## **FITZGERALD, Leslie Manning**

**Reference: Beecroft Public School**

[Born 1893, Newtown district, son of John T. and Mary C. Fitzgerald]

**AIF Project details:**

Regimental Number: 2139

Enlistment Date: 11 Mar 1915

Place of Birth: Philip Street, Enmore, NSW

Age: 21 years

School: Eltham College and Sydney Boys’ High School, NSW

Occupation: Labourer

Address: Gilgandra, NSW

Marital Status: Single

Age at embarkation: 21

Height: 5’ 8”

Weight: 138lbs

Chest Measurement: 35”

Complexion: Ruddy

Eyes: Grey

Hair: Mid brown

Religious Denomination: Church of England

Next of Kin: Mother, Mrs. J. T. Fitzgerald, Myrtle Street, Gilgandra, NSW

Previous military service: Nil

Rank on enlistment: Private

Unit Name: 9th Battalion, 6th Reinforcement

AWM embarkation Roll number: 23/26/2

Embarkation details: Unit embarked from Brisbane, Queensland, on board HMAT A63 *Karoola* on 12 Jun 1915

Roll title: 9 Infantry Battalion – 1 to 9 Reinforcements (Dec 191t – Sep 1915)

Rank from Nominal Roll: Private

Unit from Nominal Roll: 9th Battalion

Fate: Died of wounds 23 Aug 1916

Place of death or wounding: Bullecourt, France

Age at death: 23

Place of burial: Warloy-Baillon Communal Cemetery Extension (Plot VII, Row D, Grave No. 42), France

Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial: 55

Misc. information from cemetery records: Parents: John Timothy (B. A.) and Mary Catherine Fitzgerald, Miller Street, Gilgandra, NSW

Family/military connections: Cousin: 29 Sergeant Edward Harold Fitzgerald, 13th Bn, died of wounds, 27 Aug 1916

Other details: War service: Egypt, Gallipoli, Western Front

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

**Further references:**

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

Mudgee Guardian and North-Western Representative, Thu 5 Oct 1916 (death)

Gilgandra Weekly (NSW), Fri 22 Jun 1917 (death)