## **BLACK, Alwyn Rufus**

**Reference: Beecroft Roll of Honour, Beecroft Church of England Roll of Honour, Beecroft War Memorial, Tony Cunneen book**

**Parents residing at “Kia Ora,” Beecroft Road, Beecroft, NSW**

**Brother of Roy Everett Black**

**Note: Beecroft War Memorial should read A. R. Black, not A. P. Black**

[Born 1886, Central Cumberland district, son of Henry G. and Emma J. Black]

**AIF Project details:**

Regimental Number: 4658

Enlistment Date: 17 July 1915

Place of Birth: Glenorie, NSW

Age: 28 years 8 months

School: Glenorie Public School, NSW

Occupation: Selector

Address: Glenorie, NSW

Marital Status: Single

Age at embarkation: 29

Height: 5 5 ¾”

Weight: 151lbs

Chest Measurement: 37-38.5”

Complexion: Fresh

Eyes: Blue

Hair: Light brown

Religious Denomination: Church of England

Next of Kin: Father, Henry George Black, Beecroft, NSW

Rank on enlistment: Acting Corporal

Unit Name: 25th Battalion, 12th Reinforcement

AWM embarkation Roll number: 23/42/3

Embarkation details: Unit embarked from Sydney, NSW, on board RMS *Mooltan* on 12 Apr 1916

Roll title: 25 Infantry Battalion – 9 to 12 Reinforcements (Jan-Apr 1916)

Rank from Nominal Roll: Sergeant

Unit from Nominal Roll: 25th Battalion

Fate: Died of wounds 20 May 1918

Miscellaneous details (Nominal Roll): \*Given name Alyn Rufus

Place of death or wounding: Mericourt, France

Date of death: 20 May 1918

Age at death: 31

Age at death from cemetery records: 31

Place of burial: Ribemont Communal Cemetery Extension (Plot III, Row G, Grave No. 3), France

Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial: 103

Miscellaneous information from cemetery records: Parents: Henry George and Emma Jane Black, Beecroft Road, Beecroft, NSW. Native of Glenorie, NSW

Other details: War service: Western Front

Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal

**AWM (Australian War Memorial): Roll of Honour**

**Alwyn Rufus Black** [also referred to as Alyn Rufus Black]

Service No. 4658

Rank: Sergeant

Unit: 25th Australian Infantry Battalion

Enlistment Date: 17 Jul 1915

Fate: Died of wounds

Fate Date: 20 May 1918

Place of Death: Belgium

Cause of Death: Died of wounds

Age at Death: 31 [born 1886 Central Cumberland district; parents: Henry G. & Emma J.]

Place of Association: Glenorie, N.S.W.

Cemetery or Memorial Details: Ribemont Communal Cemetery Extension, Ribemont, Picardie, France

**Further references:**

“Beecroft and Cheltenham in WW1” by Tony Cunneen (Pages 19, 31-32, 44, 74, 87)

The Queenslander (Brisbane), Sat 23 Dec 1916 (on wounded list)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruit growers Advocate, Sat 17 Feb 1917 (reported wounded, with photo)

The Brisbane Courier, Mon 17 Jun 1918 / Sunday Times (Sydney), Sun 16 Jun 1918 (reported wounded)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 19 Oct 1918 (reported died of wounds, with photo of Alwyn and brother Roy)

NSW State Library (photo of Alwyn Rufus Black and an unidentified Australian)

NSW State Library (postcard from A. R. Black)