

## **NINNIAN (RINGIN) BALLANTYNE**



**Service No: 7/693**

**Rank: Trooper**

**Regiment: NZEF 2nd Reinforcements**

**Unit: Canterbury Mounted Rifles, 8<sup>th</sup> South Canterbury.**

**Date of Death: 28 August 1915**

**Age: 23**

**Casualty Type: Killed in Action.**

**Grave: Hill 60 Cemetery, Turkey.**

Ringin was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeanne and Ninian Ballantyne. He was born in Fairlie South Canterbury on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1892. He was educated at the Ashwick Flat School from 15<sup>th</sup> May 1897 to 14<sup>th</sup> November 1905 when he was in standard 6, and then he left to work at home.

His mother was later living in Oamaru.

At his enlistment his occupation was as a shepherd and he was working on Hayter's Farm in the Rollesby Valley, Mackenzie country.

He joined the 8<sup>th</sup> South Canterbury Mounted Rifles and sailed from Wellington with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reinforcements on 14<sup>th</sup> December 1914 bound for Egypt. The NZ Mounted Rifles had to leave their horses in Egypt and at Gallipoli, Turkey, would have to fight as infantry. He landed in the Dardanelles on August 16 1915 and was killed in action at Gallipoli on the 28<sup>th</sup> August that same year during the 2<sup>nd</sup> assault on Hill 60.

His body was never found.

Ringin is remembered on the Hill 60 New Zealand Memorial, Fairlie War Memorial and the Memorial Wall in Timaru.