

# Ernest Edward McCROHON

26/10/2012

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Late of 14 Keir Avenue, Hurlstone Park, NSW

Grandson to **John McCROHON** – NSWPF – #  
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Uncle to **Victor Harry McCrohon** – NSWPF –  
# 5009

Great Uncle to Vicki Alexis McCrohon –  
NSWPF – NSWPF – P/W 0123 – Class 120 ( 1964 ) & Rejoinee P/W 0202 – Class 141 ( 1974 )

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 'Q' 9403

*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 )*

**Rank:** Probationary Constable – appointed 1 April 1912

**Final Rank:** Sergeant 2nd Class – Death

**Stations:** ?, Central Police Station – 1 Division, Belmore ( 1916 ), Regent St – 2 Division, Newtown – 5 Division ( ? – 26 March 1939 ), Wagga Wagga ( 27 March 1939 ‘ Sgt ‘ – ? ),  
13 Division, Clarence St Police Station – Death

**Service:** From 1 April 1912 to 17 March 1944 = 31+ years  
Service

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

**Born:** 21 September 1887 – Barraba, NSW

**Died on:** Friday 17 March 1944 during the evening

**Age:** 56

**Cause:** Collision – hit by train

**Event location:** Hurlstone Park

**Event date:** Friday 17 March 1944

**Funeral date:** Monday 20 March 1944

**Funeral location:** Rookwood Crematorium

**Funeral Parlour:** Walters and Son, Dulwich Hill

**Buried at:** Cremated ?

**Memorial located at:** ?



**CONSTABLE ERNEST EDWARD  
MCCROHON.**

Constable Ernest Edward McCR0H0N

the young policeman, who at Newtown a fortnight ago, had a sensational chase after four suspects and about 3a.m. on Saturday, arrested a man who had been behaving in a suspicious manner. On handcuffing his man, after a struggle, he found that he had a revolver in his hip pocket.

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

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

PLEASE SEND PHOTOS AND INFORMATION TO Cal

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**May they forever Rest In Peace**

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*The Sydney Morning Herald of*

**18 March, 1944** reported the following double tragedy  
surrounding the death of Sergeant McCrohon.

***POLICE SERGEANT KILLED – MAN DIES GIVING FIRST AID.***

*Police Sergeant Edward McCrohon, 56, attached to No. 1 Police Station, was killed by a train last night while crossing the railway track between Hurlstone Park and Canterbury stations.*

***John Whitfield**, a railway employee, who was a passenger on the train, collapsed and died as he began to give first aid to **McCrohon**.*

***Sergeant McCrohon** was on his way home when he was killed.*

The sergeant was born on **21 September, 1887** and joined the New South Wales Police Force on **1 April, 1912**. He served at Metropolitan Divisions 1, 2, 5 and 13, as well as at Wagga Wagga. At the time of his death he was stationed at No. 1 Division (Central).

[trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/dep/article/17883834](https://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/dep/article/17883834)

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Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

**Monday 20 March 1944**, page 8

**McCROHON.** – The Relatives and Friends of the late **Ernest Edward McCrohon** ( Police Sergeant, No. 1 Division ), of 14 Keir Avenue, Hurlstone Park, are invited to attend his Funeral to leave our Funeral Chapel, This Monday, at 11 a.m., for the Crematorium Rookwood.

Walters and Son, Dulwich Hill Terminus.

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<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/17863922#>

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Army News (Darwin, NT : 1941 – 1946),

**Monday 20 March 1944, page 2**

WHILE CROSSING THE RAILWAY LINES between **Hurlstone Park and Canterbury railway stations** on **Friday night**, **Sergeant Edward Ernest McCrohon**, 56, of the **Clarence Street police station** was struck by a train, and killed.

When **John Whitfield**, 62, night officer at the **Belmore railway station** who was a passenger on the train, alighted to give assistance, he had a **sudden seizure and collapsed**. He died beside the body of the **police sergeant**.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/47690819#>

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Daily Advertiser (Wagga Wagga, NSW : 1911 – 1954),

**Tuesday 28 March 1939, page 4**

### **PERSONAL**

**Sergeant E. E. McCrohon**, formerly of **Newtown**, Sydney, took up **duty in Wagga yesterday** in succession to **Sergeant Kidd**, who has been transferred to **Newtown**.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/143641736>

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Sun (Sydney, NSW : 1910 – 1954),

**Saturday 23 December 1916, page 5**

### **BRAVE CONSTABLE**

## EFFORT TO SAVE CHILD

Mr. **H. Richardson Clark**, **Parramatta coroner**, at an inquest at **Bankstown** on the dead body of a boy named **Thomas Adamson**, aged  $11\frac{1}{2}$  years, who was drowned in a waterhole in **Punchbowl**, through getting out of his depth while searching for his sister's shoe, complimented a **brave constable**.

The waterhole is in a very secluded position, about eight feet in diameter, and very deep, with no shallow approach, so that directly the hole is entered the water, is about six feet deep, and the sides of it are of clay, being extremely slippery.

The **Belmore police** were informed of the accident, and **Constable McCrohon** proceeded to the place with all speed.

He there found a man who was fishing for the boy with a rake, whereupon the **constable** immediately disrobed and took a **header** right into the hole.

Before he went in the man with the rake warned him against diving in, as it was dangerous, but notwithstanding that the **constable** dived right in and brought up the child at once.

The evidence at the **Inquest** was that the **constable** knew nothing whatever of the waterhole, and had never seen it before, and that after he recovered the body he and **Dr. Miller** worked upon it three-quarters of an hour to restore life, but unfortunately without success.

**Dr. Miller**, in his evidence, stated that he thought the conduct of the **constable** was **most praiseworthy**, as had there been any rocks or snags or old stumps in the waterhole **McCrohon** might have broken his neck when he dived in.

The **coroner**, in finding a verdict of **accidental death**, said that he had great pleasure in **concurring** with the opinion of **Dr. Miller** as to the conduct of **Constable McCrohon**, and that

he would bring it under the **favorable notice** of the **Inspector-General of Police**.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/223383214>

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Sun (Sydney, NSW : 1910 – 1954),

**Thursday 29 April 1915**, page 4

### **MIDNIGHT STRUGGLE.**

#### **ALLEGATIONS AGAINST POLICE**

At the **Newtown Police Court** yesterday, in a case in which **Charles Joseph Wall**, aged 27, was charged with assault, the evidence of **Constable McCrohon** was that while he was arresting a man at midnight of **April 21**, his prisoner resisted, and **Wall** and others tried to drag the prisoner free.

Finally witness was forced to **let the man go**, and he then arrested **Wall**.

**Sergeant J. D. Scott** said that at the **police station Wall** accused the constable of having **assaulted him**. Witness, at his request, looked at **Wall's** mouth, but it was not cut, and there was no sign of blood.

**Wall**, in defence, said he did not assist the prisoner to escape, all he did was to put his hand on **McCrohon** and say: "Constable, let him go quietly." **McCrohon** was then down and was hitting the prisoner as he lay on the ground.

After the prisoner escaped, witness said to the **policeman**: "I think you hit that man terrible with the baton. I think it is my place to go up and give evidence against you." **McCrohon**



then arrested witness; and in the station he got witness by the mouth and shook him. His mouth was cut, and he was spitting blood.

**Sydney Alexander Colls**, a barman at the **Oxford Hotel, Newtown**, said that **Wall** did not interfere with the **constable** while the latter was struggling with his prisoner. The defendant was not intoxicated.

**Sergeant Moran** said he saw no injury. Defendant was shouting and was abusive.

The magistrate ( **Mr. Payten** ) said that he would not ask for any evidence to be called in rebuttal of the allegations **against the police**, but as the **department** might deem it necessary to hold **an inquiry**, he ordered a copy of the depositions to be forwarded.

In regard to the case itself, he did not think that the probability was that the **constable**, while violently struggling with his prisoner; could say that **Wall** was the man who assaulted him when there were other men there too.

No assault was disclosed that would merit punishment.

The case was **dismissed**.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/229330809>

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Other articles involving McCROHON:

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/229243434>

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/239753085>

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/245911889>

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Sun (Sydney, NSW : 1910 – 1954),

**Friday 19 December 1913**, page 2

**PLUCKY POLICEMAN.**

**CAPTURE OF RUNAWAY HORSE.**

The plucky action of **Constable McCrohon** led to the timely capture of a runaway on the **Newtown** railway bridge last night. A horse in a spring cart, driven by **Clarence O'Loughlan**, of 163 Lennox-street, Newtown, bolted from the bottom of the **Newtown Tramway Depot yard**, and, when heading for **King-street**, had put on a fine turn of speed.

**McCrohon**, who was crossing the bridge, noticed the galloping steed, and without hesitation caught the horse's head as it dashed by. He was dragged a little distance, but brought the runaway to a stop before any harm was done.

Many people were about at the time, and the constable's bravery was favorably commented upon.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/229354676>

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Sun (Sydney, NSW : 1910 – 1954),

**Wednesday 2 July 1913**, page 4

**TORE THE POLICEMAN'S PANTS. –**

**Constable McCrohon** was in **King-street, St. Peters**, on June 21,

and when he saw **Aubrey Harrison**, aged 27, urge a dog to attack a horse in a cart he asked Harrison for his name and address. The man refused, and as the policeman closed with him, **Harrison** called to the dog, and it tore the officer's trousers.

On the way to the **watchhouse** the prisoner used indecent language.

At the **Newtown Police Court to-day Harrison** was charged with offensive behavior, using Indecent language, assaulting **McCrohon**, and damaging his uniform. He was defended by **Mr. L. Gannon**.

**Harrison** denied the truth of the Charges.

The **magistrate** ( **Mr. Smithers** ) imposed fines and costs amounting to £7 11s 6d. The option was two months' gaol.

In regard to a request that time be allowed to pay the magistrate said he would grant seven days to pay in three cases, but as far as the charge of indecent language was concerned he would, if he had the power, order **Harrison** to gaol.

Filthy language, he said, was the outcome of a filthy mind, and seemed to be part of the nature of a man who used it.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/229679782>

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Evening News (Sydney, NSW : 1869 – 1931),

**Wednesday 4 June 1913**, page 14

### **RECOGNISING BRAVERY.**

A few weeks ago **Constable McCrohon** of the **Newton Police**,

captured a burglar under sensational circumstances, and the total municipal council at the instance of **Alderman Lewis**, sent a letter to the **Inspector-General of Police** expressing its **appreciation** of the **bravery of the constable**.

At the last meeting of the council a communication was received from **Mr. Day** stating that he was pleased to know of the council's views in the matter, which coincided with his own, and he had ordered a **favorable entry to be made on the constable's record sheet**.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/113358852>

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Daily Telegraph (Sydney, NSW : 1883 – 1930),

**Wednesday 16 April 1913**, page 18

**MEN RAN AWAY.**

**CONSTABLE FIRED FOUR SHOTS.**

About 2 o'clock yesterday morning **Constable McCrohon** and Watchman Taylor, who were in **King-street, Newtown**, noticed two men outside **Selig's pawn office**. Being suspicious concerning the men, because of the early hour; the **constables** went towards them. The men made off immediately, one of them dropping an iron bar about 3 foot long.

They ran down **Bucknell street** towards **McDonalddtown railway station**.

**Constable McCrohon** hurried after the men, calling upon them to stop. They took no notice of his command, and he **fired over their heads** without effect upon their movements. **Three more shots** were fired, but the men disappeared and have not been traced since.

An examination of the premises near where the men were first soon showed that nothing had been interfered with.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/238937172>

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/229847876>

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**NSWBDM:**

Birth: 35058/1887

Death: 1489/1944

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