## **BURNS, Jessie Neilson**

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

**A parishioner at St John’s Anglican Church in Beecroft**

**AIF Project details:**

Regimental Number: None

Enlistment Date: 27 Nov 1916

Place of Birth: Colville, South Gippsland, Victoria

Age: 26 years 4 months

Occupation: Trained nurse

Address: Mosman, NSW

Marital Status: Single

Age at embarkation: 26

Height: 5’ 4”

Weight: 11 stone 5lbs

Chest Measurement: ?

Complexion: Fair

Eyes: Blue

Hair: Brown

Religious Denomination: Church of England

Next of Kin: Father, William Burns, ‘Rhamadallah’, Holt Avenue, Mosman, NSW

Date of Enlistment from Nominal Roll: 8 May 1917

Rank on enlistment: Staff nurse

Unit Name: Nurses (Jul 1915 – Nov 1918)

Embarkation details: Unit embarked from Sydney, NSW, on board HMAT A38 *Ulysses* on 9 May 1917

Roll title: Nurses (Jul 1915 – Nov 1918)

Rank from Nominal Roll: Staff Nurse

Unit from Nominal Roll: Australian Army Nursing Service

Recommendations (Medals and Awards): Mention in Despatches

Awarded, and promulgated, ‘London Gazette’ No. 31152, 30 Jan 1919; ‘Commonwealth Gazette’ No. 67, 3 Jun 1919.

Fate: Returned to Australia 6 Jun 1918

**Further references:**

“Beecroft and Cheltenham in WW1” by Tony Cunneen (page 68)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Wed 28 Feb 1917 (report on brother killed, ghost story)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 5 Jul 1919 (flu epidemic in Hornsby)