

O'BRIEN, Michael James (believed to be Robert M on Honour Roll)

Rank: Private

Service Number: 473

Unit: 15th Battalion

Place of Birth: Armidale, NSW

Date of Birth: c. 1893-1895

Enlisted at Lismore, NSW, on 12 October 1914 aged 21 years 5 months.

Next-of-kin was mother, Muriel O'Brien, Royal Hotel, Gladstone, Qld.

On enlistment he was 5 feet 6.25 inches and weighed 149.5 lbs. His chest measurement was 37-41 inches. His occupation was labourer. Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A40 *Ceramic* on 22 December 1914. Served Egypt, Gallipoli, and France. Wounded in action between 7 and 9 August 1915, GSW leg. Returned to Australia per *Kanowna* 28 January 1916, but returned to serve. Unit embarked from Brisbane, Queensland, on board HMAT A46 *Clan Macgillivray* on 7 September 1916. Accidentally wounded 21 February 1917. Remained on duty. Posted 'missing', but later found to be Prisoner of war in Germany captured Reincourt 11 April 1917, interned at Limburg. Returned to Australia again 2 March 1919.

Service Record: [View digital copy \(naa.gov.au\)](https://naa.gov.au)

Paulette Flint, 2024