## **DOBBIE, John Alister Maitland**

[Recorded in NAA as John Alistair Maitland Dobbie]

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

**Resident of Hannah Street, Beecroft, NSW**

[Born 1896, Petersham district, son of Charles A. and Alice M. Dobbie]

**AIF Project details:**

Regimental Number: 283

Enlistment Date: 2 Feb 1916

Place of Birth: Lewisham, NSW

Age: 20 years 3 months

Occupation: Clerk

Address: Hannah Street, Beecroft, NSW

Marital Status: Single

Age at embarkation: 20

Height: 5 9 ¾”

Weight: 148lbs

Chest Measurement: 34-37.5”

Complexion: Fair

Eyes: Hazel

Hair: Brown

Religious Denomination: Presbyterian

Next of Kin: Father, Charles A. Dobbie, Hannah Street, Beecroft, NSW

Previous military service: 2 years Cadets, Militia 3 years 19th Infantry

Rank on enlistment: Private

Unit Name: Machine Gun Company 1, Reinforcement 3

AWM embarkation Roll number: 24/6/3

Embarkation details: Unit embarked from Sydney, NSW, on board HMAT A24 *Benalla* on 1 May 1916

Roll title: 1 Machine Gun Company – 2 to 10

Reinforcement (Apr 1916 – Jan 1917)

Regimental number from Nominal Roll: 283B

Rank from Nominal Roll: Private

Unit from Nominal Roll: 1st Machine Gun Battalion

Fate: Returned to Australia 12 Jun 1919

Other details: War service: Western Front

Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal

**Further references:**

“Beecroft and Cheltenham in WW1” by Tony Cunneen (pages 29, 31, 33, 70)

The Sun, Fri 10 Mar 1916 (farewell)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 8 Apr 1916 (sent to camp)

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

Evening News, Sat 17 Feb 1917 (Presbyterian Church roll of honour)