

Charles Percy Lloyd BEBB

29/08/2021

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AKA Percy BEBB

Late of 5 Waratah St, Arncliffe, NSW

NSW Police Training Centre – Redfern / Police Training
College – Penrith – Class # ? ? ?

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 'Q 8794

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
)

Service: From ? ? 1908 to 21 October 1934 = 26 years,
7 months, 14 days Service NOT including Academy time

Rank: Commenced Training at ? Police Academy on ? ? ?

Probationary Constable- appointed 7 March 1908 (aged 21
years, 7 months, 17 days)

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Detective – appointed ? ? ? (NO)

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

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

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed 15 June 1928

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank = Sergeant 1st Class

Stations: George St North Police Stn (1908), Water Police, Traffic Branch, Water Police (2nd time), Redfern (7 Division), St George (Licencing Officer), North Sydney (Special Duty) – (Metropolitan Police Force) – Death

Retirement / Leaving age: = 48 years, 3 months, 2 days

Time in Retirement from Police: NIL

Awards: No Find on the Australian Honours system

Certificate of Merit by the Royal Humane Society, NSW – Actions involving a drowning rescue at Bronte, NSW, on 11 November 1911

Born: Monday 19 July 1886, NSW

Died on: Sunday 21 October 1934

Age: 48 years, 3 months, 2 days

Cause: Peritonitis stemming from appendicitis operation 10 days earlier.

Event location: North Sydney Hospital, NSW

Event date: ?

Funeral date: Tuesday 23 October 1934

Funeral location: St David's Church, Arncliffe, NSW

Funeral Parlour: W. N. BULL, King St, Newtown, NSW (Undertakers)

Buried at: Cremated – **Woronora Crematorium**, Sutherland, NSW

Ashes: Crematorium Chapel Area – Family Rose Garden 3 – 0004

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this time (**August 2021**)

PERCY IS NOT mentioned on the Sydney Police Centre Memorial Wall, Surry Hills

FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED ABOUT THIS PERSON, THEIR LIFE,

THEIR CAREER AND THEIR DEATH.

PLEASE SEND PHOTOS AND INFORMATION TO Cal

May they forever Rest In Peace

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AustralianPolice.com.au/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NSWFallenPolice/>

Australian Police YouTube Channel



the address the family lived in.

Sydney Mail and New South Wales Advertiser (NSW : 1871 –
1912),

Wednesday 20 October 1909, page 61

MARRIAGE:

BEBB – GARDEN.– September 15, at St. John's, Glebe Point, by
the Rev. S. S. Tovey, B.A., **Charles Percy Lloyd Bebb** to **Maggie**

Garden (*DOB: 25 Nov 1888*).

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/165736673>

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

Saturday 29 October 1910, page 12

BIRTHS

BEBB. – October 24, at Limplev Stoke, Denison street, Waverley, the wife of Charles Percy Lloyd Bebb – a daughter.
(*No christian name given*)

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/15176406>

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 – 1931),

Monday 13 November 1911, page 10

SURF BATHING PERILS.

POLICEMEN TO THE RESCUE.

Sydney. November 12.

At **Bronte Beach** yesterday a **railway employee** named **Warrs** got into trouble, and was carried outside the breakers.

Several police constables who were out for a swim and were dressing, went to the rescue.

Constable Conley tried to get out, but returned in an exhausted condition.

Then **Constable Bebb** made an attempt and reached **Warrs**, whom he got ashore after a hard fight.

Warrs was unconscious, but recovered under treatment.

13 Nov 1911 – SURF BATHING PERILS. – Trove

Sun (Sydney, NSW : 1910 – 1954),

Monday 19 August 1912, page 11

SCROLL OF THE BRAVE AUSTRALIAN HEROES.

KING OF ITALY'S APPRECIATION.

ROYAL SHIPWRECK RELIEF SOCIETY'S AWARDS.

The Royal Shipwreck Relief and Humane Society's 35th annual meeting and distribution of awards for acts of bravery will take place at the Sydney Town Hall on the evening of the 26th inst.

The list of those who are to receive either medals or certificates is comprised solely of Australians who have risked their lives in saving others. On this occasion five Australian mariners are to be presented with silver medals from the King of Italy for an act of bravery in rescuing men, women, and children at Messina at the time that, city was destroyed by earthquake. Another Australian is to receive a bronze medal and certificate from Lloyds, London, and a silver medal and certificate from the South Holland lifeboat

institution. The acts of bravery performed by the following have been recognised, and each will receive the society's award at the annual meeting.

CONSTABLE CHARLES PERCY LLOYD BEBB.

On November 11, 1911, while bathing in the surf at **Bronte** a man named **Maurice Maher** became cramped and perfectly helpless a considerable distance from the beach, and was rapidly being carried further out. He shouted for assistance, and **Constable Bebb** swam out, partially dressed, with the line, which he lost in the breakers. He, however, swam on and reached **Maher**, and with the assistance of **Constable Conley**, who had also swam out, he was safely got to the shore.

Awarded certificate of merit.

(**Conley** isn't mentioned as receiving an Award)

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/228829572>

New South Wales Police Gazette and Weekly Record of Crime
(Sydney : 1860 – 1930),

Wednesday 30 May 1928 (No.22), page 348

Watches and Jewellery Reported Stolen, Missing, Etc.

Date: 22 May 1928:

Owner: Charles Percy Lloyd Bebb, 5 Waratah St, Arncliffe, NSW

Description: A gold fine curb link albert, with a gold shield shaped medal, inscribed " St. Patrick's Day Tug of War, C.P.L. Bebb ". A gold shield shaped meal, inscribed " Two races, C.P.L. Bebb ". A bronze medallion for life saving, inscribed " Awarded to C.P.L. Bebb " attached.

Reference: 973

30 May 1928 – Watches and Jewellery Reported Stolen, Missing,
Etc. – Trove

Propeller (Hurstville, NSW : 1911 – 1954),

Thursday 25 October 1934, page 4

DEATH OF SERGEANT BEBB.

Sergeant Charles Percy Bebb, of Waratah Street, Arncliffe, one of the most popular members of the **metropolitan police force**, died last Sunday at the North Sydney Hospital, aged 48 years.

A week previously he was operated upon for **appendicitis**, but **peritonitis developed** and he did, not rally.

Sergeant Bebb was **only recently promoted** to first-class rank.

As a member of the water police he saved many from drowning and by kindly care and aid prevented many distressed persons taking their lives.

During the deceased's connection with the force he had been associated with nearly every branch of the service.

Starting at **George Street North**, he later joined the **Water Police**, and was familiar with every point of the harbour.

Then to the **Traffic Branch**, where he was well-known in

connection with the issue of licenses and vehicle registration.

Back later to the **Water Police** figuring prominently in many of the unfortunate bridge tragedies.

Still, later as officer to **Redfern division**, and latterly to **St. George as licensing officer**.

At the time of his sudden illness he was on **special duty at North Sydney**.

The deceased, who is survived by a **wife and two daughters**, was Vice-President of St. David's Church of England Men's Society, Arncliffe, and also treasurer, synodsman, and parish Councillor of the church.

He was also a member of the I.O.O.F. Lodge.

The funeral services at **St. David's, Church, Arncliffe**, and at the **Woronora Crematorium**, on Tuesday, were largely attended.

Inspector (George Gilbert) Fergusson (# 'Q' 8769) represented the Commissioner of Police, and **Inspector (Henry) Chinner (# 'Q' 7932)** the metropolitan superintendent.

The police band and 80 policemen in uniform were present.

Inspector Jones, of Kogarah, was in charge of arrangements, and was assisted by Sergeant Redding.

The large gathering present included many ex-policemen and colleagues and friends.

The services were conducted by the **Rector, Rev. Pitt-Owen**, assisted by the **Rev, W. J. Siddens**.

The chief mourners were Mrs. M. Bebb (wife), and two daughters, Mr. J. Harold Bebb (brother), and Mrs. Bebb, Mrs. S. R. White (mother), Mr. and Mrs. Hendren (sister) of Lithgow, Mr. John Bebb, Mr. S. R. White, Mr. A. Wray, Mr. H.

H. Youngman (uncles), and their wives.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/235356581>

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

Saturday 17 November 1934, page 16

RETURN THANKS.

The WIFE and FAMILY of the late **CHARLES PERCY LLOYD BEBB**, of Arncliffe, wish to return THANKS to the many kind friends and relatives for letters, cards, and floral tributes in their recent sad bereavement.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/17113293>

The Sydney Morning Herald

Monday 21 October 1935 p 8

IN MEMORIAM.

BEBB.- In loving memory of Charles Percy Lloyd Bebb, who departed this life October 21, 1934,

God has him in His keeping, We have him In our hearts.

Inserted by his loving wife, and daughters, Maggie

and Esther.

BEBB.- In loving memory of Percy, who departed
this life October 21, 1934.

A memory of his loving, kind ways Shall linger with us all our
days. By Mrs. Garden, daughters, John.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/27994424>

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954)

Wed 21 Oct 1936

Page 14

BEBB.- In loving memory of Charles Percy Lloyd Bebb, who
departed this lite October 21, 1934.

From the ground there blossoms red

Life that shall endless be.

Inserted by his loving wife and daughters, Maggie and Esther.

BEBB.- In loving memory of Percy, who passed
away October 21, 1934.

Always remembered.

Mrs. Garden, daughters, John.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/29536031>

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

Thursday 21 October 1937, page 10

BEBB – In loving memory of Charles Percy Lloyd Bebb, who departed this life October 21 1934

Our hearts remember.

Inserted by his loving wife and daughters, Maggie and Esther.

BEBB – in loving memory of Percy Bebb who passed away October 21 1934.

Dearly loved and ever remembered Mrs Gordon daughters and John

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/17407005>

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

Friday 21 October 1938, page 10

IN MEMORIAM

BEBB. – In loving memory of Charles Percy Lloyd Bebb who departed this life October 21 1934. Always remembered. – Inserted by his loving wife and daughters Maggie and Esther.

BEBB. – In loving memory of Percy who passed away October 21, 1934.

Not Just today, But every day,

In silence we remember.

– Inserted by Mrs. Garden, daughters and John.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/17530125>

These postcards came from old albums owned by **Charles Percy Lloyd Bebb** (known as Percy) and **Maggie Gardner**.

Percy was born in **1886** to parents **Joel and Esther** (nee Harrold); **Maggie** was born in **1888** to **John and Sarah** (nee Isaac).

Their families lived in Glebe; they both attended St John's Church there.

Both were given their albums by their parents – Percy on his 20th birthday in 1886.

The cards date from the beginning of their friendship in 1904, continue through their courtship until their marriage in 1909; after that, they are mostly Greeting types for birthday and Christmas.

They follow Percy's path from Glebe Fire Brigade to CSR at Broadwater Richmond River and finally to NSW Police Force.

Mostly these cards date from 1904 to around 1910. A lot are between Maggie and Percy – in their courtship they seem to have written very frequently. A lot of the messages are concerned with their own and the other's health – perhaps there was nothing else to write about. Or fishing; both families seemed to be very keen fishing people.

Unfortunately a lot of these cards are age spotted from being stored in the old albums with porous green paper; or damaged through posting or handling.

While I have discarded the worst ones, some that

otherwise seem historic or attractive I have retained, hoping they will still be appealing to someone. So please let the photos been your guide as to description. Always happy to combine.

NSWPF No 8794, **Charles Percy Lloyd Bebb** joined the NSW Police Force 7 March 1908. He had achieved the rank of Sergeant when he died 21 October 1934.

Constable Charles Percy Lloyd Bebb was awarded a **Certificate of Merit** by the Royal Humane Society of NSW for actions involving a drowning rescue at Bronte on the 11th November 1911.

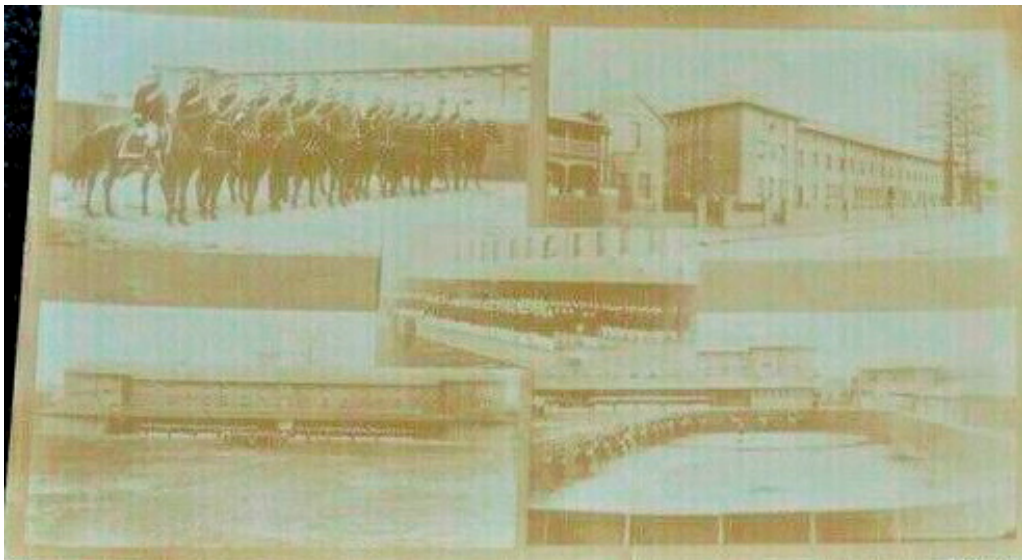
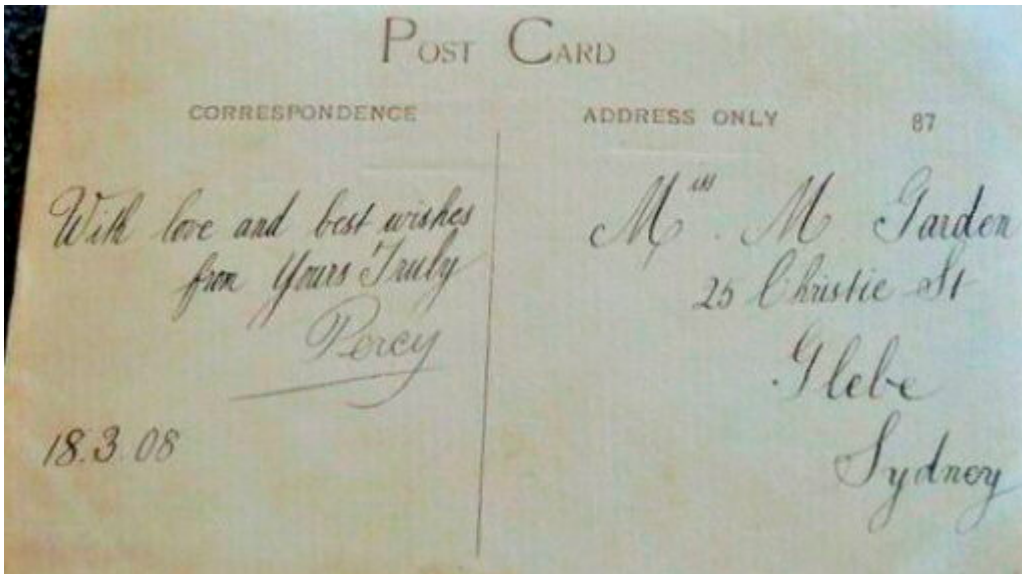
From a newspaper report of 25 April 1932 he is mentioned as trying to revive a man who had jumped from the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Unfortunately he was already dead when his body was retrieved from the water.

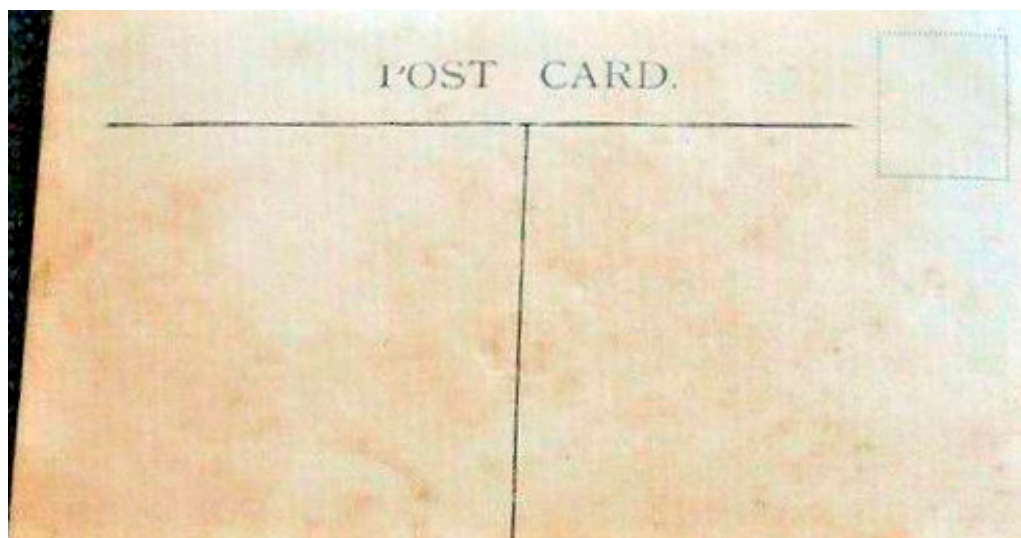
He was probably stationed first at NSW Mounted Police Barracks Bourke St Redfern, then at Central Police Barracks Liverpool St, and later was stationed at Newcastle and West Maitland (1917).

2 REAL PHOTOS NSW MOUNTED POLICE BARRACKS BOURKE ST REDFERN
c1908 #10

One shows the front façade of the Police Barracks, the other has several small vignettes showing Mounted Police on horseback, undergoing training, in formation etc. One is dated 18.3.08. As Percy only joined the Police Force 7 March 1908, it is possible this was his first posting. Both photos are faded.

2 REAL PHOTOS NSW MOUNTED POLICE BARRACKS BOURKE ST REDFERN
c1908 #10 | eBay (Ebay – 29 August 2021. **Seller:**
siddieswans)





Charles BEBB died 21 October 1934

Esther Jane BEBB **Born:** 9 July 1912, **Died** 21 November 2001 (Aged: 89 years, 4 months, 12 days)

Maggie BEBB **Born:** 25 November 1888, **Died** 29 November 1973 (Aged: 85 years, 4 days) (This was Charles' **wife**. Seems that one of the daughters was also named Maggie)

All are cremated with the Ashes of all being in the same niche' at Woronora Cemetery, Sutherland, NSW.

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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29 Aug 2021

Updated 25 May 2025 with Date of Birth and calculations
stemming thereof.
