



Military Matters

Chippenham

John Ballinger was born in Chippenham circa 1831, a labourer, he enlisted into the 21st Regiment of Foot at Bath, Somerset on 15th November 1851, when he was 20 years old.

After serving his country in the Crimea at the battles of Alma and Inkerman, Private 2893 John Ballinger died at the camp on December 20th 1854 during the siege of Sebastopol.

[This snippet was found in amongst a medal list - however the information has not been validated and searching census records and army service records has not come up with a match.]

There is a John Ballinger in the 1841 and 1851 census that matches the basic information however there is an entry in the 1861 census for the same person.

In conclusion this snippet of information should be used as guide only.]