## **MEADMORE, Clement**

Clement Meadmore was born in 1862, St. John’s Wood, London, Middlesex, England, the son of Robert (1835-1891; an accountant) & Clement Desiree (nee Dessure; 1837-1918) Meadmore.

1881 Census – Eastbourn Terrace, on Eltham Road, London, England: Clement Meadmore was one of many draper apprentices in a business run by Charles Henry Reed (Draper, Stationer & House Furnisher).

He arrived in Australia in the early 1880’s (details not currently known).

On 30th September 1885, at St. John’s Church, Ashfield, Clement Meadmore, eldest son of Robert Meadmore, of London, married Frances Amy Webb, eldest daughter of Henry Wiltshire Webb, of *Ashgrove*, Ashfield, N.S.W. **1**

Children of the marriage were:

Phyllis Amy, born 1886, Ashfield

Clement Robert Webb, born 1891, Ashfield

Arthur Noel, born 1893, Petersham**2**

In 1894 Messrs. Varley and Meadmore sold by auction office furniture, warehouse fixtures and fittings, weighing machines, etc. on their premises, No. 81 York-street.**3**

In March 1895, At the School of Arts, Thornleigh, an entertainment was given by the "Beecroft Players" to a large number of friends, “Chiseling,” a farce in one act, in which Clement Meadmore played a role. At the conclusion of the farce a few hours were pleasantly spent in dancing.**4**

In January 1898 the residence of Mr. Clement Meadmore, situated near the Beecroft Railway Station; was entered by burglars on Sunday night, and a clean sweep made of all jewellery, and any articles of value, as well as a quantity of clothing.**5**

In March 1899 Mr. Meadmore and family left Beecroft, returning in August, leaving his furnished cottage to a Mr. Munro, of Doll’s Point.**6**

In 1900 Mrs. Meadmore advertised for an active young girl, about 18, as general servant.**7**

In March 1902 Clement Meadmore advertised for sale a pony phaeton, quiet bay horse and harness, for £10. In May he let his furnished house and went to Woollahra for three months.

In December, at the weekly meeting of the Beecroft Literary and Debating Society, Mr. Meadmore contributed to the evening's programme by reading several highly amusing accounts of Mark Twain's experiences in Switzerland.8

In Jul 1903, in connection with the Beecroft Literary and Debating Society, Mr. C. Meadmore, gave “A Night with Shakespeare,” at Ravenhurst Hall, and was favoured with a large and appreciative audience. Mr. Meadmore personated the Duke of Gloucester, in Richard III.

In that year he was the secretary of the building committee, Beecroft School of Arts.**9**

In October and November 1905 Mr. Meadmore advertised, ‘for rental at 25s, his cottage residence, with fruit and flower garden, hall, 8 large rooms, kitchen, 2 pantries, laundry, set-in tubs, gas and city water, bathroom, fruit trees in full bearing, 1 min. from station. Also, for sale was surplus furniture. Apply Meadmore, Beecroft or H. W. Webb, 87 Oxford-street.’**10**

In 1907 he was residing in the premises of Agnes Perdriau, Sutherland Road, Beecroft (area 1 acre, 2 roods, & 21 perches).

In June 1908 the family required the services of a household servant, (‘no washing, 4 in family’).**11**

In July 1909, H. J. Byron’s comedy, “Our Boys,” was performed by the Beecroft Musical and Dramatic Society. Participants included Mr. C. Meadmore, & Master C. Meadmore.**12**

On 30th April 1914 the son of Clement and Frances Amy, Arthur Noel Meadmore, analytical

chemist, of ‘St Elmo’, Beecroft, enlisted. He was educated at Hurlstone College, and had

served in the Citizen Military Forces (drill instructor, gazetted Captain). He enlisted with the

rank of Sergeant with the 1st Battalion, H Company, which embarked on 18th Oct 1914.

On 22nd December 1914 Sergeant Arthur Noel Meadmore, died of pneumonia, aged 21 years, in Egypt.

‘The young man, though not physically strong, had a brave heart and a patriotic mind, and was one of the very first to join the expeditionary force for the front.’**13**

In August 1916, at the annual meeting in connection with the Beecroft School of Arts, the President a vote of thanks to the late president (Mr. C. Meadmore), who had just successfully steered the Institution through a troublesome time. Mr. Meadmore had raised the first funds for the formation of the institution, and he had always helped it along ever since.**14**

On 30th April 1918 Clement Meadmore, commercial traveller, of Copeland road,

Beecroft, enlisted as a private, with the Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force,

Army Medical Corps, which embarked on 13th June 1918.

His occupation is given as commercial traveller, his age was 44 years, with a height/weight

 5’ 6 ½” 162lbs.

It was remarked at the time that ‘his singing and acting were features of the comic operas held in Beecroft prior to the war.’**15**

On 13th March 1921, Frances Amy, wife of Clement Meadmore, of Beecroft, died.

Probate was granted to her son, Clement Robert Webb Meadmore, the Sole Executor in the said Will named.**16**

On 2nd June 1921, at St. Augustine’s Church, Neutral Bay, Sydney, Clement Meadmore, commercial traveller, of North Sydney, married Ellen Beatty, of North Sydney.

Ellen, born c.1870, was the daughter of James and Mary Ann (nee Jones) Beattie (both deceased).

Ellen died on 1st July 1925.

On 9th December 1925, at Rockdale, Clement married Isabella Jane Beatty. Both were then living at 312 Miller-street, North Sydney.

Isabella, born c.1872, also was the daughter of James and Mary Ann (nee Jones) Beattie.

In 1930 he was still living at 312 Miller-street, Crow’s Nest, North Sydney.

On 7th July 1936, Clement Meadmore died at his residence, 56 Burlington-street, Crow's Nest, aged 74 years, leaving a daughter Phyllis (Mrs. J. J. Hilder), and son Clement.

He was buried in the Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood.**17**

**Bibliography**

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**NOTE**: Additional information contained within Beecroft Cheltenham History Group book ‘Beecroft and Cheltenham, the Shaping of a Sydney Community to 1914’.

**MEADMORE, Clement**

**Reference: Tony Cunneen book**

**Resident of “St. Elmo,” Copeland Road, Beecroft, NSW**

**Father of Arthur Noel Meadmore**

**AIF Project details:**

Regimental Number: 1337

Place of Birth: London, England

Religion: Church of England

Occupation: Commercial traveller

Address: Copeland Road, Beecroft, NSW

Marital Status: Married

Age at embarkation: 44

Height/weight: 5’ 6 ½” 162lbs

Next of Kin: Wife, Mrs. Amy Frances Meadmore, Copeland Road, Beecroft, NSW

Enlistment Date: 30 Apr 1918

Rank on enlistment: Private

Unit Name: Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force, Army Medical Corps

AWM embarkation Roll number: 23/112/5

Embarkation details: Unit embarked from Sydney, NSW, on board SS *Melusia* on 13 Jun 1918

Roll title: Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force – Reinforcements from March 1915 to May 1919

Rank from Nominal Roll: Private

Family/military connections: Son: 901 Sergeant Arthur Noel Meadmore, 1st Bn, died of disease, 22 Dec 1914

**Further references:**

“Beecroft and Cheltenham in WW1” by Tony Cunneen (pages 4-5, 10, 22, 75)

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

**MEADMORE, Arthur Noel**

**Reference: Beecroft War Memorial, Beecroft Public School, Tony Cunneen book**

**Resident of “St. Elmo,” Beecroft, NSW**

**Son of Clement Meadmore**

[Born 1893, Petersham district, son of Clement and Amy F. Meadmore]

**AIF Project details:**

Regimental Number: 901

Place of Birth: Sydney, NSW

School: Hurlstone College, NSW

Occupation: Analytical chemist

Address: ‘St Elmo’, Beecroft, NSW

Marital Status: Single

Age at embarkation: 21

Next of Kin: Father, Clement Meadmore, ‘St Elmo’, Beecroft, NSW

Previous military service: Served in the Citizen Military Forces (drill instructor, gazetted Captain)

Enlistment Date: 31 Aug 1914

Rank on enlistment: Sergeant

Unit Name: 1st Battalion, H Company

AWM embarkation Roll number: 23/18/1

Embarkation details: Unit embarked from Sydney, NSW, on board Transport A19 *Afric* on 18 Oct 1914

Roll title: 1 Infantry Battalion (Oct 1914)

Rank from Nominal Roll: Sergeant

Unit from Nominal Roll: 1st Battalion

Fate: Died of disease 22 Dec 1914

Age at death from cemetery records: 21

Place of burial: Cairo War Memorial Cemetery (Row M, Grave No. 13), Egypt

Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial: 30

Misc. information from cemetery records: Parents: Clement and Frances Amy Meadmore, Copeland Road, Beecroft, NSW

Family/military connections: Father: 1337 Pte Clement Meadmore, Army Medical Corps, Australian Naval & Military Expeditionary Force

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

**Arthur Noel Meadmore**

Service No. 901

Rank: Sergeant

Unit: 1st Australian Infantry Battalion

Enlistment Date: 31 August 1914

Fate: Died of disease

Fate Date: 22 December 1914

Date of Death: 22 December 1914

Place of Death: Egypt

Cause of Death: Illness (Pneumonia)

Age at Death: 21 [born 1893 Petersham district; parents: Clement & Amy F.]

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

Cemetery or Memorial Details: Cairo War Memorial Cemetery, Cairo, Egypt

**Further references:**

“Beecroft and Cheltenham in WW1” by Tony Cunneen (pages 5, 10, 75, 87)

The Sydney Morning Herald, Mon 28 Dec 1914 (death notice)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 2 Jan 1915 (obituary)

Clarence and Richmond Examiner, Tue 5 Jan 1915 (report of death)