## **CONNELL, Henry R. D.**

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

**Parents previously resided in Beecroft**

**Brother of Geoffrey C. Connell & Rupert R. L. Connell**

[Born 1890, Waverley district, son of Henry H. and Annie Connell]

**AIF Project details:**

Regimental Number: 5596

Enlistment Date: 3 Nov 1914

Place of Birth: Hornsby, Sydney, NSW

Age: 24 years 5 months

Occupation: Farmer

Address: c/- H. H. Connell, Court House, North Sydney, NSW

Marital Status: Single

Age at embarkation: 24

Height: 5’ 3”

Weight: 132lbs

Chest Measurement: 35-38”

Complexion: Dark

Eyes: Hazel

Hair: Dark brown

Religious Denomination: Church of England

Next of Kin: Father, Henry Horace Connell, same address

Rank on enlistment: Driver

Unit Name: Divisional Train 4th Reinforcements

AWM embarkation Roll number: 25/14/2

Embarkation details: Unit embarked from Sydney, NSW, on board HMAT A8 *Argyllshire* on 10 Apr 1915

Roll title: Divisional Train – Reinforcements [1-13] (Dec 1914 – Dec 1915)

Rank from Nominal Roll: Sergeant

Unit from Nominal Roll: 3rd Field Ambulance

Fate: Returned to Australia 17 Mar 1919

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

Date of death: 30 Apr 1969

**Further references:**

“Beecroft and Cheltenham in WW1” by Tony Cunneen (pages 17, 30)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 15 Aug 1914 (death of mother)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 22 May 1915 (Beecroft honour board)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 13 May 1916 (Beecroft Public school ex-student)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 5 Oct 1918 (Crown Land sale by father)