office on 29 July 1988.
2. I regret to advise you that this office has received correspondence notifying us that Brigadier John William Alexander O'Brien, DSO ED has died; unfortunately the date of death is not available.
3. This information is released pursuant to Australian Military Regulation 770.

Yours sincerely,

J.M. EGAN
for Commanding Officer

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

140 N. Camino Miramonte
Tucson, Arizona 85716

June 19, 1988

Australian Embassy
Washington, D. C.

JX 15127

Gentlemen:

I am attempting to help a group of scholars who are developing a history of science in post-war Japan to locate individuals who were involved in the Occupation efforts to rehabilitate Japanese science. One of those persons was Brigadier John W. O'Brien. He and I were colleagues in the Scientific and Technical Division of the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers in Tokyo. In fact, I succeeded him as Chief of the Division when he returned to Australia in 1950.

Brigadier O'Brien later served in your Embassy in Washington, where our paths crossed again (when I was with the National Science Foundation). For some years after he again returned to Australia we kept in touch, but I have now lost his address.

I am writing to ask if you can send me his address. If for some reason your policy precludes your sending me his address, could you possibly forward this letter to him or suggest a procedure which would allow me to get in touch with him in connection with the historical research first mentioned?

Your help in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Bowen C. Dees

Bowen C. Dees

→ ARMY

140 W. Cambridge Mountain
Tucson, Arizona - 85711

WASHINGTON, D.C.
JUN 20 1962

June 19, 1962

Australian Embassy
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am writing to help a group of scholars who are developing a history of science in post-war Japan to locate individuals who were involved in the Occupation efforts to establish Japanese science. One of these persons was Brigadier John W. O'Brien. He and I were colleagues in the Scientific and Technical Division of the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers in Tokyo. In fact, I succeeded him as Chief of the Division when he returned to Australia in 1946.

Brigadier O'Brien later served in your Embassy in Washington where our paths crossed again (when I was the National Science Foundation). For some time he was again returned to Australia to help in Tokyo but I have now lost his address.

I am writing to ask if you can send me some reason your policy practices would be in address, could you possibly forward a letter to suggest a procedure which would allow me to touch with him in connection with the history of science matter.



Your help in this matter will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,
Robert C. Ross

P. H. 1

TELEPHONE: (202) 797-3000
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: AUSTEMBA
TELEX: W. U. 892621
TWX: 710-822-8295



OFFICE OF THE ARMY ATTACHE
AND AUSTRALIAN ARMY STAFF
1601 MASSACHUSETTS AVE.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036-2273

EMBASSY OF AUSTRALIA

IN REPLY QUOTE:

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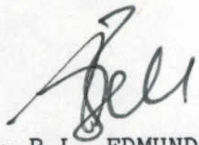
18 July 1988



Central Army Records Office
PO Box 1932R
GPO MELBOURNE VIC 3001
Australia

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CITIZEN

1. Enclosed is a letter from Mr Bowen C. Dees enquiring as to the whereabouts of Brigadier John W. O'Brien.
2. I have advised Mr Dees that his letter has been re-directed to you for assistance, if possible. You are requested to reply directly to Mr Dees whether the response be positive or not.
3. Thank you for your assistance.


B.L. EDMUNDS
Major
for Military Attache

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9 September 1988

INF SPT GP/EX VX 15127

Mr Bowen C. Dees
140 North Camino Miramonte
TUESON, ARIZONA USA 85716

Dear Mr Dees,


1. I refer to your correspondence of 21 August 1988 concerning a request for information relating to the service of the late Brigadier J.W. O'Brien.
2. The most recent address of the abovenamed's widow was provided in September 1984;

Mrs GWEN O'BRIEN
73 Yarranabee Road
Darling Point
NSW 2027

2. Unfortunately, we have not been able to identify the LTCOL Allan mentioned in your letter. It is suggested that you contact the following person who in 1984 advised this Office that he was writing a biography of the late Brigadier.

Professor W.G. Rimmer
Head of the Department of Economic
PO Box 1, Kensington
NSW 2033
AUSTRALIA

2. The above information is released by my authority pursuant to Australian Military Regulation 770.


J.M. EGAN
for Commanding Officer

VIA AEREA

Personnel Section
Headquarters ~~Australian Army~~

~~Canberra~~, Australia

CENTRAL ARMY RECORDS OFFICE
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