## **FYFE, John David**

**Reference: Beecroft Roll of Honour, Tony Cunneen book**

**Resident of Copeland Road, Beecroft, NSW**

[Born 1893, Bathurst district, son of John H. and Mary Fyfe]

**AIF Project details:**

Regimental Number: 424

Enlistment Date: 17 Jan 1916

Place of Birth: Bathurst, NSW

Age: 22 years 8 months

Occupation: Fitter

Address: Copeland Street, Beecroft, NSW

Marital Status: Married

Age at embarkation: 22

Height: 5’ 8”

Weight: 9 stone 5lbs

Chest Measurement: 31-36”

Complexion: Fair

Eyes: Blue

Hair: Light brown

Religious Denomination: Baptist

Next of Kin: Wife, Mrs. H. D. Fyfe, Copeland Street, Beecroft, NSW

Rank on enlistment: Private

Unit Name: 3rd Pioneer Battalion, B Company

AWM embarkation Roll number: 14/15/1

Embarkation details: Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A62 *Wandilla* on 6 Jun 1916

Roll title: 3 Pioneer Bn [Pioneer Battalion] Jun 1916

Rank from Nominal Roll: Private

Unit from Nominal Roll: 11th Field Ambulance

Recommendations (Medals and Awards): Military Cross (crossed through)

Recommendation date: 11 Apr 1918

Military Medal

Recommendation date: 8 Oct 1918

Fate: Returned to Australia 11 May 1919

Medals: Military Medal

‘For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the 29th September 1918, East of Ronssoy where the Battalion was engaged opening up roads immediately in rear of advancing troops, No. 424, Private J. D. Fyfe was employed as a Stretcher Bearer. In spite of heavy artillery and machine gun fire, he constantly moved about with absolute fearlessness, attending to large numbers of American and Australian wounded, carrying them to places of safety, and arranging for their evacuation. His courageous conduct, initiative, coolness, and devotion to duty, was conspicuously noticeable, and set a magnificent example to all ranks.’

Source: ‘Commonwealth Gazette’ No. 115; Date: 10 Oct 1919

Other details: War service: Western Front

Medals: Military Medal, British War Medal, Victory Medal

**Further references:**

“Beecroft and Cheltenham in WW1” by Tony Cunneen (pages 31, 73-74, 82)

The Daily Telegraph, Wed 8 Mar 1916 (presentation)

The Sun, Fri 10 Mar 1916 (farewell)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 30 May 1918 (wife a daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Walker of Copeland Road, Beecroft)

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