

Ian Donald WARD

26/10/2012

Ian Donald WARD

late of Padstow, NSW

New South Wales Police Force

**Joined via NSW Police Cadets on 21
February 1966**

Cadet # 2109

Redfern Police Academy Class 114

Regd. # 13174

Rank: NSW Police Cadet – commenced 21 February 1966 (aged 16
years, 10 months, 9 days)

Probationary Constable – 12 April 1968 (aged 19 years, 0
months, 0 days)

Constable – appointed 12 April 1969

Constable 1st Class (Acting Sergeant in Cyprus)

Stations: ? & Cyprus as part of the 11th Australian
Contingent of UN Peacekeeping Mission

UNFICYP AUSCIVPOL

Service: From 21 February 1966 to 12 November 1974 = 8 years, 8 months, 22 days Service

Age at Retirement: 25 years, 7 months, 0 days

Time in Retirement: 0

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NASHOS

Service name: Military Police, National Service
(Army)

Service number: ?

Rank: Corporal

Date of birth: 12 April 1949

Place of birth: Ryde, NSW

Date of intake: ?

NS Training: ?

Follow Up Training: ?

Basic Training: ?

Next of Kin: ?

Medals: ?

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Police Awards: Police Overseas Service Medal with Cyprus clasp – granted 19 October 1992

Dag Hammarskjöld Medal – awarded

Awarded the Dag Hammarskjöld Medal. The U.N. Secretary-General established the Dag Hammarskjöld medal for posthumous award to members of peacekeeping operations who lost their lives during service with a peacekeeping operation under the operational control and authority of the United Nations.

Born: Tuesday 12 April 1949 at Ryde, NSW

Died: Tuesday 12 November 1974

Cause of death: Murdered – Land Mine Explosion

Event location: near Lefka, Cyprus (5 days after arriving in the country)

Age: 25 years, 7 months, 0 days

Funeral date: 26 November 1974

Funeral location: ???

Grave location: Rookwood Cemetery, Rookwood



Ian Donald WARD



On 12 November, 1974 Constable Ward was serving with the

Eleventh Australian Police Element in Cyprus. Whilst travelling in a Land Rover near Lefka the vehicle hit a landmine in the buffer zone. As a result **Constable Ward was killed** and **Constable 1st Class John Woolcott (# 11976)** was seriously injured.

Constable **Ward** is the **3rd and last Australian** to die in **Cyprus**.

The constable was born in 1949 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 12 April, 1968. At the time of his death he was stationed in Cyprus and an Acting Sergeant.

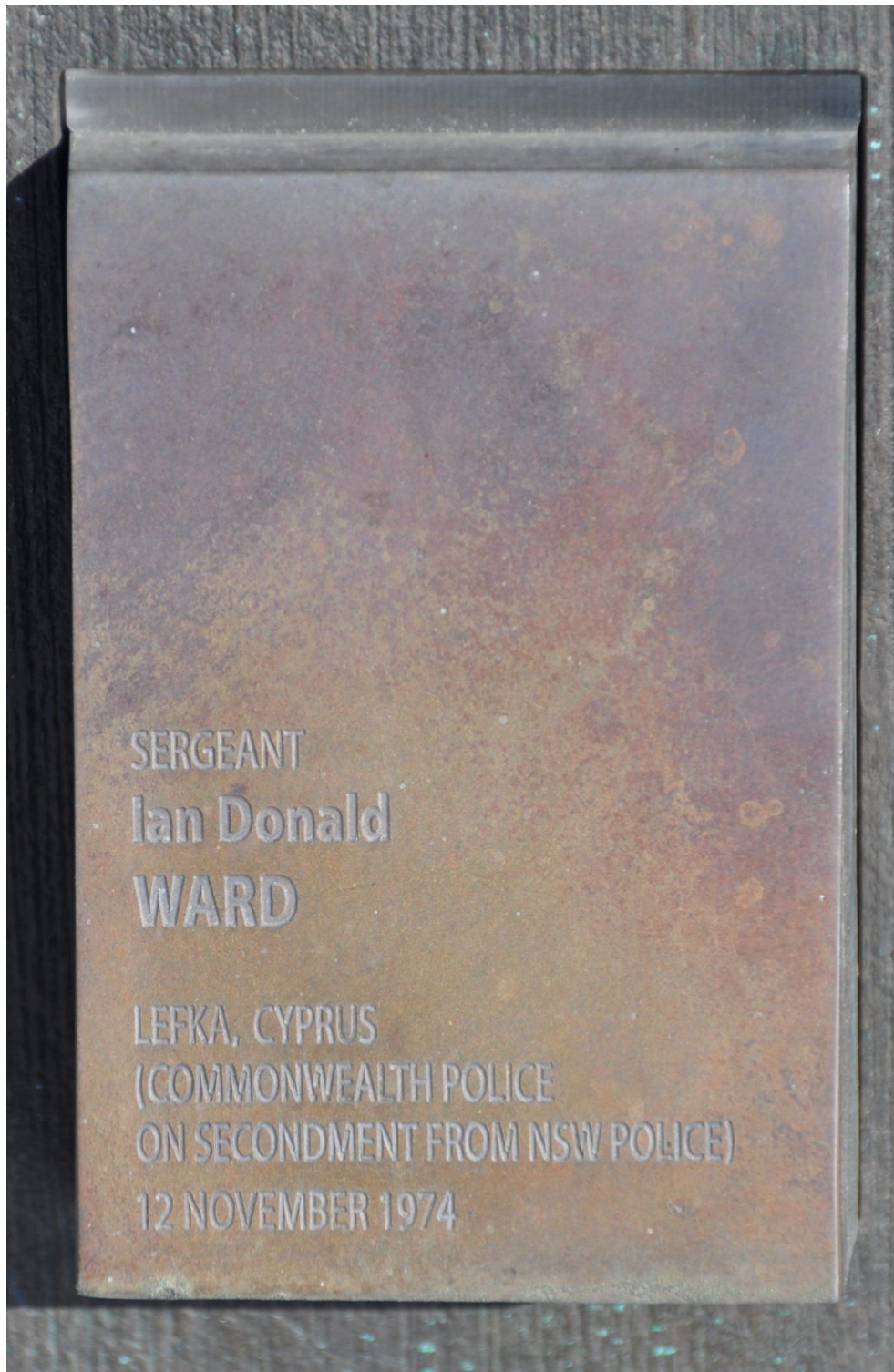
John Woolcott (# 11976) recovered from his injuries and " Woolly " later retired from NSW Police Force either as an Sergeant at Manly Police Station or an Inspector at North Sydney / Mosman. This, is yet, to be confirmed. (*10 August 2017*).



NSWPF Member John E. **WOOLCOTT** # **11974** from
Redfern Police Academy **Class 107**



1974 – the funeral for Sergeant Ian Ward



National Police Wall of Remembrance Touch Plate
for Ian WARD

IAN IS mentioned on the National Police Wall of Remembrance,
Canberra



17 June 2017 – Malaysia Memorial in Cyprus taken today as Australian Police complete the long mission and are leaving Cyprus.



Ian's memorial at the Goulburn Police Academy.



Dag Hammarskjöld Medal



Memorial to Ian WARD – unveiled in 1985



2003 Police Remembrance Day is marked with a ceremony at the cairn erected in memory of Sergeant Ian Ward.



Inscription:

Killed in the service of peace

Sgt Ian Donald Ward

Aust. CivPol

FURTHER:

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the Eleventh Contingent

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The closure of Nicosia Airport meant a circuitous route to Cyprus for the second half of the eleventh contingent led by Merv Beck.

Although it was not known at the time, conditions on the Island and consequent reduction in UNFICYP strength would make this the

last November rotation.

The group left Sydney on 6 November and were welcomed some days later at Akrotiri after flying with Qantas to London then busing to

the Brize Norton RAF Base near Oxford and thence via Malta to Cyprus.

RAF flights were 'dry' and the seats faced the rear, so the Australians appreciated the traditional welcome at Limassol Headquarters.

The newcomers 'pumped' the old hands for news of the war while they themselves were pressed for information about events in Australia.

The new arrivals were soon split up. Ray Leister was assigned Control Room duties while others went to Ktima and Polis.

After only five days on the Island the unthinkable happened near a road-block approaching Lefka.

Ian Ward, a replacement from New South Wales, was killed and John Woolcott injured when their Land Rover detonated a land-mine in an unmarked field.

The Australians were conveying a Turkish Cypriot family from Ayios Nicolaos to the Turkish Cypriot controlled area at Lefka and one of the four passengers was killed and the other three seriously injured.

The fatality cast a pall over the contingent.

A number of moving ceremonies were held before his body was flown home to Australia.

Twelve months later a cairn was erected to commemorate the tragedy and each twelve months a short service is held near the memorial.

Geoff Baker was a member of the Board of Inquiry convened under British military regulations to investigate the incident.

Land-mines were the major component of fortifications along the confrontation zone. UNFICYP had lodged a number of protests about mine-laying procedures and the fact that many fields were neither marked nor adequately recorded. UNFICYP began a special programme to remedy the deficiencies, but two UNFICYP soldiers were killed in similar circumstances during the following twelve months.

<https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/Photocopy/94431NCJRS.pdf>

Canberra Times (ACT : 1926 – 1995),

Wednesday 20 November 1974, page 3

Service

LONDON, Tuesday (AAP). – Representatives of all United Nations peace keeping forces in Cyprus will take part in a memorial service today for Sergeant Ian Ward, 25, a Commonwealth policeman of Sydney, who was killed in landmine explosion last week. His body will later be flown to Sydney for burial.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/110788766>

Funeral

SYDNEY, Monday. — More than 100 people attended the funeral today of — Constable First-Class Ian Donald Ward, 25, of Padstow, who was killed in a mine explosion in Cyprus two weeks ago.

Funeral notice. Page 11 of
18 of The Canberra Times
Tuesday 26 November 1974
[http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp
/del/article/110789746?sear
chTerm=ian%20donald%20ward&
searchLimits=](http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/110789746?searchTerm=ian%20donald%20ward&searchLimits=)

Also:

Honour

Located within the Honour Precinct is an original ornate marble tablet featuring early losses of New South Wales Police Officers. The tablet is flanked by the New South Wales state flag and the New South Wales Police Force flag.

The Peacekeeping Display honours all members of the NSW Police Force who have served in peacekeeping operations throughout the world and houses the Dag Hammarskjold medal belonging to the late SGT Ian Donald Ward who died in UNFICYP. This was donated to the NSW Police College on the 29th May, 2010 from Mr Ken Ward, OAM, father of SGT Ward.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_South_Wales_Police_Academy

On the 12th November, 1974, a member of this Force, Constable 1st Class I. D. Ward, who had arrived in Cyprus a few days before, and Constable 1st Class J. Woolcott, also of this Force, were carrying out humanitarian work transporting refugees. The United Nation's land rover in which they were travelling struck a land mine on a road between Limassol and Lefka resulting in the death of Constable 1st Class Ward and severe injuries to Constable 1st Class Woolcott, Constable 1st

Class Ward was posthumously awarded the United Nations Medal, Cyprus Division.

<https://www.opengov.nsw.gov.au/viewer/517e982c7fa2d2c5b8c06d530ab240e7.pdf>

Peacekeeping Veteran Honoured at the NSW Police College:

PEACEKEEPING VETERAN HONOURED AT THE NSW POLICE COLLEGE

– Author,

Mr Denis Percy – National President – UNPAA.

INTRODUCTION:

On the 14th November, 1974 Sergeant Ian Ward, a member of the New South Wales

Police Force, who had been seconded to the then named Australian Commonwealth

Police, (later named the AFP), for 12 months service with the United Nations Force in

Cyprus, (UNFICYP). Ian died as a result of a land-mine explosion whilst travelling in a Land Rover.

He and Sergeant John Wolcott, the vehicle observer, also on attachment from the NSW

Police, were conveying four Turkish refugees from the Greek Cypriot sector village of Ayios

Nicolaos to the Turkish sector in Lefka District. One of the Turkish refugees was killed and

three were seriously injured in the explosion. The Land Rover was completely demolished

by the anti- tank mine. Sergeant John Wolcott survived the explosion; however, he

received serious facial and other injuries.

Sergeant Ward had been in Cyprus for only five days on his 12 month secondment to the

United Nations Police Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP). Ironically, Ian had previously served

and survived as a Military Policeman, whilst performing his National Service during the

Vietnam War.

Lieutenant-General Bedrettin Demirel, Commander of the Turkish Peace Forces in Cyprus, in a heart felt expression of sympathy wrote to Sergeant Ward's Family and stated, "Your son, who was making every effort to assist in the humanitarian activities indiscriminate of race, religion and language, is a martyr of duty. His memory and service live in the hearts of all personnel of the Turkish Peace Forces in Cyprus "

HANDOVER AND BLESSING OF THE DAG HAMMARSKJOLD MEDAL.

On the 29th May, 2009 in Goulburn at the NSW Police College, 35 years after his death on a lonely village road and a world away from Cyprus, we remembered our Police colleague. The service held at the NSW Police College demonstrates that Australian Police do not forget those who die in the line of duty, either in Australia or whilst serving overseas. In a highly symbolic ceremony, the Australian Federal Police officially handed-over" on-loan" for a five year period, the Dag Hammarskjöld Medal awarded to the late Sergeant Ian Donald Ward. That medal had been in the custody of the Australian Federal Police as Ian died as a Federal Police Officer on attachment from the NSW Police for his UN Service. That medal is awarded by the United Nations to those of its members who are killed whilst performing duty with the United Nations. It is named after the now deceased and former Scandinavian leader of the United Nations at its headquarters in New York. The day's proceedings commenced in Goulburn with a moving march of a group of United Nations Police veterans who had served in Cyprus, the Middle East, East Timor, the Solomon Islands and other multinational peacekeeping operations. The veterans march was preceded by combined ceremonial support

elements of the NSW Police Force and the Australian Federal Police the marching band of the NSW Police Force, a combined NSW Police Force Mounted Unit and the Australian Federal Police Ceremonial Mounted Cadre and a combined New South Wales Police Force and Australian Federal Police flag party.

The Parade Commander UNPAA President Denis Percy instructed the parade to an "eyes left" towards the NSW Police Eternal Flame, which honours all those members of the NSW Police Force who have died in the service of their state and their country.

POLICE COLLEGE CHAPEL CEREMONY:

Upon arrival at the NSW Police College Chapel, the flags of the United Nations and the Australian Federal Police were laid up by the Senior Police Chaplain, Reverend Peter Robinson.

Gathered in the Chapel were a number of representatives of the Australian Defence Force, the United Nations Information Centre, the Senate, the Parliaments of the Commonwealth

of Australia and New South Wales. The Mayor of Goulburn mingled there with senior AFP,

NSW Police Force and Victoria Police officials and members of the United Nations Police

Association of Australia, (UNPAA), the Australian Peacekeepers and Peacemakers

Association, the Australian Bravery Association, the National Executive of the RSL and the

NSW Police Force Sub Branch of the RSL.

Sergeant Jeff Little, NSW Police and a peacekeeping veteran from East Timor and Cyprus

read the invocation. Guests in the Police Memorial Chapel joined in singing the United

Nations Anthem, 'The song of All Nations', followed by another peacekeeping veteran,

NSWPF Sergeant Dave McCann, OAM reading the Beatitudes.

Police Chaplain read a prayer and then came the official handover, which involved the signing of the temporary

loan agreement by AFP Commander and former peacekeeping veteran Shane Connelly – performing the duties of National Manager, International Deployment Group and Chief

Superintendent Gregory Moore, APM the Principal of the NSW Police College.

Due to its' national significance, the AFP Museum are the current custodians of the late Sergeant Ward's medal and have entrusted its' safekeeping with the NSW Police College for the next five years.

From the rear of the Chapel and carrying the Dag Hammarskjöld medal belonging to the

late Sergeant Ian Ward AFP Sergeant Dale Cooper, RFD a former UN Cyprus

peacekeeper slow marched towards the front of the chapel, and from the left side of the

chapel NSWPF Senior Sergeant Mark Elm a former UN East Timor peacekeeper slow

marched to the front of the Chapel where the physical handover took place between the two guardians of the medal.

This symbolic gesture, of respect to a fallen Sergeant indicated the deep regard both forces

have to their departed colleague and fellow peacekeeper.

Chief Superintendent Gregory Moore, APM has indicated that he is honoured for the NSW

Police College to be entrusted by the AFP to be guardians of the Dag Hammarskjöld Medal

belonging to the late Sergeant Ian Donald Ward. He went on to state: "Sergeant Ian Ward

and Sergeant Patrick Hackett who were killed while on international policing service with

the United Nations are role models for NSW Police recruits passing through this college

and the great tradition of service that we given an ongoing basis to the people of NSW."

DEDICATION OF THE PEACEKEEPING DISPLAY

The display is designed to honour those members of the NSW Police Force who have

contributed to United Nations Peacekeeping Operations as

United Nations Police Officers.

As such it fits well within the 'Honour Precinct' of the NSW Police College.

Visitors to the NSW Police College are invited by the Principal; to inspect the newly dedicated display located in the hallway areas of the College building next to the College

Library Out of ten Australians who have died whilst on UN peacekeeping operations, the

NSWPF has lost two members with the United Nations Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP),

namely Inspector Patrick Hackett in a motor vehicle accident (29.8.71) and Sergeant Ian

Donald Ward (land mine explosion). A third Australian Police Officer from the South

Australia Police Sergeant Lew Thomas has also been killed in Cyprus (26.7.69) also in a

motor vehicle accident.

The Peacekeeping display was made possible with a grant from the Australian

Government, Department of Veterans Affairs 'Saluting Their Service' upon a submission

made to them by the UNPAA .That grant is a Government initiative which honours the

contribution of Australia's servicemen and women in war, conflicts and peace operations.

Senior Sergeant Mark Elm was the Project Manager for the display which was funded by

contributions from the Australian Federal Police; the NSW Police Force; United Nations

Police Association of Australia and its NSW Branch, the Police Federation of Australia; and

the Police Credit Union.

Ceremonial arrangements were made possible with assistance of the AFP Recognition and

Ceremonial team and the Professional Standards Unit of the Office of the Principal, NSW

Police College.

UNITED NATIONS ARTEFACTS DONATED TO DISPLAY:

In putting the exhibition together, Snr Sgt Elm collected historic artefacts donated by

Australian police peacekeepers who served in Cyprus, the Middle East and East Timor

Said Sergeant Elm: “

Police officers by their very nature are peacekeepers in their home towns, cities here in

Australia, and it is a natural progression to take these skills to war torn areas, to build the capacity of local authorities to act against a humanitarian backdrop.” Said Snr Sgt Elm.

“This day has been on the cards since I arrived at the College in February of 2007.

Much like all the other proud traditions displays, most of the work undertaken on this display has

been conducted on days off so it is really gratifying to see the final results, which I think all peacekeepers will feel proud.

I think we got the symbolism right and I think our future members of the force will come to

know of the service and the sacrifice of our members who contributed.”

In a fitting tribute to Australia’s police peacekeepers whether they hail from the AFP, state

or territory police force, the Minister for Home Affairs, The Hon. Bob Debus, and MP kindly

donated the Australian Coat of Arms, which was presented by Senator the Hon. Ursula

Stephens and dedicated by Reverend Peter Robinson at the ceremony.

SNRSGT Elm summed up the magnitude of this when he said.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Assistance was provided to Senior Sergeant Elm in this project from the Australian Federal

Police; the NSW Police Force; United Nations Police Association of Australia and its NSW

Branch, the Police Federation of Australia; and the Police Credit Union.

This ceremony was made possible through the assistance of the AFP Recognition and Ceremonial team

and the Professional Standards Unit of the Office of the Principal, NSW Police College.

Cst-1st-Class-Ian-Donald-WARD-NSWPF-Killed-in-Cyprus-12-

November-1974-further-info

First published on 14 November 2013.

Updated 3 August 2025 with photo of Cst Woolcott and
Registered number of Ward.

Robert Thomas DOMINISH

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Robert Thomas DOMINISH

New South Wales Police Force

**Joined via the NSW Police Cadets system
on 12 August 1963**

“possible” relations in ‘the job’:

Troy DOMINISH, NSWPF # 25257 ?

Scott DOMINISH, NSWPF # 37690 ?

Cadet # 1864

Uniform # 3335

Regd. #: 11491

Rank: Police Cadet – commenced Monday 12 August 1963 (aged 17 years, 1 month, 27 days)

Probationary Constable – appointed 16 June 1965 (aged 19 years, 0 months, 0 days)

Constable – appointed 16 June 1966

Constable 1st Class – appointed 16 June 1970

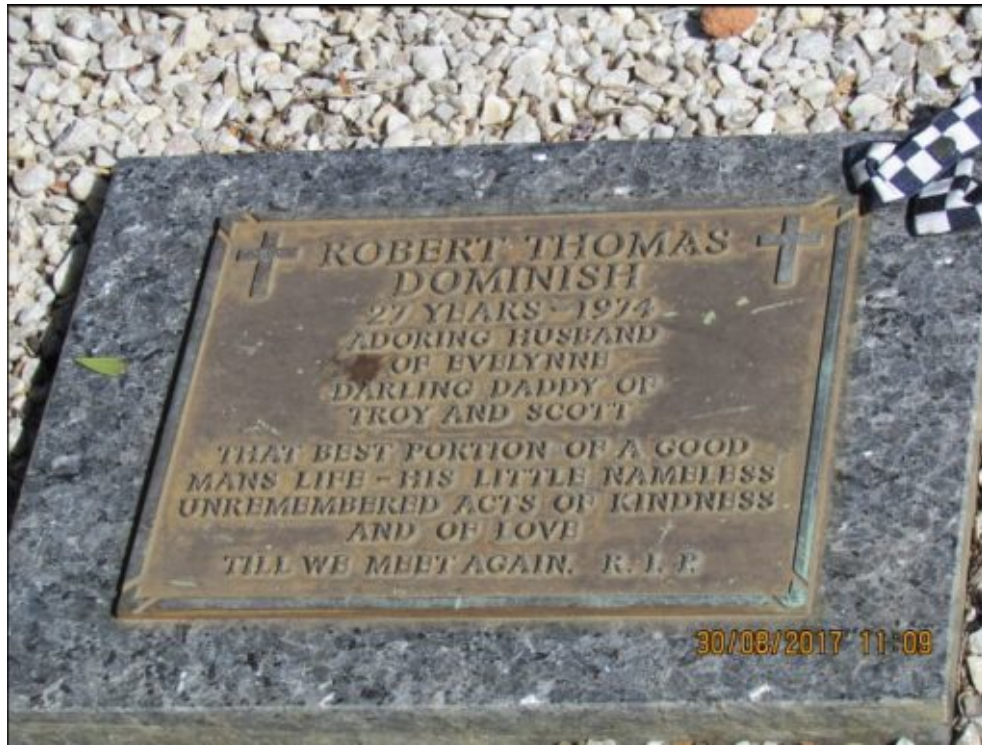
Stations: North East District (1965) – Petersham (11 Division), 21 Special Squad

Service: From 12 August 1963 to 17 February 1974 = 10 years, 6 months, 5 days Service

Time in Retirement: 0 years, 0 months, 0 days

Age at Retirement / Leaving: 27 years, 8 months, 1 day

Awards: ?



Robert Thomas DOMINISH

Born: Sunday 16 June 1946 in North Sydney, NSW

Died on: Sunday 17 February 1974

Cause: Motor Vehicle Accident, High St, Penrith

Age: 27 years, 8 months, 1 day

Funeral date: ?

Funeral location: ?

Buried at: Pinegrove Memorial Garden, Minchinbury

Grave location: Calvary 3, Lot 382 – B3



Robert Thomas DOMINISH
New South Wales Police Force
Memorial Touch plate at the Police Wall of
Remembrance, Canberra.

ROBERT IS mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance

About 2am on 16 February, 1974 Constable Dominish was driving home at the completion of his shift. As he drove along High Street, Penrith a car travelling in the opposite direction crossed to the incorrect side of the roadway and collided head-on with Constable Dominish's vehicle. He died later that

morning at Penrith District Hospital from injuries received in the collision.

The constable was born in 1946 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 16 June, 1963. At the time of his death he was attached to the No. 21 Special Squad, CIB.



Robert Thomas DOMINISH
Calvary 3, Lot 382 – B3

15 September 2014.

Updated 1 May 2026 with grave photos and additional information and calculations.

Patrick Mark HACKETT

26/10/2012

Patrick Mark HACKETT

New South Wales Police Force

[alert_yellow]Regd. #
10548[/alert_yellow]

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed
25 February 1963

Constable 1st Class – appointed 25
February 1968

1968 – Constable 1st Class (Acting
Inspector in Cyprus)

Stations: Warrants & Summons at
Eastwood, Civilian Police Contingent –
Cyprus – part of Australia's 8th
Contingent deployed in 1971.

Service: **From** Pre 25 February 1963 (as
a Trainee) **to** 29 August 1971 = 8+

years Service

Awards: Police Overseas Service Medal –
Clasp CYPRUS – granted 19 October 1992
posthumously

Dag Hammarskjold Medal – awarded
posthumously

United Nations Service medal –
posthumously

Born: 27 May 1940

Died on: Sunday 29 August 1971

Cause: Motor vehicle accident (news
paper indicates he may have been “blown
up by a land mine”)

Event location: Stroumbi, Cyprus

Age: 31

Funeral date: ? – possibly 6 September
1971

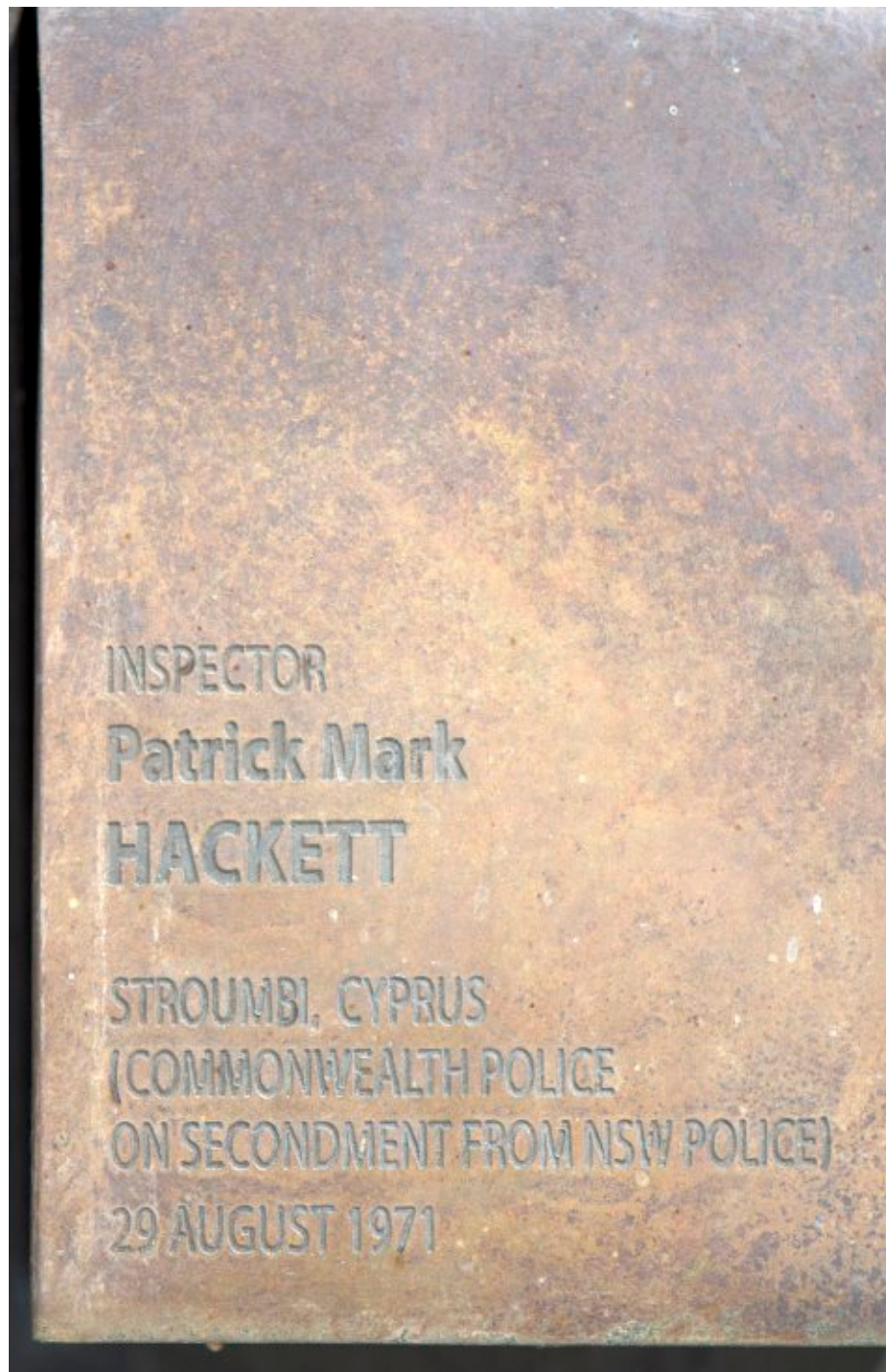
Funeral location: ? – possibly Field of
Mars, Cressy Rd, Ryde, NSW

**Buried at: ? – possibly Portion:
Anglican, Row: Gen Lawn 1, Plot: 558**



Patrick Mark HACKETT

[alert_green]**PATRICK** IS mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance[/alert_green]



Touch Plate at the National Police Wall of Remembrance, Canberra, for Patrick Mark HACKETT

Constable Hackett was killed in Cyprus while on special duty in that country with the United Nations Civilian Police Force (UNCIVPOL). On the 29 August, 1971 he had driven to Episkopi

and Paphos before setting out to return to Polis. Whilst negotiating a number of very sharp and dangerous hairpin bends, his vehicle left the roadway, crashed down an escarpment and overturned several times. Constable Hackett was killed instantly.

The constable was born in 1940 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 25 February, 1963. At the time of his death he was attached to the Civilian Police Contingent in Cyprus.



17 June 2017 – Malaysia Memorial in Cyprus taken today as Australian Police complete the long mission and are leaving Cyprus.

27 May 1940 – 29 August 1971

Patrick Hackett was a member of the NSW Police Force. He commenced as a Trainee in 1963 and was confirmed as a first class constable in 1968.

Patrick was sworn in as a Special Commonwealth Police Officer at the rank of inspector when he was selected to be part of Australia's Eighth Contingent to Cyprus. The contingent, part of the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission to Cyprus, was deployed to Cyprus in 1971.

Inspector Hackett was tragically killed in a car accident near Stroumbi when his vehicle left the road on a sharp corner.

He was posthumously awarded the Police Overseas Service Medal with Cyprus clasp, the United Nations Service Medal and the Dag Hammarskjöld Medal.

<http://www.afp.gov.au/~media/afp/pdf/c/cyprus-foundations-of-peace.pdf>

The Age

1 September 1971

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Canberra: An Australian policeman serving in Cyprus has been killed in a traffic accident. He was Constable Patrick Mark Hackett, of the NSW Police force.

<https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=1300&dat=19710901&id=t44QAAAAIBAJ&sjid=u5ADAAAAIBAJ&pg=2931,19596&hl=en>

In 1997 the Dags Hammarskjold Medal is established by the

United Nations to honour those who lost their lives whilst on a UN peacekeeping mission.



The family of Inspector Patrick Hackett receives the Dags Hammarskjöld Medal in 2010 from Sergeant Mark Elms, NSW Police Academy.



Dag Hammarskjold Medal

The Sydney Morning Herald **Tuesday 25 October 1988**

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Picture by ELIZABETH DOBBIE

Mrs Hackett at the Cenotaph yesterday ... her son's peacekeeping job in Cyprus was "an honour".

Honouring those who fell for peace

By MALCOLM BROWN

Seventeen years have passed and a mother makes an annual pilgrimage to the Cenotaph to honour the memory of a son.

Mrs Marie Hackett, 74, of Port Macquarie, travelled to Sydney to attend yesterday's memorial service to the Australian policemen and military personnel who have served over the years in United Nations peacekeeping operations.

As she has done every year since the news arrived that her son, Acting Inspector Patrick Mark Hackett, 31, had been blown up by a land mine in Cyprus, Mrs Hackett has faithfully placed a wreath at the memorial.

The service yesterday — United Nations Day — honoured people like Patrick Hackett who have served in peacekeeping forces in Korea, the Congo, Kashmir, West Irian, Syria, Lebanon and Cyprus. Guest-of-honour was the NSW Minister for Police, Mr Pickering.

The police contingent, led by the tall, spruce figure of the Deputy Police Commissioner, Mr Angus Graham, was accompanied by a smaller number of returned military observers.

Australia began supporting United Nations peacekeeping forces in 1947 with commitments to the UN efforts in Indonesia and the Balkans, followed by a commitment to the UN military observers group in India-Pakistan in 1949 which lasted till 1985.

Australia's present commitment is 15 military observers to Iran and Iraq. There have been few casualties, they have not engaged in overtly hostile activities or faced hostile fire. But the work has been nerve-racking and dangerous.

In January Captain Peter McCarthy, 32, an Australian Army

officer, was killed with his Canadian companion in Lebanon when the jeep in which he was travelling on a reconnaissance mission hit a land-mine.

In the case of Patrick Hackett, old boy of St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill, the end was just as sudden and just as unnecessary.

"Patrick always wanted to be a policeman," Mrs Hackett said. "But his father insisted he get some other qualification first, so he did a mining engineers course at Broken Hill."

"He joined the NSW Police Force at 23 — the day after he finished his course — and served in general duties and plain clothes."

"He was one of 12 policemen in New South Wales and 48 in Australia to be selected for the Cyprus peacekeeping force. It was an honour to be selected and he was very excited about it."

"He was over there for two months. He wrote glowing reports of the place. He was very happy over there. He associated with the people and got to know them very well."

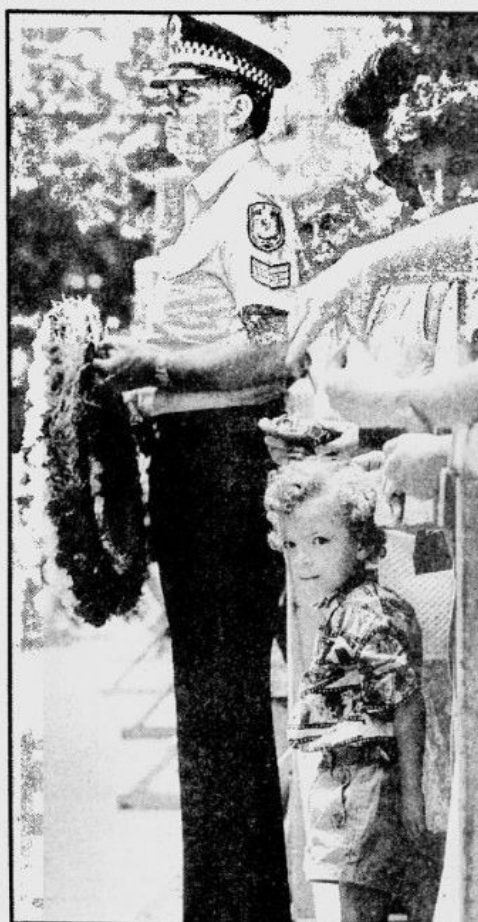
"On the day he died, on August 29, he went to Mass at one end of the island, collected some mail and was returning to his base in a police jeep."

"He was alone in the jeep and nobody saw it happen. Villagers alerted the police and he was found very quickly but to no avail."

His body was returned to Australia and he was buried with full police honours.

Mrs Hackett, who had three sons and had lost another in a motor accident, said the police tradition may continue in the family.

Patrick's nephew, Liam, aged 15, of Grafton, was showing interest in a career with the police, working the backblocks if not patrolling the world stage.



In the frontline ... Four-year-old Mark Shenouda, of Bangor, at the ceremony.

Patrick HACKETT — Mother at Cenotaph — 1988

POLICE KILLED OR WHO DIED FROM INJURIES RECEIVED IN THE EXECUTION OF THEIR DUTIES

On 13th August, 1971, Senior Constable **William Edward King**, who was then the officer-in-charge of police, East Gresford, was shot dead at East Gresford Police Station by a man who fired upon him with a rifle.

On 29th August, 1971, Constable 1st Class **Patrick Mark Hackett** died from injuries received in a motor accident at Polis, Cyprus, whilst performing duty with the New South Wales Police component of the Australian Police Contingent of the United Nations Peace Keeping Force.

On 30th September, 1971, Sergeant Second Class **William Watson Riley** and Senior Constable **Maurice Raymond McDiarmid**, both then attached to Blacktown Police Station, were shot dead in a house at Toongabbie which they had entered to arrest a man who a short time before had murdered his brother and raped a woman in the same house.

A police funeral with full ceremonial honours was accorded these deceased officers at which appropriate tributes were paid.

In recognition of their outstanding courage Sergeant Riley and Senior Constable McDiarmid were posthumously promoted by me to Sergeant 1st Class and Sergeant 3rd Class respectively. In addition, I submitted recommendations to the Premier for favour of consideration of Royal Awards being granted in both cases.

To assist the widows of the deceased police the Premier approved the payment to each of them of the sum of \$12,500 as a gratuity. This payment did not in any way affect their entitlements to payments under the provisions of the Police Regulation (Superannuation) Act.

Geoffrey Joseph DALEY

26/10/2012

Probationary Constable Geoffrey Joseph DALEY

Motor Vehicle Accident

Vaucluse

27 December, 1966

On 27 December, 1966 Constable Daley was riding a police motor cycle in New South Head Road, Vaucluse and while attempting to negotiate a sharp bend the cycle skidded on a patch of new bitumen, crossed the roadway and clipped a motor cycle. Constable Daley's cycle then hit another vehicle head-on and the constable was thrown under it, inflicting fatal injuries.

The constable was born in 1942 and joined the New South Wales

Police Force on 4 April, 1966.

William Thomas GREEN

26/10/2012

William Thomas GREEN

AKA TRIGGER (Gosford)

Late of ?

NSW Redfern / Penrith Police Academy

Class # ? ? ?

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ???? (790* – 797*)

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed
? ? ?

Final Rank = Constable

Stations: ?, Gosford – Death

Service: From 1 February 1955 to 2
October 1960 = 5+ years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: ? ? 1931

Died on: Sunday 2 October 1960 during
the morning

Age: 29

Cause: MVA – Rider – Urgent Duty –

Event location: Victoria St & Adelaide
St, Gosford

Event date: Saturday 1 October 1960
about 6pm – Gosford Hospital

Funeral date: ? ? ?

Funeral location: ?

Wake location: ?

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: Point Clare General Cemetery,
Coolam Ave, Pt Clare

Anglican 9, Row 20, Plot 18

Lat -33.433889

Long 151.311667

Memorial located at: ?





Inscription In Loving Memory of WILLIAM
THOMAS GREEN DIED 2nd OCT 1960 AGED 29 YEARS

[alert_green] **WILLIAM IS** mentioned on the Police Wall of
Remembrance[/alert_green]

**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

About 6pm on 1 October, 1960 Constable Green left the Gosford Police Station to assist at the scene of a serious motor vehicle accident at Terrigal. At the time he was riding a Special Traffic Patrol motor cycle. As he was travelling along Victoria Street a panel van travelling in the opposite direction began to turn into Adelaide Street in front of the police cycle. The cycle collided with the front of the panel van, throwing the constable to the roadway. He was conveyed to the Gosford District Hospital where he died the following morning.

The constable was born in 1931 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 1 February, 1955. At the time of his death he was stationed at Gosford.

Evan Clyde WILLIAMS

26/10/2012

Evan Clyde WILLIAMS

Late of Macquarie St, South Windsor

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # **????**

Rank: Constable

Stations: Riverstone

Service: **From** 28 March 1949 **to** 10
August 1953 = 4+ years Service

[blockquote]

World War II

Australian Imperial Force

Australian

Army

Regiment: 2/4 Light
Anti-Aircraft Regiment (RAA)

Enlisted: 9 July
1941, Paddington, NSW

Service # NX38321

Rank: Gunner

Embarkation: ?

Next of kin: Ethel
WILLIAMS

Born: 12
January 1922

Religion: ?

Single / Married: ?

Returned to Australia: ?

Date of Discharge: 12 October 1945

[/blockquote]

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: 12 January 1922 at Leeton, NSW

Died on: 10 August 1953

Age: 30

Cause: Motor Vehicle Accident – Police
Bike – Rider

Event location: Riverstone Rd,
Riverstone

Event date: 9 August 1953

Death location: Prince Henry Hospital

Funeral date: 12 August 1953

Funeral location: ?

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: McGraths Hill Cemetery,
Charles St

Row 11, Plot 2

Memorial located at: ?





Gunner, Evan Clyde WILLIAMS



Evan Clyde WILLIAMS is buried with Ian Gary WILLIAMS – son – 1952 – 1957



[Half headstone missing] ...Memory of / ...OUR FOND
FATHER / ...WILLIAMS / ...AGED 30 YEARS / ...o /
...WILLIAMS / ...AGED 5 YEARS / ...ISSED. [Note:
Earlier transcriptions have Evan Clyde Williams
died 11th August 1953 aged 30 years & Ian Gary
Williams died 23rd November 1957 aged 5 years]





[alert_green]EVAN is mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance[/alert_green]

Grave 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

On the **evening of 9 August, 1953** **Constable Williams** was riding a **police motor cycle outfit** along **Riverstone Road, Riverstone** when the cycle collided with another vehicle which had been travelling in the **opposite direction**. The constable was treated at the scene before being conveyed to the **Hawkesbury District Hospital** suffering from severe injuries including a **fractured skull**. He was transferred to the **Prince Henry Hospital** that night, where he was operated on, however he died on **11 10 August, 1953** without regaining consciousness.

The constable was on his way home from duty when the accident occurred.

The constable was born in **1923** and joined the New South Wales Police Force on **28 March, 1949**. At the time of his death he was stationed at **Riverstone**.

EX-RESIDENT OF MERUNGLE HILL KILLED IN ACCIDENT

The Late Cst. E. Williams

Residents of Merungle Hill were shocked to learn of the death of Constable Evan Williams, who died on Monday night as the result of injuries sustained in a motor cycle accident.

The late Mr. Williams was a member of the Police Force, and while riding a motor cycle between Parramatta and Windsor on Sunday night his machine came into collision with a motor car. He sustained a fractured skull, and a broken leg. He was taken by Ambulance to the Coast Hospital where doctors performed an operation in an effort to save his life. Despite the best medical skill however, he died from his injuries. The late Mr. Williams' parents who reside at Merungle Hill, did not learn of the accident until told about it by a neighbor on Monday morning who had heard it In a news bulletin broadcast over the air. Mr. Williams immediately got into touch with the police who informed him that they had been endeavouring to locate him. Mr. and Mrs. Williams caught Monday night's train for Sydney, but when they arrived at the Hospital the sad news had to be broken to them that their son had passed away during the night. The late Evan Clyde Williams was born at his parents home which is situated opposite the Merungle Hill School where he received his first schooling. He later attended the Leeton Intermediate High School. He was a returned soldier of the second World War and saw service In the Middle East and New Guinea. He was about 31 years of age, and is survived by his wife and two children. The funeral was held at the Windsor Cemetery on Wednesday. Mrs. Eckley, a next door neighbor of the Williams family, who had known the deceased ever since he was a little boy, said that the news of his untimely death came as a great shock to the people of Merungle Hill where he was so well-known and the shock was all the greater because of the fact that the announcement came so suddenly and

unexpectedly over the air.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/156130553>

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954), **Wednesday 12 August 1953**, page 28

WILLIAMS, Evan Clyde.— August 10, 1953 (suddenly), late police constable, dearly loved husband of Pyhllis Williams of Macquarie street, South Windsor, and dear father of Graham and Ian, aged 30 years.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/18390127>

Sun (Sydney, NSW : 1910 – 1954), **Tuesday 11 August 1953**, page 21

POLICEMAN DIES

Constable Evan Clyde Williams, 30, of Riverstone, who was seriously hurt when his motorcycle outfit collided with a car near **Vineyards railway station, Windsor**, on **Sunday night**, died in Prince Henry Hospital **early today**.

Murrumbidgee Irrigator (Leeton, NSW : 1915 – 1954), **Tuesday 5 August 1941**, page 2

FATHER AND SON IN KHAKI

Corporal Evan Williams, a **Digger of the last war**, who is now serving with the **Hay Garrison**, was seen in **Leeton** during the week-end with his son, **Gunner Evan Clyde Williams**, also in khaki. The latter has enlisted for service abroad, and is attached to the **anti-tank reinforcements**. Mr. Williams senior arranged his leave to be home with his son, and also to attend the **21st birthday party** given in honor of his daughter, **Joy**, last night. **She was the first baby born on Merungle Hill soldier settlement.**

Murrumbidgee Irrigator (Leeton, NSW : 1915 – 1954), **Tuesday 9 November 1943**, page 2

WAR CASUALTIES

WOUNDED IN ACTION

GUNNER EVAN CLYDE WILLIAMS as been wounded in action. Gunner Williams, who served in the Middle East, was in action in New Guinea. His father **Cpl. Evan Williams**, is attached to the garrison force at Hay. The wounded soldier's mother, who resides at Merungle Hill, is at present a patient in the District Hospital, where she underwent an operation. The telegram containing the notification read as follows: *'I regret to inform you that Gunner Evan Clyde Williams has been wounded in action. The Minister for the Army extends his sincere sympathy.'*

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/156038450>

February 2 2018 – 11:00AM

Relatives of killed officer Evan Clyde Williams being sought

• Krystyna Pollard



Relatives of a local police officer killed on duty more than **60 years ago** are being sought as plans for his grave to be restored in an historic Hawkesbury cemetery forge ahead.

Constable Evan Clyde Williams, a resident of South Windsor, was killed on duty on August 9, 1953 while stationed at Riverstone. Constable Williams had been riding a police motorcycle along Riverstone Road when it collided with another vehicle travelling in the opposite direction.

He was treated at the scene before being taken to Hawkesbury Hospital suffering from severe injuries, and was later transferred to Prince Henry Hospital to be operated on. He died without regaining consciousness two days later.

The *Narrandera Argus and Riverina Advertiser* stated on **August 17, 1953**, that Constable Williams had only just returned to duty after an earlier injury.

“He had resumed duty only a fortnight after having received injuries when he chased a stolen motor car, the driver of which ran his machine against an electric light pole,” the article stated.

Constable Williams was buried at historic McGraths Hill cemetery, where his grave is currently in a state of disrepair. The NSW Police Memorial and Historical Society is working to restore his grave, and society member Ian Colless is asking descendants to come forward.

"We are seeking anyone who may have known or know the Williams family, or has any contacts in the Hawkesbury district, who could assist," he explained. "McGraths Hill cemetery is heritage listed and any application for work normally requires permission of an ancestor or heir of the burial rights."

Born in 1923 at Leeton, Constable Williams served in WWII where he was injured while serving as a gunner in the 2/4 Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment of the AIF. He joined the NSW Police Force in 1949.

Constable Williams' wife Phyllis stayed in the area for a time after his death and the couple had two sons, Graham and Ian. Ian died as a child and is buried in the same location. Anyone with information should contact coll2ian@gmail.com.

<http://www.hawkesburygazette.com.au/story/5195651/relatives-of-killed-officer-evan-clyde-williams-being-sought/>

John Lindsay MARSH

26/10/2012

John Lindsay MARSH

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ?

Rank: Constable 1st Class

Stations: ?, Glenn Innes (5 – 6 years), Gloucester (10 months) – death

Service: From 8 January 1930 to 9 November 1943 = 13+ years Service

Awards: ?

Born: ? ? 1909

Died on: Monday 9 November 1942 about 2pm

Event location: southern end of Church St, Gloucester

Death location: at MVA scene

Cause: Motor Vehicle Accident, Police

bike & sidecar – Rider

Age: 33

Funeral date: Wednesday 11 November
1942 @ 2pm

Funeral location: St James Church of
England, Maclean

Buried : Maclean General (Anglican).

Cameron Street, Maclean.

Anglican, Section C, Row CC, Lot 13

GPS: -29.466111, 153.201944

Memorial at:



Touch plate at National Police Wall of
Remembrance, Canberra



John Lindsay MARSH
Maclean General (Anglican). Cameron Street,
Maclean.

[alert_green]JOHN is included in the NSW Police Honour Roll.[/alert_green]

On **9 November, 1942** Constable Marsh was riding a police motor cycle outfit in Church Street, Gloucester. The cycle collided with a post, overturned and threw the constable to the roadway. As a result Constable Marsh suffered a fractured skull and despite being taken to hospital, died the same day.

The constable was born in **1909** and joined the New South Wales Police Force on **8 January, 1930**. At the time of his death he was stationed at Gloucester.

"SHOCKING ACCIDENT. CONSTABLE MARSH KILLED.

A distressing fatality occurred in the **southern end of Church Street, Gloucester**, on Monday afternoon, when Constable John Lindsay Marsh was thrown from his motor cycle and received severe head injuries from which he died within a few minutes. The occurrence happened about 2 p.m., just at a small culvert almost in front of the home of Mrs. J. West, Sen. The constable left town and was on his way to Ward's River on official duty. A few minutes before he was at the motor garage of Mr. A. Grahame and in excellent spirits. Mr. Jack West, who saw the happening from his home, said Mr. Marsh seemed to be doing something to the gears of the cycle. It suddenly veered to the left-hand side of the road way and the wheel of the sidecar struck the guide post of the culvert. The rider was thrown into the air and in falling his head appeared to come in contact with the hard road. The machine overturned, also, and skidded partly under the injured man. Constable Marsh was unconscious when help arrived, within a short space of time, but passed away without regaining consciousness, some fifteen or twenty minutes later. In addition to his parents, widow and son, the deceased is survived by four sisters: Mrs. Boon and Mrs. Moses, of Kogarah; Mrs. William S. Friar, 19 Boyce Street, Taree; and Mrs. Farlow, of Maclean."

Born – 5214/1909 Father = Walter Mother = Barbara
A MacLean District

Married 1932 to Sheila Daphne MARSH nee THOMAS in Narrabri,
NSW – born 1912

Death – 26323/1942 Father = Walter Mother = Barbara Ann

Daily Examiner (Grafton, NSW : 1915 – 1954), **Wednesday 11
November 1942**, page 2

CONSTABLE KILLED

**Lower River Native To Be Given Police Funeral AT MACLEAN TO-
DAY.**

First-class Constable John Lindsay Marsh, who was killed while on duty at Gloucester on Monday afternoon, will be accorded a police funeral at Maclean this afternoon.

This will be the first police funeral held in the Grafton district for many years. Fifteen police in charge of Inspector B. H. Baxter, of Grafton, will attend the funeral.

Constable Marsh, who was a native of the Lower Clarence, had been stationed at Gloucester for nearly a year. On Monday afternoon he was riding a motor cycle along the main road on the outskirts of the town when the machine skidded on some rough road and crashed into a post, throwing Constable Marsh heavily to the ground. He received severe head injuries from which he died about half an hour later before he could be removed to hospital.

The body was taken to Taree and put on the train for Grafton. It was taken from Grafton to Maclean yesterday afternoon for the funeral at Maclean at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Constable Marsh, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Marsh, of Palmer's Island, are well-known residents of the Lower River, was born at Maclean 33 years ago, and joined the New South Wales police force about 13 years ago. He was stationed at places in the north-west of the State and at Glen Innes, and went to Gloucester about a year ago. During the time that he was stationed at Gloucester he proved a most efficient officer and won the esteem and affection of a very large circle of friends, who were deeply grieved to learn of his tragic death.

As Constable Marsh had been killed on duty it has been decided that he be given a police funeral, and Inspector Baxter, whose district the funeral will take place, has been instructed to arrange for this. Police from Grafton, South Grafton, Ulmarra. Maclean. Brushgrove, Lawrence; and Harwood Island, will be in Maclean for the funeral this afternoon. They will march ahead of the hearse, and at the cemetery will form a guard of honor. Some of them will also act as pall-bearers.

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Shocking Accident, CONSTABLE MARSH KILLED.

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Mr. Jack West, who saw the happening from his home, said Mr. Marsh seemed to be doing something to the gears of the cycle. It suddenly veered to the left-hand side of the road and the wheel of the side-car struck the guide post of the culvert. The rider was thrown into the air and in falling his head appeared to come in contact with the hard road. The machine overturned, also, and skidded partly under the injured man.

Constable Marsh was unconscious when help arrived, within a short space of time, but passed away with out regaining consciousness some fifteen or twenty minutes later. The Ambulance, from Taree, was sent for immediately after the happening and on its arrival the body was conveyed from Mrs. West's residence to Howard's funeral parlour.

An inquest into the cause of the accident and death will be held.

Constable Marsh had been stationed in Gloucester for the past eleven months. He succeeded Constable Jack Casey when this officer was transferred to Glen Innes. He was an extremely likeable officer and had gained the goodwill of all sections

of the community. He was of a happy disposition and displayed same in the course of his duty, and in the spending of his leisure hours.- To us he seemed the type that might genuinely be termed a good sport, and gave evidence of the trait in a man's make-up that makes for this quality on a number of occasions, both in and out of Court.

During the past few months, whenever Constable Marsh had an hour or two away from the more serious duties of his job, he spent same in the garden and grounds at the Police Station. The trim and well-kept appearance there tell more plainly than words of his gardening ability and the pride and pleasure shown in' its doing.

Genuine regret will be general at this popular officer's sad and sudden passing.

Mr. W. T. Howard . took the body to Taree by, hearse, last evening to be conveyed, later to Maclean, where Constable Marsh's parents live.

Deceased will be accorded a Police funeral.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article160198670.txt>

Harold William STURGISS

26/10/2012

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

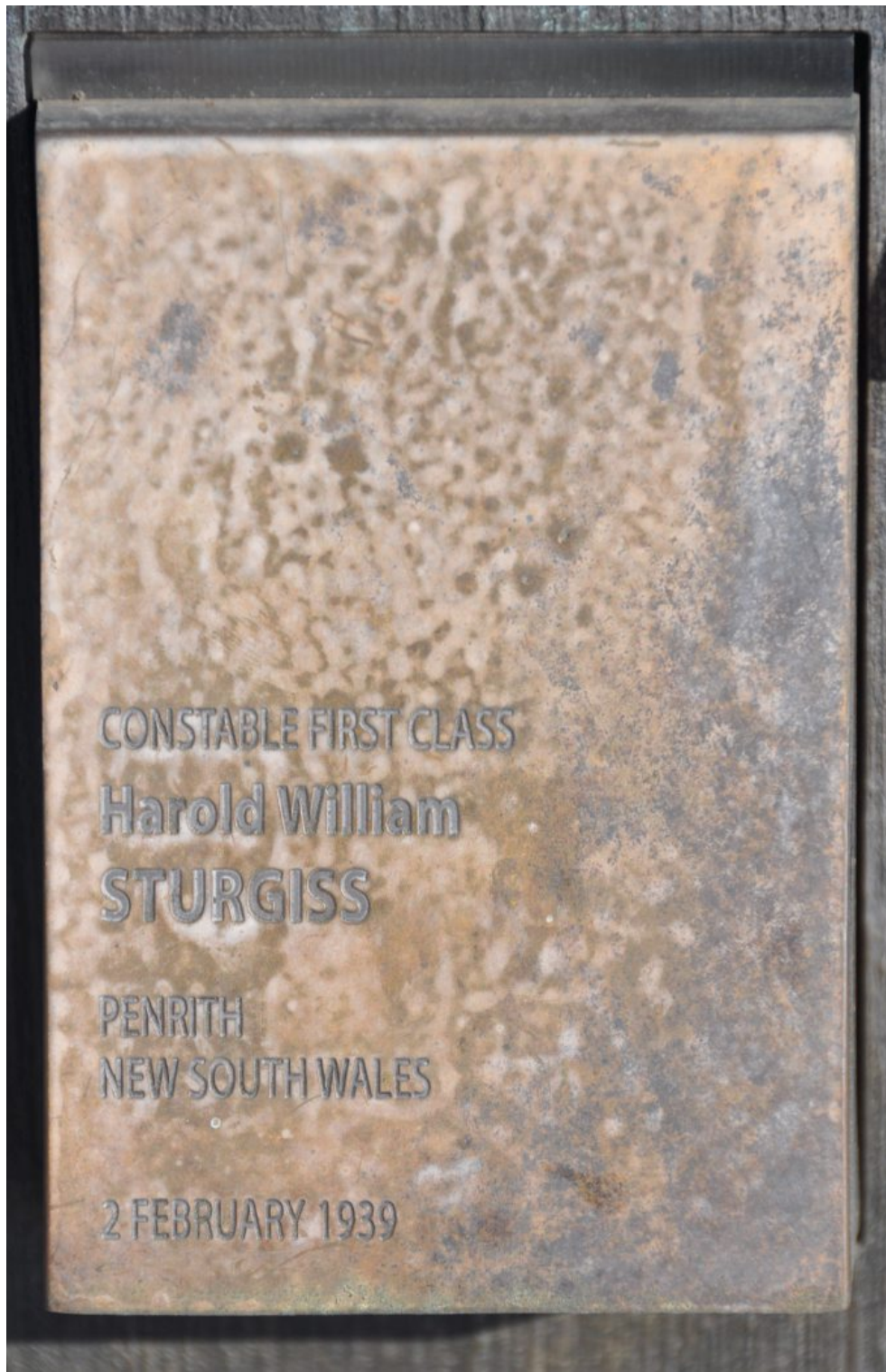
grave),

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**.

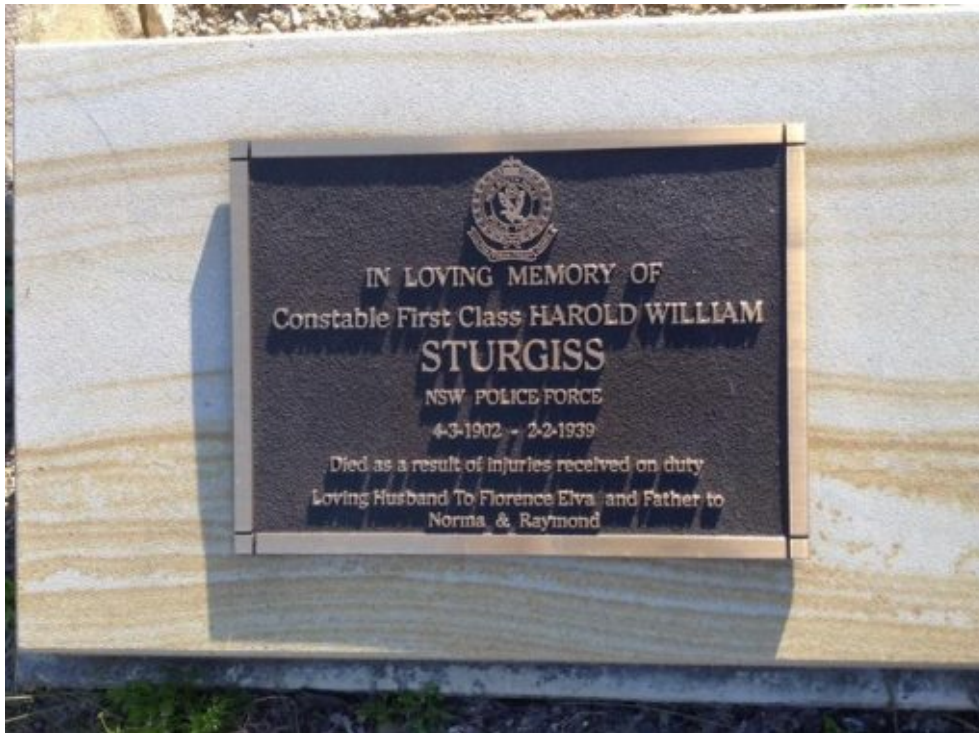
In the photo, his burial site is to the left of the Lock Monument.

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.



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

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.

NSW Birth, Deaths & Marriages

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

Death: 3196/1939

The Sydney Morning Herald **Friday 3 February 1939** p 9 of
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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.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/17559160?searchTerm=harold%20william%20sturgiss&searchLimits=#pstart1173406>

Nepean Times (Penrith) Thursday **9 February 1929** p 1 of
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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.

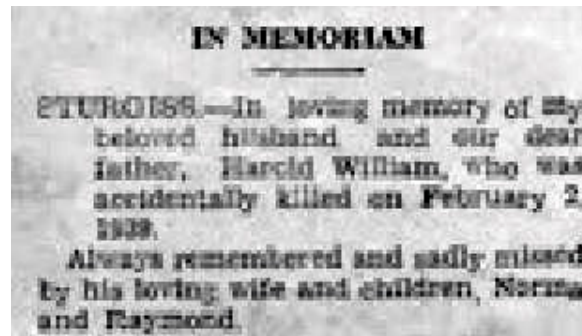
The interment was in the C. of E. portion of Penrith general cemetery, the service being conducted by the Rector. Rev. R. S. Capple.

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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arold%20william%20sturgiss&searchLimits=#pstart10719157](http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/101057355?searchTerm=h%20arold%20william%20sturgiss&searchLimits=#pstart10719157)



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.

**Constable Edward Thomas
MARTIN**

26/10/2012

Constable Edward Thomas MARTIN

Motor Vehicle Accident

Arncliffe

1 April, 1937

The *West Australian* newspaper dated 2 April, 1937 carried the following brief article relating to the death of Constable Martin. Nothing else is known as yet.

PIERCED BY SHAFT – Death in Collision with Cart.

SYDNEY, April 1 – Constable Edward Thomas Martin (25), of Station Street, Arncliffe was killed this afternoon when his motor cycle and a cart collided in Wollongong Road, Arncliffe. Constable Martin was shockingly injured. A shaft pierced his chest, severing arteries of the right lung. Constable Martin was on his way home after collecting his pay when he met his death.

The *Sydney Morning Herald* of 3 April 1937 carried a death notice for Constable Martin, as follows: *MARTIN – April 1 1937 (accidentally killed at Arncliffe) Constable Edward Thomas (Eddy) Martin dearly loved son of Sergeant John and Mary Martin of 77 Station Street, Arncliffe and dear brother of Bernie and Ray, aged 25 years. Requiescat in peace.*

At the time of his death the constable was 25 years old and was stationed at North Sydney. He was buried at Woronora Catholic Cemetery (Sutherland).

Thomas SMITH

26/10/2012

Thomas SMITH

Senior Constable

Horse Accident

Euston

19 April, 1910

On the 18 April, 1910 the mounted constable made a patrol to the police paddock, and while he was returning his troop horse began to buck. The horse then bolted and Senior Constable Smith was thrown violently against a tree, sustaining severe internal injuries. Knowing he would not be found before it became dark, he began to walk towards town. When he had travelled a short distance he was found by some men who helped him into Euston in a barrow. A doctor arrived from Balranald that night and after examining the injured man made arrangements to have him taken to hospital. Unfortunately the vehicle conveying the injured constable to hospital broke down and he passed away.

The Register newspaper of 25 April, 1910 reported that "Regret is expressed at Wentworth " at the sudden death of Senior Constable Smith, officer in charge of the police at Euston, 80 miles from Wentworth. The constable, it appears was thrown from his horse, which had stumbled and rolled on his chest. At first his symptoms were not considered serious but as the day advanced and while the constable was being driven

to Balranald for medical treatment, he expired. He has left a widow and six children. The late constable was highly esteemed in the district, and was a general favourite.

The senior constable was born in 1871 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 11 February, 1897. At the time of his death he was stationed at Euston.

2/1/2019, Deniliquin Times.

Eight honoured on police memorial wall' –

Seven former local police officers and a former police chaplain were honoured during a police reunion in **Deniliquin**. They were the first to be added to the police memorial wall at the **new Deniliquin police station**.

Honoured were

Constable Charles Chapman (died 5/3/1866),

Senior Const J Morrison (19/1/1898),

Senior Const Thomas Smith (19/4/1910),

Superintendent Henry Gurgeon (10/1/1911),

Sergeant George Thomas Whiteley (25/3/1931),

Detective Senior Const Risto Vic Baltoski (2/1/1989) and

Senior Const Jennifer Louise Edgerton (August 2015) and

Rev David Bond.

Eight honoured on police memorial wall

Deniliquin Pastoral Times 20 Feb 2018

[+1 more](#)

Seven former local police officers and one former police chaplain were remembered as part of a reunion in Deniliquin at the weekend.

They were the first to be added to a police memorial wall installed at the front of the new Deniliquin Police Station in Charlotte St. →



Police Chaplain Rev Wayne Sheean, Deniliquin Police Commander Superintendent Paul Condon and Edward River Council Mayor Norm Brennan dedicate the memorial wall on Saturday morning.