# OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY FORM

THIS FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES. THE INFORMATION SOUGHT IS FOR THE USE OF GENERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DEMOBILIZATION AND REHABILITATION, A COMMITTEE SET UP BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO STUDY PLANS FOR ESTABLISHING IN INDUSTRIAL LIFE THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, AFTER DISCHARGE. ACCURACY AND COMPLETENESS IN ANSWERING WILL BE OF MUCH HELP TO THE COMMITTEE.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN ON THE INSIDE OF COVER BEFORE COMPLETING FORM

PLEASE LEAVE BLANK

## Section A—GENERAL INFORMATION

1. (a) Print name in full McDONALD Donald Roderick (b) Reg'l. No. M 103894
2. (a) Arm of service Army (b) Unit Edmonton Wing 13 D.D.C.A. (c) Rank Pte.
3. (a) Date of birth 7 April 1921 (b) Have you any dependents? Yes (c) Place of residence at time of enlistment Wembley Alberta
4. (a) Place of enlistment Edmonton Alberta Canada (b) Date of enlistment 7-11-42

## Section B—EDUCATION AND TRAINING

5. (a) State age on finally leaving school 15 (b) Were you attending school or college up to the time of enlistment? No.
6. State definitely highest standing reached at public, technical or high school (for instance—"4 years, Public School", "two years, High School", "Junior Matriculation", or "4 years technical course in printing", etc.) 10 Yrs 9 Yrs P.S. 1 yr H.S.
7. If you attended a university, give name of university and standing or degree secured N/A
8. (a) Did you ever enter upon a trade apprenticeship? NO (b) If so, for what occupation? N/A (c) Did you finish it? N/A (d) If you did not finish it, how long did you serve at it? N/A
9. (a) What languages do you speak fluently? English (b) What languages do you read well? English

## Section C—EMPLOYMENT CONDITION AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

10. (a) State whether you were WORKING or NOT WORKING at time of enlistment. (Enter here only "Working" or "Not Working", as case may be; particulars are asked for below) Working (b) At time of enlistment of what trade union or professional society were you a member? None

## Section D—PARTICULARS CONCERNING THOSE WHO WERE UNEMPLOYED AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

QUESTIONS 11 TO 17 REFER ONLY TO THOSE WHO ANSWER "NOT WORKING" IN QUESTION 10 (a)

11. Had you ever been employed fairly regularly since leaving school?
12. (a) If answer to 11 be "Yes", state exact trade or occupation at which you actually worked (b) State how long you had worked at this trade or occupation
13. If answer to 11 be "No", state exact trade or occupation for which you feel qualified
14. If you had been employed after leaving school, state when you last worked fairly regularly before enlistment
15. Give details of last employer, if any: Name Address
16. Nature of employer's business (for instance, "farmer", or "building contractor", or "boot factory", or "iron foundry", or "retail store", etc.)
17. (a) If your last employment was in a business of your own, state nature and address of business (b) Date of discontinuing it

## Section E—PARTICULARS CONCERNING THOSE WHO WERE EMPLOYED AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

QUESTIONS 18 TO 23 REFER ONLY TO THOSE WHO ANSWER "WORKING" IN QUESTION 10 (a). PLEASE READ THESE QUESTIONS AND REPLY TO THOSE APPLYING TO YOU AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

IF YOU WERE AN EMPLOYEE WORKING FOR AN EMPLOYER UP TO THE TIME OF ENLISTMENT, PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 18 TO 21

18. Name of employer Alexander Brown McDONALD Address Wembley Alberta
19. Nature of employer's business (for instance, "farmer", or "building contractor", or "boot factory", or "iron foundry", or "retail store", etc.) Farmer
20. (a) Your specific occupation Labourer (b) Number of years' experience at this occupation with any employer 6 Yrs.
21. (a) Did your employer promise definitely to give you employment on discharge? Yes (b) Did your employer refuse to promise you employment on discharge? No (c) Do you wish to return to your former employment? Yes

IF YOU WERE WORKING ON YOUR OWN UP TO THE TIME OF ENLISTMENT, THAT IS TO SAY, OPERATING A FARM, A STORE, AN AGENCY, OR IN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE, OR AS A PARTNER IN ANY SUCH LINE, PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 22 AND 23

22. (a) State nature of business, or professional practice (b) Where was it located?
23. (a) Number of years engaged in this business (b) Have you made, or will you make plans to return to the same or a similar business on discharge?

## Section F—PARTICULARS OF FARMING EXPERIENCE

24. (a) Do you wish to engage in farming after the war? Yes (b) Do you feel competent to operate a farm? Yes (c) If so, in what kind of farming? Mixed
25. (a) Were you born on a farm? Yes (b) How many years' actual farming experience have you had? 6 Yes (c) In what provinces did you have experience? Alberta

## Section G—MISCELLANEOUS

26. Have you made any arrangements other than indicated above, for re-establishment in civil life after discharge? NO
27. If so, state nature of your plans (for example, do you plan to return to school, or have you been assured of a job, etc.) N/A
28. State any employment preference or ambition you may have, other than indicated elsewhere in this form NO

DATE 7 November 1942 SIGNATURE Roderick McDonald

Received.....Checked.....Card.....Observations.....

ORIGINAL
DUPLICATE
~~TRIPLICATE~~

IDENTIFICATION
FINGER PRINTED 5 FEB 1943 CARD ISSUED

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A.F.B. 271
750M—5-42 (4398)
H.Q. 1772-39-1645

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*(To be completed in triplicate. Copy designation to be shown by striking out terms not applicable.)*

Unit THE CALGARY HIGHLANDERS G.A. Infantry ~~Rifle~~ EDMONTON WING #13 DISTRICT DEPOT C.A. Regimental Number M 103894

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# ACTIVE FORMATIONS AND UNITS OF THE CANADIAN ARMY

# ATTESTATION PAPER

1. Surname McDONALD
2. Christian Names DONALD RODERICK
3. Present address BOX 71 WEMBLEY ALBERTA CANADA
4. Date of birth 7 APRIL 1921
5. Place of birth CANADA (Country) ALBERTA (County or Province) LAKE SASKATOON (Town or Township)
6. Citizenship CANADA (Of What Country are You Now a Citizen)
7. Religion (state denomination) UNITED CHURCH
8. Trade or Calling FARMER
9. Married, Widower or Single SINGLE
10. Name of next of kin MRS. ALMA McDONALD
11. Relationship MOTHER
12. Address of next of kin BOX 71 WEMBLEY ALBERTA CANADA
13. Do you belong to, or have you served in a Reserve Formation or Unit of The Canadian Army? NO (If Yes, Give Unit and Dates of Service)
14. Have you served in (*a*) an Active Formation or Unit of The Canadian Army? (Yes or No) NO (If Yes, Give Regimental No. and Unit) (*b*) Any other Naval, Military, or Air Force? NO (Yes or No) (If Yes, specify Unit and Period of Service)
15. Did you serve during the Great War 1914-1918? NO (If Yes, specify Regimental No., Unit and Dates of Service)

## DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION

I, Donald Roderick McDONALD, do solemnly declare that the above particulars are true, and I hereby engage to serve in any Active Formation or Unit of The Canadian Army so long as an emergency, i.e., war, invasion, riot or insurrection, real or apprehended, exists, and for the period of demobilization after said emergency ceases to exist, and in any event for a period of not less than one year, provided His Majesty should so require my services.

Date 7 November 1942 Roderick McDonald (Signature of recruit)

## OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION

I, Donald Roderick McDONALD do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

Witness C.E. Sutton (Name) Capt (Rank) Roderick McDonald (Signature of Recruit)

## CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OR ATTESTING OFFICER

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answers to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided by law.

The above questions and answers were then read to the 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 EDMONTON ALBERTA this SEVENTH day of NOVEMBER 1942

H. Holmes Capt for Captain Edmonton Wing No. 13 District Depot, C.A. — Signature of Magistrate, Justice or Attesting Officer; Officer or Rank and Unit or appointment.

N.B.—ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE FACT THAT ANY PERSON MAKING A FALSE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS IS LIABLE TO A PENALTY OF SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT

Occupational History Form Forwarded to N. D. H. Q.

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Sheet No. 2 M.F.M. 1 & 2a

# CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Date of Medical Examination

Name in full McDONALD Donald Roderick Place Edmonton Alberta 7-11-42

**Part 1. Information obtained from the recruit.**

1. Age 21 2. Have you ever suffered from any of the following diseases?

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| a. Rheumatism | NO | k. Ear disease | NO |
| b. Tuberculosis or pleurisy | NO | l. Eye disease | NO |
| c. Bronchitis or asthma | NO | m. Fits | NO |
| d. Heart disease | NO | n. Nervous or mental disease | NO |
| e. Kidney or bladder disease | NO | o. Syphilis | NO |
| f. Stomach or bowel trouble | removed app. YES | p. Gonorrhoea | NO |
| g. Rupture | NO | q. Have you ever worn glasses? | NO |
| h. Varicose veins | NO | r. Are you now or have you in the past received disability pension or compensation? If so, give details | NO |
| i. Foot trouble | NO | | |
| j. Nasal trouble | NO | | |

I hereby declare that I have not suffered from any diseases whatsoever except as stated above.

Roderick McDonald
Signature of Applicant

Roderick McDonald

**Part 2. Information obtained by medical examination. THE RECRUIT MUST BE STRIPPED.**

Medical Officer's Remarks on information as stated in Part 1

1. Identification marks or scars Pigmented area Rt forearm anterior
2. Height 5 feet 10 inches. 3. Weight 160 pounds.
4. Complexion Fair Eyes Blue Hair L. Brown
5. Development Good ~~Fair~~ ~~Poor~~
6. Chest measurement—Girth on full expansion 36 inches. Range of expansion 3¼ inches.
7. Vision, right 20/20 left 20/20
With Glasses— right left 8. Hearing, right C.V. 20 left C.V. 20
9. Condition of mouth and teeth Meets Dental requirements
10. Blood Pressure:— S. D. (Required if recruit is over 35 years of age, or if otherwise indicated)
11. Urinalysis Negative
12. The abnormalities (congenital and pathological) found on examination are as follows:—
Reflexes normal No hernia No history of indigestion
Ear drums normal
Bilateral flat feet - not tender or rigid A.D. Irvine M.D.
13. Chest X-Ray 7 9/11/42 No. 15386 Laboratory at which taken 540 Tegler Blg. Edmonton Alberta Canada

**Part 3.** We, the examiners, find no evidence of the diseases mentioned in question 2, Part 1, except as reported in the remarks. We have examined the Recruit in accordance with the pamphlet "Physical Standards and Instructions for the medical examination of Recruits" and he is found fit for Category A1

Special remarks when category lower than A

C.E. Anderson Major rank C.F. Connor Capt rank T.R. Brownridge Major rank
Member Member President

Date

Certified true copy
Signing authority
Edmonton Alberta
13 Petawawa Camp
Nov 10/42

VACCINATIONS, INOCULATIONS, BOARDS, RECLASSIFICATION OF MEDICAL CATEGORY

| Date | Brief details and signature | Date | Brief details and signature |
|---|---|---|---|
| NOV 17 '42 | TABT Ld Secretaries Coast | 11 MAR 1943 | Category Confirmed |
| DEC 5 1942 | 3 | | |
| DEC 26 1942 | 3 | | |
| 19-11-42 | Vacc | | |

NOTE: Any corrections to entries made must be initialled by the Officer making them. Such Officer will indicate his rank and corps. Corrections are not to be written over the original entry.

For additional entries use M.F.M. 1 and 2 (a)

Regimental No. 1038894 Rank

Record of Service of McDONALD (Surname) Donald Roderick (Christian Names) Regimental Number M 103894

| Qualifications | | Educational Qualifications | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Military | NIL | High School or Collegiate | One year High School (years completed) | Graduation or Matriculation | Grade IX (specify) |
| Business or Professional | NIL | *College | NIL | | |
| Trade or Civil | FARMER | *University | NIL | | |
| Technical | NIL | | | | |
| Languages | ENGLISH | | | | |

*(Name of institution, courses or years completed, and degrees obtained to be shown)

All enlisted personnel will be taken on as Private soldiers, appointments and promotions to higher rank to be shown as provided in the space below.

| Record of Promotions, Reductions, Transfers, Casualties, Reports, etc., from date taken on Strength of Field Force | Rank Shown | Effective Date | Unit | Place | Authority: Part II D.O. No. Cas. List, etc. | Authority: Dated |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Joined on appointment T.O.S&, Held in Depot as Gen Rein | Pte | 7-11-42 | EDMONTON WING No. 13 DISTRICT DEPOT, C.A. | Edmonton, Alberta | D 0 112 | NOV 11 42 |
| SOS on trans to C.A.B.T.C. 132 G.P Londay Rifles | " | NOV 20 '42 | " | " | D 0 120 | NOV 20 42 |
| TOS on transfer fm Edm Wing 13DD | Pte | NOV 21 1942 | G.A.(B)T.C. 132 | Grande Prairie | D O 163 | NOV 21 1942 |
| Granted New Years Leave from 27-12-42 to 31-12-42 | | DEC 27 1942 | G.A.(B)T.C. 132 | Grande Prairie | D.O. 173 | DEC 29 1942 |
| Posted to Day Rifles and SOS on Tran to A/16 CITC Calgary | " | JAN 25 1943 | G.A.(B)T.C. 132 | Grande Prairie | D.O. #7 | JAN 25, 1943 |
| TOS A16 on trans from 132 CABTC Infantry Rifle | | 26 JAN 1943 | A16.CITC | Calgary Alberta | Pt. II No. 30 | JAN 28 1943 |
| AUTHORIZED TO WEAR G.S.BADGE. | " | 16-2-43 | " | " | " 48 | 16-2-43 |
| Granted Embarkation Leave and ration allow. Art 196(4)FR&I | " | 11-3-43 17-3-43 | " | " | " 77 | 16-3-43 |
| Entitled to pay at $1.40 per diem Art 144(10 FR&I | " | 7-3-43 | " | " | " 77 | 16-3-43 |
| ISSUED SPECIAL TRANSPORT WARRANT: No. A359988 | " | 10-3-43 | " | " | " 77 | 16-3-43 |
| Posted to THE CALGARY HIGHLANDERS G.A. | " | 22 MAR 1943 | " | " | " F3 | 22 MAR 1943 |

For additional entries use M.F.M. 1 and 2 (a)

Regimental No. M103894 Rank Pte

Sheet No. 2

M.F.M. 1 & 2a

Regtl. No. M 103894 Rank Private Surname McDONALD Christian Name DONALD RODERICK

| STATION | Date of Arrival at the Station | DATES OF | | | | | | DISEASE | Number of days in Hospital | Remarks on nature of the disease; how induced; if mild or severe; if completely recovered from; whether any particular treatment was adopted. In venereal cases 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. Date of issue and particulars of artificial teeth or surgical appliances supplied. | Signature of Medical Officer |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Admission into Hospital | | | Discharge from Hospital | | | | | | |
| | | Day | Month | Year | Day | Month | Year | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |

For additional entries use M.F.M. 1 and 2 (b)

Name. Donald D.R.

| Record of Promotions, Reductions, Transfers, Casualties, Reports, etc.- | Rank Shown | Effective Date | Unit | Place | Authority D.O.No. | Authority Dated |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SOS A16 proc. on special duty overseas | Pte | 24 MAR 1943 | A16 CITC | Calgary | 85 | MAR 1943 |
| S.O.S., C.A. Canada 28 Mar 43 | | | | | | |
| T.O.S., C.A. Overseas 29 Mar 43 | | | | | | |
| Disembarked 4 Apr 43 | | | | | | |
| T.O.S. 1 C.I.R.U. | Pte | 5 Apr 43 | 1 C.I.R.U. | U.K | 53 | 7 Apr 43 |
| 5103 — Granted daily Reg'l pay $1.50 | Pte | 9 May 43 | 1 C.I.R.U. | UK | 92 | 28 May 43 |
| 2 T.O.S. Edm Reg X List from 1 C.I.R.U. | Pte | 1 June 43 | X List Edm Reg | UK | 4-A | 4 June 43 |
| SOS to C.B.R.D. as Edmn R. R-u's. | Pte | 31 May 43 | 1 C.I.R.U. | UK | 95 | 1 June 43 |
| SOS Rwk SOS Edn army | Pte | 29 June 43 | X L Edm R | UK | | |
| TOS Tos Edn army | Pte | 30 June 43 | X L Edm R | M | 9A | 27 July 43 |
| Discharg | Pte | 11 July 43 | X L Edm R | NA | | |
| Posted from X 4 List (BD) to X 4 List (4 BN) | Pte | 5 Aug 43 | X L Edm R | NA | 11A | 17 Aug 43 |
| SOS SOS from X4 list (4BN) to Edm Regt | Pte | 11 Aug 43 | X list Edm R | NA | 12A | 31 Aug 43 |
| TOS TOS from X4 list (4BN) | Pte | 12 Aug 43 | Edm Regt | NA | 31 | 4 Sept 43 |
| Entered SOS | | | | | | |
| 059 TOS from S Hof C on Adm Hosp. | PTE | 18 Dec 43 | X LIST SH of C | NA | 53-A | 30 Dec 43 |
| SOS SOS Died of Wounds | | 23 Dec 43 | Edm R | CLM 382 NA | 14 Jan 44 5 | 26 Jan 44 |

| Record of Promotions, Reductions, Transfers, Casualties, Reports, etc.- | Rank Shown | Effective Date | Unit | Place | Authority D.O.No. | Authority Dated |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SOS A16 proc.on special duty overseas | Pte | 24 MAR 1943 | A16 CITC | Calgary | 85 | MAR 23 1943 |
| T.O.S. C.A. Canada 28 Mar 43 | | | | | | |
| T.O.S. C.A. Overseas 29 Mar 43 | | | | | | |
| Disembarked 4 April 43 | | | | | | |
| T.O.S. 1C IRU | Pte | 5 Apr 43 | 1 CIRU | UK | 53 | 7 Apr 43 |
| Granted Daily Regt'l pay $1.50 | Pte | 9 May 43 | 1 CIRU | UK | 92 | 28 May 43 |
| TOS Edm.Regt. X-List from 1 CIRU | Pte | 1 Jun 43 | XL Edm.R. | UK | 4a | 4 Jun 43 |
| SOS SOS to CBRD as Edm.R. RU's | Pte. | 31 May 43 | 1 CIRU | UK | 95 | 1 Jun 43 |
| Emb. SOS Cdn.Army ) | Pte | 29 Jun 43 | | | | |
| TOS TOS Cdn. Army ) | | 30 Jun 43 | | | | |
| Disembarked ) | | 11 Jul 43 | XL Edm.R. | N.A. | 9a | 27 Jul 43 |
| Posted from X-4 List (BD) to X-4 List (4 Bn) | Pte | 5 Aug 43 | XL Edm.R. | NA | 11a | 17 Aug 43 |
| SOS SOS from X-4 List ( 4 Bn) to Edm. R. | Pte | 11 Aug 43 | XL Edm.R. | NA | 12a | 31 Aug 43 |
| TOS TOS from X-4 List ( 4 Bn) | Pte | 12 Aug 43 | EDM REGT | NA | 31 | 4 Sep 43 |
| SOS | | | | | | |
| TOS TOS from S.H.of C. on Adm. Hosp. | Pte | 18 Dec 43 | XL SH of C | NA | 53a | 30 Dec 43 |
| SOS Died of Wounds | Pte | 23 Dec 43 | Edm Reg | CLA 382 | 5 | 17 Jan 44 |

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# CANADIAN PACIFIC TELEGRAPHS

DAY LETTER [X]

NIGHT LETTER [ ]

CASUALTY (REPORT DELIVERY)

OTTAWA

DECEMBER 30 1943

TO:-

MRS AIMA MCDONALD
BOX 71
WEMBLEY ALBERTA

10398 SINCERELY REGRET INFORM YOU M103894 PRIVATE DONALD RODERICK MCDONALD OFFICIALLY REPORTED WOUNDED IN ACTION TWENTYTHIRD DECEMBER 1943 STOP NATURE AND EXTENT OF WOUNDS NOT YET AVAILABLE STOP NATURE FURTHER INFORMATION FOLLOWS WHEN RECEIVED

Director of Records

Jour.

PREPAID

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# CANADIAN PACIFIC TELEGRAPHS

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DAY LETTER [X]

NIGHT LETTER [ ]

CASUALTY (REPORT DELIVERY)

OTTAWA 17 JANUARY 1944

TO:- MRS ALMA MCDONALD
BOX 71
WEMBLEY ALBERTA

1167 REGRET DEEPLY M103894 PRIVATE DONALD RODERICK MCDONALD NOW OFFICIALLY REPORTED DIED OF WOUNDS TWENTYTHIRD DECEMBER 1943 STOP FURTHER INFORMATION FOLLOWS WHEN RECEIVED

DIRECTOR OF RECORDS

PREPAID

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M.F.M. 268
50M-11-42 (7150)
Q. 1772-39-1990

H.Q.405-M-28,854 (Records - C)

31st January, 1944

Mrs. Alma McDonald,
Box 71,
Wembley, Alberta.

Dear Madam:

I deeply regret to inform you that your son, M103894 Private Donald Roderick McDonald, gave his life in the Service of his Country in the Mediterranean Theatre of War on the 23rd day of December, 1943.

From official information we have received, your son died as the result of wounds received in action against the enemy. You may be assured that any additional information received will be communicated to you without delay.

The Minister of National Defence and the Members of the Army Council have asked me to express to you and your family their sincere sympathy in your bereavement.

We pay tribute to the sacrifice he so bravely made.

Yours sincerely,

H. F. G. LETSON
Major - General
Adjutant - General

JAN 26 1944

(H.F.G. Letson),
Major-General,
Adjutant-General.

ACB/MEB

H.Q.405-M-28854
(Records-C)

14th February 1944

Mrs. Alma McDonald,
Box 71, Wembley,
Alberta.

Dear Mrs. McDonald:

Further to this Headquarters' telegram of 17th January 1944, informing you of the regretted death of your son M103894 Private Donald Roderick McDonald, in keeping with the policy of the Canadian Army of informing the next-of-kin of all details of battle casualties, the following paragraph informs you of the wounds sustained by Private McDonald.

According to infomation obtained by this Headquarters from Canadian Army Medical Authorities received here, your late son died as a result of a shell wound to the abdomen and right shoulder.

Please accept my sincere and heartfelt sympathy for the irreparable loss you have suffered.

Yours truly,

(C.L. Laurin) Colonel,
Director of Records,
for Adjutant-General.

FORM 5

JAN 9 1944

This form, if placed in an envelope marked "Dominion Statistics—Free, penalty for improper use $300," and addressed to the Division Registrar of Vital Statistics of the Division in which the death occurred, will pass through the mail "FREE"

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

For use of the Department only
Record No. ..... of .....

# REGISTRATION OF DEATH

WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING BLACK INK.
THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD.
All information asked for must be given. (See reverse side for instructions.)

| | |
|---|---|
| 1. Name of Deceased in full *(Christian name first)* | Donald Roderick McDONALD |
| 2. Date of Death | 23 rd day of December 1943 |
| 3. Place of Death *(Street and No., if any)* or Name of Hospital | Municipality *(Name and Number)* IN THE FIELD (ITALY)<br>Town or Village *(Name)* |
| 4. Length of Stay *(in years, months and days)* | (a) In municipality where death occurred .....<br>(b) In Province .....<br>(c) In Canada (if immigrant) ..... |
| 5. Regular Residence | Box 71, Wembley, Alberta<br>*(Residence means usual place of abode. If outside the limits of a city, town or village, give sec., tp. and rge.)* |

| 6. Sex *(Male or Female)* | 7. Nationality *(Citizenship)* | 8. Racial Origin | 9. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced *(Write the word)* |
|---|---|---|---|
| M | | | Single |

| | |
|---|---|
| 10. Place of Birth Alberta *(City or Town, Province or Country)* | 11. Date of Birth April 7th 1921 *(Month, day and year)* |

| 12. Age in | Years | Months | Days | If less than one day old |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 22 | | | ..... hrs. or ..... min. |

**Occupation**

13. Trade, profession or kind of work as *spinner, teamster, office clerk,* etc. Farmer

14. Kind of industry or business, as *cotton mill, lumbering, bank,* etc. .....

15. Date deceased last worked at this occupation .....

16. Total years spent in this occupation .....

**Parents**

17. Birthplace of Father ..... *(Province or Country)*

18. Birthplace of Mother ..... *(Province or Country)*

OVERSEAS CASUALTY CANADIAN ARMY

19. Cause of Death Died of wounds received in action.

20. Name of Physician (if any) attending Fatal Illness .....

21. Name and Address of Undertaker or Person in charge of Funeral .....

Place of Interment Italy *(Name of Cemetery)*

I certify the foregoing to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand at Ottawa, Ontario this 26th day of December 19 44

G Penman L.S.
*Signature of Informant (nearest available relative)*

..... *(Post Office Address)*

I hereby certify the above return was made to me at Director of Records, Dept. of National Defence.

on the ..... day of ..... 19 .....

Registrar's Record No ..... of 19 .....

..... *(Registrar)*

# INSTRUCTIONS

(1) The present form of certificate has been drawn up after consultation between the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and representatives of leading bodies in the medical profession. It has been approved by the Vital Statistics Section of the Canadian Public Health Association and also by the Deputy Registrar of births, deaths and marriages of each province.

(2) **Nationality.**—Nationality is defined as the country to which the person owes allegiance. The term "Canadian" should be used as descriptive of every person who has rights of citizenship in Canada. Every person born in Canada should be entered as "Canadian" unless he or she has subsequently become a citizen of another country.

(3) **Racial Origin.**—Racial Origin will be described by stating to what people or race the deceased person belonged, whether English, Irish, Scottish, French, German, etc. (**The term "American" or "Canadian" should not be used, as they express citizenship but not a race or people.**)

(4) **Occupation.**—Precise statement of occupation is very important, so that the relative healthfulness of various pursuits may be known. An entry should be made in this section for every person aged 10 years or over. If the deceased has retired from business, the occupation prior to retirement should be reported. Children not gainfully employed may be returned as **at school** or **at home.** For a woman whose only occupation was that of home housework, the entry should be **housewife.** For a person engaged in domestic service for wages, however, designate the occupation by the appropriate terms, as **servant—private family, cook—hotel,** etc. For a person who had no occupation the entry should be **none.**

In stating the occupation, avoid the use of such indefinite terms as "employee," "worker," "operative," etc. The particular kind of work done should be stated clearly as **spinner, weaver,** etc.

In stating the industry or business the use of such general terms as "store," "factory," "mill," etc., should be avoided. The particular kind of store, factory, mill, etc., should be stated as **grocery store, soap factory, cotton mill,** etc.

The different kinds of engineers should be carefully distinguished by giving the full descriptive titles, as **civil engineer, mechanical engineer, mining engineer, stationary engineer,** etc. The term "labourer" should be avoided when a more precise statement of the occupation can be secured. The word "mechanic" should not be used but the exact occupation, as **carpenter, painter, machinist,** etc. A careful distinction should be made between **retail merchants** and **wholesale merchants.** The term "clerk" without qualification should always be avoided. A person who sells goods should be called a **salesman.** A stenographer, typist, accountant, bookkeeper, cashier, etc., should be reported as such, never as a "clerk."

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CANADIAN MILITARY HEADQUARTERS

# ESTATES BRANCH
# INVENTORY

*of personal effects received by*
*Casualty Section, No. 1 CKSD*

No., RANK and NAME M-103894 Pte McDona ld D.R. (Dec'd)

RECEIVED FROM Cdn Sec GHQ 2nd Echelon

CHECKED BY B-134006 Pte Burden R.E.
L-17349 Pte Bailey N.S. DATE 27 Mar 44

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | Pr. Undershorts | | |
| 2 | Undershirts | | |
| 1 | Belt | | |
| 1 | Pr. Gloves | | |
| 1 | Checker Board | | |
| 1 | Chisel | | |

ORIGINAL } To Officer i/c Estates with
DUPLICATE } original inventory, if any.

TRIPLICATE — with effects.

...Lt...M.S. Latham.....
for OC 1 Cdn KSD

RECORDS OFFICE OVERSEAS.

CANADIAN MILITARY HEADQUARTERS.

GRAVES REGISTRATION CARD.

NAME McDONALD, Donald Roderick

RANK Private

UNIT LOYAL EDMONTON REG'T.

PLACE & DATE OF BIRTH Lake Saskatoon, Alta. 7 APR 1921

REGIMENTAL NO M-103894

NEXT OF KIN MOTHER:

ADDRESS Mrs Aima McDONALD, Box 71, WEMBLEY, Alberta, Canada.

PARTICULARS OF HOSPITALIZATION

DATE OF ADMISSION.....

NAME & LOCATION OF HOSPITAL.....

DIAGNOSIS.....

PARTICULARS OF DEATH.

DATE OF DEATH 23 DEC 43

PLACE OF DEATH Italy

HRS.....

CAUSE OF DEATH DIED OF WOUNDS

PARTICULARS OF BURIAL.

DATE OF BURIAL 24 Dec 43

CEMETERY S. VITO Italy MR 346110 Sh 147 W. side of Rd.

DEATH CERTIFICATE NO.....

DATE OF REGN OF DEATH CERTIFICATE.....

LOCATION OF CEMETERY.....

.....

PLOT NO.....ROW.....GRAVE.....

RELIGION United Church of Canada.

Extracted from Burial Records,
RECORDS OFFICE OVERSEAS.
ACTON, LONDON W.3.

DATE 6 Nov 44

(B.E. WILLAN) Capt

For ~~(R.T.E.HICKS-LYNE)~~ Lt.Colonel,
Officer i/c Records,
Canadian Military Headquarters.

Form No. 1

[redacted]ster No._____

Nominal Roll No._____

H.Q. File No. 405-M-28554.

TO: P.M.G.

CANADIAN ARMY (ACTIVE)
COMPUTATION OF SERVICE
WAR SERVICE GRANT

(463) C.

| Regt. No. | Rank When S.O.S. | Surname | Christian Name in Full |
|---|---|---|---|
| M/103894 | PTE. | McDONALD. | DONALD RODERICK. |

Reason for Termination of Service:

1st Enlistment KILLED IN ACTION CARO ( )

2nd Enlistment CARO ( )

3rd Enlistment CARO ( )

TOTAL SERVICE

| 1st Enlistment | 2nd Enlistment | 3rd Enlistment |
|---|---|---|
| T.O.S. 7 NOV 42. | T.O.S. | T.O.S. |
| S.O.S. 23 DEC. 43. MD 0/S. | S.O.S. MD | S.O.S. MD |
| Total Days 412. | Total Days | Total Days |

412. DAYS

TOTAL SERVICE

| | Total Service | Less Non-qualifying Service | Net Service |
|---|---|---|---|
| WESTERN HEMISPHERE | 142. | NIL | 142. |
| OVERSEAS SERVICE | 270. | NIL | 270. |
| Totals | 412. | NIL. | 412. |
| Add Non-qualifying Service | | | NIL. |
| TOTAL SERVICE | | | 412. |

EMBARKATION DETAILS:

1. Date S.O.S. Overseas 23 DEC 43.

2. Date S.O.S. Oversees _____

REMARKS:

Computer's Signature J E Grottier

Checker's Signature B. McRannie

Date Computed 29 NOV 44

Certified that entitlement to benefits under the War Service Grants Act, 1944, has been established, based on service shown herein.

(C.L. Laurin) Colonel,
Director of Records.

Jan 26/45

Dept of nat Defence
Ottawa

Wembly Alta
Box 71.

Dear Sir

we did not get the parcel by Registered mail yet, we got a parcel by Expres but it was just old underwear and not a thing belonging to my son. if you could locate my son personal effects I would be glad.

Yours Very Truly
Mrs Alma L McDonald.

HQ 405-M-28,854 FD 298

ESTATES BRANCH

5 February 45

Mrs. Alma Mc Donald,
Box No. 71
WEMBLEY, Alberta.

MCDONALD, Donald R. Pte. (Deceased)
M-103894 Canadian Army

Dear Mrs. McDonald:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of January the twenty-sixth, and note your remarks in connection with your son's persoanl effects. This parcel was not sent to you by registered mail but by prepaid express. It contained in addition to some underwear, one belt, 1 pr. gloves, 1 checker board, and one chisel. These were all the effects that were sent to this branch for disposal.

Yours faithfully,

CWP/DW

Director of Estates.

Form No. 1

Register No. D-8441 Nominal Roll No. D-176

H.Q. File No. 405-M-28854

TO: P.M.G.

CANADIAN ARMY (ACTIVE)
COMPUTATION OF SERVICE
WAR SERVICE GRANT

| Regt. No. | Rank When S.O.S. | Surname | Christian Name in Full |
|---|---|---|---|
| M-103894 | Pte | Mc DONALD, | DONALD, RODERICK |

Reason for Termination of Service:

1st Enlistment DECEASED CARO ( )

2nd Enlistment CARO ( )

3rd Enlistment CARO ( )

TOTAL SERVICE

| 1st Enlistment | 2nd Enlistment | 3rd Enlistment |
|---|---|---|
| T.O.S. 7 NOV 42 | T.O.S. | T.O.S. |
| S.O.S. 23 DEC 43 MD 0/S | S.O.S. Nil MD | S.O.S. MD |
| Total Days 412 | Total Days | Total Days |

TOTAL SERVICE 412 DAYS

| | Total Service | Less Non-qualifying Service | Net Service |
|---|---|---|---|
| WESTERN HEMISPHERE | 142 | — | 142 |
| OVERSEAS SERVICE | 270 | — | 270 |
| Totals | 412 | — | 412 |
| Add Non-qualifying Service | | | — |
| TOTAL SERVICE | | | 412 |

EMBARKATION DETAILS:
405 0/s 29 March 43

1. Date S.O.S. Overseas 23 DEC 43 2. Date S.O.S. Overseas

REMARKS:

DIED WHILST IN SERVICE
23 DEC 43

Computer's Signature J. F. O'Leary

Checker's Signature R. Kearney Sgt.

Date Computed 16 April 45

Certified that entitlement to benefits under the War Service Grants Act, 1944, has been established based on service shown herein.

(C.L. Laurin) Colonel,
Director of Records.

# DETAILS OF NON-QUALIFYING SERVICE

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

| Forfeits for | from | to | Eff. Date | Days | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | |

NIL

TOTAL

OVERSEAS

T.O.S. 29 MAR 43 T.O.S. T.O.S.

S.O.S. 23 DEC 43 S.O.S. S.O.S.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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NIL

TOTAL

M.S.

Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League
Grande Prairie Branch Alberta No. 54

MINISTERS OFFICE
JUL 11 1945
DEPT. N. D. OTTAWA.

Office of the Secretary
GRANDE PRAIRIE, ALBERTA

MILITARY SECRETARY
JUL 11 1945
RECEIVED

6th July 1945.

ESTATES
BRANCH
JUL 14 1945
H. Q.
OTTAWA
NATIONAL DEFENCE

Minister of Defence,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

HQ- 405-M-28854 FD 208

re: Donald Roderick McDonald, Pte., M103894,
formerly of Wembley, Alberta.

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Closed file

JUL 17 1945

This man was wounded on the 23rd of December 1943 at Artona, Italy, according to telegram received by his parents, and according to a later telegram he died in hospital the same day. The parents have now learned from a returned chum of the deceased that he lived for three days after his wounding.

What I am writing you about is in regard to his effects. The only effects that were forwarded to the parents was a parcel of underwear although to their knowledge he had other effects consisting of a wristwatch which the parents purchased for him just before he left for Overseas and which cost $60.00. He had also a wallet containing photographs and other personal belongings. Then there was his disk and undoubtedly there would be other personal property. I understand that the wound which ultimately caused his death was in the abdomen and, accordingly, I can not imagine that his effects would be destroyed. Possible too, on account of the confusion that undoubtedly existed on that beach head, there is every chance that the effects might have been removed for safety but subsequently lost. One, however, can not blame the parents in suspecting that the effects were stolen. I informed the parents that at this late date it was almost an impossibility for you to make further inquiry but I would respectfully suggest it would be a good policy on your part so to do. I would request accordingly and that you let me know the result.

There is also the question of his gratuity. He enlisted the 7th of November 1942 at Edmonton and at no time had any furlough. I understand that the parents received $195.00 as gratuity; I can not understand how this is arrived at, and in order to satisfy the parents, might I suggest you forward a statement to me? They further informed that the only money they received was the sum of $2.00 which was reported to have been found when he died and $36.00 turned over from his pay book.

Yours truly,

ROBERT H. McPHEE
Secretary.

RHP/AM

parents
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ESTATES BRANCH

July 18, 1945.

Canadian Legion,
British Empire Service League,
Grande Prairie, Alberta.

McDONALD, Donald R., Pte. (Deceased)
No. M.103894, Canadian Army

Dear Sirs: Attention: Mr. R.H. Philp

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 6th and note your request for information concerning the effects and the gratuity monies of the marginally noted soldier.

Our file in connection with this estate has been closed, but we are requisitioning it again and as soon as it is received we shall be able to give you further information concerning the effects. It is presumed, however, that we forwarded to the next of kin all the effects which were received at this Branch.

We are enclosing herewith an Application Form in connection with the gratuities, and as soon as this has been completed by the parents we suggest that you forward it to the Paymaster General, New Army Building, Ottawa. You will no doubt hear from that Branch in due course.

Yours faithfully,

CWP/JN
Encl.1

Director of Estates.

Get Main file

HQ 405-M-28,854

ESTATES BRANCH

24 Sep 45

Canadian Legion,
British Empire Service League,
GRANDE PRAIRIE, Alberta.

MC DONALD, Donald R., Pte. (dec'd)
M.103984

Dear Sirs:

Further to our letter to you of Jul 18 we wish to inform you that we have now received a file for the marginally noted deceased. We wish to inform you that we forwarded to the parents on the 2 June 45 all the personal effects which were received here as having been recovered at the time of the deceased's regretted death. These effects consisted of some underwear, gloves, belt, checker board and chisel. If he had any other effects at that time apparently they were not located.

Our overseas report states that the deceased did not leave any effects in storage in England before proceeding to the Mediterranean Area. If he left any effects in private storage we have no knowledge of same. There is a notation on the file to the effect that the wallet containing the snap shots, a registration card and fountain pen were lost in transit from the United Kingdom.

We presume that you have made further inquiries in connection with the gratuities as suggested in our letter of July. If there is any further information we can give you kindly let us know.

Yours faithfully,

CWP:HS

DIRECTOR OF ESTATES.

File No. 405-M-28854

VERIFICATION FORM

WAR SERVICE MEDALS 1939-45

No. M 103894 Name Mc Donald, Donald Roderick.

Rank on Discharge Pte Date of Discharge 23-12-43.

Deceased

Authority for Discharge or Retirement

| Served in: | | | Non-qualifying service |
|---|---|---|---|
| Canada | from 7-11-42. | to 28-3-43 | |
| | from | to | |
| United Kingdom | from 29-3-43 | to 29-6-43. | |
| | from | to | |
| Italy | from 30-6-43. | to 23-12-43 (died of wds) | |
| Northwest Europe | from | to | |
| | from | to | |
| | from | to | |

Eligible for award of:

1939 - 45 Star OK

Italy Star OK

~~France-Germany~~ Star

Defence Medal NE

War Medal 1939-45 OK

Canadian Volunteer Service Medal OK

with clasp OK

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Verified by A. Routhier

Date 24-10-46.

OCT 25 1945

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NO RIBBON DESPATCH

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H.Q. 405-M-28854
R. 4 (B).

7th June, 1947.

Mrs. Alma McDonald,
Box 71,
Wembley, Alberta.

Dear Mrs. McDonald:

I am forwarding herewith a photograph of the grave and marker over the burial place of your late son, M103894 Private Donald Roderick McDonald, the location of which is grave 14, row E, plot 10, Morro River Cemetery, Ortona, Italy.

Any errors appearing in the inscription will be corrected when the permanent headstone is placed.

Yours faithfully,

for H.M. Jackson, Lt.-Col.,
Director of Records,
for Adjutant-General.

Encl.

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