

Neil C. McLean

Service Number: 790232

Rank: Lance Sergeant

Branch: 131st, 30th, 37th, 64th, 22nd, 1st, and 47th Battalion

Years Served: 1916 - 1918

Summary: A merchant, attested in the 131st Btn at New Westminster BC. His medical indicated he had an axe scar on the inside of his right ankle. He served as acting Quarter Master Sergeant for the 30th Btn at Shorncliffe England. He reverted to the ranks to go to France in 26 Jun 1917 with the 47th Btn. He was promoted Cpl and later Lance Sergeant with the 47th. He was killed in action in the trenches south of Avion France. There is a note on his medal card "MM" which means Military Medal, but there is no indication elsewhere that he ever received same. He was buried at Sucrerie Cemetery AblainSt. Nazaire France.

Name: Neil C. McLean

Birth Date: February 4, 1886

Relatives: Wife - Alma B. McLean

Address: 901 St. Andrew St., New Westminster, B.C.

Attestation Date: December 20, 1915

Death Date: January 9, 1918

Burial Site: Sucrierie Cemetery Ablain, St. Nazaire, France



Service Record

Date	Particulars
20 Dec 1915	Card – 790232 McLean, Neil C. , 47 th Btn Theater of war – France, Date of Service 27 Jun 1917, latest Address – Mrs Alma B. McLean (wife) 901 St Andrew St New Westminster B.C. Large red “D” Attested in 131 st Btn at New Westminster BC, previously with the 104 th Regiment, Born 4 th Feb 1886, Strathroy ON, merchant Medical – 5’ 7 ½ “ 160 lbs, Fair Complexion, Blue Grey eyes, light brown hair, Presbyterian , axe scar inside of right ankle otherwise clear medical. Card - Note in red - MM 13 Mar 1918, London Gazette 30573 This reference has no mention of L Sgt Neil C McLean.
1 Nov 1916	Embarked Halifax NS aboard SS Coronie
11 Nov 1916	Arrived England
11 Nov 1916	Appointed acting Company Quarter master Sergeant
13 Nov 1916	TOS (<i>Taken on Strength</i>) 30 th Btn Shorncliffe
26 Nov 1916	SOS (<i>Struck of Strength</i>) from 30 th Btn to 37 th Btn
27 Nov 1916	TOS 37 th Btn Shoreham
1 Dec 1916	Appointed acting Battalion Quarter Master Sergeant 37 th Btn
8 Jan 1917	TOS 64 th Btn
14 Feb 1917	TOS 22 nd Reserve Battalion
26 Jun 1917	Reverts to Ranks at own request to proceed overseas and SOS 1 st Reserve Btn to joined 47 th Btn overseas
23 Aug 1917	Promoted Corporal 47 th Btn
9 Jan 1918	Killed in action Circumstances of Death state he was killed in the Trenches south of Avion
9 May 1918	Awarded Military Medal for bravery in the field and then in red on the right of the form “Cancelled. “
6 Jun 1918	In red Part II O 39 16 May 198 is Cancelled Pt II 044
6 May 1922	L. Sgt N. C. McLean 47 th Btn, MM marked at top of the card twice. Medals and decorations to wife Mrs Alma B. McLean 901 St Andrew Street, New Westminster B. C.
	P&S – to widow above Memorial Cross – to widow as above. Not eligible for 1914-15 Star. Nothing on the card to indicate the MM was or was not sent.

Attestation Paper:

131st OVERSEAS BATTALION
ATTESTATION PAPER.

No. 790232.

Folio.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS)

1. What is your surname? M^cLean
- 1a. What are your Christian names? Neil C
- 1b. What is your present address? 901 St Andrews St. New Westminster
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? Strathroy Ont
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? Alma Victoria M^cLean
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? 901 St Andrews St. New Westminster
- 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? Wife
5. What is the date of your birth? 4th January 1886
6. What is your Trade or Calling? Merchant
7. Are you married? Yes
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? Yes
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? Yes 10th Regt
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? Yes
If so, state particulars of former service.
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? Yes
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the Yes
CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE?

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Neil C M^cLean, do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me to the above questions and that they are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

Date 20 December 1915. Neil C M^cLean (Signature of Recruit)
James (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Neil C M^cLean, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

Date 20 December 1915. Neil C M^cLean (Signature of Recruit)
James (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.
The above questions 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 NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. 20 day of Dec 1915.

B. G. Walker (Signature of Justice)

Description of <u>Neil C. McLean</u> on Enlistment.	
Apparent Age <u>30</u> years <u>3</u> months.	Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous diseases. Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has served before, he will advise the same and recommend to what service again, attach a slip to that effect, for the information of the appointing officer. <u>Scar on inside of right ankle.</u>
Height <u>5 ft 7 3/4 ins.</u>	
Weight <u>137 3/4 lbs.</u>	
Complexion <u>Fair</u>	
Eyes <u>Blue</u>	
Hair <u>Light Brown</u>	
Church of England	
Presbyterian	
Methodist	
Baptist or Congregationalist	
Roman Catholic	
Jewish	
Other denominations	
(Denominations to be omitted)	
CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION. I have examined the above-named Recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services. He can see at the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs, and he declares that he is not subject to fits of any description. I consider him <u>fit</u> for the Canadian Over-Sea Expeditionary Force. Date <u>DEC 20 1915</u> 101 <u>S. H. Macdonald Capt.</u> Place <u>NEW WESTMINSTER</u> Medical Officer. "Insert here "fit" or "unfit". Note.—Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of those who have been selected, and will briefly state below the cause of rejection.—	
CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT. <u>Neil C. McLean</u> having been finally approved and inspected by me this day, and his Name, Age, Date of Attestation, and every prescribed particular having been recorded, I certify that I am satisfied with the correctness of this Attestation. Date <u>30th Dec</u> 1915: <u>S. H. Macdonald</u> (Signature of Officer)	

Casualty Form:

Other Documentation:

<http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pffww&id=162114&lang=eng>