## **LEA, Harry Noel**

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

**Resident of Beecroft road, Cheltenham, NSW**

**AIF Project details:**

Regimental Number: 3419

Enlistment Date: 15 Jan 1917

Date of birth: 15 Dec 1895

Age: 21 years 6 months

Place of Birth: Fremantle, Western Australia

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

Occupation: Bank clerk

Address: Beecroft Road, Cheltenham, NSW

Marital Status: Single

Age at embarkation: 21

Height: 5’ 10”

Weight: 160lbs

Chest Measurement: 34-37”

Complexion: Medium

Eyes: Blue

Hair: Brown

Religious Denomination: Church of England

Next of Kin: Mother: Mrs Mary Caroline Lea, Beecroft Road, Cheltenham, NSW

Previous military service: School Cadets 3 years, transferred to 19th Infantry 3 years, transferred to A.I.F.

Rank on enlistment: Private

Unit Name: 53rd Battalion, 9th Reinforcement

AWM embarkation Roll number: 23/70/4

Embarkation details: Unit embarked from Sydney, NSW, on board HMAT A68 *Anchises* on 24 Jan 1917

Roll title: 53 Infantry Battalion – 6 to 10 Reinforcements (Oct 1916 to Aug 1917)

Rank from Nominal Roll: Private

Unit from Nominal Roll: 17th Battalion

Other details from Roll of Honour Circular: Joined the Bank of New South Wales, Western branch, Sydney, 19 Dec 1911. Transferred to Southern branch, March 1912; to Ryde branch, 24 Sep 1912; to Surry Hills branch (ledger keeper), 21 Sep 1915. Passed the Intermediate Section (all subjects) at the Examination for the Diploma of Associate of the Institute of Bankers of New South Wales.

Fate: Died of wounds 14 Oct 1917

Place of death or wounding: Passchendaele, Ypres, Belgium

Age at death: 21

Age at death from cemetery records: 21

Place of burial: Ypres Reservoir Cemetery (Plot I, Row H, Grave No. 12), Belgium

Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial: 83

Misc. information from cemetery records: Parents: Henry and May Lea, Beecroft Road, Cheltenham, NSW

Other details: War service: Western Front

Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal

Sources: ‘Bank of New South Wales Roll of Honour’ (Sydney, 1921), pp. 225-6.

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

**Harry Noel Lea**

Service No. 3419

Rank: Private

Unit: 17th Australian Infantry Battalion

Enlistment Date: 15th January 1917

Fate: Died of wounds

Fate Date: 14 October 1917

Date of Death: 14 October 1917

Place of Death: Belgium

Cause of Death: Died of wounds

Age at Death: 21 [birth not found in NSW registrations]

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

Cemetery or Memorial Details: Ypres Reservoir Cemetery, Ypres, Flanders, Belgium

**Further references:**

“Beecroft and Cheltenham in WW1” by Tony Cunneen (pages 64-66, 87)

The Daily Telegraph, Sat 10 Nov 1917 (reported killed)

The Daily Telegraph, Sat 17 Nov 1917 (death notice)