

ROBERT PINKERTON

Service No: 55612

Rank: Rifleman

Regiment: NZRB

Unit: Reinforcements, "G" Company

Date of Death: 27th March 1918

Age: 38

Casualty Type: Killed in Action

Grave: Maily-Wood Cemetery, France.



RFLMN. ROBT. PINKER
TON, of Fairlie,
Killed in action.

Robert was a native of Northumberland, U.K., the son of Robert John and Mary Pinkerton. He was born on the 23rd October 1879.

Robert volunteered for service in South Africa , (SA6099) .

He saw service with the South Island Battalion, 8th Contingent, Mackenzie Mounted Rifles and held the rank of Trooper. He was 25 years old. At the time of his enlistment he was working as a shepherd for Mr. H. McLean of Fairlie.

Robert was awarded the Imperial S.A. War Medal and also clasps for service in Cape Colony, Transvaal, South Africa 1902.

He married Sarah Daisy Dabnett in Fairlie on the 3rd of June 1910. They had a son, Kenneth, who was born on 15th October 1913. Robert was farming in Fairlie on his own behalf when he enlisted. His farm was along Mt Cook Rd, just out of the Fairlie township, property now owned by the Kinsman family.

He enlisted in Timaru on the 26th April 1917 and was in Wellington on the 15th August the same year to embark on the HMNZT 92 "Ruahine" bound for Glasgow, Scotland.

He was fighting in the Somme France when he was killed in action, and is remembered at the Maily-Wood Cemetery, Maily-Mallet, France, the memorial wall in Timaru and the Fairlie War Memorial.