## **PRIEST, John Henry**

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

**Resident of “Elston,” Copeland road, Beecroft, NSW**

[Born 1897, Waverley district, son of Willie and Iris L. Priest]

**AIF Project details:**

Regimental Number: 38317

Enlistment Date: 17 May 1917

Place of Birth: Bondi, Sydney, NSW

Age: 19 years 9 months

Occupation: Audit clerk

Address: Beecroft, NSW

Marital Status: Single

Age at embarkation: 19

Height: 5’ 6”

Weight: 9 stone

Chest Measurement: 31-34”

Complexion: Medium

Eyes: Blue

Hair: Brown

Religious Denomination: Presbyterian

Next of Kin: Father, William Priest, ‘Elston’ Copeland Road, Beecroft, NSW

Previous military service: 2 years Militia

Rank on enlistment: Gunner

Unit Name: Field Artillery Brigade, Reinforcement 32

AWM embarkation Roll number: 13/128/2

Embarkation details: Unit embarked from Sydney, NSW, on board SS *Canberra* on 16 Nov 1917

Roll title: FAB [Field Artillery Brigade] – 27 to 35

 Reinforcements (Nov 1917 – Jun1918)

Rank from Nominal Roll: Gunner

Unit from Nominal Roll: 4th Field Artillery Brigade

Fate: Returned to Australia 13 Jul 1919

**Further references:**

“Beecroft and Cheltenham in WW1” by Tony Cunneen (page 55)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 2 Jun 1917 (farewell)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 28 Jul 1917 (send-off)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 24 Nov 1917 (sailed for France)