## **SHIPTON, Harold Wilton**

**Reference: Beecroft Public School, Tony Cunneen book**

**Born Beecroft**

[Born 1897, Castle Hill district, son of Henry E. and Clara J. Shipton]

**AIF Project details:**

Regimental Number: 2893

Enlistment Date: 29 Sep 1915

Place of Birth: Beecroft, Sydney, NSW

Age: 18 years 1 months

Occupation: Labourer

Address: [“Hillgrove”] Bellamy Street, Pennant Hills, NSW

Marital Status: Single

Age at embarkation: 18

Height: 5’ 9”

Weight: 126lbs

Chest Measurement: 33-35”

Complexion: Dark

Eyes: Brown

Hair: Black

Religious Denomination: Methodist

Next of Kin: Wife, Mrs. Clara Jane Shipton, Bellamy Street, Pennant Hills, NSW

Previous military service: 3 years Senior Cadets

Rank on enlistment: Private

Unit Name: 1st Light Horse Regiment, 20th Reinforcement

AWM embarkation Roll number: 10/6/4

Embarkation details: Unit embarked from Sydney, NSW, on board RMS *Malwa* on 22 Jul 1916

Roll title: 1 LHR – 15 to 20 Reinforcements (Mar – Jul 1916)

Regimental number from Nominal Roll: 20220

Rank from Nominal Roll: Sergeant Major

Unit from Nominal Roll: 1st Light Horse Regiment

Fate: Returned to Australia 20 Jul 1919

**Further references:**

“Beecroft and Cheltenham in WW1” by Tony Cunneen (page 25)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 25 Sep 1915 (enlistment)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 23 Oct 1915 (send-off)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 30 Oct 1915 (send-off)

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

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 9 Aug 1919 (coming home)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 27 Sep 1919 (welcome home)