



NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE FORCE
PERSONNEL RECORDS

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Record Title: Robert James GORDON

Archives Reference: AABK 18805 W5539 0046066

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Reinforcement: 1st

HISTORY-SHEET.

[E.F. Form No. 3A.]

9. Coy,
4th Batt
3rd Div. (R.) B.

Unit.	Rank.	Surname.	Christian Name.	No.
<u>1st Coy</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>Gordon</u>	<u>Robert James</u>	<u>26091</u>

Occupation: Farm labourer Religion: Presbyterian Last New Zealand address: Kiritaki
 Last employer: W. J. Sedcole 28-7-95 Dunedin

Name, relationship, and address of next-of-kin (if not resident in New Zealand, insert also name and address of nearest relative in New Zealand):
J. J. Kyle (Brother-in-law)
Waipukuruan

Service	Country or Troopship.	Date from	Date to	Total.		Initials of Officer making Entry.	Home Service.	
				Years.	Days.		Years.	Days.
...	<u>M. G. Foreign</u>	<u>22/1/16</u>	<u>SEP 25 1916</u>					

MEDAL ACTION COMPLETE.

Surname: MEDAL ACTION COMPLETE. [B.R.—220.]
 Address: 12/DOOT/1923 Reg. No.
 Casualty or reason for discharge: K. in A.
 Legatee and address: No evidence of a Will.
 Nominated next-of-kin, relationship, and address:
 Legal next-of-kin, relationship, and address: Mrs. Gordon (W) Lislea Portlennone Co. Down Ireland

Decorations: Medals for Gallantry.	Authority.	Service Medals.	Date Medal issued.	Service Chevrons.	Wound Stripes.
<u>Antislavery:</u> <u>Egyptian:</u> <u>Egyptian R.F.:</u>		<u>British War Medal ..</u> <u>Victory Medal ..</u>		<u>Red.</u> <u>Blue.</u>	
Certificates of Service issued.	No.	Date.	MENTION IN DESPATCHES.		
<u>Dalmen:</u> <u>Western European: 1917</u>			<u>London Gazette.</u>	No.	Date.

Missing ...
 Prisoner ...
 Injuries in or by the Service ...
 Discharge ...
 Provisional: (Date.) Intended address:
 Final: (Date.)
 Pension ...
Medals auth'd to J. J. Kyle (W) Lislea - Portlennone Co. Down Ireland 1917/18.

* Strike out words not required.

Reinforcement: 1st

HISTORY-SHEET.

[E.F. Form No. 3A.]

2. Coy.
4th Batt
3rd Div. (R) B

Unit.	Rank.	Surname.	Christian Name.	No.
		Gordon	Robert James	96091

Occupation: Arm Labourer Religion: (London) Last New Zealand address: Whitby

New Zealand.	Embarked on Active Service, N.Z.	Disembarked ex Active Service in N.Z.	Samoa.	Egypt (up to 18/3/16).	E.E.F. (from 19/3/16).	England.	Embarked from England.	Gallipoli.	Mudros, Lemnos, &c.	Salonika.	France and Belgium.	Mesopotamia.	Germany.	Service ranks as	Days.

Wounds ...

Sick ...

2615	17-2-14	London	Adm y ⁱⁿ gen Depo. St. Comez Feb 5 ⁱⁿ 1917 ⁱⁿ unimpaired
2813	8-3-14	London.	Trans to Base Depot, France 25.2.14.

Killed in action ...

	London	3488	18-6-14	Killed in action June 7 ⁱⁿ 1914
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Died of wounds* sickness*

	243	ent	23-10-17	Killed in action in the field, France or Belgium 7th June 1917
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Discharge ...

Provisional: _____ (Date.) Intended address: _____

Final: _____ (Date.)

Pension ...

Medical auth. to London (M)
Lester Popplestone, County Down, Ireland.
19/1/17.

* Strike out words not required.

STATEMENT of the SERVICES of

Gordon
(Surname.)

Robert James
(Christian Name.)

No. *26091*

Regiment or Corps.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Rank.	Date.	Authority for Entry.
<i>F Coy 19th</i>	<i>Posted to</i>	<i>Private</i>	<i>29/1/16</i>	<i>R.O. 584</i>
<i>5th Bn 51st Div. R.I.F.</i>	<i>Posted to D Company</i>	<i>Private</i>	<i>21-11-16</i>	<i>R. Co 20218 22-11-16 16875</i>
<i>3rd Div. R.I.F.</i>	<i>Proceeding Overseas</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>4-1-17</i>	<i>R. R. 7-1-17 15 R 24</i>
<i>4th Bn 5th Div. R.I.F. 1st Coy</i>	<i>Joined Bn + Posted to 1st Coy</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>27-2-17</i>	<i>R. G. 11 16000 16-3-17</i>

CONDUCT-SHEET.

Regiment or Corps.	Place.	Date.	Offence.	Punishment.	Authority for Entry
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PLAQUE AND SCROLL.

Soldier's name: *Gordon Robt Jas* Reg. No. *26091*
 Roll No. *504836*
 Scroll despatched (Date): *10 JUN 1921*
 Plaque: *2 FEB 1922*
 Recipient and address: *Mrs J. Gordon*
Lislea, Portglenone, Co. Derry
Ireland

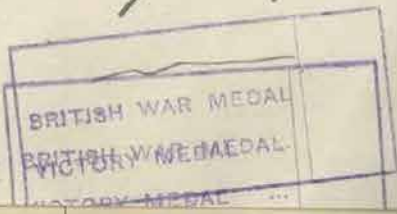
Scott. Roll No. 30872. 2006
17,000/3/21-37341

DECEASED

26091. Mrs. Gordon. Robert James

Medals to
J. Gordon (Mrs)
Lislea
Portglenone, County Derry.
Ireland.

17 OCT 1921
24 AUG 1922



MILITARY HISTORY SHEET.

4. boy
17 yrs.

No. *2691*

Name:

Gordon

Robert James

	Country	From	To	Years	Days	Initials of Officer making Entry.
1. Service record ...	<i>N.Z. Foreign</i>	<i>29/5/16</i>	<i>24.9.16</i>			
2. Certificates ...						
3. Passed classes of instruction † This includes any authorized class of instruction.						
4. Active service ...						
5. Wounded ...						
6. Effects of wounds ...						
7. Special instances of gallant or meritorious conduct						
	Name of Medal.	Class.	Date of Grant.			
8. Medals and decorations						
9. Injuries in or by the Service						
10. Name and address of next-of-kin	<i>J. J. Kyle (Brother in law) Waipukurau</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.	

Note.—These entries are to be made from time to time as they occur, and initialled by the officer making the entry.

Intended place of residence on discharge:

N.Z.

STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES OF No. 26091 NAME: Jordon, Robert James

Regiment or Corps.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Rank.	Dates.	Signature of Officer certifying Correctness of Entries.
F 17 th	Posted to R. 6534	Pte	29/5/16	E. W. Baldry Lt
" "	DMEKD DEVONPORT	"	21.11.16	J. Pyle
5 Res. Battalion	Coy. Posted to Sluy 73	"	"	R.

Casualty Form—Active Service.Regiment or Corps 4th Bn. 2nd Lt. (P.) B.Rank Pvt. Surname Gordon Christian Name Robert James

Religion _____ Age on Enlistment _____ years _____ months

Enlisted (a) 29/5/16 Terms of Service (a) End of War Service reckons from (a) 29/5/16

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

Extended { _____ } Re-engaged { _____ } Qualification (b) _____
or Corps Trade and Rate _____

Occupation _____ Signature of Officer. _____

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
			Embarked ... <u>Wellington</u>	<u>25/9/16</u>	
			Disembarked... <u>Devonport</u>	<u>21/11/16</u>	
<u>21/11/16</u>	<u>of c. 1. 1. 9 B. Depot</u>	<u>Joined in</u>	<u>Slings</u>	<u>21/11/16</u>	<u>Tom Roll.</u>
<u>8/1/17</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>Left for France</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>7/1/17</u>	<u>Tom Roll</u>
<u>13/1/17</u>	<u>of c. 1. 1. 9 B. Depot</u>	<u>Marched in</u>	<u>Etaples</u>	<u>9/1/17</u>	<u>6213 x 6587</u>
<u>8/3/17</u>	<u>of c. 4th Bn.</u>	<u>Joined Bn. & posted to 4th Bn.</u>	<u>In the Field</u>	<u>27/2/17</u>	<u>B213 (P. 201/102)</u>
<u>5/5/17</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>Detached to Pigeon Course</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>5/5/17</u>	<u>B213 (P. 21/202)</u>
<u>12/5/17</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>Rejoined Unit</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>6/5/17</u>	<u>B213 (P. 21/204)</u>
<u>9/6/17</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>Killed in action</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>27/6/17</u>	<u>B213 (P. 410)</u>

S. J. Gordon

D.A.G. (P.)

G.H.Q. 5th Battalion, P.E.F.

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
(b) Signaller, Shoeing-Smith, &c.

**NEW FILE
BEGINS**

NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

PERSONAL RECORD of

Registration No. *26091*

(Surname.)

(Christian name.)

Gordon Robert James

REGIMENT: *F Coy 14th*

GROUP: _____ NUMBER: _____

1st NZEF	2nd NZEF
RF - TF	

PREVIOUS PAPERS: _____

SUBSEQUENT PAPERS: _____

ELIGIBLE.

FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090A.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36, or from other official documentary sources

4th. Battalion
 REGIMENT) 3rd. N.Z. (RIFLE) BRIGADE
 OR CORPS) N.Z. (Expeditionary Force } Squadron, Troop, } "A" Company.
 Battery or Company }
 Regimental No. 28091 Rank Rifleman

Surname GORDON Christian Names Robert James.

Died { Date 7th. JUNE 1917 Place In the field, FRANCE or BELGIUM.
 Cause of Death* KILLED IN ACTION.

Nature and Date of Report A.F.B. 213 - 9th. JUNE 1917.

By whom made O.C. 4th. BATTALION 3rd. N.Z. (Rifle) Brigade.

* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Burial { Place _____ Date _____
 By whom reported _____

State whether he leaves { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) N° Will in pay-book
 a Will or not { (b) in Small Book (if at Base) Not issued.
 (c) as a separate document N° Will received to date

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the Deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

Station and Date 7th. TEE. ROLEN FRANCE
 3rd. AUGUST 1917 Signature of Officer in charge of Section }
 Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } *J. L. Hinaly*
 Major

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps A Coy 4th Bn 3rd Lt. (R) B.
 Rank Rfm. Surname Gordon Christian Name Robert James
 Religion _____ Age on Enlistment _____ years _____ months
 Enlisted (a) 29/5/16 Terms of Service (a) End of War Service reckons from (a) 29/5/16
 Date of promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to lance rank _____
 Extended () Re-engaged () Qualification (b) _____
 or Corps Trade and Rate _____
 Occupation _____ Signature of Officer _____

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 of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
			Embarked ... <u>Hellington</u>	<u>25/9/16</u>	
			Disembarked... <u>Devonport</u>	<u>21/11/16</u>	
<u>21/11/16</u>	<u>of c. 4. Res Group</u>	<u>Marched in</u>	<u>Slings</u>	<u>21/11/16</u>	<u>Not Roll.</u>
<u>8/1/17</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>Left for France</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>2/1/17</u>	<u>Not Roll</u>
<u>13/1/17</u>	<u>of c. 4. 96 Depot</u>	<u>Marched in</u>	<u>Staples</u>	<u>9/1/17</u>	<u>6213/6837</u>
<u>3/3/17</u>	<u>of c. 4. 7th Bn</u>	<u>Joined Bn. & posted to A Coy.</u>	<u>In the Field</u>	<u>27/2/17</u>	<u>6213 (21/1/17)</u>
<u>5/5/17</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>Detached to Pigeon house</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>6/5/17</u>	<u>6213 (12/5/17)</u>
<u>12/5/17</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>Rejoined Unit</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>6/5/17</u>	<u>6213 (21/5/17)</u>
<u>9/6/17</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>Killed in action</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>7/6/17</u>	<u>6213 (21/5/17)</u>

J. L. Hamilton ...
 D.A.G. (R.F.)

G.O.C. 5th Expedition B.F.P.





NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

ATTESTATION OF

No. 23091 Name: Gordon Robert James Regiment or Unit: 7. Coy 17th Bde

Questions to be put to the recruit before enlistment.

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|--|---|
| 1. What is your name? | 1. <u>Robert James Gordon</u> |
| 2. Where were you born? | 2. <u>Donaghadee, Ireland</u> |
| 3. Are you a British subject? | 3. <u>Yes</u> |
| 4. What is the date of your birth? | 4. <u>25th July 1895</u> |
| 5. What is your trade or calling? | 5. <u>Labourer</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>Kaitake</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>11 of Sedgwick Kaitake</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>no</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> |
| 15. Have you been registered for compulsory military training under the Defence Act, 1909? If so, where? | 15. <u>no</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 and inoculated? | 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>
<u>J. T. Kyle (Brother in Law)</u>
<u>Waipukurau</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, Robert James Gordon, 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. Gordon
Signature of Witness: J. T. Kyle

Oath to be taken by recruit on attestation.

I, Robert James Gordon, 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 Trenkham, N.Z., on this 30 day of May, 1916

Signature of Attesting Officer: J. T. Kyle

Description of Robert James Gordon on Enlistment

Apparent age: 21 years months.
 (To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Service.)

Height: 5 feet 9½ inches.

Weight: 175 lb.

Chest-measurement: Minimum, 36 inches.
 Maximum, 39 inches.

Complexion: Fair

Colour of eyes: Blue

Colour of hair: Fair

Religious profession: Presbyterian

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

Medical Examination.

Sight: Right eye, Normal

Left eye, Normal

Hearing: Right ear, Normal

Left ear, Normal

Colour-vision: Normal

Are his limbs well formed? Yes

Are the movements of all his joints full and perfect? Yes

Is his chest well formed? Yes

Is his heart normal? Yes

Are his lungs normal? Yes

What is the condition of the teeth? Good

Have you had any illnesses? No

Is he free from hernia? Yes

Is he free from varicocele? Yes

Is he free from varicose veins? Yes

Is he free from hemorrhoids? Yes

Is he free from inveterate or contagious skin-disease? Yes

Is there a distinct mark of vaccination? Yes

Is he in good bodily and mental health and free from any physical defect likely to interfere with the efficient performance of his duties? Yes

Are there any slight defects, but not sufficient to cause rejection? No

Have you ever had a fit? No

Remarks.

Fit

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.

April 17th, 1916

Macalane, Medical Officer.

Address: Dunedin

Form No. 8
4. boy
17 hrs.

MILITARY HISTORY SHEET.

No. *26091*

Name:

Gordon

Robert James

	Country.	From	To	Years.	Days	Initials of Officer making Entry.
1. Service record ...	<i>N.Z. Foreign</i>	<i>29/5/16</i>	<i>24.9.16</i>			
2. Certificates ...						
3. Passed classes of instruction <small>(This includes any authorized class of instruction)</small>						
4. Active service ...						
5. Wounded ...						
6. Effects of wounds ...						
7. Special instances of gallant or meritorious conduct						
	Name of Medal.	Class.	Date of Grant.			
8. Medals and decorations						
9. Injuries in or by the Service						
10. Name and address of next-of-kin	<i>J. J. Kyle (Brother in law) Waipukuruan</i>					
11. Particulars as to Marriage	<small>(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.</small>					
	(a.)	(b.)	(c.)			
12. Particulars as to Children	Christian Names.		Date and Place of Birth.		Where registered.	

Note.—These entries are to be made from time to time as they occur, and initialled by the officer making the entry.

Intended place of residence on discharge:

N. Z.

STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES OF No. 26091 NAME: Jordan, Robert James

Regiment or Corps.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Rank.	Dates.	Signature of Officer certifying Correctness of Entries.
F 17 th	Posted to R 6534	Plt	29/5/46	E. V. Baldry Lt
" " Coy.	DMBND DEVONPORT	"	21.11.46	J. Pyle
5 Res. Battalion	Posted to Sluy 73	"	"	B

MEDICAL HISTORY

OF

Surname: Gordon

Christian Name: Robert James

Examined: (On <u>17th</u> day of <u>April</u> , 191 <u>6</u>)	Approved by
(At <u>Dannevirke</u>)	<u>J MacCallan</u>
Birthplace: (Town, <u>London</u>)	Medical Officer, <u>Dannevirke</u>
(Country, <u>Ireland</u>)	
Declared age: <u>21</u>	Examined for re-engagement:
Trade or occupation: <u>Farm Hand</u>	_____ day of _____, 191
Height: <u>5</u> ft <u>9 1/2</u> in.	* Considered _____
Weight: <u>175</u> lb.	_____
Chest-measurement: (Minimum, <u>36</u> in.)	Medical Officer, _____
(Maximum expansion, <u>39</u> in.)	* If unfit, state disability.
Physical development: _____	
Small-pox marks: _____	Re-vaccinated on _____ day of _____, 191
	Arm: _____ Number: _____
Vaccination marks: (Arm, <u>Right</u>)	Result: _____
(Number, _____)	_____
When vaccinated: _____	Medical Officer, _____
Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease:	

Enlisted on 29th day of May, 1916, at **TRENTHAM**

	Corps.	Regimental No.	Date.
Joined on enlistment	<u>F Coy 17th Luffs</u>	<u>36091</u>	<u>29/5/16</u>
Transferred to			

PROPOSED FOR DISCHARGE BY A MEDICAL BOARD.

Station.	Date.	Disease.	Result.

N.B.— This sheet to be disposed of in accordance with instructions in the Regulations for Army Medical Services on the man becoming non-effective, the date and cause being stated at the foot of next page.

Surname: Gordon

Christian Name: Robert James

Robert James

Station or Troopship.	Date of Arrival at the Station or of Embarkation.	DATE OF						Disease.	Number of Days in Hospital.	REMARKS ON NATURE OF DISEASE. How induced, if mild or severe, if completely recovered from, whether any particular treatment was adopted. In venereal disease, state nature of primary disease and whether mercury has been given. If an accident state whether it occurred on duty and whether a court of inquiry was held.	Signs.	Officer.
		Admission into Hospital.			Discharge from Hospital.							
		Day.	Mon.	Year.	Day.	Mon.	Year.					
TRENTHAM	30/9/16	30	9	16	3	10	16	Influenza	4			W. H. Smith H. H. Smith Fred. W. Lunsden
Transport No 64	5.9.16									Vaccinated - 11.10.16		