

# Joshua PAROCI

02/12/2018

## Joshua PAROCI

AKA Josh

Husband to Service NSW Police Force member

Late of ?

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ??????

**Rank:** Detective Senior Constable

**Stations:** ?, State Crime Command's Child Abuse and Sex Crimes Squad – Parramatta, – Death

**Service:** From ? ? 2008 to 19 May 2018= 10 years Service

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

**Born:** ? ? 1987

**Died on:** Saturday 19 May 2018

**Age:** 31

**Cause: Drowned**

**Event location: Shotover River,  
Queenstown, New Zealand**

**Event type: White water rafting accident**

**Event date: Saturday 19 May 2018**

**Funeral date: ? ? ?**

**Funeral location: ?**

**Funeral Parlour: ?**

**Buried at: ?**

**Memorial located at: ?**



**JOSHUA** is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance \*

**NOT JOB RELATED**

---

**Funeral location: TBA**

---

**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**

---

May 21 at 3:36pm

RIP Detective Senior Constable Joshua Paroci,

Our respect and condolences from our families to yours. And  
the Thin Blue Line.

Thank you for your service Sir  ????

The NSW Police Force regrets to inform the community of the

death of a **serving police officer** in an accident in **New Zealand**.

**Detective Senior Constable Joshua Paroci**, aged **31**, died following a **rafting incident** in **Queenstown, New Zealand** on **Saturday (19 May 2018)**.

**Det S/C Paroci** joined the force in **2008** and was most recently working at the **State Crime Command's Child Abuse and Sex Crimes Squad**.

**Commissioner Mick Fuller** extended condolences to the **Paroci** family on behalf of the NSW Police Force.

"The hardest part of my job is when we lose one of our own and my thoughts are with **Det S/C Paroci's wife**, who is **also a police officer**, family, friends and colleagues," **Commissioner Fuller** said.

"**Det S/C Paroci** was well respected by all those who knew him, and the police family will rally around his loved ones during this difficult time.

**Child Abuse and Sex Crimes Squad Commander, Detective Superintendent John Kerlatec**, said **Josh** was a great man and an excellent detective, and will be sorely missed by the team.

"Professionally, **Josh** was a tireless worker; dedicated to investigating some of the most heinous crimes against children," **Det Supt Kerlatec** said.

"His passion was justice for victims. Not only was he a **police officer**, he was **completing a law degree**, which he intended to use to create better outcomes for young victims.

"**Josh** was inspirational, and everywhere he worked, he turned colleagues into mates; today, we mourn the loss of our good mate."

**Det S/C Paroci's** family have requested their privacy at this

time.

**New Zealand Police** continue to make inquiries on behalf of the Coroner, and with the assistance of **Maritime NZ**, which is conducting its own investigation into what happened.

---

**Nine News** re accident

1. Death of NSWPF member Det SenCon Joshua PAROCI
- 

## **Tributes flow for Australian policeman killed in rafting accident near Queenstown**

Debbie Jamieson 18:48, May 21 2018



Australian Joshua Paroci, pictured with his wife, who is also a police officer.

The Australian man who died in a rafting incident near Queenstown was a **detective senior constable** with the New South Wales police force.

**Joshua Paroci**, 31, was one of a group of six Australians rafting on Saturday afternoon with Challenge Rafting on the **Shotover River** when they overturned near the **Toilet Rapids**.

Company spokeswoman **Tsehai Tiffin** said **Paroci** was being brought back from the far side of the river when he **lost his grip on the rescue rope** and was **swept to the next rapid**.

He was helped by a safety kayaker through another rapid and then to shore, but lost consciousness and could not be revived.

**NSW police Commissioner Mick Fuller** said **Paroci** would be missed.

“The hardest part of my job is when we lose one of our own and my thoughts are with **Detective S/C Paroci’s wife**, who is also a **police officer**, family, friends and colleagues,” he said in

a statement.

**“Detective S/C Paroci** was well respected by all those who knew him, and the police family will rally around his loved ones during this difficult time.”

It was the second death on the same section of the river within two months after guide **Keith Haare**, 62, also known as Chief, died from a medical event in late March.□

**Tiffin** said Challenge Rafting offered its “deepest sympathy to [**Paroci**’s] family and friends”.

It was not unusual for rafts to overturn on grade four or five rivers, like the **Shotover**, **Tiffin** said. Customers were issued with equipment to help keep them warm and safe, including a wetsuit, neoprene jacket, booties, spray jacket, lifejacket and helmet.

Another member of the same group was injured and was flown to **Lakes District Hospital** for treatment. The rest of the group were flown out by helicopter and all flew back to **Australia** on Monday morning.

The weather was fine and sunny on Saturday and the river was at a medium to low flow at **16 cubic metres a second**, well within standard operating parameters, **Tiffin** said.

**Challenge Rafting** worked closely with **Queenstown Rafting**, whose general manager, **Luke Taylor**, said he and his staff were devastated.

“Our hearts go out to our guests and the families of those involved in this. Both our companies wish to offer the group our sincere condolences and ongoing support,” he said.

**Queenstown Rafting** and **Challenge Rafting** have voluntarily suspended operations on the river until further notice.

**NSW child abuse and sex crimes squad Commander, Detective**

**Superintendent John Kerlatec** described **Paroci** as a great man and an excellent detective, who would be sorely missed by the team.

“Professionally, Josh was a tireless worker; dedicated to investigating some of the most heinous crimes against children,” he said.

“His passion was justice for victims. Not only was he a police officer, he was completing a law degree, which he intended to use to create better outcomes for young victims.

“Josh was inspirational, and everywhere he worked, he turned colleagues into mates; today, we mourn the loss of our good mate.”

Police said they were investigating the cause of Saturday’s incident, and **Maritime New Zealand** was conducting a separate investigation.

An autopsy was expected to be carried out in **Invercargill** on Monday.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/104047806/one-dead-in-rafting-accident-near-queenstown?rm=m>

---

Parramatta

# Friends pay tribute to Child

# Abuse Unit Detective Joshua Paroci

Joanne Vella, Parramatta Advertiser

May 31, 2018 12:00am

THE “larger than life” detective who drowned in a rafting accident in New Zealand was on a **buck’s weekend** with his colleague, who is due to marry next month.

Friends who worked with the Child Abuse Unit’s detective Senior Constable Joshua Paroci paid tribute to their colleague who pursued criminals with dogged determination.

The 31-year-old was due to return to work at **Parramatta** with his close friend, **detective Senior Constable Robert Popovic**, last week after they went to New Zealand four weeks before the wedding.

The two had trained together at the police academy in Goulburn and formed a tight bond. They were on the trip with three friends when tragedy struck.

**Detective Senior Sergeant Paul Grech**, who was Sen-Constable Paroci’s team leader at Parramatta, said Sen-Constable Popovic had been left devastated by the accident that claimed his mate’s life when a raft overturned in rapids at Skippers Canyon, near Queenstown, on May 19.

**Sen-Constable Paroci**, who was married and the father of a four-year-old boy, was one of six Australians on the raft.

“He’s pretty shattered,” **Sen-Sgt Grech** said of **Sen-Constable Popovic**.

“He’s talking about not having the wedding.

“He’s very close to his friend. They were bosom buddies. It

was a buck's trip, so there was lots of planning involved. It's the time of their life."

He said **Sen-Constable Paroci** had been in the squad for **18 months** and "made a lot of noise" until he saw justice prevail.

"He was big in stature and larger than life on the floor," he said.

"It impacts the office really significantly."

**Squad commander detective Superintendent John Kerlatec** also praised **Sen-Constable Paroci**.

"Josh was a tireless worker, dedicated to investigating some of the most heinous crimes against children," he said. "Not only was he a police officer, he was completing a law degree, which he intended to use to create better outcomes for young victims."

Maritime New Zealand and the coroner are investigating.

<https://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/parramatta/friends-pay-tribute-to-child-abuse-unit-detective-joshua-paroci/news-story/d33605bf95b690f33de6df47498d84f9>

---

# **Australian police officer dies in rafting accident near**

# Queenstown, New Zealand

Updated 21 May 2018, 7:34pm



**Photo:** Joshua Paroci, 31, was a member of the NSW Child Abuse and Sex Crimes Squad. (Supplied: NSW Police)

An Australian man who died during a rafting trip in New Zealand's South Island has been identified as 31-year-old Joshua Paroci of New South Wales.

A New South Wales police officer, Detective Senior Constable Paroci was reportedly with five other Australians on the raft, operated by Challenge Rafting, which overturned on rapids on the Shotover River, north of Queenstown.

Police colleagues have described him as well respected and an excellent detective who would be sorely missed.

In a statement, the rafting company said the raft overturned about 3:45pm on Saturday near the Toilet Rapids at Skippers Canyon.

The company said the rafters followed standard rescue procedures when they were pitched into the water.

Detective Senior Constable Paroci lost his grip on the rescue rope as the raft was being towed to a bank and he was swept through another rapid.

Attempts by paramedics to resuscitate him on the shore failed.

Another member of the same group was injured and received treatment at a New Zealand hospital.



**Photo:** Joshua Paroci was on a guided rafting trip on the Shotover River, similar to this one, when he died. (Supplied: Challenge Rafting – file photo)

Queenstown Rafting general manager Luke Taylor said he and his

staff were devastated by the incident.

“Our hearts go out to our guests and the families of those involved in this. Both our companies wish to offer the group our sincere condolences and ongoing support,” Mr Taylor said.

In a statement, NSW Police said Detective Senior Constable Paroci joined the force in 2008 and was a member of the State Crime Command’s Child Abuse and Sex Crimes Squad.

His wife is also a police officer.

*“Detective Senior Constable Paroci was well respected by all those who knew him and the police family will rally around his loved ones during this difficult time,” Commissioner Mick Fuller said.*

Detective Superintendent John Kerlatec, the Commander of the Child Abuse and Sex Crimes Squad, said the 31-year-old was “a tireless worker, dedicated to investigating some of the most heinous crimes against children”.

“His passion was justice for victims,” he said, adding that the young detective was completing a law degree which he had hoped to use to further help young victims.

“Josh was inspirational and everywhere he worked he turned colleagues into mates; today we mourn the loss of our good mate.”



**Photo:** Challenge Rafting operates trips on the Shotover River. (Wiki Commons: Ben Robinson)

Police said Detective Senior Constable Paroci’s family had asked for privacy at this time.

The rafting company voluntarily suspended operations until further notice, and Maritime New Zealand is investigating the incident.

New Zealand Police confirmed Detective Senior Constable Paroci's death in a statement and offered "their condolences to Mr Paroci's family and friends at this difficult time".

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade said it was providing consular assistance.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-05-21/australian-man-dies-in-rafting-accident-near-queenstown/9782714>

---

---

# Christopher McKENNA

02/12/2018

## Christopher McKENNA

Late of ?

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ?????

Rank: Constable

Stations: Sydney Water Police

Service: From ? ? ? to 9 December  
1848 = 6 years Service

**Awards: ?**

**Born: ? ? 1826?**

**Died on: Saturday 9 December 1848**

**Age: about 22?**

**Cause: Drowned off Police Schooner ' Satellite '**

**Event location: South West shore of Bradley's Head, Sydney Harbour**

**Event date: Saturday 9 December 1848**

**Drowned body located on Sunday 10  
December 1848**

**Funeral date: ? ? ?**

**Funeral location: Devonshire St  
Cemetery, Roman Catholic Section Row:  
1889 Cemetery Plot U-P**

**Buried at: ?**

**Memorial located at: ?**

**Three Constables of the Sydney Water  
Police drowned in this 'on duty' event on  
the 9 December 1848.**

**CHRISTOPHER is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance  
\*BUT SHOULD BE**

---

**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**

---

Nothing found on NSWBDM for this name and year date.  
V18482110 116/1848

---

**Further follow up articles to include:**

Death of Cst Hugh CRAILL – Sydney Water Police

Death of Cst ? VINCENT – Sydney Water Police

---

Saturday 30 December 1848, page 2

**LOSS OF THE GOVERNMENT SCHOONER " SATELLITE. "**

We regret to announce the loss of the **police schooner Satellite**, during the gale of **Saturday night**.

She had started in the forenoon on a **pleasure-trip** down the harbour, having on board the Colonial Secretary, Captains Browne, Innes, and Batty, Mr. Mann, and several other gentlemen. On returning from the Heads, about dusk, having to beat up against a westerly wind, these gentlemen left her in the hands of the crew, three in number, and came up to Sydney in Captain Browne's boat.

A few minutes before the gale commenced, the schooner was observed by some parties standing across from Bradley's Head to Clarke's Island, and it is supposed that almost instantly after she must have capsized and gone down, as no trace whatever can be found of her. The names of the unfortunate men who have thus met with a watery grave are **Crawell, McKenna, and Vincent**.

The **Water Police boats** were all over the harbour on **Sunday morning**, and finding no vestige of the vessel, they commenced dragging for the bodies of **Crawell and Vincent**, that of **McKenna** having been found on the rocks near Bradley's Head. The bodies of the other two had not been found.

The telegraph mast at **Fort Phillip** has also been carried away by the gale. The inconvenience to the public will be very considerable unless the Government speedily erect another.

By the assistance of **two punts** the **Satellite** was **floated yesterday**, and towed into **Woolloomooloo Bay** : From all the circumstances of this melancholy case, we think that a considerable degree of blame is attached to the parties who left the schooner in the hands of three men only, two of which were, we understand, **totally unacquainted** with the **duties of a**

**seaman** ; more especially us, from the general appearance of the weather during the day, an experienced seaman like **Captain Browne** might reasonably have anticipated a storm about sun-down.

One of the bodies of the unfortunate men was found yesterday evening.

People's Advocate, Dec 16.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/3713357>

---

Bell's Life in Sydney and Sporting Reviewer (NSW : 1845 – 1860),

**Saturday 23 December 1848, page 2**

### **The Loss of the Satellite.**

A most unjustifiable attack on the **Colonial Secretary** was given to the world, or, more correctly speaking, to that very circumscribed portion of it with which the "**Atlas** " is connected, in the columns of **that journal** on **Saturday last**.

The penman of the vituperative article would appear to be either of very recent importation, and consequently incompetent to treat of the conduct of the local Government and its officers, or, ( which is equally creditable to his impertinence ) has taken no pains to arrive at the truth of the accusation so unblushingly levelled at a gentleman whose public and private career has till now escaped the foul mouthed abuse of the slanderer.

Our present purpose is merely to rebut the calumny, and, if possible, shame the calumniator by the simple declaration that **Mr. Thomson** did **NOT** form one of the party on board the ill-

fated " **Satellite** " on the **pleasure trip** which resulted in so melancholy a loss of life.

With respect to the alleged **mal-appropriation** of the **Water Police Schooner by her commander**, in occasionally entertaining a party of friends on board, and indulging in a cruise about the harbour, we can see neither impropriety nor " disgrace " in so natural a proceeding. As well might the " **Atlas** " arraign every Post Captain in the British Navy, for, with few exceptions, our gallant tars do not scruple to appropriate H. M.'s. boats to the occasional entertainment of their friends in harbour, and this without risk of rebuke from the Admiralty, or the censure of any, save, perhaps, that of some expuseyite canting print whose ruling principle, like that of the termagant on the eve of matrimony, is avowedly", " to find fault where there is no occasion."

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/59766042>

---

Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser (NSW : 1843 – 1893), **Wednesday 20 December 1848**, page 2

The water police schooner Satellite was, late on Saturday night, recovered, and has been towed into Neutral Bay, where she now lies. She was found with all her sails set, and not a rope misplaced. She has sustained no damage worth speaking of, or at all events, not beyond what a few pounds will cover.

The body of one of the two missing policemen, a man named Craill, was found on Friday night, at Potts's Point, lying between two rocks. It was in a fearful state of decomposition, and could with difficulty be identified. An inquest was held on Saturday. The evidence adduced was precisely the same as that given at a former inquest held on the body of the man named McKenna, and a finding of death from accidental drowning

was recorded.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/706976>

---

Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser (NSW : 1843 – 1893), **Wednesday 20 December 1848**, page 2

THE “**SATELLITE**” – Early yesterday morning, two punts is attached to the dredging machine proceeded to the spot where the police schooner **Satellite** had been found, near **Bradley’s Head**, in thirteen fathoms of water, and by means of the ?, she was towed into shallow water near **Garden Island**.

The body of the water policeman **Craill** was found yesterday on **Potts’ Point**, and brought to the **Water Police Office**, on which was ? ? will be held this day. We are as ? to state that all expenses incurred in getting up the schooner, and giving her the necessary repairs, will be borne by the party who were pleasuring in her on the day of the unfortunate disaster occurred. – Dec 16.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/706981>

---

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

**Tuesday 19 December 1848**, page 2

The police schooner **Satellite** having been towed into shallow water near **Garden Island** on **Friday last**, was **yesterday morning** got up, and the water being pumped out of her, she was towed into **Hulk Bay**, having sustained **little or no damage**.

The vessel when got up had **every sail and rope set**, which shows that she must have been beating up against a westerly wind, when the southerly squall caught her, and capsized her.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/12907465>

---

Bell’s Life in Sydney and Sporting Reviewer (NSW : 1845 – 1860),

**Saturday 16 December 1848**, page 2

## LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Loss OF THE **WATER POLICE SCHOONER, "SATELLITE."** – On **Saturday last**, a select party of gentlemen, accepting the invitation of **Captain Browne**, proceeded down the **harbour** on a **pleasure cruise** in the **Satellite**.

On their return **about 7 p m., towards Sydney**, the wind which had been variable, and blowing in sudden gusts, veered ahead, on which the party determined on leaving the schooner, and pulling to the wharf in **Captain Browne's boat**.

Previous to quitting the **Satellite**, positive instructions were given to the three men left on board, to take in the main-top-sail, but it would stem as though they had utterly mistaken the order, as the boat had not proceeded many hundred yards before they perceived the schooner's top-gallant-sail hoisted, and all sail set. The boat, on nearing the shore, suddenly encountered a heavy squall, which nearly capsized her, and it is presumed that the **Satellite** must have been struck and overwhelmed by the same, as no tidings of the unfortunate vessel could be gleaned on the following morning.

On search being made, the body of **McKenna**, one of the crew, was discovered cast up on the **rocks** near **Bradley's Head** ; the bodies of his shipmates, **Crawell** and **Vincent**, have not yet been recovered.

The Schooner was subsequently found sunk, in **fourteen fathoms** water, and immediate steps will be taken to raise her.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/59767379>

---

Bell's Life in Sydney and Sporting Reviewer (NSW : 1845 – 1860),

**Saturday 16 December 1848, page 2**

COXSWAIN – We believe the Colonial Secretary did not form one of the party on board the Satellite schooner.

We shall be happy to refer J.A. to our Solicitor, should he require further explanation in the matter.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/59767385>

---

Shipping Gazette and Sydney General Trade List (NSW : 1844 – 1860), **Saturday 16 December 1848**, page 301

We are sorry to have to announce the loss of the **Police schooner Satellite**, during the gale of Saturday night.

She had started in the forenoon on a pleasure trip down the harbour with the Colonial Treasurer, Captains Browne, Innes, and Batty, Mr. Mann, and others.

On returning from the heads, about dusk, having to beat up against a westerly wind, these gentlemen left her in the hands of the crew, three in number, and came up to Sydney in Captain Browne's boat. A few minutes before the gale commenced the schooner was observed by some parties standing across from Bradley's Head to Clarke's Island, and it is supposed that almost instantly after she must have capsized and gone down, as she has since been found in that part of the harbour.

The names of the unfortunate men who have thus met with a watery grave, are **Craill, McKenna, and Vincent**.

The **body of McKenna** has been found on the **rocks** near **Bradley's Head**, and that of **Craill** on **Potts's Point**.

We are authorised to state that all expenses incurred in getting up the schooner, and giving her the necessary repairs, will be borne by the parties who were pleasuring in her on the day the unfortunate disaster occurred.

During the same gale a small coasting vessel of about ten tons, was driven ashore on the rocks near George's Head, but fortunately no lives lost. The telegraph mast also at Fort Phillip, has been carried away by the violence of the gale.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/161167776>

Inquest on the body of **Hugh CRAILL**, whose body was taken to the Water Police Office, was held at the Hooper's the King's Head, Lower George-street on Saturday 16 December 1848.

Accidental drowning

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/12907477>

---

Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser (NSW :  
1843 – 1893), **Saturday 16 December 1848**, page 2

**SYDNEY NEWS**

( From our Correspondent )

**Sydney, Thursday Evening.**

**THE WATER POLICE SCHOONER** – No attempt could be made for the recovery of the **Satellite** yesterday, in consequence of the boisterous weather that prevailed.

The diving bell and the punts belonging to the dredge left Sydney before daylight this morning to make the attempt.

The bodies of the **two other missing water police** have not yet been recovered.

The government, I am informed, have resolved that as the boat at the time of the occurrence was out on a **pleasure party**, and not **on " duty "** the water police magistrate shall pay for her loss.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/707039>

---

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

**Wednesday 13 December 1848**, page 2

The **police schooner Satellite**, which has been dragged for during the **last two days**, was **yesterday afternoon** fell in with near **Bradley's Head**, in between **ten and twelve fathoms** water.

The steam dredge and diving bell were to proceed at daylight this morning for the purpose of recovering her. **Neither** of the **bodies** of the **police constables Craill** and **Vincent** had, up to yesterday evening, been found.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/12910815>

---

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

**Tuesday 12 December 1848**, page 2

**INQUEST.** – An inquest was held yesterday by **Mr. Ryan Brenan**, at **O'Dowd's, the Forbes' Hotel, King and York streets**, on view of the body of **Christopher McKenna**. then lying dead at the **residence of his mother, in York-street**. The deceased was one of the **three Water Police constables** who were on board the **Government schooner Satellite**, when she was lost in the harbour during the sudden squall of Saturday night.

**Mr. T. H. B. Venour, clerk of the Water Police Court**, deposed to the finding of the body of the deceased late on **Sunday afternoon**, lying on the rocks on the **south-western side of Bradley's Head**.

**Captain Browne, P.M.**, stated that on **Saturday** the schooner had been down the harbour, and on returning to Sydney, at about **seven o'clock** in the evening, when off **Clarke's Island**, the wind falling light, he (Captain B ) with others quitted the vessel, leaving her **in charge** of the **deceased** and two others of the constabulary named **Craill** and **Vincent**.

On leaving the vessel a caution was given to these parties to mind the southerly wind and have their sails taken in. They were directed to work up to Sydney. Captain B. and his party then pulled up, but within the succeeding twenty minutes were caught by the squall, and from its violence experienced great

difficulty in reaching Sydney.

Finding on yesterday (**Sunday**) morning that the schooner had not come up, he proceeded down the harbour, and found **on the rocks near Bradley's Head** the **Satellite's** main hatch gratings, and a table which he ( Captain Browne ) knew to be aboard of her when he quitted her, as also a hat belonging to the deceased.

Every possible enquiry had been made respecting the schooner, but although it appears she was seen shortly previous to the coming of the squall, no person could be found who had seen her struck by it.

The **deceased**, who was **about twenty-two** years of age, had been **four years** in the service, and a high encomium on his conduct during that time was passed by Captain Browne.

The deceased and the other men, at the time the schooner was left in their charge, were perfectly sober.

The jury returned a finding of **accidental death by drowning**.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/12908510#>

---

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

**Monday 11 December 1848**, page 2

We are sorry to have to announce the **loss of the Police schooner Satellite**, during the gale of **Saturday night**.

She had started in the forenoon on a pleasure trip down the harbour with the Colonial Secretary, Captains Browne, Innes, and Batty, Mr Mann, and others.

On returning from the heads, about dusk, having to beat up

against a westerly wind, these gentlemen left her in the hands of the crew, three in number, and came up to Sydney in Captain Browne's boat.

A few minutes before the gale commenced the schooner was observed by some parties standing across from **Bradley's Head** to **Clarke's Island**, and it is supposed that almost instantly after she **must have capsized** and gone down, as no trace whatever can be found of her. The names of the unfortunate men who have thus met with a **watery grave**, are **Crawell**, **McKenna**, and **Vincent**.

The **Water Police boats** were all over the **harbour** yesterday morning, and finding no vestige of the vessel, they commenced dragging for the bodies of **Crawell** and **Vincent**, that of **McKenna** having been found on the rocks near **Bradley's Head**.

During the same gale a small coasting vessel of about ten tons, was driven ashore on the rocks near **George's Head**, but fortunately no lives lost.

The telegraph mast also at **Fort Phillip**, has been carried away by the violence of the gale. It is to be hoped the government will lose no time in repairing this latter damage, as the loss will be a great inconvenience to the public.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/12913509>

---

---

# Alexander J. MUIR

02/12/2018

# 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**

---

**Funeral location: ?**

---

**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**

---

.

FURTHER INFORMATION NEEDED.

---

---

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

---

**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>

---

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

---

### **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>

---

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

---

**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>

---

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

---

### **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>

---

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

---

**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>

---

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

---

## **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>

---

---

# **Alfred Essex BALDOCK**

02/12/2018

**Alfred Essex BALDOCK**

**New South Wales Police Force**

**Chief Constable**

**Stations: Norfolk Island**

**Born: 1821**

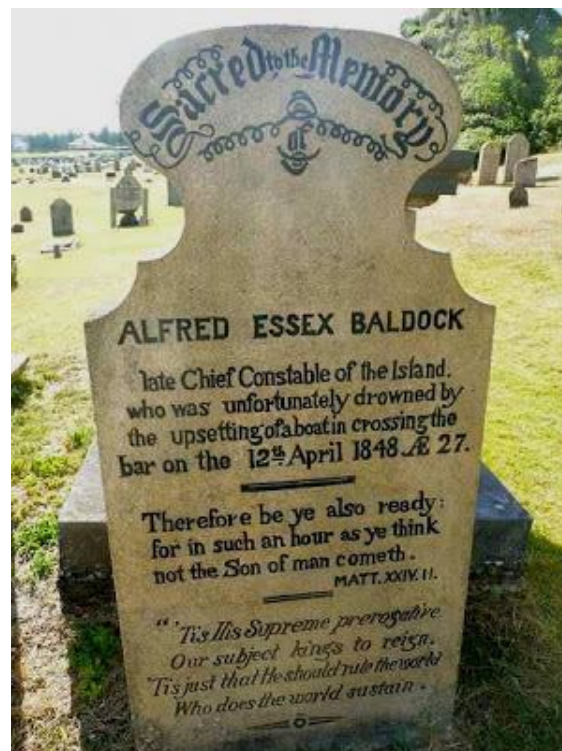
**Died 12 April 1848**

**27 old**

**Funeral 13 April 1848**

**Norfolk Island cemetery**

**Kingston, Norfolk Island**



Alfred Essex BALDOCK –  
grave stone – Norfolk  
Island

**INSCRIPTION:**

Sacred to the memory of Alfred Essex BALDOCK late Chief Constable of the Island. who was unfortunately drowned by the upsetting of a boat in crossing the bar on the 12th April 1848 aged 27.

Therefore be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh Matt. XXIV II.

" 'Tis His Supreme prerogative Our subject kings to reign.  
'Tis just that He should rule the world Who does the world sustain.

---

## **MURDER MYSTERY**

<http://diane-adventurebefore dementia.blogspot.com.au/2012/02/murder-mystery.html>

This post is for Julie's Taphophile Tragics meme:

Way back in 2002 we went on a holiday to Norfolk Island. I can't believe that was ten years ago. How time flies when you get old. Anyway back to the story.

Norfolk Island is a small island in the Pacific Ocean between Australia and New Zealand. It has a very colourful history. It was colonised by the British as part of Australia in 1788. It served as a penal colony for the worst convicts until 1794. From 1856 it was settled by free settlers and in 1901 it became a territory of Australia and it still is today. It is also a tax haven. Today the island's primary economic activity is

tourism due to its historical buildings and colourful history including the Pitcairn Islanders and the Mutiny on the Bounty. So we did our bit for their economy and joined in the many tourist activities that they provide. (photos have been scanned from photo album)

One of the activities was a Murder Mystery Dinner, where you become a character in a murder mystery story. You have to ask questions of the other characters and try to find out who is the murderer. At this party the murder mystery was based on a true event that happened in Norfolk Island's past. We were given a booklet that gave us some background information on the characters and the crime. We had to dress up as the character we were given.

I was the Commandant's wife and Bill was the Chief Constable, Alfred Baldock. He was detested by most on the island, he was a former convict but now mistreated the rest of the unfortunates. He was a homosexual which was against the law then. As you can tell we had loads of fun trying to find out which one of us was the murderer.

The next day we went exploring and visited the Norfolk Island Cemetery and Bill found the grave stone of his character Alfred Essex Baldcock.

Alfred Essex Baldock late Chief Constable of the island, who was unfortunately drowned by the upsetting of a boat in crossing the bar on 12 th April 1848 aged 27. (click on pic to enlarge). The right hand pic is from the web and the headstone has been restored and so have many of the others. This cemetery dates back to 1825 but there is evidence of earlier burial grounds on the island.

---



Punishments for less trivial offenses were in proportion; and Price's orders were meticulously carried out by his chief constable, a ticket-of-leave man named **Alfred Essex Baldock** (1821–1848), whom Rogers called "of most unprincipled disposition . . . perfidious and unfeeling towards his fellow-prisoners . . . the servile creature of the commandant in everything." Some men, after flogging, would be laced into a strait-jacket and tied down to an iron bedstead for a week or two, so that their backs mortified and stank. Others were "strapped down" without a flogging, but for as much as six weeks at a time, after which the victim "looked

Copyrighted m.

more like a pale distended corpse than a living being, and his voice . . . could scarcely be heard." For striking **Baldock**, a convict named Lemon was bludgeoned unconscious by the constables, tube-gagged, and chained up with his arms, one broken, behind him around a lamp post. Cells were frequently whitewashed to cover the blood which, Rogers alleged, spattered the walls to a height of seven feet. In one fetid punishment cell, known as the "Nunnery," Price would keep a dozen men with a latrine-bucket in a space six by twelve feet when the outside temperature was 100°F.; "I had to step out into the yard at first," Rogers confessed, "to save myself from fainting." Men were sentenced to work "on the reef," cutting coral in water up to their waists, in 36-pound leg-irons; they were condemned to fourteen days' solitary for "having some ravelling from an old pair of trousers," or "being at the privy when the bell rang."

Price defended his "severities," without (of course) going into detail about them, on the ground the prisoners were wild beasts who would rise and take the island if they got an inch of slack. Rogers disagreed: Except for some twenty or thirty "villains," the two thousand prisoners "were as manageable by the common methods of just and firm and rational government as the peasantry of Kent or Devon."

The commandant had his wife and children on the island, but his "constant companion," according to Rogers, was **Baldock**, who went "riding with him to out-stations and shepherds' huts in the bush, and attending him and advising him constantly." Rogers seems to have thought that the two men were lovers, and that this explained Baldock's invulnerability to reproof. In Van Diemen's Land, former officers of Baldock's probation gang assured Rogers that "he was so strongly suspected of being addicted to unnatural crime that he was ordered to be placed at nights in one of the sleeping cells." There is no conclusive evidence of a liaison between Price and **Baldock**, although when the chief constable was drowned (to the unbounded joy of the prisoners) after his rowboat turned turtle on the Kingston reef, Price set up an unusually large and elaborate gravestone to him, much in contrast to the mass grave of Murderers' Mound, with the grieving quatrain:

'Tis His Supreme prerogative  
O'er subject Kings to reign.  
'Tis just that he should rule the world  
Who does the world sustain.

Alfred Essex BALDOCK – the Fatal Shore

[http://books.google.com.au/books?id=nKVlKHn29xcC&pg=PA547&lpq=PA547&dq=Alfred+Essex+BALDOCK&source=bl&ots=Rqgp4TIn\\_q&sig=UFx7gLVpVxUpsXrHb5H3fYjJySE&hl=en&sa=X&ei=mX5lVP6uFaPZmgW0roKABw&ved=0CE8Q6AEwCA#v=onepage&q=Alfred%20Essex%20BALDOCK&f=false](http://books.google.com.au/books?id=nKVlKHn29xcC&pg=PA547&lpq=PA547&dq=Alfred+Essex+BALDOCK&source=bl&ots=Rqgp4TIn_q&sig=UFx7gLVpVxUpsXrHb5H3fYjJySE&hl=en&sa=X&ei=mX5lVP6uFaPZmgW0roKABw&ved=0CE8Q6AEwCA#v=onepage&q=Alfred%20Essex%20BALDOCK&f=false)

---

[codepeople-post-map] **Cemetery location**

---

# **Sergeant 1st Class Rhoderic Francis LINDSAY**

02/12/2018

## **Sergeant 1st Class Rhoderic Francis LINDSAY**

**New South Wales Police Force**

**Boating Accident**

**Swansea**

**20 February, 1984**

On the afternoon of 20 February, 1984 Sergeant Lindsay and Senior Constable Calman were both off duty and fishing in the sergeant's boat off Swansea. About 6.10pm the yacht *Melody* radioed for assistance after running aground on the bar at Swansea Channel. Sergeant Lindsay and Senior Constable Calman then set out to assist the stricken vessel. Securing a line to the *Melody* they attempted to tow the vessel to safety, but as their efforts were hampered by heavy seas the sergeant released the line from the yacht. Constable Calman then noticed that Sergeant Lindsay was missing from his boat and seeing blood in the water, dived into the sea to rescue his friend. Constable Calman, assisted by surf club members, then conveyed the injured sergeant to shore however it was found then that he had died of his injuries.

It appears that Sergeant Lindsay was either knocked or was washed overboard where he suffered extensive head injuries when struck by his boat's propeller.

He was posthumously awarded the Royal Humane Society Bronze Medal and the Police Commissioner's Commendation for Outstanding Courage and Devotion to Duty.

The sergeant was born in 1935 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 12 April, 1955. At the time of his death he was stationed at Newcastle.

---

September 29 2017 – 4:27PM

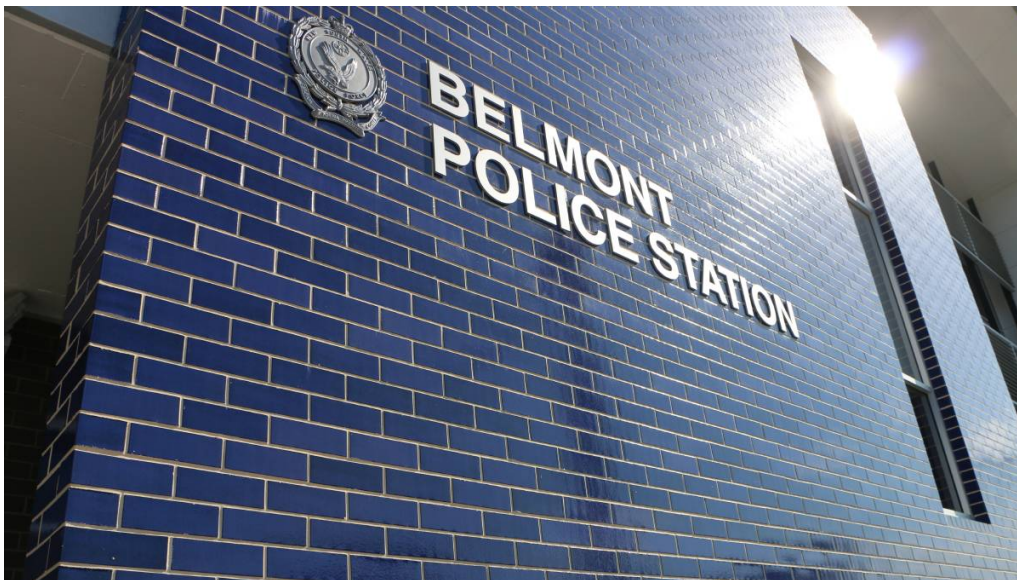
# National Police Remembrance Day ceremony in Lake Macquarie

• David Stewart

• September 29 2017 – 4:27PM

POLICE from Lake Macquarie Local Area Command have unveiled plans for a **memorial wall at Belmont** to honour the **seven local officers killed in the line of duty since 1863**.

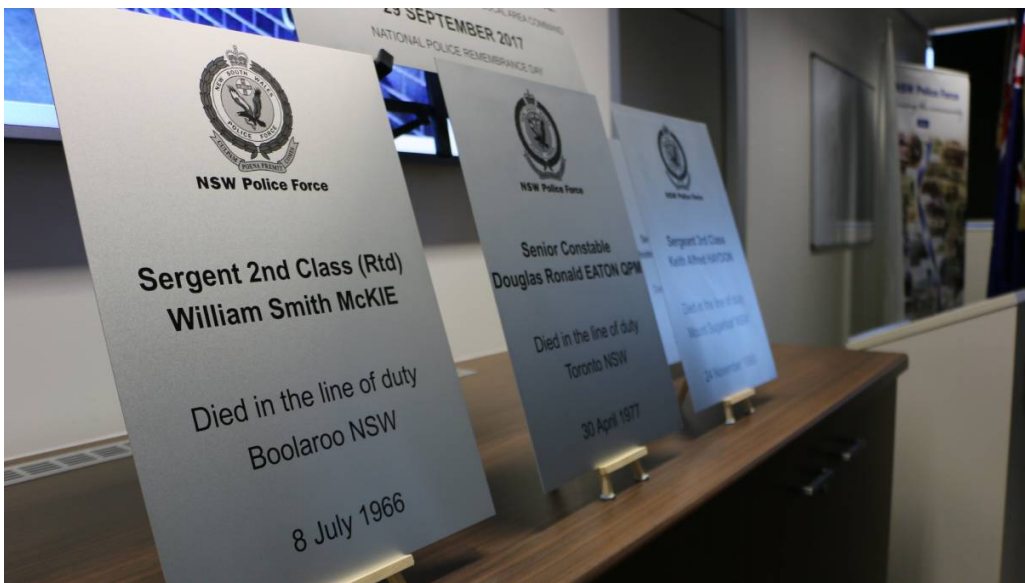
**Plaques** commemorating the seven officers were **dedicated to the wall** in a ceremony at **Belmont police station this afternoon, National Police Remembrance Day**.













**Chief Inspector Murray Lundberg of Lake Macquarie LAC presided over a private ceremony attended by police, local high school students, and the families of the fallen officers.**

**“This is a time for reflection on the ultimate sacrifice that police officers can give in the execution of their duty,” Chief Inspector Lundberg said.**

*Police Remembrance Day at Belmont*

*Post by Police Remembrance Day at Belmont.*

The fallen officers honoured were Constable **Henry Rucker** (who died in 1863), Constable **Frederick Martin** (1953), Sergeant 2<sup>nd</sup> Class **William McKie** (1965), Senior Constable **Douglas Eaton** (1977), Sergeant 3<sup>rd</sup> Class **Keith Haydon** (1980), Sergeant 1<sup>st</sup> Class **Rhoderic Lindsay** (1984), and Sergeant 3<sup>rd</sup> Class **Ross Jennings** (1986).

**Acting Assistant Commissioner Brett Greentree, the Northern Region Commander, said the wall of remembrance, to be created on the distinctive blue wall at the entrance to the police station, would be striking.**

**“It will be a sight to treasure,” Acting Assistant Commissioner Greentree said.**

“I want the officers, as they are walking out the front doors of this police station, to stop and reflect on the names, stop and reflect on the sacrifice.”

He said he hoped that the inaugural plaques to be installed on the wall were also the last.

“My dream is that we never, ever, add another name to this wall. I hope and pray that our wall is now complete.”

**Acting Assistant Commissioner Greentree** reached out to the families of the fallen officers.

“No commemoration or recognition can make good the loss that is unfairly carried by family members,” he said.

“I can only offer you my heartfelt condolences. Please know that your loved ones, who are no longer with us, will always be remembered.”

Across NSW, ceremonies were held to commemorate the service and sacrifice of the 269 officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty, and through injury or illness, since the formation of the NSW Police Force in 1862.



**NSW Police Force**

**THIS MEMORIAL IS IN RECOGNITION  
TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF  
THE NSW POLICE FORCE  
WHO HAVE MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE.**

DEDICATED BY THE LAKE MACQUARIE LOCAL AREA COMMAND

**29 SEPTEMBER 2017**

NATIONAL POLICE REMEMBRANCE DAY



**NSW Police Force**

**Sergeant 1st Class  
Rhoderic Francis LINDSAY**

Died in the line of duty  
Swansea NSW

20 February 1984



**NSW Police Force**

**Sergeant 3rd Class  
Ross Francis JENNINGS**

Died in the line of duty  
West Wallsend NSW

1 September 1986



Funeral date: ?

Funeral location: ? "possibly" Macquarie Park Cemetery,  
Plassey Rd, Macquarie Pk

Buried at: ?"possibly" Roman Catholic Portion, Row U11, Plot  
0041

Memorial at:



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

On **26 February, 1955** Constable Orrock of the Sydney Water Police was performing flood rescue duties in the Maitland area during the horrendous **1955 floods**. While travelling with Army and Air Force personnel in an Army Duck toward the **Louth Park** area, the wireless aerial on the **Duck** struck live high tension power lines. As a result, **Constable Orrock** and **two Army Signallers, Sergeant William McGrath** and **Signaller Eric Chard**, were killed. The cause of death was **asphyxiation caused by electrocution**.

He was posthumously awarded the **Queen's Police Medal for Gallantry** and a **Bronze Medal** from the **Royal Shipwreck and Humane Society** for his actions in the floods that ultimately led to his death.

The constable was born in **1930** and joined the New South Wales Police Force on **22 January, 1951**. At the time of his death he was attached to the **Sydney Water Police**.

---

Canberra Times (ACT : 1926 – 1995),

**Tuesday 22 November 1955, page 5**

**AWARDS FOR GALLANTRY IN N.S.W. FLOODS**

**SYDNEY, Monday.**

The Queen has conferred awards for services during the floods of last February and March.

The awards were announced by the Governor, Sir John Northcott, and the Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, yesterday.

.....The **Superintendent of Newcastle Police, Peter F. McLouglin** or **McLachlan**, and Mr **Ian Stuart Black**, of **Denman**, receive the **British Empire Medal**.

The **Queen's Police Medal** for **gallantry** was awarded **posthumously** to **Constable Bernard Alfred Orrock**, of the **Sydney Water Police** who was killed during rescue operations.

The **Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct** was awarded to **four policemen** and **four civilians**.

They are **Senior Const. William Elsner STEVENS** of **Gilgandra**. **Const. 1st Class Marius Joseph William John BOURKE**, **Const. 1st Class Rudolph Luvaine MUNNS**, **Const. Svend Aage IVARSSON**, of the **Sydney Water Police**, and **Messrs. Claude Reynolds** of **Bundarra**, **Gordon Ernest Davis**, of **Moree**, **Robert Edward Montgomery**, of **Moree**, and **Keith Arthur Bennett**, of **Moree**.

.....

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article91212609.txt>

---

They Sydney Morning Herald

22 November 1955          p3

**Inspector Peter McLachlan**, of **Newcastle**, who was awarded the **British Empire Medal**, personally took part in more than 100 rescues in the Singleton district.

He was without sleep for four days and nights directing dozens of other rescue operations, including the organisation of an aerial flood lift into Singleton, and emergency accommodation for hundreds of homeless people.

**Constable Bernard Alfred Orrock**, 24, of **Alpha Rd, Willoughby**, who was awarded the **Queen's Police Medal for Gallantry** ( posthumous award ) was attached to the **Water Police** when he was electrocuted on an **Army duck** at Maitland on **February 26**.

The duck on which **Orrock** was travelling hit a **66,000 volt high tension wire** near the **Maitland railway bridge** while trying to reach 100 people who were stranded there.

Before he was killed he assisted in the rescue and evacuation of about 70 people.

**Constable Marius Joseph William John Bourke**, **Rudolph Luvaine Munns** and **Svend Aage Ivarsson**, awarded the **Queen's Commendation for brave conduct**, are all of the **Sydney Water Police**.

### **Washed Over Dam In Boats**

There were in two police flood boats, which were washed over a dam, near Singleton, while trying to get **Inspector McLachlan** into Singleton at night.

**Constables Bourke** and **Ivarsson** later in Singleton, took part in scored of rescues under **Inspector McLachlan**.

**Constable Munns** worked with **Constable Orrock** at Maitland and took part in more than 100 rescues.

<https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=1301&dat=19551122&id=Xf1jAAAIBAJ&sjid=B-UDAAAIBAJ&pg=6173%2C5029386&hl=en>

---

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

**Saturday 14 August 1954**, page 6

**Ship's Wash Sweeps Workman To Death**

Wash from a ship's propeller swept a man to death beneath a wharf at Walsh Bay yesterday.

A wharf foreman, who plunged fully clothed into the water to rescue him, received cuts and bruises when he was buffeted against the wharf.

Drowned was John Allan Mitchell, 57, of Nicholson Street, Balmain.

Mitchell, a welder, was working on the stern of the motor vessel Braeside, moored at No. 7 wharf.

He was standing on scaffolding on a raft floating between the ship's stern and the wharf, when wash from another ship, Muliana, rocked the raft, overturned the scaffolding, and sent him tumbling into the water.

A wharf foreman, James Curry, of Cascade Street, Paddington, dived into the water and supported Mitchell until Maritime Services Board employees Stewart Dutton, of Herne Bay, and Leslie Lindwall, of Seaview Street, Dulwich Hill, reached them in a launch.

Mitchell was given artificial respiration before the arrival of the **police launch Typhon**, with **Constables B. Orrock** and **W. Atkins** aboard.

Central District Ambulance took Mitchell to Sydney Hospital, but he was dead on arrival.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article18430246.txt>

---

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

**Monday 24 May 1954**, page 4

**Man Rescued From Harbour**

Water Police yesterday rescued a man clinging to a pylon in three feet of water under a wharf at Walsh Bay.

The man, William McCormack, 60, of Victoria, told police he did not know how he got into the water, but must have been there for hours.

He was blue with cold, and on the point of collapse when rescued by **Constable B. Orrock**, assisted by **Sergeant D. Lechleitner** and **Constable J. Nicholson**.

McCormack was admitted to Sydney Hospital suffering from immersion.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article18435779.txt>

---

**“Possibly”** lived in:

1954 – North Sydney

1977 – Barton, NSW

