## **GILBERT, Arthur Frederick**

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

**Born Beecroft, NSW; resident of “Torrington,” Beecroft Road, Beecroft, NSW**

[Born 1896, Ryde district, son of Charles E. and Marian Gilbert]

**AIF Project details:**

Regimental Number: 1555

Enlistment Date: 6 Apr 1915

Date of birth: 10 Jun 1896

Place of Birth: Beecroft, NSW

Age: 18 years 10 months

School: Burwood Superior Public School, Sydney High School, NSW

Occupation: Clerk

Address: ‘Torrington’ Beecroft Road, Beecroft, NSW

Marital Status: Single

Age at embarkation: 18

Height: 5’ 5 ¾”

Weight: 135lbs

Chest Measurement: 29-34”

Complexion: Fair

Eyes: Hazel

Hair: Fair

Religious Denomination: Presbyterian

Next of Kin: Father, C. E. Gilbert, ‘Torrington’, Beecroft Road, Beecroft, NSW

Previous military service: Senior Cadets 4 years

Rank on enlistment: Sergeant

Unit Name: 17th Battalion, 1st Reinforcement

AWM embarkation Roll number: 23/34/2

Embarkation details: Unit embarked from Sydney, NSW, on board HMAT A32 *Themistocles* on 12 May 1915

Roll title: 17 Infantry Battalion – 1 to 13 Reinforcements (May 1915–Jun 1916)

Regimental number from Nominal Roll: Commissioned

Rank from Nominal Roll: Lieutenant

Unit from Nominal Roll: 17th Battalion

Promotions: 2nd Lieutenant, Unit: 17th Battalion, Promotion date: 29 Sep 1917; Lieutenant, Unit: 17th Battalion, Promotion date: 1 Jan 1918

Other details from Roll of Honour Circular: Joined the Bank of New South Wales, Head Office, 26 Sep 1912

Fate: Returned to Australia 20 May 1919

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

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

Sources: Bank of New South Wales Roll of Honour (Sydney, 1921), p. 150

**Further references:**

“Beecroft and Cheltenham in WW1” by Tony Cunneen (pages 12, 16-17, 25, 66)

The Sydney Morning Herald, Sat 1 May 1915 (farewell)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 1 May 1915 (send-off)

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

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

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

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 12 Jul 1919 (return)

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