

# Thomas BLOOD

21/01/2022

**Thomas BLOOD**

AKA ?

Late of 14 Soldiers Avenue, Harbord, NSW

NSW Police Training Centre Belmore Barracks Class # ? ? ?

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 'Q' 5455

For the purposes of this website 'Q' represents those Police joining between 1 March 1862 ( commencement of NSWPF ) – 23 February 1915 ( Commencement of NSWPF current numbering system )

**P.O.W., 10th Hussars of Kabul**

**Rank:** Commenced Training at Belmore Police Barracks on ? ? ?

Probationary Constable- appointed 1 October 1887

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Detective – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Leading Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ? ( N/A )

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Inspector – appointed ? ? ?

Chief Inspector – appointed ? ? ?

Superintendent – appointed ? ? ?

Chief Superintendent – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank = ?

Stations: ?, Armidale

Service: From 1 October 1887 to ? ? ? = ? years Service

Retirement / Leaving age: = ?

Time in Retirement from Police: ?

Awards: No Find on Australian Honours system

Born: ? ? 1858 in England

Died on: Saturday 25 November 1939

Age: 80 – 81 years,

Cause: ?

Event location: ?

Event date: ?

Funeral date: Saturday 29 November 1939

Funeral location: ?

Funeral Parlour: Molloy Bros.

Buried at: Manly Cemetery,

Grave location: Anglican Portion, Row H, Grave 677

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this  
time ( January 2022 )

THOMAS is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance  
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**Australian Police YouTube Channel**

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Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

**Saturday 25 November 1939, page 15**

**BLOOD.**—The Relatives and Friends of Mrs. CLARA BLOOD, of Harbord, Mr. and Mrs. F. BLOOD, of Clovelly, Mr. and Mrs. S. HAMILTON of Coogee, Mr and Mrs P MILHAM of Sydenham, Mr. and Mrs. S. DAVIS, of Manly, Mr. and Mrs. **T. BLOOD**, of **Manly**, Mrs. T. COOPER, of Manly, Mr. and Mrs. R. CAMPBELL of Mosman, Mr. and Mrs. K. SIMMONS, of Neutral Bay, Mr. and Mrs. R. PONTIFEX, of Manly, are invited to attend the Funeral of her **beloved HUSBAND** and of **their FATHER, Thomas Blood ( late P.O.W., 10th Hussars of Kabul )** to leave his late residence, **14 Soldiers Avenue, Harbord**, **THIS ( Saturday ) MORNING**, at 10 o'clock, for **Church of England Cemetery, Manly.**

SYDNEY FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Molloy Bros.,

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/17619417>

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Armidale Express and New England General Advertiser (NSW :  
1856 – 1861; 1863 – 1889; 1891 – 1954),

**Tuesday 5 January 1892, page 5**

**Suicide of Annie B. Greener.**

**The Inquest.**

Yesterday morning, at the **International Hotel**, an inquest was held upon the body of **Annie Greener**, who died at the hotel above named in **Niagara-street** on Saturday night. The enquiry was held before the Coroner, **Mr. J. McLean, J.P.**, and a jury of twelve.

The first evidence taken was that of **Thomas Blood, Police Constable**, stationed at **Armidale West** who deposed to the effect that on Saturday night, the second inst., from information received, he went to a front parlour of the International Hotel, situated in Niagara-street, and saw the deceased, Annie Greener, lying on her back on a sofa.

Herbert Walker, Jane Walker, Ellen Wheeler, and Mary Croft were present at the time.

Witness examined the body of the deceased, but could not find any sign of life. She appeared to have been dead a few minutes. The body was warm. There were no marks of violence on the body.

Witness produced a tea cup and spoon handed to him by Jane Walker. The cup contained a little jam adhering to its sides, and what appeared to be crystals of strychnine.

In a box belonging to deceased, witness found no trace of poison. The box contained several letters which passed between deceased and a young man named Archy Fraser, and also two ladies' gold rings.

Witness had known the deceased for the last six weeks, and she appeared in good health and spirits prior to this taking place. Could not find that the witness purchased poison of any description. In one of the letters found there appeared to have been a little misunderstanding which from a letter of later date had been made up.

Archibald Frazer deposed that he was a miner, and resided at Hillgrove West, and had known the deceased for a year, but had never promised to marry her, though he had paid for her board at the International Hotel for the last five or six weeks, on account of her illness through influenza. Remembered that on Saturday last, deceased called witness in after dinner and said, " Mary is wanting to have a laugh at me, and she is trying to take you away from me, &c." Witness replied that deceased was foolish to think of such a thing, and after tea deceased appeared in good spirits, till Mary Croft and witness played a game of cards, when deceased appeared a little put out. After this Mary Croft left the room, and deceased refused a drink from witness. Witness remarked to deceased that she looked very solemn, at which she only smiled.

Mary Croft then commenced to play the piano, and witness asked Annie to sing. She replied, "'Mary will sing." Witness said, "Do not be a fool Annie. Come on, you ought to know better."

Witness then went to the room where Mary was playing and deceased followed, and then went into her bedroom. About five minutes after Mary Croft left the room, and witness lay down on the sofa. Shortly after deceased came out of her bedroom and went towards the bar, returning with Mrs. Walker. Mrs. Walker soon came back and told witness that Annie requested her to give some keys to witness, and then witness heard some

one call out, "Archie, come quickly."

Running to a sofa in a room, witness found deceased in a fit.

Deceased, in reply to witness' queries, asked him to hold her head up high and not to ask her what was the matter. Witness then went for a doctor, and when he returned Annie was dead.

About four or five weeks ago people were saying unpleasant things about deceased, and she said, "I wonder if they would leave the dead alone." Witness then said to the deceased, "If what people say is true, you don't deserve to be looked after."

After the game of cards Mary Croft and witness had a drink, but deceased would not have any.

Jane Walker gave evidence to the effect that she was the wife of the landlord of the International Hotel, and about five weeks ago deceased came in from Hillgrove Hospital, and remained until she was able to take a situation. Archy Fraser paid deceased's board, and the deceased occupied a bedroom by herself.

On Saturday night deceased and Fraser were sitting on a sofa in the parlour, and deceased and Mary Croft had a game together. Then Annie Greener and witness also played Fraser and the girl Croft. Then Fraser and Mary Croft played together and deceased sat looking on. Deceased came in shortly after and said to Mrs. Walker that she wanted to speak to her, and shortly after lay down on the sofa.

Deceased complained of being sick and refused weak brandy and water, but asked for the keys of her boxes to be given to Archy. Shortly after the limbs of the deceased became rigid, and she straightened out stiff, living only about three quarters of an hour. Witness was sure that the deceased was not pregnant, and the deceased did not drink.

Mary Ann Croft deposed that she was a domestic servant at the International Hotel, and knew the deceased and Archy Fraser. The latter and deceased had been keeping company. Fraser and witness on Saturday night played cards against deceased and Mrs. Walker, and then witness and Fraser had a game. Never heard of any unpleasantness between Fraser and deceased.

About two or three minutes after this witness went to the bar, and about a quarter of an hour afterwards deceased called and said: "Come in Mary ; take my hand ; I am going to die ; pull off my boots." Witness took off her boots and then deceased had a fit, during which she was frothing at the mouth, her limbs being drawn up.

Fraser then came in. Witness had never heard the deceased threaten to poison herself. On Saturday the deceased appeared more distant towards witness than previously. Had never seen Archy going into deceased's bedroom.

The jury returned a verdict that deceased died by poison self-administered.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/189973069>

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### **FRIDAY, JAN. 27. 1893**

(Before his Honor Acting Judge Coffey.)

The bar was represented by Messrs Browning (Crown Prosecutor), Garland, Mocatta, Kent, and Liebius, and the solicitors present were Messrs Simpson, Kearney, McDonald, McPhail, Clapin, and Bonnar.

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### **INDECENT ASSAULT.**

Michael Kelleher, an old man about 60 years of age, was



charged with indecently assaulting a lad named Herbert McFadden [aka Herbert McFyden ; Herbert McFayden ].

The prisoner, who was undefended, pleaded not guilty, and the following jury were empannelled: [sic] JP McKinlay (foreman), JM Duncan, EG Wakeford, W Miller, R Allingham, G Bliss, HW Pearson, C Howe, D Fraser, BG Dawson, J Rogerson, and WJ Moore.

**Constable [Thomas] Blood**, deposed to arresting the accused, who said he had only been down the street to the bridge, and had never put his hands upon the boy. He said he was not right in his head, and was not accountable for his actions when there was a full moon. Accused denied being near the spot indicated in the charge.

**Herbert McFadden**, a lad 10 years of age, who, not knowing the nature of an oath, made a declaration, and gave evidence to the effect that as he was coming home from school one afternoon in November, he was accosted by the accused, who took him under a bridge and committed the offence complained of.

**GE Ratcliffe**, a little fellow who had to be accommodated with a chair to enable him to see over the top of the witness box, gave evidence.

**William Coucom**, a lad 7 years of age, who also made a declaration, identified the accused as the man he saw take Herbert McFadden under the bridge.

**Sarah Burrows**, married sister of Herbert McFadden, deposed that Herbert came home on the evening in question and made a complaint, and, from an examination made on the following evening, certain stains were found on his clothes.

**Martha McFadden**, mother of Herbert McFadden, corroborated the last witness.

**Ernest McFadden**, a lad of 12 years of age, also gave evidence.

Accused [**Michael Kelleher**] made a statement to the effect that it was a made up affair, as the parties had a down on him. He denied ever having committed the offence. He had lived in the district 30 years, and no one could ever say he did a wrong thing.

Four witnesses were called for the defence, but no evidence was given with reference to the date on which the offence was alleged to have been committed.

His Honor having summed up, the jury, after a short deliberation, returned a verdict of guilty.

In answer to his Honor, Senior Sergeant **Rafferty** said he had known the accused for about 25 years, and there was nothing against him beyond that he used to drink to excess. He was remanded for sentence.

1893, Michael Kelleher – Unfit For Publication

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Nothing further, than what is recorded above, is known about this person at the time of publication and further information

and photos would be appreciated.

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Unfortunately my computer system has become weak and can no longer stand the strain I place upon it.

In order to get my systems up and running again, I have invested \$6k in a new computer system which is currently being built and I would expect that a lot of the notices I place on the system, will be devoid of a lot of information that I usually include; until my new system arrives and my databases and photos are transferred across.

This might not be completed until late February 2022.

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20 January 2022

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**Joseph Blake LEONARD**

21/01/2022

# Joseph Blake LEONARD

AKA ?

Late of Myagah Rd, Ashgrove, Qld

QLD Academy Class # ? ? ?

Brother to Lawrence Blake LEONARD – NSWPF # ‘Q’ 6949

Brother to William Blake LEONARD – NSWPF # ‘Q’ 5928

## Queensland Police Force

Regd. # ????

Rank: Sergeant

**Final Rank** = Senior Sergeant

Stations: ?, Mackay, Gayndah

Service: From 31 August 1894 to 28 August 1930 = 36 years Service

Awards: Imperial Service Medal – granted 22 July 1932

Born: 28 August 1870, Jerrara Creek, Bungonia, NSW

Died on: Monday 23 October 1939

**Age:** 69

**Cause:** ?

**Event location:** Brisbane Hospital, Qld

**Event date:** Monday 23 October 1939

**Funeral date:** Tuesday 24 October 1939 @  
2.30pm

**Funeral location:** Mater Del Roman  
Catholic Church, St Johns Wood, Ashgrove,  
Qld

**Wake location:** ?

**Funeral Parlour:** ?

**Buried at:** Toowong Cemetery, 55 Mount  
Coot-Tha Rd, Toowong, Qld

**Grave:** 7A-220-28

**Memorial located at:** ?



[alert\_yellow] **JOSEPH** is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance[/alert\_yellow] \*NEED MORE INFO

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Daily Mercury (Mackay, Qld. : 1906 – 1954), **Tuesday 31 October 1939**, page 8

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**MR. J. B. LEONARD.**

Many friends will regret the passing of Mr. Joseph Blake Leonard, who was a retired Sergeant of Police, death taking place in Brisbane on Monday last. The late Mr. Leonard spent many years in Mackay, and after serving a short period in the North, went to Gayndah. After his retirement Mr. and Mrs. Leonard built a home at Ashgrove, where Mrs. Leonard died in 1938. Their son, Blake, survives them.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/170003999>

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**Qld BDM:**

Marriage Registration: 1902/C/1453

Marriage date: 11 Feb 1902

Spouse: Winifred Agnes MAHON

Death Registration: 1939/B/45732

Mother: Catherine **BLAKE**

Father: James **LEONARD**

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**Family History document. 184 pages**

<https://www.gundaroo.info/genealogy/other/thomasleonard.pdf>

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# Alexander J. MUIR

21/01/2022

**Alexander J. MUIR**

aka Alex

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ?

**Rank**: Inspector – death

**Stations**: ?, Katoomba, Lismore, Wagga  
Wagga, ( Regent St – 2 Division ) – death

**Service**: From ? ? ? to ? August 1939  
= ? years Service



**Awards:** No find on It's An Honour

**Born:** ? ? ?

**Died on:** Sunday 13 August 1939

**Age:** 59

**Event location:** Entrance to Brisbane  
Water, Hawkesbury River, Woy Woy

**Cause:** Drowning

**Funeral date:** Tuesday 15 August 1939

**Funeral location:** St. Stephen's  
Presbyterian Church, Macquarie St, Sydney

**Buried at:** Cremated at the Eastern  
Suburbs Crematorium, and interred at  
Rookwood cemetery ( other articles  
mention the ashes being interred at  
Botany Cemetery )

**Memorial at:** ?





the Sydney Morning Herald Wed 16 August 1939  
p18 Mounted and foot police led the funeral  
cortege of Inspector A. C. Muir, who was buried  
with full police honours at the Eastern Suburbs  
crematorium yesterday. Inspector Muir was  
drowned in Brisbane Water on Sunday.

**MUIR** is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of  
Remembrance \* **NOT JOB RELATED**

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**Funeral location: ?**

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Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954), **Wednesday 16 August 1939**, page 16

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#### **FUNERAL OF INSPECTOR MUIR.**

The late **Inspector A J Muir** who was to have taken up duty at **Regent Street Police Station** but who was drowned at **Brisbane Waters** near Woy Woy on Sunday while fishing, was given a police funeral yesterday.

After a service at **St Stephens Church Macquarie Street** which was attended by the **Commissioner of Police**, Mr **W. J. McKay**, and most of the police officers stationed in Sydney, the cortege moved to the **Eastern Suburbs Crematorium**.

Headed by the **police band**, **mounted police** and the **police motor cycle squad** about 80 members of all ranks marched with the cortege from the church to **Stanley Street**.

Many residents of Katoomba, where the late Inspector Muir was for many years in charge of the police station came to Sydney to attend the funeral.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article17605957.txt>

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Northern Star (Lismore, NSW : 1876 – 1954), **Wednesday 16  
August 1939**, page 8

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## **MANY AT FUNERAL OF INSPECTOR**

**SYDNEY. Tuesday.**

Policemen from many country centres attended the funeral today of the late **Inspector Alexander Muir**, who was drowned at Gosford last Sunday.

The cortege, headed by a police band, passed in dignified procession through the city streets, and was followed by many civilians anxious to pay their respects to a well-known police identity.

The **Commissioner of Police** (Mr. McKay) and the **assistant Metropolitan Superintendent** (Mr. Collings) were members of the funeral cortege.

## **CHURCH SERVICE**

The **Rev. A. J. Parker**, formerly of Lismore, and a lifelong friend of the deceased, who officiated at the church service at **St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church**, paid a high tribute to the qualities and character of the late Inspector Muir.

*"He was a man who was always willing to give a helping hand to those in need,"* declared the **Rev. Parker**.

Inspector Muir was a church elder at Lismore for a considerable time.

The remains were **cremated** at the **Eastern Suburbs Crematorium**, and **interred at Rookwood cemetery**.

The chief mourners were his widow, Mrs. **Madge Muir**, son,

**Alister**, and daughters, Mrs. **Ruth Campbell** and Misses **Jean** and **Biddie Muir**, daughters.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article98583912.txt>

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Richmond River Herald and Northern Districts Advertiser (NSW : 1886 – 1942), **Friday 18 August 1939**, page 2

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**Police Inspector Muir**, 59, who was drowned when a 16ft. launch overturned at the entrance to Brisbane Water on Sunday night, was formerly stationed at Lismore, and was on two months' leave when the tragic occurrence took place. The widow, one son and three daughters survive.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article125947993.txt>

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Narandera Argus and Riverina Advertiser (NSW : 1893 – 1953),  
**Friday 18 August 1939**, page 2

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### **INSPECTOR MUIR DROWNED**

Police Inspector Muir, who had only left Wagga on **Friday last**, was drowned, and two companions, **Archibald C. Fowler**, of Katoomba, and **Leslie Roy Whatley**, of Woy Woy, were rescued after a sixteen foot launch had overturned on the bar at the entrance to Brisbane Water early on Sunday night.

The party had been on a fishing excursion and rough weather caused the launch to capsize. The men clung to the overturned

launch, but **Inspector Muir** was washed upwards of 100 yards away by a strong current.

**Inspector Muir**, who was on **two months' leave**, was staying at **Ettalong** before beginning duty in Sydney. He had been transferred from Wagga, where he had been a very popular officer.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article130470876.txt>

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Northern Herald (Cairns, Qld. : 1913 – 1939), **Saturday 19 August 1939**, page 35

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### **TRAGEDY ON BAR.**

#### **FATAL FISHING TRIP. SYDNEY, August 14.**

**Inspector Muir**, of **Regent-street Station**, was drowned in **Brisbane Water** when a 16ft launch capsized in the heavy surf on **Sunday**. Muir was spending a holiday at Woy Woy, and, with two other men, **Leslie Whaley** and **A. Fowler**, spent the day fishing.

They were returning to Woy Woy and while crossing the sand bar were caught in a heavy swell. The surf broke over the boat and while the men were bailing out a wave overturned the boat. **Whaley** and **Fowler** clung to the upturned boat, but **Muir** decided to try to swim ashore, using the pine flooring board to assist him, but an hour later the plight of **Whaley** and **Fowler** was noticed and a ferry picked them up.

**Muir** was found 100 yards from the overturned launch unconscious. Attempts to restore animation were unsuccessful.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article150817186.txt>

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Mudgee Guardian and North-Western Representative (NSW : 1890 – 1954), **Monday 14 August 1939**, page 1

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## **DROWNED**

### **Police Inspector SYDNEY, Monday**

Police **Inspector Muir** was drowned at **Woy Woy** during the week end. He was spending a short holiday in that neighborhood before taking up an important position at Regent Street Station, Sydney.

Deceased formerly had control of Katoomba, Lismore and Wagga districts. He left Wagga last week for his new position in Sydney.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article162221989.txt>

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# **Stuart FOSTER**

21/01/2022



# **Stuart FOSTER**

**New South Wales Police Force**

**Regd. #     ?**

**Rank:     Sergeant**

**Stations:     Jenolan Caves ( Oct 1915 ),  
                     Burraga ( Cst 1916 ),  
                     Oberon ( 1917, 1918 ),**

**Terry Hie Hie (Cst 1919 until 13 Feb 1922  
                     ), Pallamallawa ( Cst 13 Feb 1922 – 25  
                     September 1924 ),**

**[ Stuart Foster is mentioned as being in  
           Tamworth Licencing district as of 19  
Sept. 1924 in NSW Govt. Gazette 134, Fri  
17 Oct 1924. It is not known if this is  
the same FOSTER as this memorial page ]**

**Mungindi ( Assistant Electoral Officer –  
           Cst 26 Sept 1922 Mungindi is just over  
           the Qld boarder )**

**Webonga ( Cst 1/C – 19 September 1924,  
1925, October 1932 ), Burren Junction (**

Cst 1/C 2 Sept 1932, Sgt 1933 ),

Narrabri (Cst – 1922, Sgt 3/C 19 March  
1935 – 30 July 1935 ),

OIC Murrurundi Police Station ( Sgt 3/C  
30 July 1935 – death )

Service: From ? pre October 1915 to  
10 May 1939 = 19 years Service

Awards: ?

Born: ? ? 1892 ( in the Allyn River  
district near Gresford, NSW )

Died on: Wednesday 10 May 1939

Age: 46

Cause: complications stemming from a  
medical procedure.

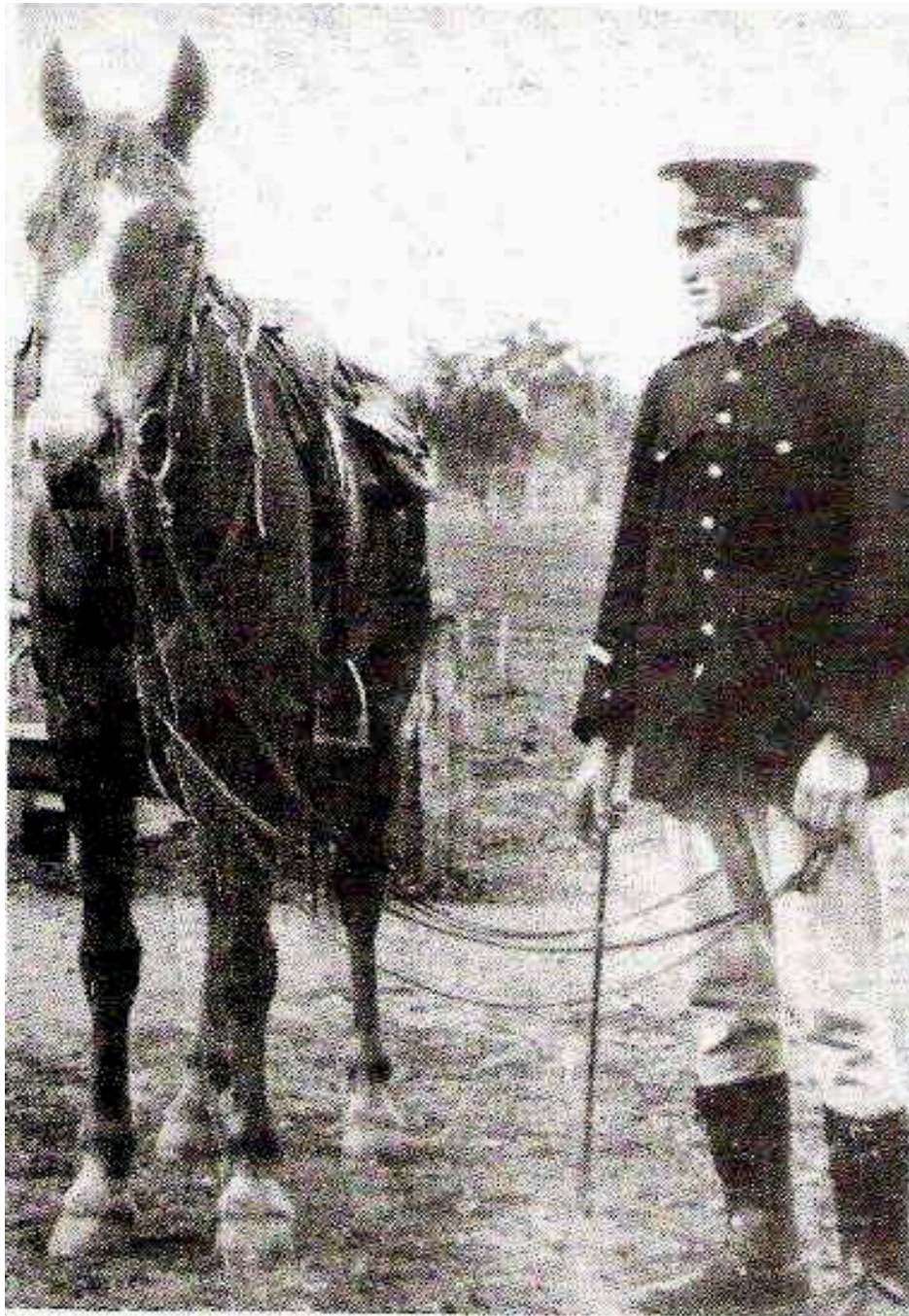
Funeral date: Friday 12 May 1939

Funeral location: Church of England,  
Dungog @ 11.30am

Buried at: Melbury Cemetery, 2038  
Salisbury Rd, Salisbury, NSW ( on private

property near Salisbury, NSW )

Memorial at: ?



*Constable Stuart Foster with*

Trolling through public member trees on ancestry, came across the below photo of Sgt Foster with his horse at Webonga NSW. Unfortunately it cuts off what may have been the name of his horse nor does the photo have a date. His wife, Evelyn was a horse

breeder and trainer, so this could be one of her horses. In another article dated 1992 Evelyn was visited by Chief Superintendent Moeller and 4 members from Police Legacy at Hillsdale Nursing home. At the time she was at the ripe old age of 103 and was the oldest living member of Police Legacy. The entry does not state what publication the article came from.



Melbury Cemetery ( on private property near Salisbury, NSW )



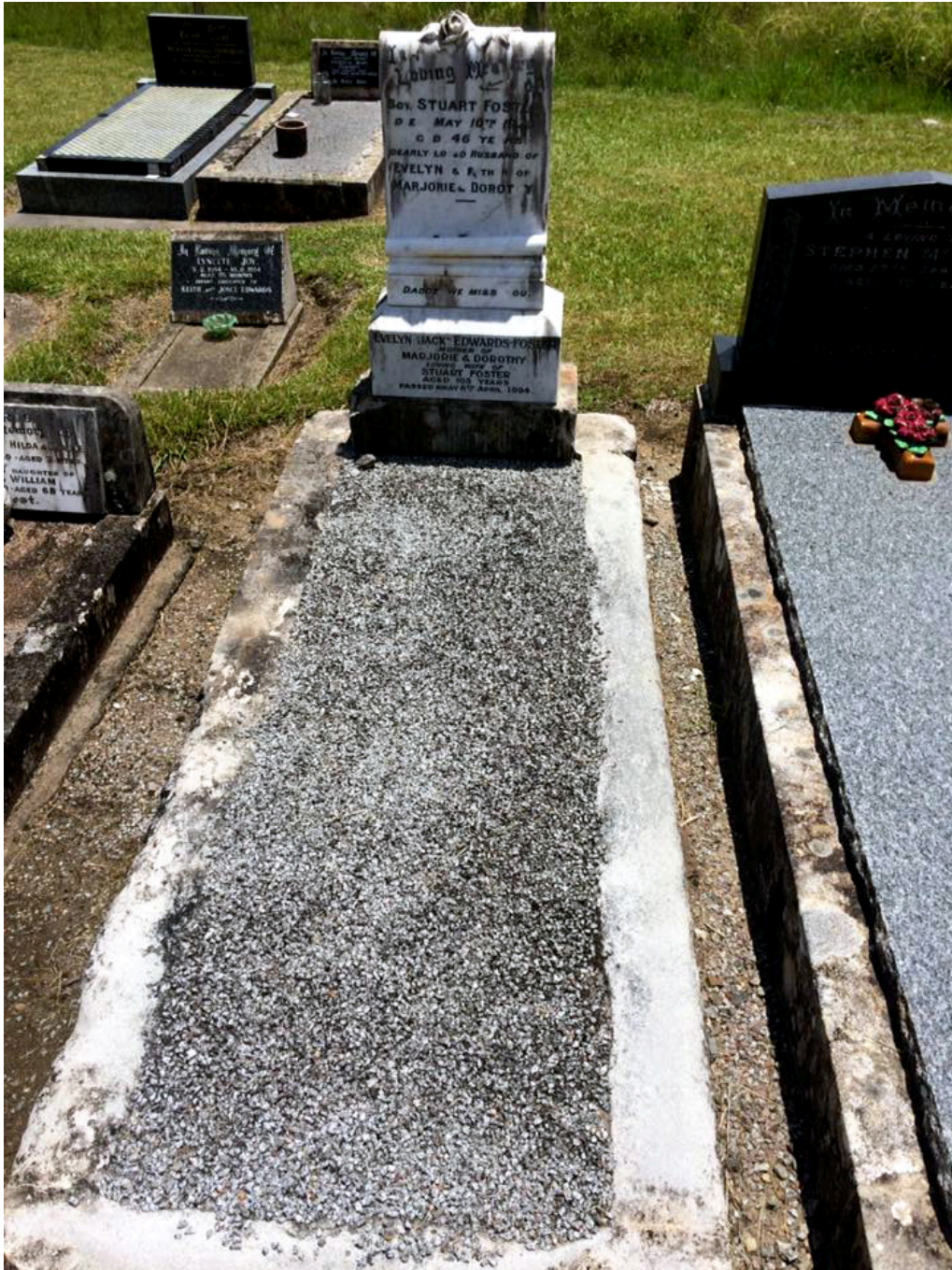


**Inscription:**

In Loving Memory of Sgt. Stuart Foster  
Died May 10th 1939  
Aged 46 years  
Dearly loved husband of  
Evelyn & father of  
Marjorie & Dorothy  
Daddy we miss you.  
Evelyn "Jack" Edwards-Foster



Mother of  
Marjorie & Dorothy  
Loving wife of  
Stuart Foster  
Aged 105 years  
Passed away 8th April 1994.



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**From NSW Fallen Police FB Group – 20 December 2016**

**Mitch Parker**

Yesterday at 2:15pm · Salisbury

Sergeant Stuart Foster – 10th May 1939 – OIC Murrurundi Police Station

I stumbled across this Sergeant who was 46 years of age at the time of his death. The Sergeant was admitted to Newcastle Hospital for an unknown operation. Complications arising from that operation led to the death of the Sergeant.

It appears Sergeant Foster was attached to the following stations;

Burruga

Oberon

Terry Hie Hie

Pallamallawa

Webonga

Burren Junction

Narrabri

Murrurundi

According to papers he had served 25 years in the Police and was the youngest serving Sergeant at the time in the NSW Police Force.

Sergeant Foster grew up in the Upper Allyn region at the foothills of the Barrington Tops with family spanning across the ridge to the Salisbury and Underbank areas.

The funeral was held at the Church of England in Dungog followed by his internment at the Melbury Cemetery.

Does not appear to be a KoD nor does his name appear on the Honor Roll.

The Cemetery is on private land near Salisbury NSW 2420.

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Cessnock Eagle and South Maitland Recorder (NSW : 1913 – 1954), **Friday 26 May 1939**, page 4

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## **OBITUARY**

### **FUNERAL OF WELL-KNOWN POLICE SERGEANT. LATE SERGEANT S. FOSTER.**

The funeral of the late Sergeant Stuart Foster, officer-in-charge of Murrurundi Police Station, following an operation a few days previously in Newcastle Hospital, left Meighan's Funeral Parlours, Newcastle, on Friday, 12th May, for the long drive to Dungog, and then to Melbury Church of England, where an impressive service was conducted by the Rev. D. T. Rees, of Newcastle.

The casket, on leaving the parlours, was draped with the Union Jack, the pall-bearers being six uniformed members of the police, who, with a police escort of 16, accompanied the



hearse to the Bank Corner, Newcastle.

Another police escort, drawn from Kurri Kurri, Dungog, Weston, Cessnock, Paterson, Abermain and West Maitland police district, joined the cortege at Dungog, and included the police pall-bearers. Sergeant Pender and Superintendent White.

The casket, still draped with the Union Jack, passed through the double rank of police comrades to its resting place in the Church of England portion of Melbury cemetery, where the interment was made.

The deceased, who was only 46 years of age, was, the second son of a well-known family at Vacy, and the grandson of two greatly respected pioneers, Mr. and Mrs. William Edwards-Snr., of Melbury, on whose property, on the Upper Allyn River, he was born. He married his cousin, Miss Evelyn Edwards, and a year later joined the New South Wales Police Force. His first appointment was to Burruga, in the Western district, thence to Oberon, and later to Terry Hie Hie, Pallamallawa, Wemonga, Burren Junction, Narrabri, and then four years ago to Murrurundi.

The chief mourners are the widow and daughter (Marjorie and Dorothy), parents (Mr. and Mrs. W. Foster), sister Norrie (Mrs. F. Leake), his wife's parents (Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Edwards Senr.), brothers and, sisters-in-law (Mr. W. J. Edwards, Mrs. Claude Edwards, Mr. F. Leake and Mr. Mervyn Edwards) and many others.

The exemplary character, generous and loving disposition, and his extreme devotion to his wife and daughters during his lifetime, were eulogised by the Rev. Rees at the memorial service, which was largely attended on Sunday, May 14.

Many wreaths, cards and messages of sympathy were received 'by the bereaved family.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/104622933>

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## NSWBDM

Birth – Stuart FOSTER      28975/1892      Father = William  
Mother = Wilhemina S

No marriage can be found between FOSTER & EDWARDS on computer search. No a marriage just involving Stuart FOSTER between 1899 – 1940

Death – Stuart FOSTER      10582/1939.      Father = William  
Mother = Wilhemina

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Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate (NSW : 1876 –  
1954) , **Saturday 13 May 1939**, page 11

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## A POLICEMAN LAID TO REST

SIXTEEN POLICE and a large party of citizens from Maitland, Gresford, Dungog, and the districts near by stood in silence in the tiny rural cemetery at **Melbury** while Sergeant Stuart Foster, officer in charge of Murrurundi Police Station for the last four years, was buried yesterday morning.

After years of service in the larger towns of the State, with all the strains and worry that police work involves, Sergeant Foster was taken back to the quiet bush settlement **of his youth**. He was born in the **Allyn River district**, near Gresford.

The funeral was unusual in several ways. At **7.15** yesterday morning the casket was carried from **parlours in King street, Newcastle**, to a hearse, and accompanied by six police pall-

hearers and a **police escort of 16** as far as **Bank Corner, Newcastle West**. From there began a 42-mile drive to **Dungog**. For the 42 miles the hearse was accompanied only by a police car, containing the **North-eastern District Superintendent (Mr. J. W. White)** and **Sergeant Pender**, and another private car.

At **Dungog**, however, it was met by another police party of **10** drawn from Dungog, Cessnock, Abermain, Weston, Paterson, and West Maitland, and a long cortege of other cars carrying friends and relatives. From Dungog the funeral drove another 20 miles to the church at Melbury.

The service over, the cortege moved on towards the cemetery. Two hundred yards from the cemetery the cars stopped beside a river. The casket had to be lifted from the hearse and transported across by motor-lorry, while the mourners followed over a narrow log crossing, with wires stretching across waist high on either side as handrails.

The remains were carried to the graveside between the two ranks of the police escort : the first, and possibly the last, that the tiny Melbury cemetery will ever see. Sergeant Foster, who was 46, died in Newcastle Hospital on Wednesday. He is survived by Mrs. Foster (formerly Miss Edmunds, of Melbury) and two daughters.,

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Scone Advocate (NSW : 1887 – 1954), **Friday 12 May 1939**, page 1

A shadow of sorrow spread over Murrurundi and district on Wednesday last when word came to hand of the passing, suddenly, following an operation in the Newcastle District Hospital, of Police Sergeant Stuart Foster, who had been stationed in the town for the past three years, during which time, largely owing to his efficiency, courtesy, and always complacent manner, he made a large circle of friends, all of whom were shocked at the sorrowful occurrence, in which Mrs. Foster and daughters (Misses Marjorie and Dorothy) have much heartfelt sympathy. The late Sergt. Foster was an officer who went about his duties quietly, yet thoroughly, tempered justice with mercy, and if he erred at all, it was in the direction of leniency. And so he won the respect and goodwill of men in every walk of life, with whom he immensely popularised himself. The funeral took place this morning, the cortege moving from the Mulbring Church of England in the Dungog district.

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Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales (Sydney, NSW : 1901 – 2001), **Friday 13 September 1935** (No.162), page 3637

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(5881) Department of Labour and Industry, Sydney, **13th September, 1935.**

#### **RURAL WORKERS' ACCOMMODATION ACT.**

HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint the undermentioned members of the Police Force to be Inspectors to carry out the

provisions of the Rural Workers' Accommodation Act, 1926, in' the districts specified in connection with their respective names.

H. M. HAWKINS.

Sergeant 2nd Class Herbert William Unwin; Station—

Narrabri; Police District—Narrabri..

**Sergeant 3rd Class Stuart Foster; Station—Murrurundi;**

Police District—Murrurundi.

Sergeant 3rd Class Lester Leonard Blanchard ; Station

—Forbes ; Police District—Forbes.

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Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales (Sydney, NSW : 1901 – 2001), **Friday 26 April 1935** (No.85), page 1811

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### **NAMOI SHIRE COUNCIL.**

IT is hereby notified, for public information, that **Sergeant 3rd Class Stuart Foster** has been appointed Inspector of Slaughter-houses for that portion of Namoi Shire within the Narrabri Police Patrol Area, vice Sergeant P. Grimes, resigned.

T. W. WAUGH, Shire Clerk.

Shire Chambers, Maitland-street, Narrabri, 17th April, 1935.

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Truth (Sydney, NSW : 1894 – 1954), **Sunday 18 March 1934**, page  
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## **MRS. RICHARDS ILL AT LONG BAY GAOL**

### **Complete Collapse After Ordeal Of Nott Murder Inquiry**

**MRS. ANNIE ELIZABETH RICHARDS**, central figure in the Pilliga murder horror, is seriously ill in bed at the Long Bay Reformatory Hospital. AFTER her nerve-wrecking ordeal at Burren Junction little more than a week ago when she was committed for trial on a charge of having sent George Washington Nott, Pilliga stock and station agent, to his doom, Mrs. Richards was taken to Long Bay Gaol. There, she has received constant medical attention.

HAVING collapsed near the conclusion of the police court proceedings at **Burren Junction**, the unhappy woman appeared to be much calmer after her committal. Indeed, when Mrs. Richards left by train for Sydney she seemed more content and a smile momentarily transformed her worried face as her husband, Henry Carl Richards, kissed her tenderly a minute before the express departed from Burren Junction. He is also charged with being an accessory. She seemingly retained her good spirits on the long and tiresome trip and chatted on topical subjects with her escort, **Detective-Sergeant Alford** and **Policewoman Mrs. Mooney**. She did not sleep. Instead she talked and several times perused newspaper accounts of her statement, a remarkable human document that has gripped and amazed an entire continent.

SADDENED FROM ALL ACCOUNTS THIS SADDENED WOMAN HAD NO QUALMS CONCERNING HER SOJOURN AT LONG BAY, UNTIL THE TIME ARRIVED FOR HER REMOVAL TO NARRABRI, WHERE, IT IS STATED, SHE AND HER HUSBAND WILL FACE A JUDGE AND JURY ON APRIL 4 NEXT, THE DATE OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE CRIMINAL COURT SITTINGS IN THE NORTH-WEST.

Being on remand Mrs. Richards is not expected to do labor of any description. She is called upon to make her bed but that is all. She intended to ask permission of the prison authorities to allow her to knit some small tokens of appreciation for **Policewoman Mooney** and **Mrs. Foster, wife of Sergeant Stuart Foster**, who is in charge of the **Burren Junction Police Station**.

THOSE WOMEN DISPLAYED UNENDING KINDNESS TO MRS. RICHARDS DURING HER HOURS OF AGONY AT BURREN JUNCTION.

#### **NOT TO BE**

But it was not to be. Once at the reformatory, Mrs. Richards collapsed and had to be put to bed. She has been constantly watched and the best medical attention possible has been secured for her. The gaol authorities have studied her every need, and have taken particular care of her diet, which has consisted mainly of thin bread and butter owing to her physical condition.

And what of her husband, the pleasant-faced drover, the story of whose unshaken love for his wife was told in 'Truth' last week. ? He expected to come to Sydney during the week with his solicitor, Mr. K. J. O'Halloran. of Tamworth, to complete arrangements for the defence. HOWEVER, THERE WAS A HITCH IN THE ARRANGEMENTS AND RICHARDS RETURNED TO HIS HUT AT BUGILBONE. BUT, 'TRUTH' LEARNS. HE WILL MAKE THE TRIP TO THE CITY TO-MORROW. ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS HE WILL DO WILL BE TO SECURE PERMISSION TO VISIT HIS WIFE AT LONG BAY.

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Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales (Sydney,  
NSW : 1901 – 2001), **Friday 2 June 1933** (No.84), page 1958

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**SHIRE OF WALGETT.**

NOTICE is hereby given that a regularly constituted Meeting of  
this Council the following appointments were

made:—

**Sergeant Stuart Foster**, of **Burren Junction**; and Sergeant Owen  
Bates, of Walgett;

as Inspectors under the Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased  
Animals and Meat Act, 1902.

F. H. NEILLEY, Shire Clerk. Council Chambers, Walgett, 25th  
May, 1933.

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Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales (Sydney,  
NSW : 1901 – 2001), **Friday 21 October 1932** (No.151), page 3890



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**SHIRE OF COCKBURN.**

NOTICE is hereby given that Constable Thomas Francis Smart, **Weabonga**, has been appointed an Inspector under the Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act, 1902, vice **Constable Stuart Foster, transferred.**

T. H. MULVOGUE,

Shire Clerk.

Shire Council Chambers, Tamworth,

13th October, 1932.

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Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales (Sydney, NSW : 1901 – 2001), **Friday 20 February 1925** (No.25), page 1043

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**SHIRE OF COCKBURN.**

NOTICE is hereby given that **Constable Stuart Foster**, of **Weabonga**, has been appointed an Inspector under the Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act. 1902, for the Weabonga Police Patrol, Cockburn Shire, vice Constable Burke, transferred.

T. H. MULVOGUE,

Shire Clerk. Shire Office, Tamworth,

13th February, 1925.

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Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales (Sydney, NSW : 1901 – 2001), **Friday 10 October 1924** (No.131), page 4706

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**APPOINTMENTS. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.**

THE undermentioned persons to be Permit Inspectors under section 14A of the Pastures .Protection Act: –

Tamworth.

**Constable Stuart Foster, Weabonga.**

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Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales (Sydney, NSW : 1901 – 2001), **Friday 17 November 1922** (No.160), page 6096

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**PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT, 1912, AS AMENDED  
BY SUBSEQUENT ACTS.**

IT is hereby notified, for general information, that

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It is also further notified that the following persons have

been appointed as **Assistant Deputy Electoral Registrars**, to keep the Rolls for the several Polling place Areas in the Electoral Districts set against their respective names, in pursuance of the provisions of the aforesaid Act, to take effect from the dates specified, viz. :-

Constable Stuart Foster, **Mungindi**, Namoi (Mungindi) in lieu of Martin, on leave,—from 26th September, 1922.

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Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales (Sydney, NSW : 1901 – 2001), **Friday 17 March 1922** (No.47), page 1827

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#### **NAMOI SHIRE.**

IT is hereby notified that **Constable Stuart Foster**, stationed at **Narrabri**, has been duly appointed Inspector of Slaughter-houses under the Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act,”

within the Police patrol of Narrabri, vice Constable Clancy, transferred.

CHAS. H. WOOD,

Shire Office, Narrabri, Shire Clerk,

9th March, 1922.

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Dungog Chronicle : Durham and Gloucester Advertiser (NSW :  
1894 – 1954), **Tuesday 6 January 1920**, page 2

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IN MEMORIAM SATTLER (nee Edwards).— In loving memory of my darling sister, ; Florrie, who departed this life **December 27th, 1918**, at Maitland Hospital, aged 32 years.

Oh! Florrie, Florrie.

At the heavenly gates she will meet us, With that same sweet smile,  
We are only parted, sister dear, Just for a little while.

Inserted by her sorrowing sister and **brother-in-law**, Evelyn and **Stuart Foster**, and little nieces, Dorothy and Marjorie, at **Moree**.

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Moree Gwydir Examiner and General Advertiser (NSW : 1901 –  
1940), **Friday 28 February 1919**, page 2

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### **Police Court,**

(Before Messrs P. P. Rosenthal and C. G. Hobbes, J's.P.)  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25.**

**Frank Brown** (25) was charged with that on February 22, at **Terry-Hie-Hie**, he did unlawfully assault **Albert Duncan**. Mr. **T.**

**R. Hogan** appeared for the complainant, and **Mr. A. B. F. Zlotkowski** for the defendant, who pleaded not guilty.

**Constable Stuart Foster**, stationed at **Terry-Hie-Hie**, deposed: I know the defendant and complainant in this case. In consequence of a complaint made to me by the complainant, I arrested the defendant at 11 p.m. on the 22nd instant. Both defendant and complainant were present at the time of the arrest. I said to complainant, "Is this the man who assaulted you?" He said 'Yes.' I said to Brown, 'Did you assault Duncan?' He said, 'I had to defend myself.'

**By Mr. Zlotkowski:** Hei may have said, 'What I did I did to defend myself'. He did not say he went over to the camp because, they were fighting over there. He did not say Picket was choking another black and he (Brown) tried to pull him off. He did not say he was hit over the head with a stone while he was pulling the other man off, but he did say he was hit with a stone. He showed me a place on the left temple under the hair. He did not say who hit him with the stone.

**Albert Duncan**, laborer, residing at Terry-Hie-Hie, deposed: On Saturday night last at about 9 o'clock I was at my own place. My wife was present, also Harry Nean and Mrs. Newman (a midwife). I know defendant. He came from the direction of the mill to my place. We were inside the house when he came. Two men, Gillen and Picket, were fighting near my verandah. Brown came round the corner and said something. I then came out of the house and asked them to get away – to get off the premises. He punched me on the forehead when I said that. I walked back to my room and he said he would kill me. He had a paling which he tore from the fence. He hit me on the top of the head with the paling. Picket took the paling. I then went to my wife's assistance, who had fainted. I did not assault the defendant in any way.

**To the Bench:** I heard the men fighting outside. They were fighting a couple of minutes. Picket lives at my place. Gillen

does not live there. Picket is my step-father. I have no mark on my head where I was hit. By Mr. Zlotkowski: He did not give me a black eye. The men were fighting for two minutes, but not five minutes. Picket and Gillen are both blackfellows. I was never in any fight before. I have had a bad fall off a horse. The hit defendant gave me was not as bad as that. He did not do me any harm. I am as good a man as ever. Harry Nean, laborer, residing at Terry-Hie-Hie, deposed: I know Brown and Duncan. I was at Duncan's place about 9 o'clock on Saturday night last. I saw Brown come through the gate. He used some bad language when coming through the gate. Duncan came out of the house and said, 'Don't kick up a row here, my wife is not well.' Brown then struck Duncan somewhere about the face. He hit him with his fist. Duncan then went towards the porch of his home and Brown followed him. He pulled a paling out of the garden and said he would knock his .... brains out. He hit him with the paling, but struck him with no force. Picket took the paling out of Brown's hand. Duncan went to his wife.

**By Mr. Zlotkowski:** There was no trouble when Brown came. Gillen was walking away when Brown came. Duncan was not there when Gillen and Picket were fighting. If he said he saw Gillen and Picket down he was not telling the truth. Picket was down and Gillen was on top of him. Duncan did not come till Brown came. No one hit Brown with a stone. I did not hit Brown. He came to me for protection. He fell against a post where Picket threw him. This was at the finish of the row. Picket was fighting with Brown after Duncan went away. The fight between Duncan and Brown was only a hit. It was a wild fight between Gillen and Picket. Gillen is about 22 years of age, and Picket about 50. I was up once for fighting. I was not referee. By Mr. Hogan : I was up about 18 or 19 years ago for fighting. To the Bench: Brown had liquor on him. Frank Brown, laborer, residing at Terry-Hie-Hie, deposed: I remember the night of the 22nd instant. I went to Duncan's place to get my horse—Gillen had it. I saw Gillen had Picket down choking him. I pulled Gillen off. I got hit on the head with a stone. Picket

threw it. ' I did not do anything to Duncan. The stone knocked me down. I did not pick up a paling and I never hit Duncan, nor tried to do so. Duncan was there when the fight was over. I was about ten yards from the verandah. I used no bad language, I work for Mr. Cory. I was only going to get my horse.

**By Mr. Hogan:** I am not a quarrelsome man. I was convicted for fighting about two years ago. I was fined for being drunk and disorderly three years ago. I was fined £3 for using language, and £1 for resisting the police. I drink. I had one drink on Saturday night. It was beer. Sometimes I use bad language I did not use bad language last Saturday night. I did not hit Duncan, and I did not pull a paling out of the garden to hit Duncan. I did not take a paling at all. Duncan did not hit me, only Picket. I heard women screaming outside, the house. None of the ladies fainted that I know of. I did not get the mark on forehead by falling against a post. **By Mr. Zlotkowski:** The three convictions mentioned took place at the same time – two years ago.

**By the Bench :** I saw Picket throw the stone. He was about 5 or 6 yards away. Cecil Cory, drover, Terry-Hie-Hie, deposed : I know the defendant Brown. I have known him since he was 12 years of age. He is a quiet and inoffensive fellow and a good worker. He is not a loafer. **By Mr. Hogan:** He does not look for fight. He does not drink to any extent. One beer would not upset him. I never knew him to drink rum. He does not swear.

The defendant was convicted and fined £1, with £2 witness's expenses, and £2 professional costs, in default one month's imprisonment, with hard labor.

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**Mines Department**

**appointments.**

**DEPARTMENT OF MINES.**

HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint Constable Stuart Foster to act temporarily as Officer authorised to issue Miners' Rights and Business Licenses at Jenolan Caves, and as Warden's Bailiff at that place, vice Mr. Dolman, on leave,—such appointment to take effect from the 18th October, 1915.

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**Cornelius Martin CARROLL**

21/01/2022

**Cornelius Martin CARROLL**

**aka Con**

**( late of 8 St David's Road, Concord )**



# New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ??

Rank: Detective Sergeant 3rd Class

Stations: ?, Burwood, Petersham ( O.I.C. – Detectives )

Service: From 24 February 1915 to 6 June 1939 = 24+ years  
Service

Awards: No Find on It's an Honour

Born: ? ? 1888 in Ireland

Died on: Tuesday 6 June 1939

Cause: Struck by a Motor Vehicle

Event location: Parramatta Rd, near Ross St, Camperdown

Age: 50

Funeral date: Thursday 8 June 1939 @ 8am

Funeral location: St Mary's Church, Concord

Buried at: Rookwood Catholic Cemetery @ 2.30pm

Section: Mortuary 2 – 12 533

Lat / Long: -33.88171, 151.05267







## **CORNELIUS IS mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance**

About 6pm on **6 June, 1939** Detective Sergeant **‘ Con ‘ Carroll**, the **Officer in Charge** of Detectives at **Petersham**, left his station to meet with an informant near the Sydney University.

In **Parramatta Road near Ross Street, Camperdown** he was accidentally hit by a car and was **killed instantly**. A report of the death was published in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of **7 June, 1939**.

*DETECTIVE KILLED – Knocked Down by Car. 1939*

*Detective Sergeant **Cornelius Carroll**, 50, of St David's Road, Concord was knocked down and killed by a motor car in Parramatta Road near Ross Street, **Forest Lodge** last night. Detective Sergeant Carroll had been in the police force 25 years, mostly in the Burwood and Petersham areas. He was in charge of the detectives at Petersham.*

***Detectives Brown and Rowland** were informed that Detective Sergeant Carroll was either walking across the road or had just alighted from a **tram** when the accident occurred. The driver of the motor car did not see him until the impact, which **fractured** Detective Sergeant Carroll's **skull and limbs**, **killing him instantly**.*

*Detective Sergeant Carroll's body was taken to the **Royal Prince Alfred Hospital** by the **Central District Ambulance**. **Detective Brown** who was a **close friend** did not know **whose death he was investigating** until Detective Sergeant Carroll's papers were found **at the city morgue**.*

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/17604312>

*Anyone who witnessed the accident is asked to communicate with **Detective Parmeter** or **Detective Wiggins** at the **Camperdown** police station.*

The sergeant was born in **1888** and joined the New South Wales Police Force on **24 February, 1915**.

At the time of his death he was stationed at **Petersham**.

He was **buried** at **Rookwood Catholic Cemetery**.

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As an aside, there was a **Cornelius Daniel CARROLL** who joined the NSW Police Force, as a Police Cadet, on the **12 February 1941**. Cadet # 309.

It is not known if C.D. Carroll is related to Cornelius CARROLL who died in **June 1939**.

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The Sydney Morning Herald

**Thursday 8 June 1939** p8

CARROLL – **June 6 1939** suddenly **Cornelius John ( Con ) Carroll** **detective sergeant of police** dearly loved husband of **Catherine Mary Carroll** and father of Martin Josephine (Greta) Mary and **Cornelius ( Conny )** aged 51 years Requiescat in pace.

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## FULLERTON NEWS

### SERGT. CARROLL'S DEATH SUCCUMBED TO INJURIES

On June 6 th. **Detective-Sergeant Cornelius Carroll** ("Con" to every one) had just **signed off** from duty at **6 p.m.** and was waiting on the Parramatta Road, near the University, Sydney, for a bus to take him home to Concord, when he observed that a car coming along was one he was looking for.

On the impulse he stepped in front of the car to stop the driver, but the car crashed right into **Carroll**, who was flung and carried 100 yards.

He was picked up and given medical attention but died very shortly afterwards from his injuries.

*The driver had gone on and escaped. ( This doesn't appear to be true – after reading other articles stemming from the Coroners Court )*

The funeral on **Thursday** went from **Burwood R.C. Church** to the **R.C.** portion of **Rookwood Cemetery**.

The cortege was headed by the **Sydney Police Band** playing **The Dead March**. Over 200 police followed as a tribute of respect to a comrade who had always been popular in the Force for his geniality and readiness to do a good turn.

He was well known to the "**underworld**," who regarded him as a "**holy terror**."

**Con Carroll** was liked and known to many of the people of the **Fullerton district**, as up to a few years ago he was a frequent visitor to his parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. **Philip Horgan**, of **Cartwright's Creek**, he having married their eldest daughter.

Besides his widow, he is survived by his four children, Martin, the Misses Gretta and Mary and **Cornelius**.

Detective Carroll was born in Ireland 51 years ago and always retained a great love for his native country and his church. He came to Sydney as a young man and had been in the Police Force in the **Sydney district** ever since his arrival in Australia. He had resided at Davis Street, Concord, for many years. The sudden tragedy came as a great shock to his aged mother-in-law, Mrs.

Mary Anne Hogan, who always looked upon the deceased as one of her own sons.

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The Sydney Morning Herald

**Tuesday 11 July 1939** p16

## **DETECTIVE'S DEATH.**

### **Finding of Accident.**

The **City Coroner Mr Oram** at an adjourned inquest **yesterday** into the death of **Detective sergeant Cornelius John Carroll**, 50, of **Davidson Street Concord** who was knocked down by a motor car in **Parramatta Road Forest Lodge** on **June 6**, found that he was killed **accidentally**.

In previous evidence it had been stated that **Carroll** was on his way to keep an appointment with a **female** informer near the **University grounds** when he met his death.

In announcing his finding **Mr Oram** said that he could not commit the driver of the car for trial on a charge of **manslaughter**. Evidence **was conflicting** but it seemed to

suggest that the car that struck the dead man was travelling **in excess** of 30 miles an hour in a built up area when the accident occurred. It was a **border line case** but there was **no evidence** that the driver displayed **gross carelessness** amounting to **criminal negligence**.

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Other readings can be found at:

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/17595388>

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The Newcastle Sun ( NSW )

**Tuesday 12 September 1939** p 8

## **SERGT.'S DEATH IN ACCIDENT**

### **Motor Driver Fined For Negligence**

**SYDNEY. Tuesday**

A trail of broken glass for **120 feet** and a **blood trail 33 feet long** were described by **Constable Cecil Stanley Jardine** in the **Traffic Court** to-day when **Archibald William Johnson**, of **Ashfield**. was convicted by **Mr. Wood. S.M.**, of **negligent driving** and fined £7.plus 23s 6d costs and expenses.



The charge arose out of an accident in Parramatta-road, **Forest Lodge**, on June 6, which resulted in the death of **Detective-Sergeant Cornelius John Carroll**, of **Petersham**. **James Aubrey Gibson** told of a man crossing the road as though to board a tram when a car approached fast. It had dim lights. The man put a hand up but the car hit him and carried him along the road **40 or 50 yards**.

**Johnson**, who is a printer, pleaded not guilty. He said he eased to about 12 miles an hour and then increased speed to about 30. He felt a bump and saw a form disappear in front of the radiator. " I applied the brakes and drew into the side, " said **Johnson**.

**Mr. Wood** said he would recommend the **Transport Department** to test whether **Johnson** was fit to drive a car. Either he had not been paying proper attention or there was a defect in his vision.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/167327081>

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Riverine Herald ( Vic. )

**Friday 17 February 1933** p3

## **DETECTIVE WOUNDED.**

### **Accidental Discharge of Revolver.**

**SYDNEY, Thursday**

Although wounded in one shoulder when his companion's revolver was accidentally fired last night, **Detective Cornelius Carroll** insisted on carrying on with the task of searching for burglars in a house before going to hospital.

When Mr W. T. Coggins, of **Chalmers Rd, Strathfield**, returned

home last night he saw lights burning in the house and rang the police on a neighbor's telephone.

**Detective Carroll, Detective Clifton and Constable Gordon** answered the call. Sir Coggins and **Constable Gordon** went to the rear of the dwelling, while **Detectives Carroll and Clifton** approached the front.

**Carroll**, with revolver drawn, was walking a **few yards in front**. **Clifton** was **drawing his revolver** from its holster when it **went off**, and the bullet, **ricocheting** off a brick wall, buried itself in the **fleshy part** of **Carroll's right shoulder**.

**Carroll** took part in a search of the house, saying that the wound was a **mere scratch**. The burglars had decamped, however, taking £20 worth of clothing.

Examination at the hospital revealed the detective's injury was not serious, but the bullet **was still embedded**.

So little did **Carroll** think of it that he rang the **Burwood police station** to inform officers there of his injury, joking with his mates and asking them to send him along a pair of slippers.

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Goulburn Evening Penny Post

**Friday 3 March 1933**      p 2

**Detective Carroll**, who was **shot accidentally** during a raid in search of suspects at **Ashfield**, is **Cornelius John Carroll**, a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. **Philip Hogan**, of **Cartwright's Creek, Fullerton**. " **Con.** " is often to be seen in **Crookwell** when on a visit to his **wife's parents**. His genial nature and

his coolness and pluck are outstanding attractions of this big, genial **Irishman**.

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# Lionel George GUISE

21/01/2022

**Lionel George GUISE**

**New South Wales Police Force**

**Constable**

**Regd. # ?**

**Stationed at Newtown Police Station**

**Murdered – Shot**

**Newtown**

**Born 1916**

**Joined NSW Police Force on 22 November  
1937**

**22 old**

**Died 26 February, 1939**

**Buried in Rookwood cemetery**



**Lionel George GUISE – Grave**

On the afternoon of 26 February, 1939 **Constable Guise** and **Sergeant Werner** were patrolling the **Newtown** area when they were advised of a possible break and enter offence occurring in **Marion Street, Newtown**. On attending the address, the police stopped their vehicle beside a truck which had apparently been used in the offence. As they stopped, two men

jumped from the truck and fled on foot, pursued by the two police. As Constable Guise caught up with one of the offenders the man turned and threw a torch, striking the constable in the chest. In the struggle that followed the offender managed to **shoot the constable in the abdomen**. Constable Guise died in hospital a short time later.

*The Advertiser* dated 14 June, 1939 reported on the trial of the murderer Leslie Murphy.

### **CONSTABLE SHOT WHILE MAKING ARREST-**

### **ACCUSED SENT TO GAOL FOR MANSLAUGHTER.**

*SYDNEY, June 13 – Leslie William Murphy, 28, was found guilty before Mr. Justice Owen and a jury in the Central Criminal Court this morning with the manslaughter of Constable Lionel George Guise, 22, and was sentenced to three years' imprisonment. Constable Guise was fatally shot at Newtown early in the morning of February 26 and died in hospital about seven hours later. The Crown Prosecutor (Mr. L.J. McKean K.C.) said that the Crown alleged that Murphy had been doing an unlawful act in attempting to resist apprehension. If a person resisted lawful apprehension and did something which brought about the death of a police constable, then, the Crown contended, such person would be guilty of manslaughter. Following the theft of a lorry a struggle took place between Guise and Murphy and Guise lost his life while lawfully apprehending Murphy.*

*The dying depositions of Constable Guise, taken at the hospital, were read in court. They were as follows: "We had a fight and my own gun went off. The other man did not have a*

*gun. I don't know the people. One ran one way, one another. I caught one and he threw a torch and missed. We had a scuffle. My gun went off and I felt a terrible pain. I shot from the ground at the man. I don't know whether I hit him or not. He was about 35 years old."*

The constable was born in 1916 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on **22 November, 1937**. At the time of his death he was stationed at **Newtown**.

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#### **NEWTOWN LOCAL AREA COMMAND POLICE COMMEMORATION SERVICE**

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**Ms CARMEL TEBBUTT** (Marrickville) [7.07 p.m. 8 May 2013]: Recently at Rookwood Cemetery I attended a memorial service to commemorate police officers from the Newtown local area command killed in the line of duty. The moving service was attended by Deputy Police Commissioner Nick Kaldis, Superintendent Simon Hardman, the commander of the Newtown Area Local Command, many other police representatives, and relatives and descendants of the police officers. Those attendees included Ms Avona Wallace, Mr and Mrs Norman Stephenson, Mrs Lynette Everton and Ms Edna Stevenson. Representatives from the emergency services and community members were also in attendance. The member for Campbelltown, Bryan Doyle, attended representing the Premier.

The five officers being remembered at the ceremony gave their lives to protect the community. They were Constable First

Class John Wallace, Constable First Class Ruston Stephenson, Constable Lionel Guise, Detective Inspector Reginald Stevenson and Constable Pashalis Katsivelas. The ceremony to mark the sacrifice of these officers reflected on the enormity of their contribution to the community, as well as the impact of their death on their families. It is often said, and it is true, that police officers leave their homes for each shift uncertain of what any day may bring and whether they will return at the end of the day. We owe these men and women our deepest gratitude for the risks they face and take every day in their job. At Rookwood Cemetery we visited each of the graves of those officers who lost their lives in the line of duty and behind each individual was an illuminating life story.

We began at the grave of Constable First Class Ruston Stephenson, who died 80 years almost to the day of the commemoration. Constable Stephenson joined the Police Force in 1912, and four years later enlisted in the army, later joining the fight in France during the First World War. He was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for conspicuous gallantry in rescuing injured soldiers while under fire. Remarkably, when he returned he rejoined the Police Force and continued to serve until his death on 9 April 1933 after a tragic accident involving a motorcycle at the then Newtown Stadium while performing general duties policing.

We were also told the story of Detective Inspector Reginald Hugh Stevenson—I was honoured on the day to meet his widow, Ms Edna Stevenson, who still had strong memories of the incident that led to Inspector Stevenson's death. Detective Inspector Stevenson joined the NSW Police Force as a cadet in 1943 at the age of 17. In an act of extraordinary selflessness, Detective Inspector Stevenson was on annual leave on 9 December 1974 when he decided to go to work to assist in the planned arrest of a dangerous offender in Newtown, at the time telling his wife, "I don't want my boys doing this on their

own.” During the operation he was shot in the chest after leading his team in pursuit of the offender.

Detective Inspector Stevenson partially recovered and was awarded the Queen’s Commendation for Brave Conduct and the Queen’s Police Medal for Distinguished Service. However, he died in 1980 of a heart attack, deemed to be the result of the injuries he sustained on duty in 1974. These officers are just a few of many across New South Wales whose lives have been cut short as they have gone about performing their duty. I pay tribute to them all. They will not be forgotten and local events such as this are a powerful reminder of their sacrifice.

I also take this opportunity to acknowledge two Marrickville police officers, Sergeant Stewart and Constable Steele, who on Monday of this week rescued an intellectually disabled person from a house fire in Marrickville. Thankfully, those two officers who took huge risks survived and are quite rightly being hailed as heroes by their colleagues and the community. It is yet another example of the risk our police men and women take every day in order to keep the community safe. I take this opportunity to pay tribute to them.

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**Harold William STURGISS**

21/01/2022

**Harold William STURGISS**



( late of Emu Plains )

## New South Wales Police Force

**Regd #. 1943**

**Uniform # I690**

Rank: Constable 1st Class

Stations: George St North Police Station, Granville, Penrith  
( since 11 December 1928 ) – Death

Service: From 29 October 1924 to 2 February 1939 = 14+  
years Service

Awards: No Find on It's An Honour

Born: ? ? 1902 in Tarago in the Goulburn District

Died on: Thursday 2 February 1939

Cause: Motor Vehicle Accident – Police motor cycle rider

Location: High Street, Penrith approaching ( Victoria Bridge  
) Nepean River bridge

Age: 36

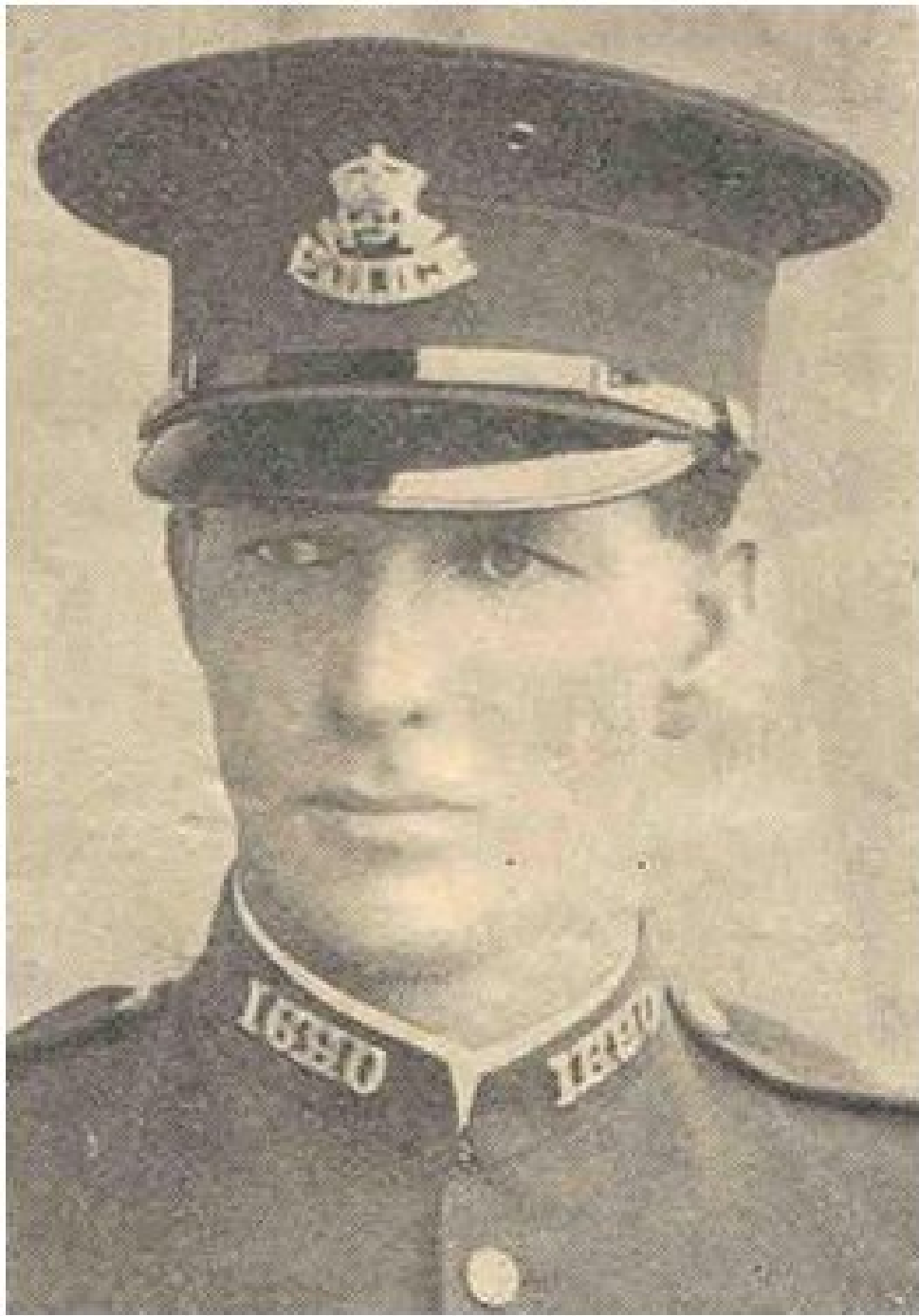
Funeral date: Friday 3 February 1939

Funeral location: C of E portion of Penrith general cemetery

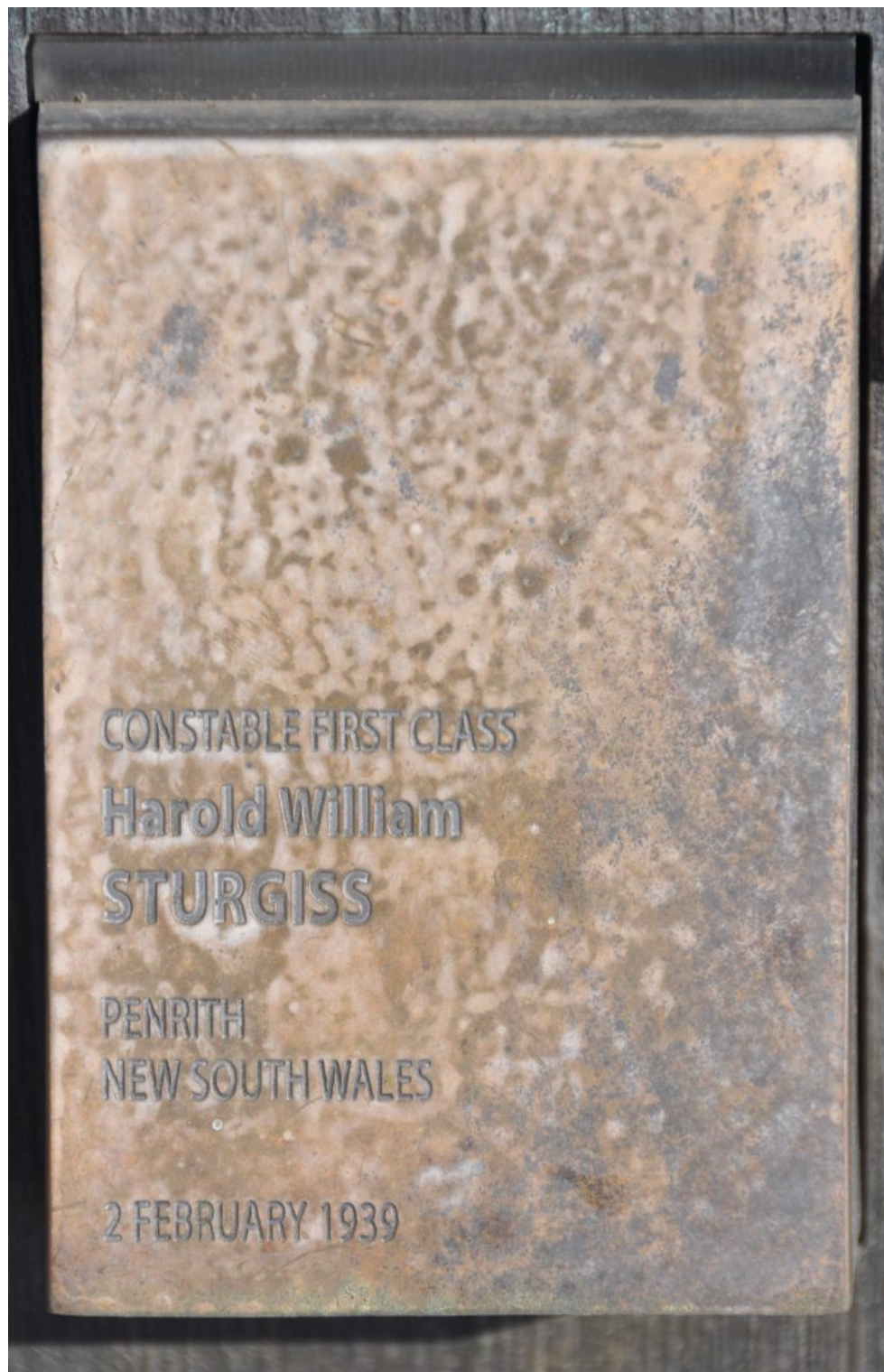
Buried at: Plot 14, Row AB, Anglican 1 Section ( unmarked  
grave ),

Cox Ave, Kingswood

**Grave updated**: On Tuesday, 11 July 2017, the UNMARKED grave  
of Cst Sturgiss was suitably MARKED.



Constable Harold Sturgiss ( 1939 )



Touch plate at the National Police Wall of Remembrance – Canberra





The burial site of the late **Harold William Sturgiss**, unfortunately his burial site of **Plot 14 is unmarked**, the monument next to his burial site is Elizabeth and Frederick Lock, **Plot 13, Row AB, Anglican 1 Section**.

In the photo, his burial site is to the left of the Lock Monument.

The **unmarked grave of Harold** is the dirt to the left of the well kept grave in the foreground

**HAROLD IS mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance**



Another graves project completed today ( Tuesday 11 July 2017 ). Constable First Class Harold William Sturgiss died on the 2nd February 1939 as a result of a motor cycle accident on Victoria bridge Penrith, whilst on duty. It is with great satisfaction that today a 78 year old oversight has been remedied, and we are able to advise Cst 1/c Sturgiss' elderly daughter that the work ( a properly marked grave ) has been completed.

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As seen, by Col Colman on Friday 28 August 2020.

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On the afternoon of 2 February, 1939, Constable Sturgiss was riding a police motorcycle outfit along High Street, Penrith. As he was negotiating a bend approaching the bridge over the Nepean River, the wheel of the sidecar struck the kerbing of the roadway. The cycle veered across the roadway and collided with a truck travelling in the opposite direction. Constable Sturgiss was thrown heavily to the roadway, sustaining severe injuries. He died in hospital a short time later.

The *West Australian* dated 3 February, 1939 contained the following brief paragraph relating to the constable's death.

*CONSTABLE'S FATAL INJURIES. SYDNEY, Feb. 2 –*

*Constable Harold William Sturgiss (37) died in the Nepean District Hospital today from injuries he received when his police motor cycle collided with a motor lorry on the eastern end of the bridge over the Nepean River at Penrith.*

The constable was born in 1902 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 29 October, 1924. At the time of his death he was stationed at Penrith.

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NSW Birth, Deaths & Marriages

Birth: 12276/1902 to David J & Margaret E STURGISS

Death: 3196/1939

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STURGISS.- The Relatives and Friends of Mrs.

H. W. STURGISS and FAMILY, of Emu Plains, are invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved HUSBAND and their dear FATHER, Harold William Sturgiss; to leave his late residence, Emu Plains, This Day, at 3.30 p.m.. for the Church of England Cemetery, Kingswood.

T. J. ANDREWS, A.F.D.A..

23-25 Enmore Road, Newtown.

Phones, L2873-4.

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### **Fatality at River Bridge**

#### **DEATH OF CONSTABLE STURGISS**

As briefly mentioned in the second edition of last issue, Constable Harold William Sturgiss (36), of Penrith Police Force, died in Nepean District Hospital last Thursday afternoon from injuries received shortly before when a motor cycle and sidecar he was riding got out of control at the eastern end of the Victoria Bridge, over the Nepean River, and ran into a motor lorry. The accident happened shortly after 1 p.m., when the constable was returning to his home at Emu Plains.

Approaching the bridge the constable was travelling on his correct side of the roadway, when the wheel of the sidecar struck the kerbing along the footpath. The wheel, it seemed, travelled hard on to the kerb and then suddenly swung across the roadway to the right hand side, striking the off front corner of a heavy motor truck carrying five tons of sand and travelling east.

Apparently the constable's chest came in contact with the off corner of the lorry and then slid along the side, striking the



off rear wheel. This threw him off the machine on to the roadway.

### **INQUEST**

The district coroner, Mr E. F. Rule, held an inquiry into the fatality at Penrith Court House yesterday.

Sergeant Sheridan stated that approaching the bridge from the eastern end there was a very sharp curve to the left, and eyewitnesses stated that as the motor cycle was being driven around the curve the wheel of the sidecar struck the kerbing on the left hand side going west, and then suddenly the cycle swung to the left with the sidecar up in the air. Deceased appeared to make every effort to right the cycle, but failed to do so, with the result that it struck the motor truck with great force.

The Ambulance was soon on the scene and he was taken to Penrith Hospital.

Deceased was regarded as a very careful motor cycle rider, stated the Sergeant, and had been riding departmental bikes for ten years. The bike used on this occasion was in good repair, added the Sergeant.

Cedric Russell Neville, contractor, residing at Merrylands, stated that he was at present employed carting gravely sand, and blue stone from the Emu Plains Gravel Coy's. works to the Water Board's construction works at Eastern Creek. At the eastern end of the river bridge his lorry was doing about 10 – 15 miles an hour. The motor cycle ridden by the constable came round the bend on its correct side. Witness was on his correct side. The sidecar wheel bumped the kerb, and the car immediately jumped into the air. Then the cycle swerved across to witness's lorry, striking the off rear wheel. Witness stopped immediately. Some lady in the vicinity immediately rang for the Ambulance.

Dr. Barrow, who examined deceased at the Hospital, stated that his injuries were a fractured right arm, a double fracture of the right forearm, extensive fractures to the ribs on the right side of the back, pelvis bone fracture, and extensive shock. The cause of death was shock and visceral

### **injuries.**

The coroner extended sympathy to the bereaved widow, and stated that deceased's record as a police officer was of the highest, and it was a tragedy that the career of a man so young should be cut off in this way.

A verdict of accidental death was returned.

### **DECEASED'S CAREER**

The late Constable Sturgiss was born at Tarrago 36 years ago and was the son of Mr and Mrs D. Sturgiss, of that town. Deceased joined the New South Wales police force in Sydney on 29th October, 1924. He was attached to George Street North and Granville stations before coming to Penrith on 11th December, 1928, and had carried on duties here as a motor cyclist of the force. He had been residing at Emu Plains since 18th March, 1929.

Constable Sturgiss was a very efficient officer of the force and both in his official and private capacity enjoyed the esteem of many who knew him. He was obliging, courteous, and conscientious, and his tragic passing is a great sorrow to many friends.

He is survived by Mrs Sturgiss, a son (Ramond) and daughter (Norma).

### **THE FUNERAL**

The funeral, on Friday afternoon, was one of the most largely attended in Penrith for some time, the force and the civilian population being well represented. It was Impressive evidence

of the esteem in which the deceased was held as an officer and as a citizen.

The cortege left deceased's residence at Emu Plains at 3.30 p.m., escorted by four police motor cyclists, who acted as pall-bearers.

At Riley Street the procession was joined by the Police Band and a contingent of police of Penrith and surrounding stations, as well as some from the city.

Inspector Cannell, of Parramatta, represented the Commissioner of Police.

The Police Band and police unit escorted the cortege as far as the police station, after which the members proceeded to the cemetery by cars.

The interment was in the C. of E. portion of Penrith general cemetery, the service being conducted by the Rector. Rev. R. S. Capple.

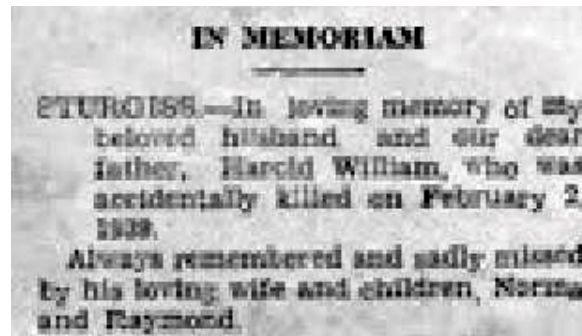
Numerous wreaths were forwarded including wreaths from Penrith and Parramatta police and the Police Officer's Association, Sydney.

It was an official funeral and the casket was draped with a Union Jack.

The P.A.F.S. and L.O.L. Orders were largely represented, deceased being secretary of the local lodges in each case.

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**IN MEMORIUM** STURGISS — In loving memory of my beloved husband and our dear father, Harold William, who was accidentally killed on February 2, 1939. Always remembered and sadly missed by his loving wife and children, Norma and Raymond.

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