## **DOUGLAS, Joseph Howard**

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

**Resident of Welham street, Beecroft, NSW**

[Unable to find birth details]

**AIF Project details:**

Regimental Number: 7459

Enlistment Date: 16 Feb 1917

Place of birth: Carlingford, NSW

Age: 21 years

Occupation: Soldier

Address: Beecroft, NSW

Marital Status: Single

Age at embarkation: 21

Height: 5 8 ¼”

Weight: 144lbs

Chest Measurement: 32-35.5”

Complexion: Fair

Eyes: Brown

Hair: Dark

Religious Denomination: Church of England

Next of Kin: Mother, Mrs Marion Douglas, Welham Street, Beecroft, NSW (later changed to Copeland Road, Beecroft)

Previous military experience: 3 years Militia 19th Battalion, 18 months Instructional Staff

Rank on enlistment: Sergeant

Unit Name: 2nd Battalion, 25th Reinforcement

Embarkation details: Unit embarked from Sydney, NSW, on board HMAT A20 *Hororata* on 14 Jun 1917

Roll title: 2 Infantry Battalion – 24 to 26 Reinforcements (Feb-Dec 1917)

Rank from Nominal Roll: Sergeant

Unit from Nominal Roll: 2nd Battalion

Fate: Killed in Action 11 Apr 1918

Age at death from cemetery records: 22

Place of burial: St. Pierre Cemetery (Row XI, Row B, Grave No. 7), France

Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial: 32

Misc. information from cemetery records: Parents: Joseph and Marion Douglas, Welham Street, Beecroft, NSW. Native of Portsmouth, England

Other details: War service: Western Front

 Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal

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

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Fate Date: 11 Apr 1918

Date of Death: 11 April 1918

Place of Death: France

Cause of Death: Killed in action

Age at Death: 22 [birth not found in NSW registrations]

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

Cemetery or Memorial Details: St Pierre Cemetery, Amiens, Picardie, France

**Further references:**

“Beecroft and Cheltenham in WW1” by Tony Cunneen (pages 55, 72, 87)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 2 Jun 1917 (farewell)

The Sydney Morning Herald, Sat 4 May 1918 (death notice)

The Sydney Morning Herald, Sat 18 May 1918 (casualty list – killed)