## **SEALE, Eric**

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

**Resident of “Boronia,” Malton road, Beecroft, NSW**

**Brother of Edward Henry Seale**

[Born 1890, Leichhardt district, son of Edward H. and Mary Seale]

**AIF Project details:**

Regimental Number: 3262

Enlistment Date: 18 Sep 1915

Place of Birth: Leichhardt, NSW

Age: 25 years 1 month

Occupation: Clerk

Address: Malton Road, Beecroft, NSW

Marital Status: Single

Age at embarkation: 25

Height: 5’ 9”

Weight: 140lbs

Chest Measurement: 35-37”

Complexion: Fresh

Eyes: Blue

Hair: Dark brown

Religious Denomination: Church of England

Next of Kin: Mother, Mrs. Mary Seale, Malton Road, Beecroft, NSW

Rank on enlistment: Private

Unit Name: 20th Battalion, 7th Reinforcement

AWM embarkation Roll number: 23/37/2

Embarkation details: Unit embarked from Sydney’ NSW, on board HMAT A29 *Suevic* on 20 Dec 1915

Roll title: 20 Infantry Battalion – 1 to 13 Reinforcements (Jun 1915-Jul 1916)

Rank from Nominal Roll: Sergeant

Unit from Nominal Roll: 56th Battalion

Fate: Returned to Australia 28 Mar 1919

Medals: Distinguished Conduct Medal

‘For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of a small party who rushed two machine gun positions, killed the men at the guns, and captured some prisoners. He showed great dash and courage throughout the operations and set an excellent example to his men.’

Source; ‘Commonwealth Gazette’ No. 110 Date: 25 Jul 1918

**Further references:**

“Beecroft and Cheltenham in WW1” by Tony Cunneen (pages 23, 27, 39, 63-64, 74, 76)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 13 May 1916 (Beecroft Public school ex-student)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 26 Aug 1916 (reported missing)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 9 Dec 1916 (in France)