## **RASH, Percival Arthur Ronald**

**Reference: Methodist Church Roll of Honour, Beecroft Roll of Honour, Beecroft War Memorial, Tony Cunneen book**

**Mother residing in “The Pines,” Murray road, Beecroft, NSW**

**AIF Project details:**

Regimental Number: 4227

Enlistment Date: 2 Dec 1915

Place of Birth: Harcourt, Victoria

Age: 27 years 9 months

School: Public School, NSW

Occupation: Farmer

Address: Brisbane, Queensland

Marital Status: Single

Age at embarkation: 27

Height: 5’ 3 ½”

Weight: 128lbs

Chest Measurement: 34-38”

Complexion: Dark

Eyes: Blue

Hair: Brown

Religious Denomination: Methodist

Next of Kin: Mother, Mrs Mary Ann Rash, Murray Road, Beecroft, NSW

Rank on enlistment: Private

Unit Name: 25th Battalion, 10th Reinforcement

AWM embarkation Roll number: 23/42/3

Embarkation details: Unit embarked from Brisbane, Queensland, on board HMAT A73 *Commonwealth* on 28 Mar 1916

Roll title: 25 Infantry Battalion – 9 to 12 Reinforcements (Jan-Apr 1916)

Rank from Nominal Roll: Private

Unit from Nominal Roll: 25th Battalion

Fate: Died of wounds 19 Oct 1916

Place of death or wounding: Ypres, Belgium

Age at death: 28.2

Age at death from cemetery records: 28

Place of burial: Vlamertinghe Military Cemetery (Plot IV, Row H, Grave No. 17), Belgium

Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial: 105

Miscellaneous information from cemetery records: Parents: John and Mary Rash, “The Pines”, Murray Road, Beecroft, NSW. Native of Harcourt, Victoria

Other details: War service: Western Front

 Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal

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

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Date of Death: 19 October 1916

Place of Death: Belgium

Cause of Death: Died of wounds

Age at Death: 28 [birth not found in NSW registrations]

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

Cemetery or Memorial Details: Vlamertinghe Military Cemetery, Vlamertinghe, Flanders, Belgium

**Further references:**

“Beecroft and Cheltenham in WW1” by Tony Cunneen (pages 27, 42-43, 49, 58, 87)

Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners’ Advocate, Thu 18 Jan 1917 (reported died of wounds)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 20 Jan 1917 (reported died of wounds + photo)