

Francis Joseph BELL

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aka FRANK

Late of George St, Singleton

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 7173

(pre NSW Police Force current Registered numbering system)

Rank: Mounted Constable

Constable 1st Class

Senior Constable – Retirement – Medically Unfit

Stations: ?, Broken Hill (Aug 1899), Milparinka (July 1901), Gunbar (Feb 1906), Tamworth, Singleton (Oct 1916), Booligal – Waradgery Shire – (16 March 1908 as Cst 1/c) – Retired – Medically Unfit

Service: From 7 March 1898 to 31 July

1917 = 19+ years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: ? ? 1871 near the Lime Kilns near
Bathurst, NSW

Died on: Wednesday 8 August 1917

Age: 46

Cause: Asthma

Event location: George St, Singleton,
NSW

Event date: Wednesday 8 August 1917

Funeral date: Friday 10 August 1917
during p.m.

Funeral location: Roman Catholic
Cemetery, Singleton

Buried at: Roman Catholic Cemetery,
Singleton (unable to find grave on-line
)

Memorial located at: ?

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Remembrance[/alert_blue]*NOT JOB RELATED

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Grave location: TBA

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**FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED ABOUT THIS PERSON, THEIR LIFE,
THEIR CAREER AND THEIR DEATH.**

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May they forever Rest In Peace

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INITIAL ENQUIRY: 12 November 2017

Hello

My name is Jim Betts my mother is Leone Betts , nee Connelly her mother's father was a mounted policeman shot at Booligal nsw approx August 1917 he died 9 th of August 1917 I was wondering if police records show that my great grandfather did exhaust as he is not mentioned on the police honour role my mother is 81 and I have just spent time with her trying to discover some information , anything that police archives does have regarding constable Francis Joseph bell would be appreciated my mum would be very appreciative.

Thanks in advance

Regards Jim Betts

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National Advocate (Bathurst, NSW : 1889 – 1954), **Friday 10 August 1917**, page 2

DEATH.

BELL.– At Singleton, **Wednesday, 8th August, Francis Joseph Bell**, aged 42 years, brother of **Mr. Denis Bell, Bathurst.**

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Singleton Argus (NSW : 1880 – 1954), **Saturday 11 August 1917**,
page 4

DEATH OF SEN.-CONSTABLE BELL.

It is with regret we have to chronicle the death of **Senior-Constable Francis Joseph Bell**, which sad event occurred early on **Thursday morning** at his residence, George-street.

Only last week we reported that the deceased officer had been retired as, **medically unfit** as from **July 31**, and previous to that he had been **off duty** through illness for some time.

Sen.-Constable Bell, who was 46 years of age, was born at the **Limekilns**, near **Bathurst**, and had served in the police at **Broken Hill** and other parts of this State. He was last quartered at **Booligal**, out west, and came here thinking the change would benefit his health. The cause of death was **asthma**, attended with **serious complications**, which made his case a hopeless one.

He leaves a **widow** and **three Children**, **two boys** of **15** years and **3** years, and one **daughter** aged **6** years, to mourn their very sad loss.

The late **senior-constable** was an able and efficient officer, with a large experience of country and during his time of service here made many friends, by reason of his courtesy and his obliging and genial disposition.

Much sympathy is extended to the widow and family.

The **funeral** took place **yesterday afternoon** at the **R.C. cemetery**, all available police officers attending to pay the last tribute of respect to their departed comrade.

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Daily Observer (Tamworth, NSW : 1917 – 1920), **Friday 17 August 1917**, page 4

INTER-DISTRICT NEWS.

SINGLETON.

The death has occurred of **Senior constable Francis Joseph Bell**. He was recently **retired** as **medically unfit**, and previous to that he had been **off duty** through **illness** for some time.

Senior constable Bell who was 46 years of age was born at **The Lime Kilns**, near **Bathurst**, and had served in the police at **Broken Hill** and other parts of this State.

He was last quartered at **Booligal**, and came here thinking the change would benefit his health. The **cause of death was asthma**, attended with serious complications.

He leaves a **widow** and **three children**.

The late senior constable was an able and efficient officer, and during his term of service **here** made many friends. Much sympathy is felt for the widow and family.

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Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales (Sydney, NSW : 1901 – 2001), **Wednesday 27 May 1908** (No.61), page 2876

THE Bench of Magistrates assembled in Petty Sessions at

Booligal have this day appointed **First Class Constable Francis Joseph Bell** to be Bailiff of the Small Debts Court **Booligal**.

JOS. J. HARRIS, J.P.,

For Bench of Magistrates. Court-house, Booligal,

21st May, 1908.

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