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New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ' Q ' 2722

For the purposes of this website 'Q' represents those Police joining between 1862 (commencement of NSWPF) – 23 February 1915 (Commencement of NSWPF current numbering system)

Rank: Sergeant – OIC of Taree

Stations: ?, West Maitland (Senior Constable), Taree (22 October 1897 – 14 May 1899)

Service: From 13 April 1876 to 14 May 1899 = 22+ years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: ? ? 1847? in Canada

Event location: Nabiac Sawmill, Bullock Wharf, Wallamba River, Taree (19 miles from Taree)

Event date: Wednesday 10 May 1899 about
4.30pm

Died on: Sunday 14 May 1899 about 11am

Age: 52

Cause: Thrown from Police Horse Regd. #
801 whilst On Duty

Funeral date: Monday 15 May 1899

Funeral location: ?

Buried at: Dawson River Cemetery, Taree.
Portion: RC **Row:** F/53

Taree's Dawson River Cemetery is approximately 6km from the CBD. Take the Manning River Drive towards Cundletown and, at the airport, turn left onto Lansdowne Road. From here it is 0.6km to the cemetery lane and a further 0.5 km to the cemetery.

Memorial at: ?



**[alert_red]ALFRED is NOT mentioned on
the Police Wall of
Remembrance[/alert_red] * BUT SHOULD BE**

**This incident came to light in November
2016 and to date (June 2018) his name
has still not be included on the Wall of
Remembrance**

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Funeral location: ?

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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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Manning River Times and Advocate for the Northern Coast
Districts of New South Wales (Taree, NSW : 1898 – 1954),
Saturday 10 February 1900, page 4

Memorial to Sergeant Stone.

It will be remembered when the **late Sergeant Stone** was buried at the **Dawson Cemetery**, in May last, a movement was made in the police force to erect a **memorial headstone and iron railing**. This has now been accomplished – the railing being set on brick in cement. The stone is a white marble cross, standing on a brick and cement base, the **lettering being in lead**, as follows :– ‘ *Erected by the N.S.W. Police to the memory of Sergeant Alfred Stone. Died 14th May, 1899 ; aged, 52 years.*’

The expenses have been borne by the police in the north-eastern district– and their memento is a credit to their kindness of heart and forethought.

The work was executed by Mr. David Mudford, of Cundletown.

Constable Stein acted as Secretary and Treasurer to the movement, and very great credit is due to him for the successful manner in which he carried it out. Mr. Mudford, we understand, did not charge for his labor in erecting the memorial stone and railing, and the late sergeant’s comrades feel greatly indebted to him for his kindness.

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Manning River Times and Advocate for the Northern Coast
Districts of New South Wales (Taree, NSW : 1898 – 1954),
Saturday 20 May 1899, page 5

Magisterial Inquiry.

THE LATE FATAL ACCIDENT.

On Wednesday morning last, at 11 o'clock, the District Coroner (Mr. T. B. Boyce, J.P.), held a, Magisterial inquiry at the residence of **Mr. G. C. Hickson, Bullock Wharf, Wallamba River**, touching the death of **Alfred Francis Stone, Sergeant of Police**. The inquiry lasted about two hours, and was then adjourned to Taree for the purpose of taking **Dr. Gormley's** evidence. **Inspector Baker** was present at the inquiry, and examined the witnesses.

The following was the evidence adduced : –

John Joseph Walsh deposed : I am an engineer in the employ of Mr. Hickson, at the **Bullock Wharf Sawmills, Nabiac**. I remember the afternoon of Wednesday, 10th instant. **About 4 o'clock** I saw **Sergeant Stone** ride up to the mill, which was then in full work – the engine and saws making the usual noise. I afterwards saw him in the mill, and bid him " *Good-day,* " and saw **his horse** tied up to a post of the mill. The **Sergeant was in his uniform**, and was thoroughly sober. About **half-past 4** I saw the Sergeant come round to the front of the lathe-room, in which I was working. He was then leading his horse, and was about three or four yards from where the horse had been hanging up. He stopped the horse, and put **the bridle over its head, put his foot in the stirrup**, and mounted the horse, with his **left foot in the stirrup**, but **before he was able** to get

his **right foot** in the stirrup, and **become properly seated**, the **horse bolted at full gallop** for about **10 yards**, when he **began to buck**. The horse gave **about two bucks**, which took him. about twelve yards further, when the **Sergeant was thrown off, falling sideways** on to his **head on a log**. I **heard the fall**, and **his head strike the log**. I ran up to him, only being about fifteen yards from him when he fell, as I feared he would come off when I saw the horse bucking. He was lying on his back, with his eyes wide open. I picked him up— that is, lifted his head up and found a **large cut on the left side of his head**, at the back, about **two and a half inches long**, with **blood pouring from it**. I had deceased's head on my knees. Several other of the mill hands came, and we bandaged his head up. He was **unconscious**. We then carried him to Mrs. Greenaway's. Subsequently he spoke, but in a rambling manner. Before he was removed to Mrs. Greenaway's a messenger was sent for **Dr. Gormley**, who arrived about **nine o'clock in the evening**. During the evening he muttered " Oh, my head " — but was quite delirious. I helped to lift him into a wagon the **next afternoon**, to be **conveyed to Taree**. Whilst doing so he said " Don't hurt me. " He still seemed to be delirious.

Noel Eller Gorton deposed : I am a middle man at the Bullock Wharf Sawmills. I remember seeing Sergeant Stone ride up to the mill on the afternoon of Wednesday, 10th instant. He hung his horse up to the mill, walked in, and stood by the boards for a little time. He passed through then to the other end of the mill. When he was coming back we had just finished cutting the piece of timber we were at, and I met him and was speaking to him. I asked him if the affairs of the late Mr. Thomas Cocking, on whom an inquest had been held, were settled, as there was some money due to me in connection with the funeral. The Sergeant replied that he had been speaking to Mr. Flett about the matter, but it was not quite settled. The Sergeant was perfectly sober. I then went back to work, and deceased went to his horse. I saw him take the bridle off the post. The next I saw was the **horse bucking** over the skids, with the

saddle and bridle on. Walsh, the previous witness, then called "The man has got a fall," and I went out to where he was. The Sergeant was **laying on the ground unconscious**, bleeding from a **bad cut in the back of the head**. He was bandaged up, and then removed to Mrs. Greenaway's. I had known Sergeant Stone for about ten years.

Daniel Underwood Greenaway deposed : I am a bench hand at the **Nabiac Sawmills at Bullock Wharf**. I remember Wednesday afternoon, 10th instant. I saw **Sergeant Stone** leading his horse near the mill, and afterwards hang it up at the mill. The horse seemed to be fidgetty after being hung up, evidently from the noise of the mill. The sergeant after hanging his horse up walked through the mill. When coming back he talked to Mr. Gorton, the previous witness. He then went to his horse, and **took it away**, leading it **from the mill**. I saw no more of him, until I saw the **horse in the air**, and the **Sergeant falling off**. He came down on his **head and shoulder** on a log. I went to him shortly after, and saw Mr. Walsh holding his head up. There was a cut on the back of his head, which was bleeding freely, and he was unconscious. He was removed to my mother's place, but did not appear to get any better – being about the same all through., Dr. Gormley arrived about half-past 8 o'clock, and attended to him, and saw him again early the next morning. He was removed the next afternoon – Thursday, the 11th instant– to Taree, **never having regained consciousness**. I did not consider the horse a dangerous one to ride. I saw the Sergeant riding it up towards the mill, and it was then going quietly. It was also ridden away after the accident, and after making a bit of a jump went quietly.

Frederick Ernest Stein deposed : I am a **police constable** stationed at **Cundletown**. I knew the police horse that **Sergeant Stone** was riding up to the time of his death. Its number was **801**. The **Sergeant** had been riding the horse since the **20th February last**, when it arrived at **Taree from Maitland**. I have seen him riding it, and ridden along side of him – being all

day with him on the **7th April** – and have seen him mount and dismount the horse without any trouble. I never saw the horse near any sawmill, or other going machinery. **Sergeant Stone** told me when we were riding together, that the horse was a bit too good for him, as he was inclined to buck. He also said “ *I am getting old.*” This was said casually, whilst talking about the horse, after I had remarked that it appeared to be a good one. **Sergeant Stone** was **twenty-two years** in the force, and had been stationed at **Taree since the 22nd October, 1897**, He was **52 years** of age. He was a **native of Canada**, and has left a **widow – his second wife** – and a family of **four sons and two daughters** by his **first wife**. His life was insured – the total value of his policy now being £242, in the **National Mutual Life Association**. Bullock Wharf is **19 miles from Taree**– and **Sergeant Stone** was in the habit of making frequent patrols here. I have seen the entry in the **Duty Book** at the **Taree Police Station** of Wednesday, the 10th May, instant, showing that **Sergeant Stone** left the station that morning at **10 o'clock** ; on **patrol to Nabiac**. Deceased's full name was **Alfred Francis Stone**.

The inquiry at this stage was adjourned to Taree, where it was resumed at **8 p.m.**, when

John William Gormley deposed ; I am a duly **registered medical practitioner** and **Government Medical Officer**, residing at Taree. On Wednesday evening, the 10th instant, I received a telegram asking me to go to Nabiac to attend **Sergeant Stone**, who had met with an accident. I went out and saw him at **Mrs. Greenaway's** house, close by the Bullock Wharf Sawmill. I found him in a **semi-conscious** condition, but unable to give any account of how his accident occurred. He was suffering from injury to the head, and had a scalp wound at the back of his head. I remained at Nabiac for the night, and in the morning he seemed if anything a **little better**. I then returned to Taree and had a conveyance sent to bring him in. He remained in the **same condition until Friday morning**, when he became

more unconscious, in which state he remained until Sunday morning, dying about 11 'o'clock. The immediate cause of death was pressure on the base of the brain. A fall from a horse would cause such an injury – especially if he fall on his head. There was no evidence of the skull being fractured.

FINDING

The presiding magistrate recorded the following finding: – “ *I am of opinion that the deceased, **Alfred Francis Stone**, came to his death at **Taree**, on Sunday, the **14th. May, 1899**, through pressure on the base of the brain, caused by deceased having been thrown from his horse at Bullock Wharf, Wallamba River, whilst in the execution of of his duty as a police officer, on the afternoon of Wednesday, the 10th instant, and that the occurrence was purely accidental. ”*

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Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate (NSW : 1876 – 1954) , Thursday 18 May 1899, page 8

Senior-constable Patrick Hogan, of **Branxton**, has been promoted to the rank of **sergeant**, at **Taree**, vice **Sergeant Alfred Stone**, deceased.

Sergeant Hogan has been associated with the police of the district for a number of years, and has proved himself to be a capable and intelligent officer, popular with his comrades, and respected by his superior officers. .He will be succeeded by **Constable McCurley**, of **Denman**.

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Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate (NSW : 1876 – 1954) , **Tuesday 16 May 1899**, page 8

News of the death of **Sergeant Alfred Stone**, of **Taree**, was received in the Maitland district with regret.

The deceased officer was for a number of years one of the senior-constables on the West Maitland police station, and was respected by his superiors and comrades as well as by the general public

He leaves a widow and a family of sons and daughters.

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Thomas William CHASELING

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(late of Paddington)

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ?

Rank: Constable

Stations: No. 4 Division (*Phillip Street – Water Police Court*)

Service: From ? about 1893 to 13 November 1899 = about 6 years Service

Awards: ?

Born: ? ? 1873

Died on: Monday 13 November 1899

Cause: Influenza

Age: about 27

Funeral date: Wednesday 15 November 1899

Funeral location: Waverley Cemetery

Buried at: ?

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Funeral location: ?

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Windsor and Richmond Gazette (NSW) **Saturday 18**
November 1899 page 11 of 14

Death of Constable Chaseling.

REGRET was felt in this district when it became known on Monday evening that **Constable Thomas W Chaseling**, of **No 4 Police Station**(*Phillip Street – Water Police Court*) had succumbed that day at his residence, **Bent-street Paddington**, from the effects of an attack of **influenza**, which incapacitated him from duty some **ten days ago**. Constable Chaseling, who was about **27 years** of age, leaves a widow and a young child. He had been a member of the force for **about six years**, during which time he had achieved a reputation for fearlessness, promptness, and efficiency in the performance of his duty, which caused him to be looked upon as one of the most promising of the young men in the service.

During the **whole period of his service** in the police he was **attached to No. 4 Division**.

He distinguished himself on several occasions, the last being that upon which he captured a burglar named **George Harris**, after a desperate chase of about a mile and a half, and

shooting the man in the leg. **Harris** is now serving a long term of imprisonment, and has since been identified as a **dangerous Melbourne criminal named Brown**, at one time a **confederate of Montgomery and Williams**, who were **hanged** in **Sydney** some years ago.

Speaking of Chaselings death, a **sergeant** under whom he had served said that the loss which it would mean would be a serious one to the division and one difficult to overcome. **Inspector-General Fosbery** also spoke highly of the young officer.

The funeral took place at **Waverley Cemetery** on **Wednesday**, when the **Police Band** and a large number of his brother constables were in attendance, as well as many other friends and relatives.

Constable Chaseling was the son of Mr **Matthew Chaseling**, who lives on the **Hawkesbury River**.

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