

EDMOND O'RIELLY

Service no: 6/1219

Rank: Private

Regiment: NZEF Canterbury Infantry, Main Body

Unit: Canterbury Infantry Battalion

Date of Death: 7th August 1915

Age: 28

Casualty Type: Killed in Action

Grave: Chunuk Bair, Turkey

Edmond was the son of Michael and Mary Ann O'Rielly, of Rocky Gully, Albury, South Canterbury, previously of Leeston, Canterbury. His birth date was January 1887.

He had attended school, firstly at a private Roman Catholic School, then on 3rd December 1894 he and his sister, Mary, were enrolled at the Leeston School then transferred back to the Catholic school on 22 December 1894. In 1897 he was enrolled at the Albury School and was in Std 3 .

He left school 5.9.1900 to go to work

He played rugby for Albury and was in the team that won the Country Flag Championship in 1909.

Edmond was a single man when he enlisted in the Army. His enlistment address was given as 188 Lampton Quay, Wellington.

He embarked at Lyttleton on the 16th October 1914, aboard the transport ship "Tahiti".

Almost a year later, on the 7th August 1915, Edmond was killed in action, in Gallipoli, Turkey. He is buried at Chunuk Bair (N.Z. Memorial), Turkey

He is remembered on the memorials in Fairlie, Albury, Timaru and on the Roll of Honour in the Albury Hotel.

His brother John, was killed 2 years later, serving in Belgium.