## **VERNON, Harry Gordon**

**Reference: Beecroft Presbyterian Church Roll of Honour, Beecroft Roll of Honour, Tony Cunneen book**

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

[Born 1879, Concord district, son of John and Mary Vernon]

**AIF Project details:**

Regimental Number: None

Enlistment Date: 16 Mar 1915

Date of birth: 6 Nov 1879

Place of Birth: Sydney, NSW

Age: 35 years 8 months

Occupation: Dentist

Address: ‘Cranbrook’ Beecroft, NSW

Marital Status: Single

Age at embarkation: 35

Height: ?

Weight: ?

Chest Measurement: ?

Complexion: ?

Eyes: ?

Hair: ?

Religious Denomination: Congregational

Next of Kin: Father, John Vernon, ‘Cranbrook’ Beecroft, NSW

Place of enlistment: Sydney, NSW

Rank on enlistment: 2nd Lieutenant

Unit Name: 2nd Battalion, 7th Reinforcement

AWM embarkation Roll number: 23/19/2

Embarkation details: Unit embarked from Sydney, NSW, on board HMAT A67 *Orvosa* on 14 Jul 1915

Roll title: 2 Infantry Battalion – 1 to 12 Reinforcements (Dec 1914-Dec 1915)

Rank from Nominal Roll: Major

Unit from Nominal Roll: 2nd Battalion

Promotions: Captain

 Unit: 2nd Battalion; Promotion date: 12 Mar 1916

 Major

 Unit: 2nd Battalion; Promotion date: 10 Aug 1917

Fate: Returned to Australia 20 Apr 1919

Discharge date: 10 Aug 1919

Other details: War service: Egypt, Gallipoli, Western Front

Commenced return to Australia on board HT ‘Boonah’, 20 Apr 1919; disembarked Melbourne, 8 June 1919, for onward travel to Sydney, disembarked HT ‘Sardinia’, Sydney; discharged (appointment terminated), 10 August 1919.

Wounded and re-joined battalion, 14 May 1917. Appointed OC, C Coy, 21 June 1917. Attached to 109 Infantry Brigade, British Expeditionary Force, 18-22 July 1918.

 Medals: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

Date of death: 17 Feb 1939

Age at death: 59

Sources: NAA: B2455, VERNON Harry Gordon

**Further references:**

“Beecroft and Cheltenham in WW1” by Tony Cunneen (pages 12, 17, 22, 25, 40, 46)

The Sydney Morning Herald, Sat 1 May 1915 (farewell)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 1 May 1915 (send-off)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 22 May 1915 (Beecroft roll of honour)

Evening News, Sat 17 Feb 1917 (Presbyterian Church roll of honour)

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