## **BLACKWOOD, James**

**Reference: Beecroft Presbyterian Roll of Honour, Beecroft Roll of Honour, Beecroft War Memorial, Tony Cuneen book**

[Born 1896, Glebe district, son of Ludovic and Mary W. Blackwood]

**AIF Project details:**

Regimental Number: 3698A

Enlistment Date: 19 August 1915

Place of Birth: Glebe, Sydney, NSW

Age: 19 years 2 months

School: Sydney Church of England Grammar School, NSW

Other training: Training for the Law

Occupation: Student

Address: ‘Maraba’, Pennant Hills, Blackwood, Sydney, NSW

Marital Status: Single

Age at embarkation: 19

Height: 5’ 10”

Weight: 135lbs

Chest Measurement: 35”

Complexion: Brown

Eyes: Grey

Hair: Fair

Religious Denomination: Presbyterian

Next of Kin: Father, Ludovic Blackwood, ‘Maraba’, Pennant Hills, Sydney, NSW

Previous military service: Sydney University Scouts, 1 year Cit. Forces

Rank on enlistment: Private

Unit Name: 2nd Battalion, 12th Reinforcement

AWM embarkation Roll number: 23/19/2

Embarkation details: Unit embarked from Sydney, NSW, on board HMAT A7 *Medic* on 30 Dec 1915

Roll title: 2 Infantry Battalion – 1 to 12 Reinforcements (Dec 1914 -Dec 1915)

Rank from Nominal Roll: Private

Unit from Nominal Roll: 30th Battalion

Fate: Died of wounds 24 Nov 1916

Date of death: 2 Dec 1916

Age at death: 20

Age at death from cemetery records: 20

Place of burial: Heilly Station Cemetery (Plot VI, Row D, Grave No. 9), Mericourt-L’Abbe, France

Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial: 116

Miscellaneous information from cemetery records: Parents: Ludovic and Mary Wilson Blackwood, ‘Maraba’, Pennant Hills, NSW. Native of Sydney, NSW

Other details: War service: Western Front

Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal

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

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Date of Death: 2 December 1916

Place of Death: France

Cause of Death: Died of wounds

Age at Death: 20 [born 1896 Glebe district; parents: Ludovic & Mary W.]

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

Cemetery or Memorial Details: Heilly Station Cemetery, Mericourt-LÁbbe, Picardie, France

**Further references:**

“Beecroft and Cheltenham in WW1” by Tony Cunneen (pages 19, 22, 27, 41, 47-48, 59, 87)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 30 Oct 1915 (farewell)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 30 Dec 1916 (reported killed)