From “The Xaverian” 1914, p. 25
Norman Blackie was once captain of the Junior XVIII at Xavier College. After finishing school in 1905, Norman Blackie did pastoral work, as an overseer, for eight years on some large stations in New South Wales and Queensland, including Bundaleer and Thurulgoona in South-West Queensland. It seems he turned out to be an amateur rider of some note and rode with success in competitions at Cunnamulla, Queensland, and Barrinquin, N.S.W.” catching the judge’s eye on a good many occasions during the last three years.”

It is no surprise then that Norman joined the 5th Light Horse, A.I.F. and trained at Enoggera Military Camp, Brisbane before being shipped overseas, “he has thrown up his rousing position for the patriotic cause, and to slay a few of the enemy, we hope.”

“Norman has had his “Xaverian” go astray in the post for the last two years. We hope that this year’s will reach him safely bearing our good wishes.”

From “The Xaverian” 1915, p. 26
Norman Blackie was at the school from 1901 to 1907, and was a popular boy. In the last “Xaverian” we gave some details—supplied by the courtesy of an anonymous Hawthorn College old boy—of his pastoral life on various stations in New South Wales and Queensland.

He enlisted in Queensland, and his wanderings came to an end on the fields of honour at Gallipoli, where his young life was sacrificed for his country. He was wounded in action, and died shortly after. R.I.P.