## **CAMPER, William Valentine**

**Reference: Beecroft Church of England Roll of Honour, Beecroft Roll of Honour**

**Parents residing in Welham Street, Beecroft, NSW**

**Brother of Alan Lyle Camper**

[Born 1881, Wentworth district, son of William and Eleanor Camper]

**AIF Project details:**

Regimental Number: 326

Enlistment Date: 28 Sep 1914

Date of birth: 14 Feb 1881

Place of Birth: near Wentworth, NSW

Age: 34 years 7 months

School: Wentworth and Hay Public Schools, NSW

Other training: Agricultural College, South Australia

Occupation: Labourer

Marital Status: Single

Age at embarkation: 34

Height: 5’ 10 ½”

Weight: 160lbs

Chest Measurement: 36.5”

Complexion: Dark

Eyes: Grey

Hair: Brown

Religious Denomination: Church of England

Next of Kin: Mother, Eleanor Camper, Father, William Camper, residing at Welham Street, Beecroft, NSW

Previous military service: Served in South African War with the 3rd Bushman Colonial Forces

Rank on enlistment: Private

Unit Name: 7th Light Horse Regiment, B Squadron

AWM embarkation Roll number: 10/12/1

Embarkation details: Unit embarked from Sydney, NSW, on board Transport A33 *Ayrshire* on 20 Dec 1914

Roll title: 7 LHR [Light Horse Regiment] (Dec 1914)

Rank from Nominal Roll: Private

Unit from Nominal Roll: Light Horse Details

Recommendations (Medals and Awards): Unspecified

Recommendation date: 10 Oct 1915

Misc. information from cemetery records: Plaque in NSW Garden of Remembrance

Family/military connections: Brother: 1219 Sergeant Alan Lyle CAMPER, 14th Australian General Hospital, returned to Australia, 2 Aug 1919.

Other details: War service: Egypt, Gallipoli, Palestine

Medals: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

Date of death: 5 May 1946

**Further references:**

“Beecroft and Cheltenham in WW1” by Tony Cunneen (pages 6, 9, 14, 15, 65)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 7 Aug 1915 (death of mother)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 26 Jul 1919 (peace celebration)