

Hastings Standard. 18 February 1898 (Papers Past) [27/01/2019]

A serious accident befel a jockey named **Tom** O'Brien, on Saturday last. He was exercising *The Artist* over hurdles on the Palmerston racecourse when the horse struck one of the hurdles and threw the jockey. When he was picked up he was found to have injured his spine.

Hawera & Normanby Star. 21 February 1898 (Papers Past) [27/01/2019]

Tom O'Brien, the well-known cross-country horseman, while exercising *The Artist* over hurdles at the Palmerston racecourse on Saturday morning injured his spine.

Wanganui Chronicle. 22 February 1898 (Papers Past) [27/01/2019]

The well-known horseman, Tom O'Brien, of Tommy Scott's association, got a nasty shaking the other day through *The Artist* falling with him at a hurdle. It is doubtful if he will be sufficiently recovered to ride at the Manawatu meeting. Speaking of Tom O'Brien, reminds me of rather a good yarn I heard told at Tom's expense, at the last Rangitikei meeting. Tommy Scott's stables are located within easy distance of the sea beach, and in the winter time it is rather a good spot to get some of that "finny delicacy" frost fish. O'Brien, on hearing of this, decided one morning to prospect for frost fish, of which he had a very vague idea as regards their haunts. Close to the beach was a quantity of short manuka scrub, and Tom was informed that the frost fish were amphibious creatures, and were to be found secreted therein. After a diligent search of some two hours in the scrub, according to instructions, Tom gave it up as a bad job and returned to the homestead. They say it is now rather a risky thing to ask Tom if he likes frost fish.

Wanganui Chronicle. 20 April 1898 (Papers Past) [27/01/2019]

Tom O'Brien again appeared in the saddle at Feilding after a compulsory retirement owing to injuries received when schooling The Artist some time back. **Tom** steered Nayborn to victory in the hack hurdles the first day.

Hastings Standard. 18 March 1901 (Papers Past) [30/01/2019]

T. O'Brien – rider

Hastings Standard. 7 Oct 1901 (Papers Past) [30/01/2019]

O'Brien – rider – 1st

Hastings Standard. 17 March 1902 (Papers Past) [30/01/2019]

O'Brien – rider

Hastings Standard. 18 March 1903 (Papers Past) [30/01/2019]

T. O'Brien – rider

Hastings Standard. 23 June 1906 (Papers Past) [30/01/2019]

O'Brien – rider – 2nd

Hastings Standard. 1 Aug 1906 (Papers Past) [30/01/2019]

T. O'Brien – rider – 1st

Hastings Standard. 4 Oct 1906 (Papers Past) [30/01/2019]

T. O'Brien – rider – 1st

Hastings Standard. 2 January 1907, 31 July 1907, 3 Oct 1907 (PP) [30/01/2019]

T. O'Brien – rider – 2nd

Hastings Standard. 3 January 1907, 2 January 1908 (Papers Past) [30/01/2019]

T. O'Brien – rider – 1st

Hastings Standard. 9 May 1907, 29 July 1908 (Papers Past) [30/01/2019]

T. O'Brien – rider – 3rd

Manawatu Times. 30 December 1903 (Papers Past) [27/01/2019]

Ashhurst-Pohangina Racing Club.

from again shortly. The Ashhurst Guineas was a good sporting race and provided a most exciting finish. Ngatarua was brought to the post in beautiful condition and found the seven-furlong journey much to his liking. The winner was paraded on the lawn, and adorned with the blue ribbon by Miss Hanlon, second daughter of the president, and cheers were given for the owner, trainer, and "Bricky" O'Brien, the jockey. Roseshoot distin-

Grey River Argus. 4 March 1905 (Papers Past) [27/01/2019]

Tom O'Brien the well known horseman came over from Christchurch and has gone to Reefton to pilot Contingent and Blessbok in their engagements.

Manawatu Herald. 9 March 1905 (Papers Past) [30/01/2019]

Tommy O'Brien, the Canterbury light-weight, who at one time acted as pilot to Lass-o'-Gowrie, had a big innings at the recent Westport gathering. "Bricky" steered five winners. Amongst the nags was Blessbok, who won a treble.

Hastings Standard. 23 Dec 1907 (Papers Past) [30/01/2019]

The Turf

A telegram was received by Mr O'Brien on Saturday night informing him that his brother, "Tommy" O'Brien, was badly hurt through Polyanthus falling with him in the final flat race at the Palmerston Christmas meeting on Saturday.

NZ Truth. 11 January 1908 (PP) [30/01/2019]

Tommy O'Brien will be riding on the first day of the Trentham meeting, and will then go to Foxton to steer Polyanthus in the Cup there.

Hastings Standard. 1 Aug 1908 (Papers Past) [30/01/2019]

The Turf

DISQUALIFIED.

**FULL CRY, ITS OWNER AND
JOCKEY.**

PER PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Wellington, August 1.

In connection with the disqualification of the horse Full Cry at the recent races, the stewards of the Wellington Racing Club met to continue the inquiry. After a lengthy sitting they decided to disqualify Full Cry, C. Chesterman (owner) and T. O'Brien (licensed jockey) during their pleasure.

H.B. METROPOLITAN CLUB.

A meeting of the Hawke's Bay Metropolitan Club was held this morning. Present : — Messrs L. de Pelichet (chair), T. H. Lowry, G. P. Donnelly, H. McVeagh, E. J. Watt and H. M. Campbell.

CORRESPONDENCE.

T. O'Brien wrote, asking for permission to work in stables during term of his disqualification.—Refused, Committee having no power to do so under the rules of racing.

E. J. O'Brien wrote, complaining that he had been taken off his mount Top Rose at the Napier Park meeting without being previously notified. — After hearing the evidence of O'Brien and the owner of Top Rose, Mr C. O'Donoghue, the matter was dismissed.

Several G.N. Hurdle acceptors will be given a run at Takapuna. In the Maiden Hurdles are Kremlin and Bully, and in the Hauraki, Sol, Irish, Poplar, Creusot, and Cuiragno. Creusot is a terribly hard puller, and very few boys can hold him in his work. Two seasons ago it was his habit to decline to accede to his pilot's request to pull up. I think it was Howard, the well-known cross-country rider who one morning at Ellerslie undertook to stop the big son of Torpedo in one round. Howard was very fit at the time, but so was Creusot. It was a contest of endurance, but when Creusot flashed past the little knot of trainers, jockeys, and touts, for the third circuit, going like a runaway motor, his rider's feelings were the reverse of Christian when Tommy O'Brien cried out in the crisp winter air, "Tim, old sport, hadn't you better fall off—your breakfast is getting cold."

Hastings Standard. 3 Sep 1910 (PP) [30/01/2019]

The Turf

**HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB.
METROPOLITAN COMMITTEE**

The usual monthly meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Metropolitan Committee was held at Hastings on Friday. Present: Messrs G. Hunter (Chairman), L. de Pelichet, T. E. Crosse, M. F. Baird, J. E. McIvor, C. L. Mackersey and W. J. Douglas.

Licenses were granted as follows:
—Jockeys: A. Crerar, E. A. Crerar, A. McInnes, A. McLeod, A. J. Paramore, F. Willis, W. M. Bennett, D. Cameron, J. Fitzgerald, T. O'Brien and C. Mitchell. Trainers: A. J. Ellingham, E. J. H. Gray, A. Manning, J. S. O'Neill, H. G. Pane, J. E. Rollo, A. J. Rayner, F. Stowe, P. Smith, A. R. White, J. Abdul. Gentlemen riders: A. J. Ayres and N. Newman.

Hastings Standard. 4 Oct 1911 (PP) [30/01/2019] ??

T. O'Brien – rider – 3rd

Hastings Standard. 5 Oct 1911 (PP) [30/01/2019] ??

T. O'Brien – rider – 1st

T. O'Brien – rider – 2nd

Hastings Standard. 7 Oct 1910 (PP) [30/01/2019] ??

T. O'Brien – rider – 1st

Hastings Standard. 7 Oct 1910 (PP) [30/01/2019] ?

"Tommy" O'Brien, the well known horseman, signalised his reappearance in the saddle yesterday by piloting Multiple to victory in the Final Handicap. On returning to the birdcage, both horse and rider were subjects of a popular ovation, and there was further cheering when O'Brien entered the jockey's room.

Evening Post. 7 Oct 1910 (PP) [30/01/2019] ?

THE HAWKES BAY MEETING.

The meeting concluded with the Final Handicap, for which Humming Bird was rather more in demand than Multiple. She got chopped out three furlongs from home, and so lost a length or two, but she could never have beaten Multiple in any case, as he won very easily by a length or so, giving T. O'Brien his first winning mount since his reinstatement. This was not lost sight of, as on returning to scale, and again on entering the jockey's room, O'Brien was loudly cheered.

NZ Truth. 20 January 1912 (PP) [30/01/2019]

Tommy O'Brien has struck oil in Australia, and has already won half-a-dozen races. He has an engagement to ride in the next Newmarket Handicap and the Australian Cup.

Press. 21 May 1913 (Papers Past) [27/01/2019]

The jockey O'Brien, whose death at Palmerston North we recorded yesterday, was not "Bricky" O'Brien, but **Tom** O'Brien, one time trainer of Lass o' Gowrie.

43 yrs

NZ Truth. 6 Sep 1913 (PP) [30/01/2019]

Tommy O'Brien, who has been located in Western Australia for some time, has been meeting with some success in that State, having ridden a few winners.

Evening Post. 24 July 1915 (Papers Past) [27/01/2019]

F. Meagher, the well-known horseman who went into camp at Trentham, is reported to be seriously ill. E. O'Brien, formerly training in Hawkes Bay, goes with the 6th Reinforcements. He informs me that his brother (Tom), formerly a well-known horseman in the Dominion and Australia, is at present in India.

Press. 24 April 1918 (Papers Past) [27/01/2019]

Private Thomas O'Brien, of the 10th Australian Light Horse, is now in Egypt, at a training camp. Most sportsmen will remember the cheerful "Bricky," as he was popularly known, when he used to ride the horses of the big Hawke's Bay owners. "Bricky" left these shores some ten years ago to try his luck in Australia. He pulled up at Adelaide, where he became attached to the James stable, and he did well. He then went West, and did better still. O'Brien says that the camp he is in is the largest detail camp in Egypt, and is full of donkeys, mules, and horses, but he asserts that he would sooner land at Greenmeadows tomorrow than go on to London, the home-call being so strong.

Press. 25 April 1918 (Papers Past) [29/01/2019]

A picture postcard was received at Riccarton from Palestine with the photographs of W. Holmes and **"Bricky"** O'Brien on it. The two well-known horsemen, now doing their bit in the East, look in the best of health and spirits.

Greymouth Evening Star. 2 August 1918 (Papers Past) [29/01/2019]

Fred Smith, formerly private trainer to the late Mr. Duncan Rutherford, of Amuri, and well known on the West Coast, writes from Jordan Valley reporting that the New Zealand Rifle Brigade are having a spell for three months, and during the holidays they are having plenty of sports meetings which include a few horse races. Amongst the sporting brigade with Fred are, "Bricky" O'Brien, now of the 7th Australian Light Horse; his brother, Ted O'Brien, Billy Holmes, Tim O'Connor and Bert Wornald, all of whom send their greetings to their mates in New Zealand. At the last race meeting W. Holmes won on a mare that was an exact double of Redwing. "Bricky" O'Brien was on the runner-up. The New Zealanders have had a pretty hot time at Amman—east of Jordan—but all the above got out safely.

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New Zealand Herald. 3 August 1918 (Papers Past) [29/01/2019]

During the week a picture postcard of the New Zealand mare Gazelle, who completed the trying march over the desert, was received from a local sportsman at present on service in the Egyptian quarter. The photograph shows Gazelle to be wearing particularly well, and sportsmen in these parts will be interested to learn that the mare referred to recently won a match against one of the best Australian horses at Moascar, the match creating great interest amongst the troops from the Antipodes. Gazelle is probably the chestnut daughter of Lethe and Marvel, who won two hack races at Rotorua as far back as 1911, when she raced in the nomination of Mr. J. Brown. She then figured as a five-year-old, so that she is now entering on her twelfth year. The communication received states that the New Zealand mare was used right through the desert as a pack-horse by the Wellington headquarters' staff prior to being handed over to the ex-New Zealand horseman, W. Holmes, to prepare for the match. Holmes rode his charge to victory by a head from the Australian representative, who was ridden by the ex-New Zealand lightweight horseman T. ("Bricky") O'Brien.

Sunday Times (Perth, WA, Australia). 4 May 1913 (Trove) [05/02/2019]

High Guard, who had been withdrawn from the Club Welter, run on the previous Saturday, was rushed as soon as the betting opened on the Associated Welter at Boulder last Wednesday, the best price on offer being evens at the rising of the barrier. The "good thing" never gave his supporters any cause for anxiety, as Tommy O'Brien rushed him to the front soon after the start, and there the Mousqueton gelding stayed, to defeat Julia B. (who now races in the nomination of J. J. O'Hara) by a length and a half. High Guard must be exceptionally well at the present time, as he was saddled up again for the last race, and again scored, though it might be mentioned that his second victory was only achieved on the post by a nose from Snapcap. O'Brien again had the mount on Tom Lauder's charge.

Sunday Times (Perth, WA, Australia). 20 Aug 1916 (Trove) [05/02/2019]

At the Boulder Picnic meeting Blue Inn, the owner (C. Fisher), and the jockey (T. O'Brien) were suspended during the pleasure of the stewards.

Kalgoorlie Miner (Perth, WA, Australia). 21 Nov 1916 (Trove) [05/02/2019]

The adjourned inquiry into the running of Home Truth in the First Division Handicap was concluded yesterday afternoon, and resulted in the disqualification of the mare and jockey, T. O'Brien, for six months, and suspension of owner H. W. Armstrong for a similar period.

Kalgoorlie Miner (WA, Australia). 27 Aug 1918 (Trove) [29/01/2019]

Tom ("Bricky") O'Brien, the well-known New Zealand and West Australian jockey, was recently defeated in a match at Maoscar (Egypt) by a head. W. Holmes, another New Zealand horseman, rode the winner, a mare named Gazelle. This mare was used right through the desert as a pack horse by the Wellington headquarters staff and was then handed over to Holmes to train for the match.

Sunday Times (Perth, WA, Australia). 17 Aug 1919 (Trove) [29/01/2019]

PEEPS at PEOPLE

Bricky O'Brien's back.

Sunday Times (Perth, WA, Australia). 24 Aug 1919 (Trove) [29/01/2019]

PEEPS at PEOPLE

Returned Jockey-Soldier Bricky O'Brien was the Poet Laureate of his platoon.

Sunday Times (Perth, WA, Australia). 31 Aug 1919 (Trove) [05/02/2019]

You don't usually associate horse-racing with vocal music, one having a tendency to render hoarse (be careful of the spelling, Mr. Linotype) the voices of the would-be warblers. One of the best amateur quartets in this city, and one that comes as a surprise, is composed of four leading sports, all of whom have been, and still are, first-class riders — Bert Porter, Len Hobba, Wally Truscott, and **"Bricky" O'Brien**. It may seem an incongruous recreation for such as the above, but if you want to hear "Sweet and Low," "The Soldier's Farewell," "The Moon Hath Raised," etc., get with the aforementioned quartet when an evening party is in full blast. Those who only know the quartet in the racing and Naughty Nedlands capacity would be surprised to hear the amount of good, tuneful, well-balanced harmony contained in this four local song-birds.

Sunday Times (Perth, WA, Australia). 14 Sep 1919 (Trove) [29/01/2019]

PEEPS at PEOPLE

Gone to Singapore in search of rides, jockeys Bert Porter and **"Bricky" O'Brien.**

Westralian Worker (Perth, WA, Australia). 9 July 1920 (Trove) [05/02/2019]

A race meeting was held at Mt. Magnet on the 24th ult., and was a complete success. **Jockey O'Brien** rode four winners and one third. Results were:—Boogardie Hack Race, Grennil; Flying Handicap, Crimson Clover; Challa Hack Race, Three Gees; Winter Handicap, Loch Cress; Kirkalocka Hack Race, Grennil; Burnerbinmah Hack Race, Oleograph.

CUP WON BY CHANNEL FLEET.

In the Cup, Silent Sign made the running for about half a mile, with Channel Fleet close up. Mr. J. G. Grant's Drury Lane got a very bad start, and was left a couple of lengths behind at the start. Nearing the five furlong post Channel Fleet closed on Silent Sign, and led into the stright by a couple of lengths, by which margin he passed the winning post in front of the field. Silent Sign was placed second, and Bidgeroo third about a length and a half behind. King's Wedding did not leave the barrier at all, and much trouble was experienced getting him to even line up. **"Bricky"**

O'Brien rode the winner of the Cup, also the winner of the District Plate, and a rousing cheer greeted him when entering the weighing-in paddock. Mr. J. Penn's Channel Fleet was decorated by Mrs. Jack Grant after winning the race. Drury Lane was an equal favorite with Channel Fleet, but could only finish sixth.

The Mullewa Mail (WA, Australia). 26 April 1923 (Trove) [05/02/2019]

Some amusement was caused at the Yalgoo races owing to the obstinacy of Mr. J. J. O'Connor's (Mullewa) Outlaw Knight who was entered for several races, in each of which he persisted in running anywhere but in the direction of the winning post. His owner thinks he must have objected either to his jockey "Bricky" O'Brien, or the Irish Free State colours he was wearing, or that he missed the familiar stopping places and the cry of "Baker!" to which he had been accustomed for some time prior to his introduction to the training track. Anyhow, his owner must have known something of his vagaries for he backed him both ways, and it therefore didn't much matter, as far as he was concerned, which way he went.

Call (Perth, WA, Australia). 13 March 1925 (Trove) [05/02/2019]

Flinders Bay will be lucky if he does not break somebody's neck. He fell on Saturday, but Jockey O'Brien got out of it lucky. Tinetta is an-

Geraldton Guardian (WA, Australia). 11 June 1925 (Trove) [29/01/2019]

PENN.—A token of remembrance of my beloved friend Jack, who died 11th June, 1924.

**"A man amongst men."
His pal, "Bricky" O'Brien.**

Kalgoorlie Miner (WA, Australia). 15 April 1932 (Trove) [05/02/2019]

Amen Ra, the imported horse purchased in Melbourne by Mr. Harvey, has arrived here and has been taken in hand by "Bricky" O'Brien at Boulder. Amen Ra is a good looking chestnut horse and won three races in Victoria last year.

Gift Horse Wins

Barramunga, the winner of a double at the Northampton meeting, including the Northampton Cup, has a history as regards his ownership by Mr. A. Hall (says an exchange). As a two-year-old colt and un-named he was presented by Mr. W. McKenzie Grant as a stake for one of the races at a meeting at Nabawa. The race was won by Wokerine, owned at that time by Mr. A. Hall and another. Subsequently Mr. Hall gave away his interest in Wokerine in exchange for his partner's share of the colt. As a three-year-old Barramunga was not raced to any extent, but he won three races altogether up to last July, when he was placed under the charge of Mr. T. ("Bricky") O'Brien. As a trainer Mr. O'Brien is to be congratulated on the results he has achieved with the "gift colt," for in his last eight starts he has not, on any occasion, been defeated. There is, too, added merit in his success in view of the fact that he has won with heavy imposts over distances varying from five furlongs to a mile. Barramunga, who is a five-year-old, is by Belmaduthy--Green Lady.

The West Australian (Perth, WA, Australia). 19 January 1938 (Trove)
[05/02/2019]

Committee Meeting.

The committee of the W.A.T.C. met yesterday afternoon. J. H. Carroll, K. Quan Sing and A. H. Turner were registered as bookmakers' clerks, and jockeys' licences were granted to **Thomas O'Brien** and C. M. J. McEwen. Permits to train were granted to J. Dolman, E. G. Dorsett,

TROTTING AT QUEENSTOWN

Review of Racing

(BY 'PACER.')

Queenstown Handicap, 1½ miles; limit, 4.15.—In this event Hicky Dula turned in his second win of the day, after a great race with the consistent square-gaiter, Wrenzetta. 'Bricky' O'Brien rode her well. Picking up the winner with one lap to go, Wrenzetta travelled fast, but Hicky Dula proved slightly superior to win by a length. Culloden Abbey provided the interest in this race by his great effort from 250 yards behind. Piloted by Les. Wilson, he gradually made up his handicap, until he was running third at the bell. At first it looked as if he was going to make the finish interesting, but he suddenly found the going too much for him, and although he struggled on gamely to run third, he was moving very slowly at the finish. The rest of the field all found the journey too far in their present condition.

O'CONNOR.—On September 10, at Repatriation Ward, Perth Hospital, Tony, late AIF, esteemed friend of Tommy O'Brien (AIF), Mary Rice and mates of his regiment. R.I.P.

Bricky O'Brien

A Life Member

Popular Beverley delegate to Avon Valley Football Assoc., "Bricky" O'Brien, who is also secretary of the Beverley Football Club, was this week elected a life member of the Assn. in recognition of his long and valued service to the Australian game in the Avon Valley.

Every delegate hailed the announcement with pleasure, maintaining that the honor was fully deserved.

Feeling tribute came from Beverley president T. Burgess, who said that "Blue" had practically carried the club for years as secretary-treasurer and had also worked at top pressure for the good of the Association.

Kalgoorlie Miner (Perth, WA, Australia). 3 Sep 1945 (Trove) [05/02/2019]

O'BRIEN.—The friends of Mr. and Mrs. **Thomas O'Brien**, of 3116 Hawkins street, Kalgoorlie; Mrs. **L. O'Brien**, Mrs. **N. O'Brien**, Mr. and Mrs. **P. Anderson**, Mrs. **Robinson** and family and Mr. and Mrs. **Harold O'Brien**, Kalgoorlie, are respectfully informed that the remains of their late dearly beloved infant son, **Thomas John**, will be privately interred in the Roman Catholic portion of the Kalgoorlie Cemetery, **THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON.**—**A and J. Kyle**, Funeral Directors, Cassidy street, Kalgoorlie, Boulder and Coolgardie. 'Phone **K23**.

The West Australian (Perth, WA, Australia). 15 Oct 1953 (Trove) [05/02/2019]

TUFFIN (Frank): Passed away, suddenly, Oct. 13, dear brother or **Ernie** and **Beryl**, loved uncle of **John** and **Val**; aged 26 years.
At rest.
TUFFIN (F.): Passed away, suddenly, Oct. 13.
A great mate has left us.
We'll never forget you, **Tuffy**.
Kenny. Mac and Tommy O'Brien.