## **SEALE, Frank Lancelot**

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

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

**Brother of Harry Vernon Seale**

[Born 1884, East Maitland district, son of John and Maria Seale]

**AIF Project details:**

Regimental Number: 18744

Enlistment Date: 22 Nov 1915

Place of Birth: East Maitland, NSW

Age: 31 years 4 months

School: High School, Sydney, NSW

Occupation: Electrical engineer

Address: Malton Road, Beecroft, NSW

Marital Status: Single

Age at embarkation: 31

Height: 5’ 7.5”

Weight: 134.5 lbs

Chest Measurement: 34.5”

Complexion: Dark

Eyes: Blue

Hair: Brown

Religious Denomination: Church of England

Next of Kin: Father, John Seale, Malton Road, Beecroft, NSW

Previous military service: Served in Citizen Military Forces and serving in Rifle Club, Pennant Hills

Rank on enlistment: Gunner

Unit Name: Field Artillery Brigade 7, Battery 26

AWM embarkation Roll number: 13/35/1

Embarkation details: Unit embarked from Sydney, NSW, on board HMAT A8 *Argyllshire* on 11 May 1916

Roll title: 7 FAB [Field Artillery Brigade] (May 1916)

Rank from Nominal Roll: Gunner

Unit from Nominal Roll: 7th Field Artillery Brigade

Fate: Killed in Action 11 Sep 1917

Place of death or wounding: Dickebusch, Belgium

Age at death: 33.2

Age at death from cemetery records: 33

Place of burial: The Huts Cemetery (Plot IV, Row D, Grave No. 6), Dickebusch, Belgium

Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial: 15

Misc. information from cemetery records: Parents: John and Maria Seale, Beecroft, NSW. Native of East Maitland, NSW

Family/military connections: Brother: Lt Harry Vernon Seale, Mining Corps, discharged 16 Oct 1916

Other details: War service: Western Front

Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal

Sources: NAA: B2455, SEALE Frank Lancelot

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

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Service No. 18744

Rank: Gunner

Unit: 7th Australian Field Artillery Brigade

Enlistment Date: 22 November 1915

Fate: Killed in action

Fate Date: 11 September 1917

Date of Death: 11 September 1917

Place of Death: Belgium

Cause of Death: Killed in action

Age at Death: 33 [born 1884 East Maitland district; parents: John & Maria]

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

Cemetery or Memorial Details: The Huts Cemetery, Ypres, Flanders, Belgium

**Further references:**

“Beecroft and Cheltenham in WW1” by Tony Cunneen (pages 31, 33, 59, 61, 63, 87)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 30 Dec 1916 (photos of H. V. & F. L. Seale

The Sydney Morning Herald, Thu 27 Sep 1917 (death notice)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 29 Sep 1917 (report of death)

The Daily Telegraph, Wed 3 Oct 1917 (official notification of death received)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 6 Oct 1917 (obituary)

The Land (Sydney), Fri 12 Oct 1917 (casualty list)

Sydney Mail, Wed 28 Nov 1917 (photo)