## **YOUNG, George**

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

**Resident of Beecroft, NSW (worked with brother David Young, of Beecroft and Epping)**

**AIF Project details:**

Regimental Number: 3658

Enlistment Date: 12 Oct 1915

Place of Birth: Cupar, Fife, Scotland

Age: 34 years 3 months

School: Castlehill School, Cupar, Scotland

Age on arrival in Australia: 23

Occupation: Plumber

Address: 5 James Place, Cupar, Fife, Scotland

Marital Status: Single

Age at embarkation: 34

Height: 5’ 7”

Weight: 123lbs

Chest Measurement: 32-34.5”

Complexion: Fresh

Eyes: Blue

Hair Brown

Religious Denomination: Church of England

Next of Kin: Mother, Mrs Isabella Young, 5 James Place, Cupar, Fife, Scotland

Previous military service: Nil

Rank on enlistment: Private

Unit Name: 19th Battalion, 8th Reinforcement

AWM embarkation Roll number: 23/36/2

Embarkation details: Unit embarked from Sydney, NSW, on board HMAT A35 *Berrima* on 12 Dec 1915

Roll title: 19 Infantry Battalion – 1 to 13 (Reinforcements May 1915-Jul 1916)

Rank from Nominal Roll: Corporal

Unit from Nominal Roll: 14th Light Trench Mortar Battery

Fate: Killed in Action 1 Sep 1918

Place of death or wounding: Peronne, France

Age of death: 37

Age at death from cemetery records: 36

Place of burial: Peronne Communal Cemetery Extension (Plot I, Row C, Grave No. 6), France

Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial: 2

Misc. information from cemetery records: Parents: David Young and Isabella Fraser

Medals: Military Medal

‘While waiting in reserve near Polygon Trench on morning of our attack (Sept 26/17) under heavy barrage he went to the assistance of Captain Morris 54th Battalion who was seriously wounded in the leg and helpless, no stretcher bearers being available at the time. He administered first aid and succeeded in getting the officer to a dressing station thus probably saving his life. He immediately returned to his post. Later while waiting his turn to go forward he rendered valuable assistance to stretcher bearers in dealing with wounded under heavy fire. Throughout the operations his coolness and determination were a source of inspiration to all ranks.’

Source: ‘Commonwealth Gazette’ No. 76; Date: 23 May 1918

Other details: War service: Western Front

 Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal

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

**George Young**

Service No. 3658

Rank: Corporal

Unit: 14th Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery

Enlistment Date: 12 October 1915

Fate: Killed in action

Fate Date: 1 September 1918

Date of Death: 1 September 1918

Place of Death: France

Cause of Death: Killed in action

Age at Death: 36 [birth not found in NSW registrations]

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

Cemetery or Memorial Details: Peronne Communal Cemetery Extension, Peronne, Picardie, France

**Further references:**

“Beecroft and Cheltenham in WW1” by Tony Cunneen (pages 23, 31-32, 64-65, 79-80, 86-87)

The Daily Telegraph, Mon 20 Dec 1915 (send-off)

The Sydney Morning Herald, Mon 7 Jan 1918 (awarded military cross)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 19 Jan 1918 (photo and caption)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 2 Feb 1918 (injuries sustained)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 28 Sep 1918 (reported killed in action)