

# Private Daryl Gardner BLANNIN-FERGUSON

Private No 688 Daryl Gardner Blannin-Ferguson was a 19 year old farmer when he enlisted on 27 Aug 1914, naming his mother Mrs K B Ferguson, of Majors Hill, Mt Martha via Mornington, Victoria as next of kin. He was 5'7 tall, weighed 10 stone, with fair complexion, blue eyes and fair hair.

He embarked from Melbourne, Victoria with the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion on board the HMAT A20 *Hororata* on 19 Oct 1914

Private Blannin-Ferguson was killed in action on 8 May 1915 at Cape Hellas, Gallipoli, Turkey aged 20 years. He is commemorated on the Helles Memorial at Gallipoli; the Roll of Honour at the Australian War memorial (Panel 49); the Memorial Plaque to Bayside's Fallen at Green Point, Brighton Beach, Victoria, and the Roll of Honour at Sandringham State School. .

Grandson of the late Major Alfred Blannin, he was a 'camp kiddy' baptised at Langwarrin (Army) Camp during the Boer War.

His brother Pte 687 Lance Sisca Blannin -Ferguson also of 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion was killed 25 Apr 1915 at Gallipoli.

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) about Tuesday 22 June 1915 Page 1

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For King and country.

In death the brothers were not long divided.

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True to the dear old flag.

Our third soldier brother, Daryl.—Elma, Ina, Viva.  
My Daryl.—Mother.

But, oh! the son I'll never see again.

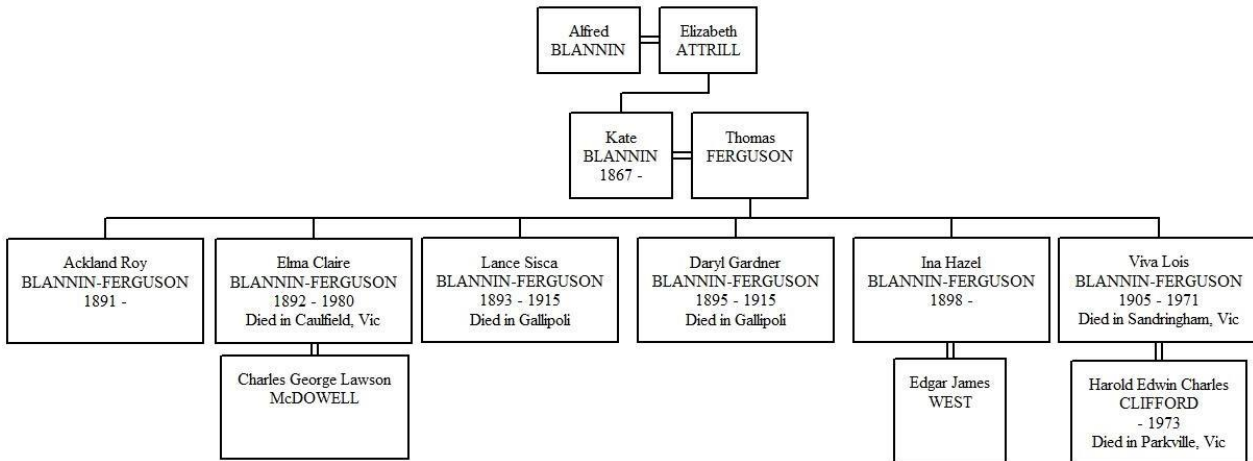
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## *Descendants of Alfred BLANNIN*



Siblings and Spouses: Charles & Elma McDOWELL  
 Edgar & Ina WEST  
 Harold & Viva CLIFFORD



Cape Helles Memorial (from [www.thelincolnshireregiment.org/](http://www.thelincolnshireregiment.org/))