## **MITCHELL, Alexander Robert King**

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

**Resident of “Restdown,” Welham Street, Beecroft, NSW**

**Brother of Allan George King Mitchell**

[Born 1894, Randwick district, son of Alexander R. and Helen Mitchell]

**AIF Project details:**

Regimental Number: 75

Enlistment Date: 23 Mar 1916

Place of Birth: Randwick, Sydney, NSW

Age: 22 years 3 months

Occupation: Clerk

Address: ‘Restdown’ Welham Street, Beecroft, NSW

Marital Status: Single

Age at embarkation: 22

Height: 5’ 6 ½”

Weight: 139lbs

Chest Measurement: 33-37”

Complexion: Fair

Eyes: Brown

Hair: Brown

Religious Denomination: Presbyterian

Next of Kin: Mother, Mrs. Helen Mitchell, ‘Restdown’ Welham Street, Beecroft, NSW

Previous military service: 2 years Senior Cadets, 1 year Pennant Hills Rifle Club

Date of enlistment from Nominal Roll: 1 Feb 1916

Rank on enlistment: Private

Unit Name: Machine Gun Company 9

AWM embarkation Roll number: 24/14/1

Embarkation details: Unit embarked from Sydney, NSW, on board HMAT A24 *Benalla* on 1 May 1916

Roll title: 9 Machine Gun Company (May 1916)

Rank from Nominal Roll: Corporal

Unit from Nominal Roll: 3rd Machine Gun Battalion

Fate: Returned to Australia 11 May 1919

Misc. details (Nominal Roll): \*Noted Alexander Robt NR

**Further references:**

“Beecroft and Cheltenham in WW1” by Tony Cunneen (pages 29, 33)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 23 Mar 1912 (Beecroft flower show)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 1 Apr 1916 (gone to camp)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 15 Apr 1916 (presentation)

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

The Sydney Morning Herald, Sat 29 Dec 1917 (casualty list – wounded)

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