## **STARLING, John Penny**

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

**Resident of Copeland road, Beecroft, NSW**

[Born 1896, Ashfield district, son of Arthur H. and Hannah F. B. Starling]

**AIF Project details:**

Regimental Number: 32979

Enlistment Date: 2 May 1916

Place of Birth: Summer Hill, NSW

Age: 20 years 5 months

Occupation: Clerk

Address: Copeland Road, Beecroft, NSW

Marital Status: Single

Age at embarkation: 20

Height: 5’ 9”

Weight: 154lbs

Chest Measurement: 35-39

Complexion: Medium

Eyes: Blue

Hair: Brown

Religious Denomination: Church of England

Next of Kin: Father, Arthur Hargrave Starling, Copeland Road, Beecroft, NSW

Previous military service: 19th Infantry 2 years, still serving

Date of enlistment from Nominal Roll: 12 Apr 1916

Rank on enlistment: Gunner

Unit Name: Field Artillery Brigade, February 1917 Reinforcements

AWM embarkation Roll number: 13/128/1

Embarkation details: Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A9 *Shropshire* on 11 May 1917

Roll title: FAB [Field Artillery Brigade] – Monthly Reinforcements

 – Feb to May 1917 (May-Aug 1917)

Regimental number from Nominal Roll: Commissioned

Rank from Nominal Roll: Lieutenant

Unit from Nominal Roll: 5th Field Artillery Brigade

Fate: Returned to Australia 15 May 1919

**Further references:**

“Beecroft and Cheltenham in WW1” by Tony Cunneen (pages 32, 54)

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

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 12 Jul 1919 (arrived home)