## **BELL, Frederick**

**Reference: Tony Cunneen book**

**Later resident of Beecroft, NSW**

**AIF Project details:**

Regimental Number: 17947

Enlistment Date: 3 Mar 1917

Place of Birth: Ipswich, England

Age: 31 years 7 months

Occupation: Engineering draftsman

Address: Newcastle, NSW

Marital Status: Single

Age at embarkation: 31

Height: 5’ 6 ½”

Weight: 111lbs

Chest Measurement: 29-33”

Complexion: Dark

Eyes: Brown

Hair: Black

Religious Denomination: Church of England

Next of Kin: Father, William Henry Bell, 33 Queen Street, Ipswich, Suffolk, England

Date of Enlistment from Nominal Roll: 1 Mar 1917

Rank on enlistment: Sapper

Unit Name: 1st and 2nd Field Troops

AWM Embarkation Roll number: 14/36/1

Embarkation details: Unit embarked from Sydney, NSW, on board HMAT A15 *Port Sydney* on 9 May 1917

Roll title: 1 and 2 Field Troops (Engineers) (May 1917)

Rank from Nominal Roll: Lance Corporal

Unit from Nominal Roll: 1st Field Squadron

Fate: Returned to Australia 18 Jul 1919

Medals: Distinguished Conduct Medal

‘He repeatedly swam out into the river under heavy fire, and in full view of the enemy, during bridging operations at Makhadet Hajla on the night of the 21-22 March 1918, in order to perform his task of arranging cables and anchorages for the pontoons. He showed dash and perfect coolness under fire, and afforded an inspiring example for others.’

Source: ‘Commonwealth Gazette’ No. 135; Date: 11 Dec 1919

Date of death: 13 Oct 1933

Place of burial: Macquarie Park Cemetery

**Further references:**

“Beecroft and Cheltenham in WW1” by Tony Cunneen (page 72)