

# Private Lance Sisca BLANNIN-FERGUSON

Private No 687, Lance Sisca Blannin-Ferguson was the son of Thomas Ferguson and Kate Blannin. He was born at Morwell, Victoria and educated at the Sandringham and Brighton State Schools, Victoria. As a 21 year old farmer he enlisted at Broadmeadows, Victoria, on the 27 August 2014. He was 5'7 tall, weighed 140 lbs, with fair complexion, blue eyes and fairhair.

His mother Mrs K B Ferguson, Majors Hill, Mt Martha, via Mornington, Victoria, was listed as next of kin, and he had no previous militaryservice.

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

Private Lance Blannin-Ferguson was killed in action on 25 Apr 1915 at Gaba Tepe, Gallipoli, Turkey. He has no known grave but is commemorated on the Lone Pine Memorial (Panel 28), Gallipoli, Turkey.

He is also commemorated on the Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial (Panel 49); the Roll of Honour at the Sandringham State School and the Memorial Plaque to Bayside's Fallen at Green Point, Brighton Beach, Vic.

His brother Pte Daryl Gardner Blannin-Ferguson, 7<sup>TH</sup> Battalion was killed in action at Cape Helles, Gallipoli on 8 May1915.

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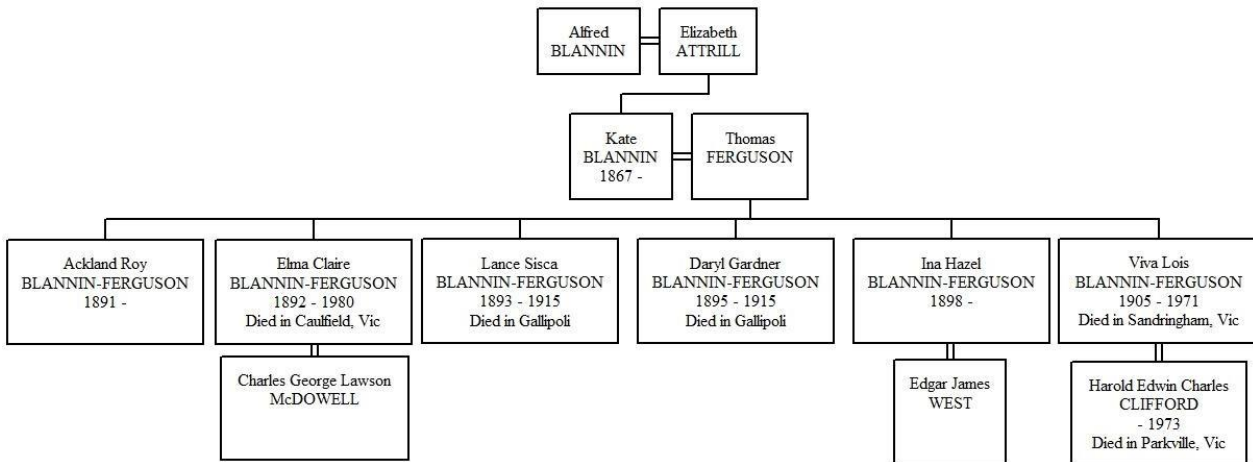
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True to the dear old Flag.  
Our second soldier brother Lance. Service ended, duty done.  
—(Elma, Ina, Viva.)  
My Lance—(Mother.)  
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Our dear chum, Lance. One of the best.  
—(Ronald, Jack, Lou, George, Graham, Randy.)  
Lance, after active service—on long furlough.  
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### Descendants of Alfred BLANNIN



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



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