## **McKERN, Basil Douglas**

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

**Resident of Hannah street, Beecroft, NSW**

[Born 1898, Hurstville district, son of Charles and Emily E. McKern]

**AIF Project details:**

Regimental Number: 59268

Enlistment Date: 8 May 1918

Date of birth: 20 Aug 1898

Age: 19 years 9 months

Place of Birth: Bexley, Sydney, NSW

Occupation: Audit clerk

Address: Beecroft, NSW

Marital Status: Single

Age at embarkation: 19

Height: 5’ 9 ½”

Weight: 132lbs

Chest Measurement: 33-36”

Complexion: Fresh

Eyes: Grey

Hair: Brown

Religious Denomination: Presbyterian

Next of Kin: Father, Charles McKern, Hannah Street, Beecroft, NSW

Previous military service: Senior Cadets 4 years, Militia 2 years still serving

Previous military service: 19th Infantry

Date of Enlistment from Nominal Roll:

Rank on enlistment: Private

Unit Name: New South Wales Reinforcement 12

AWM embarkation Roll number: 23/111/5

Embarkation details: Unit embarked from Sydney, NSW, on board HMAT A30 *Borda* on 17 Jul 1918

Roll title: 1 to 15 (NSW) Reinforcements (May – Jul 1918)

Rank from Nominal Roll: Private

Unit from Nominal Roll: 18th Battalion

Fate: Returned to Australia 16 Jan 1919

**Further references:**

“Beecroft and Cheltenham in WW1” by Tony Cunneen (page 75)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 25 May 1918 (enlisted)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 27 Jul 1918 (farewell)