

James HAWKINS

03/07/2016

James HAWKINS

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. Service # 3981

Rank: Constable

Stations: ?, Central Police Station (1 Station / 1 Division) – Death

Service: From 5 May 1881 to 2 July 1881 = 1+ MONTHS Service

Awards: ?

Born: 14 September 1860 in The Hills Shire, NSW

Died on: Saturday 2 July 1881

Cause: Horse accident

Age: 20

Funeral date: ?

Funeral location: ?

**Buried at: Dural Uniting Church
Cemetery, Derriwong Rd, Dural, The Hills
Shire, NSW**

Plot: C of E Row 20 Plot No 12

Memorial at: ?

**[alert_red]JAMES 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

About 8am on 2 July, 1881 the constable was on foot patrol in Clarence Street, Sydney when he endeavoured to stop a runaway horse and cart near Broughton-lane. As he did so he slipped and fell under the cart and its wheel passed over his head. He

died on the way to the **Sydney Infirmary** a short time later. The runaway horse proceeded into Druitt-street, where he was stopped.

Hawkins joined the police force about two months since. He was the son of Mr. Hawkins, postmaster at Dural.

The Manaro Mercury and Cooma and Bombala Advertiser of **9 July, 1881** reported on the death of the constable.

"A POLICEMAN KILLED.

An inquest was held on **Saturday**, at the **Coroner's Court**, with respect to the death of a policeman named **James Hawkins**, who was killed in endeavouring to stop a runaway horse in Clarence-street, Sydney.

Rebecca Cross deposed that deceased was her **nephew** and a native of **Pennant Hills**. He lodged with her at **401, Pitt-street**. He was **21** years of age and a single man, and had entered the force on the **5th May last**, and was sent **on day duty** that morning **for the first time**, having previously been employed on **night duty**.

John Downer deposed that he resided at **128, Harris-street**, and he was a **carter**. He was in charge of a horse and cart on **Saturday** morning about 8 o'clock, and was going along **Kent-street**, when his horse shied and commenced kicking, and he fell off the cart, and was dragged a short distance by the reins. He got clear of them and the horse then bolted and ran down **Clarence-street**, and **Hawkins**, who was **on duty there**, ran up and endeavoured to stop it, but in doing so he fell and the wheel of the cart **passed over his head**. The accident was witnessed by **Wm. Salway**, of **Market-street** and **Wm. Henry Thompson**, of **Goulburn-street**, who gave evidence.

Hawkins was placed in a cart, and conveyed to the **infirmary**,

but died before he arrived there.

Dr. Williamson deposed that the **bones of the right side of the head and face of deceased were broken**, and there was **compound depressed fracture of the skull**.

The **jury** returned a verdict of **accidental death.**"

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/115717546>

The constable was born in **1860** and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 9 May, 1881. He was stationed at **Central Police Station, Sydney**. He is **not** listed in the official **New South Wales Police Honour Roll**.

The Sydney Morning Herald **Monday 4 July 1881** p 7

An inquest was held on Saturday morning by the City Coroner, at his chambers, with reference to the death of **constable James Hawkins**, who died **that morning** from injuries which he had received **whilst in the discharge of his duty**. Deceased was **21 years of age**, and a native of **Pennant Hills**, New South Wales, and was unmarried.

He joined the police force on **May 5th last**, since when he had **always been employed on night duty**. On **Saturday** he was **employed on day duty**.

He **resided** at a **boarding-house**, No. **401, Pitt-street**, kept by his **aunt, Mrs. Rebecca Cross**.

John Downer, a young man, residing at No. **128, Harris-street**.

deposed that he was a carter, in the employment of **Mr. Read**, of **Crown Road, Ultimo**.

Shortly after 8 o'clock on Saturday morning, witness was in charge of a horse and tip-cart, and proceeding along **Kent-street** in a **southerly direction**. A waggon, drawn by two horses, passed witness, when his horse shied, and carried the cart on to the footpath. Witness managed to get his horse and vehicle off the footpath, and as the wheels passed over the curb, he fell on to one of the shafts. As witness endeavoured to recover his seat, one of his legs touched the horse which commenced kicking, and threw him off the cart. He was dragged a short distance by the reins, but then got free.

The horse with the dray went on.

William Salway deposed to seeing the horse **gallop** along **Kent-street**, then into **Market-street**, and afterwards into **Clarence-street**. When it arrived near **Broughton-lane**, **constable Hawkins** rushed out towards the animal, and after **running alongside** of it for about **ten yards**, he endeavoured to seize the reins, but fell, and one of the wheels immediately afterwards passed over his head. The cart was then tipped up.

Hawkins died **at once**. His body was conveyed to the **Infirmary**. **Dr. Williamson** deposed that death arose from a **compound depressed fracture of the skull**.

A **verdict of accidental death** was returned.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/28381706>

FATAL ACCIDENT,

A shocking accident happened early on **Saturday morning** in **Clarence-street**, which caused the **death of a police constable** named **James Hawkins**.

At about eight o'clock that morning a man named **Downer** was driving an **empty tip-dray** along **Kent-street**.

He was going along at a **walk**, when he was overtaken by a waggon and two horses, the noise of which **startled** his mare, and caused **her to bolt**.

Downer was thrown out, and getting entangled with the reins was **dragged a few yards**.

The frightened animal then **galloped** off with the **dray** into **Clarence street**.

Constable Hawkins, who **happened to be there on duty**, ran after and **attempted to stop** the runaway horse, and succeeded in **clutching the reins**, when his **foot slipped**. He **fell forward** on his face in the road, and in a moment afterwards, the wheel of **the vehicle passed over his head**, killing him on the spot. The accident was witnessed by several persons, who ran to help the poor fellow, but it was seen that he was past all aid, his skull being crushed in on one side.

The deceased was conveyed to the Infirmary, and **two hours later** an **inquest** was held on the remains by the **City Coroner and a jury**, who found a **verdict of accidental death**.

Hawkins was a promising young man, who had only **very recently joined the police force**, and it so happened that the day he thus met his death was the **first time** he had been sent out on **day duty**.

David Peter THOMSON

03/07/2016

David Peter THOMSON

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ?

Rank: Constable 1st Class

Stations: ?, Coonabarabran Mounted
Police – Death

Service: From 10 January 1873 to 20
June 1880 = 7+ years Service

Awards: ?

Born: ? ? 1846 or 1848

Date of Event: 24 May 1880 (Queen's
Birthday)

Location of Event: Binnaway Racecourse

Died on: 20 June 1880 at Coonabarabran

Cause: Fractured Skull – Dashed against
a tree by his horse

Age: 32 – 34 – 35

Funeral date: ? June 1880

Funeral location: ?

Buried at: Coonabarabran General
Cemetery, NSW

Memorial at: ?



Coonabarabran Cemetery



[alert_red]**DAVID** 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

On **24th May, 1880** Constable Thomson was on duty at the Binnaway Racecourse when his horse ran him into a tree, causing severe head injuries. He passed away about four weeks after the accident.

The Australian Town and Country Journal of 10 July, 1880 reported that "David Peter Thomson, who was first class constable in the mounted police, breathed his last at Coonabarabran last week, after a month of severe and trying illness, says the Mudgee INDEPENDENT, June 30. Constable Thompson met with a terrible accident on the Binnaway racecourse on Queen's Birthday, his horse dashing him against a tree, and partially fracturing his skull. Deceased's brother, Mr. John Thompson, railway stationmaster at Parramatta, was in constant attendance upon the sufferer during the last fortnight of his illness. The funeral was very largely attended, the Grand United Order of Oddfellows walking in procession."

The constable was born in 1846 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 10 January, 1873. At the time of his death he was stationed at Coonabarabran. He is not listed in the official New South Wales Police Honour Roll.

NSW State Records:

Service No.: 2237 David THOMSON DOB: 1846, Native of
NSW. Reel 3043, Item [8/ 3251]

Australian Cemeteries Index:

<http://austcemindex.com/m/other-sources?id=6920959>

<http://austcemindex.com/m/inscription?id=6920959>

Family Search: (*Not confirmed as the same person as above*)

<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XTHJ-KVW>

The Sydney Mail & NSW Advertiser

Saturday 10 July 1880

p 53

DEATHS

THOMSON. – June 20, at Courthouse, Coonabarabran, **mounted constable David Peter Thomson**, from fractured skull, received

by being run against the limb of a tree **whilst on duty at Binnaway** 24th May last, aged 32 years.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/161913978>

[divider]

NSW Government Gazette (Sydney) **Tuesday 20 July 1880**
P3790

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION.

In the goods of **David Peter Thomson**, late of Coonabarabran, in the Colony of New South Wales, mounted constable, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given, that at the expiration of fourteen days from the publication of this notice, application will be made to the Supreme Court of New South Wales, for letters of administration of the goods, chattels, credits, estate, and effects of the abovenamed deceased to be granted to **John Robertson Thomson**, of **Parramatta**, in the said Colony, **railway station master**, a **brother and next of kin** of the said deceased. – Dated this 19th day of July, a.d. 1880.

JOHN EBENEZER BOWDEN,

Proctor for the said John Robertson Thomson,

132, Elizabeth-street, Sydney

4428 6s. 6d.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/223773233>

Robert S. DAVIS

03/07/2016

Robert S. DAVIS

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ?

Rank: Constable

Stations: ?, Lock Up Keeper at Wingham

**Service: From ? to Monday 21 January
1867**

Awards: ?

Born: ?

Died on: ?

Cause: Drowned

Event location: Manning River

Body found: Wednesday 23 January 1867

Age: 32

Funeral date: ?

Funeral location: ?

Buried at: ?

[alert_yellow]**ROBERT** is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance[/alert_yellow] ***NEED MORE INFO**

Funeral location: ?

We Remember...

Constable Robert DAVIS

Drowned

Wingham

21 January, 1867

This recently unearthed police death on duty is now the subject of research. The following newspaper articles tell part of the constable's story.

The Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser **31 January, 1867:**

"Robert Davis, police **constable** and **lock-up keeper** at **Wingham**, while out collecting the **electoral roll**, was drowned in the Manning, near Wingham, on the **21st January**. He was seen riding near the river on that day, and was not seen afterwards alive; but no one appears to have seen him crossing the river. Not returning home in the evening, his wife sent out messengers in search of him. Next day his horse was found near the river, and it was then surmised that he had been drowned. The police and others dragged the river, and found the body a short distance above the crossing place. 'The deceased has left a **wife** and **several children** unprovided for; the inhabitants of the locality are **raising subscriptions** for them."

The Empire – **31 January 1867:**

"A sad affair, which cost the life of a **very decent man**, occurred at Wingham on Monday last. It seems that **Robert Davis**, who was one of the police-constables, and lockup-keeper at Wingham, was recently appointed to assist in collecting the electoral roll of the Manning, and that in the **discharge of his duty** he crossed over **to the Bight** on Monday last. He was absent but a very short time when he was seen returning home but he failed to arrive. His wife, alarmed as the evening wore on at his non-appearance, sent out messengers in search of her missing husband, but it was only on the following morning that

certain tidings were heard of him. Then the horse on which he had been mounted was found riderless in a paddock on the opposite side of the river; the saddle – covered with mud, and one of the stirrups missing. It was then conjectured that he must have been drowned, and the river was dragged for the body. It was found on **Wednesday**; and after a **magisterial inquiry**, all that remained of poor Davis was **buried on the same day**. How he became unhorsed will probably never be known; and the matter is all the more mysterious from the fact that he knew the ford well, had crossed it before on the same day, and was riding an animal to which he had been accustomed. The man thus **lost in the discharge of his duty** has left a wife and a number of small children. He had resided in the district **several years**, and was universally regarded as a sober, unassuming, kind hearted, and efficient public servant. Great sympathy is felt for his wife, who is said to be near her confinement. – Manning River News.”

The Armidale Express and New England General Advertiser **9 February, 1867**:

“The ‘Manning River News’ of 26th says:—**Robert Davis**, who was **one of the police constables** and the **lock-up keeper** at **Wingham**, was recently appointed to assist collecting the electoral roll of the Manning, and in the **discharge of his duty** he crossed over to **the Bight** on Monday last. Subsequently his horse was found, on the opposite side of the river, the saddle being covered with mud and one of the **stirrups missing**. A search resulted in the discovery of Davis’s body **in the river**. He had been drowned by some mischance in crossing the ford. He leaves a wife and number of small children.”

At the time of his death the constable was aged **32 years** and was stationed at Wingham, where he was the lockup keeper.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/514697128544865/1135440536470518/?notif_t=group_comment_follow

<i>Surname</i>	<i>Given Names</i>	<i>Notice Type</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Other Details</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>Published</i>
DAVIS	Robert S	Death notice	21JAN1867	Death	32	at Wingham, Manning River	Sydney Morning Herald	07MAR1867
DAVIS	Robert S	Death notice	21JAN1867	Death	32	at Wingham, Manning River	Sydney Morning Herald	23MAR1867
DAVIS	Robert S	Death notice	21JAN1867	Death	32	late of Wingham, Manning River	The Empire	08MAR1867

<http://ryersonindex.net/search.php>

Clarence and Richmond Examiner & New England Advertiser (NSW) **Tuesday 12 February 1867** page 3 of 8

A police constable named **Robert Davis** stationed at Wingham, on the Manning River, was drowned on Monday, when attempting to ford the Bight. He was assisting to collect the names for the

electoral roll. He was a man much respected in the district, and has left a widow and a number of small children.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT THE MANNING RIVER. – A sad affair, which cost the life of a very decent man, occurred at Wingham, on Monday, 21st instant. It seems that Robert Davis, lock up keeper at Wingham, was collecting the electoral roll of the Manning, and that in the discharge of his duty he crossed over to the Bight on Monday last. He was absent but a very short time when he was seen returning home – but did not arrive. His wife, alarmed as the evening wore on at his non-appearance, sent out messengers in search of her missing husband, but it was only on the following morning that certain tidings were heard of him. Then, the horse on which he had been mounted was found riderless in a paddock on the opposite side of the river the saddle was covered with mud, and one of the stirrups missing. It was conjectured that he must have been drowned and the river was dragged for the body. It was found on Wednesday ; and after a magisterial inquiry, was buried on the same day. How he became unhorsed will probably never be known, and the matter is all the more mysterious from the fact that he knew the ford well and had crossed it before on the same day, and was riding an animal to which he had been accustomed. The man thus lost in the discharge of his duty has left a wife and a number of small children – News

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/63665154>

Empire (Sydney)
1867

Friday 8 March
page 1 of 8

DEATHS.

DAVIS – On the 21st January, at Wingham, Manning River, constable Robert S. Davis, aged 32 years.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/60837325>

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/166802297> – same wording as above. Sydney Mail Saturday 9 March 1867 page 9 of 12

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/13140774> – same wording as above. The Sydney Morning Herald Saturday 23 March 1867 page 7 of 16

William James HARRIS

03/07/2016

William James HARRIS

Queensland Police Force

Regd. # ?

Rank: Constable

Stations: ?

Service: From ? to ?

Awards: ?

Born: ?

Died on: 24 August 1915

Cause: Injuries received riding a Police horse

Age: 28

Funeral date: Friday 27 August 1915

**Funeral location: Rockhampton Cemetery,
Qld**

Buried at: Rockhampton Cemetery, Qld

RC Section 15X Burial # 4002d

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

Funeral location:

The Capricornian (Rockhampton, Qld)
August 1915

Saturday 28

page 31 of 52

The **funeral** of **Constable James William Harris**, who met his death as the result of an accident on the **Scrubby Creek Bridge**, took place yesterday afternoon. A large body of officers and men of the **Rockhampton police force**, as well as others from outside stations, assembled at the police barracks, and, in charge of **Senior sergeant M J. Carmody**, marched in **royal blue uniforms** and **white helmets** to the late **residence** of the deceased in **Arnold street** and afterwards followed his remains to the **Rockhampton cemetery**, three marching on either side of the hearse and the others immediately in the rear. Among those present at the funeral were the **Police Magistrate, Mr. H. L Archdall**, and the **Clerk of Petty Sessions, Mr. W. G. Moran**. The **Rev. Father T. Grogan** officiated at the graveside.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/69402310>

horseman on the bridge. The horse shied and bounded about **4 ft.** into the air. Both horse and rider fell on the off side (*right side*). Witness hurried to the scene as quickly as possible, and as he got on to the bridge the horse came towards him. Having tied up both horses, witness went towards the man, and recognised him as a **constable**, as he was in **police uniform**. He could get no reply from the constable as to whether he was hurt. Through the slabs he could see a fire underneath the bridge at a man's camp, though he did not see a man there until shortly afterwards. The horse was just about over the spot where the fire was when it bounded. Rain had fallen in the afternoon, and, in consequence, the bridge was slippery. If a horse with shoes on slipped on a board, it would fall very heavily. The reflection from the light, he thought, caused the horse to shy and bound. He was satisfied that the horse was only walking on to the bridge when the accident occurred. If the horse had been cantering witness would have heard it. Witness telephoned to the Ambulance Office from the **Gracemere railway station, a mile from the bridge.**

In reply to the **Police Magistrate**, witness said that he could not say whether the horse fell on the deceased or whether the deceased struck the slabs independently of the horse.

W. G. Daniel, Superintendent of the Ambulance Brigade, gave evidence to the effect that, when summoned, he went in the ambulance motor car to the Scrubby Creek Bridge, **five miles distant from Rockhampton**, and on the bridge saw **Constable Harris**, who was quite **unconscious**. There was a **contused wound**, with effusion of blood, on the forehead over the **right eye**. The deceased, who was in a serious condition, was conveyed in the car to the Hospital.

Alexander MacDonald, butcher, **Gracemere**, testified that he had known **Constable Harris** as a steady and reliable and a good horseman, and adding that, after inspecting the bridge with **Constable Cullen** on the following morning, he had formed the

opinion that the horse bounded just after it got on to the bridge, jumped to get over the reflection of the fire, and then fell owing to the bridge being slippery from the rain. The horse was marked on the off shoulder.

The inquiry was then adjourned to a date to be fixed.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/53369843>

Morning Bulletin (Rockhampton, Qld)
September 1915

Thursday 9

page 6 of 12

THE DEATH OF CONSTABLE HARRIS.

The inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the **death** of **Constable James William Harris**, as the result of an **accident** on the **Scrubby Creek Bridge**, was **continued** before the **Police Magistrate, Mr. H. L. Archdall**, yesterday.

Senior sergeant M. J. Carmody conducted the examination of the **witness, Constable Robert Lindsay Cullen**, who, in the course of his evidence, stated that his examination showed that the deceased's horse was going at a walking pace to the bridge and afterwards slipped about **9 ft.** on the bridge when attempting to bound, and then skidded about **15 ft.** before it started to scramble to get on its feet.

It appeared to him that the horse bounded over the reflection of the fire underneath the bridge.

Judging by marks, the horse fell on the off side (right).

The deceased was a good horseman and a very careful man with horses, while he was most sober and reliable.

The bridge was very slippery on the night of the accident, and

it was a dangerous bridge at any time. The inquiry was **further adjourned.**

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/53378874>

William Norman St. John MAULE

03/07/2016

William Norman St. John MAULE

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 'Q' 3939

NSWPF – 'Q' represents those Police joining between 1862 (commencement of NSWPF) – 23 February 1915 (Commencement of NSWPF current numbering system)

Rank: Mounted Constable

Service: From 6 June 1881 to 8 December 1881 = 6 months Service

Stations: Goulburn (only six weeks)

Born: 23 October 1853 in England

Died: Thursday 8 December 1881

Age: 28 old

Cause: Accident – Thrown from horse – On
Duty

Funeral: Saturday 10 December 1881

Buried: at St Saviour's Cemetery,
Cemetery St, Goulburn (opposite the gaol
)

GPS of grave: -34.74095, 149.74291

The Pointer on the below map is the exact
point of the grave

[codepeople-post-map]

NSW Deaths Registration # 4783/1881

On Thursday 8 December 1881, the Mounted Constable who had only been stationed at Goulburn for about six weeks after leaving the Police Depot (Redfern Police Academy), was riding his Police Mount with Mounted Constable Pritzler to Mummel (an area nth west of Goulburn) to fetch a person

suspected to be of unsound mind.

Maule was riding ahead and **Pritzler** was behind, when **Maule's** horse shied and plunged forward over a log, causing **Maule** (an inexperienced rider) to lose one of his stirrups. The horse jumped a second log and **Maule** lost his second stirrup iron and was unseated and fell with his head violently against a tree.

Maule, unconscious and bleeding from the nose, was later loaded into a buggy, with the assistance of the messenger and the prisoner, and taken into **Goulburn Hospital** – arriving there about **5.30pm**.

Maule died from his injuries about **10.30pm** as a result of his injuries, including a smashed lower jaw, a split lip, broken nose and severe cut over the temple & concussion of the brain.

Maule was not married.

An **Inquest** was held on Friday **9 December 1881** with a verdict that **Maule** was killed by being **thrown from his horse accidentally**, and added as a rider that they think that *more discretion might be exercised in the Sydney depot* as to the *horsemanship of the men they send out for duty in the country*.

Maule joined the **New South Wales Police Force** in **June 1881**. He left **England** and came to **Australia**, though it appears his siblings remained in **England**. We don't know why he chose to come to Australia and join the **NSW Police Force**. Two of his brothers served in the military, as did his father, and one of his brothers was a solicitor. His grandfather was a chaplain and his great-grandfather – mayor, alderman and burgess of Huntingdon.

~~[alert_red]WILLIAM is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance * BUT SHOULD BE~~

(*This incident was discovered, by accident, in September 2014, by Cal, whilst searching Trove. This Constable is **NOT** mentioned in any documentation or recognised as having been killed " on duty " by the NSW Police Force, at this time, or mentioned on any official Wall of Remembrance. Shortly, this matter will be brought to the attention of those who have the ability to have this Constable officially recognised as being killed " on duty ".)*

Upon checking npm.org.au on 2 May 2018 – William is NOW mentioned on the National Police Wall of Remembrance, Canberra

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

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Frightful Accident.

Yesterday constable Mall, accompanied by constable Pritzler, left town in search of a lunatic. They were both on horseback, and when about twelve miles out (at Mummell), Mall's horse bolted, and whilst giving a sharp turn threw the rider off. In the fall he was pitched violently against a tree, and reduced to a state of unconsciousness. Constable Pritzler procured a buggy and had the poor fellow conveyed to the Goulburn hospital. Dr. Davidson who with Dr. Gentle was in immediate attendance, report the case as a very serious one. There is a severe scalp wound over the left temple, broken jaw, and broken nose. From the appearance of the eyes there is evident compression of the brain, probably arising from a clot of blood. At present it is impossible to anticipate the result. Maule is 23 years of age, and unmarried. Going to press he was still unconscious.

FATAL ACCIDENT. — A sad accident, which terminated fatally, occurred on Thursday last near Mummell. Mounted-constables Maule and Pritzler had been sent out to fetch in a person suspected to be of unsound mind. Maule was riding ahead, and Pritzler was behind, when Maule's horse shied, whether at a snake or some other object is not certain, and plunged forward over a log, causing his rider to lose one of his stirrups. The horse jumping over a second log, the deceased lost his second stirrup iron and was unseated, and fell with his head violently against a tree. Pritzler immediately went to his assistance and found him much injured lying on the ground, bleeding from both nostrils, and in a state of unconsciousness. At this time the man they had been sent for came up, and Pritzler obtaining a buggy, with the assistance of the messenger brought him and his wounded comrade into Goulburn, taking the latter to the hospital, and leaving the former at the lock-up. It was about half-past five in the evening when the patient was brought to the hospital, and he was attended to immediately by Drs. Gentle and Davidson; but the case was a hopeless one. He died at half-past ten. The lower jaw was smashed, the lip split, the nose broken, and there was a severe cut over the temple, with concussion of the brain. Death ensued in about five hours from the time of admission. Deceased, whose full name is William Norman St. John Maule was about twenty-eight years of age, came from the depôt. Sydney, was well connected, and had not been long in the force. He had been in Goulburn only six weeks, and it is to be feared was not a very good rider. He was unmarried. An inquest was held at the hospital yesterday evening before Mr. Betts, coroner, and the jury after deliberating for a few minutes brought in a verdict that they found deceased was killed by being thrown from his horse accidentally, and added as a rider that they think that more discretion might be exercised in the Sydney depôt as to the horsemanship of the men they send out for duty in the country.

GOULBURN POLICE COURT.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9.

Before Messrs. Voss and Meyer J.s.P.

UNSOUND MIND.

James Gallagher was charged with being a lunatic at large.

Constable Pritzler deposed that he had been going to Mummell on the previous day having heard that the accused was running about the bush insane. The witness had met with an accident and was returning to town for a doctor when Gallagher had conveyed to him and told him he was the man he wanted. He had first crossed the river and was wet all over. He said there was a man after him with a loaded revolver. He (witness) gave him a seat in the buggy, but he still continued on the way into town to conduct himself in a strange manner. He was certainly not under the influence of liquor.

Remanded for 7 days for medical treatment.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/102061>

889□□ Southern Argus (Goulburn)

Saturday 10 December 1881

page 2 of 4

Late Fatal Accident.

In our issue of yesterday we gave full particulars of the frightful accident which had occurred to mounted constable Maule at Mummel, the previous evening. We regret to say that about half-past 10 o'clock on Thursday evening, or two hours and a half after his admission into the Goulburn Hospital, the unfortunate man breathed his last. From the terrible nature of his injuries, it was only the slightest possible chance which existed of his recovery, and the worst fears were but too speedily realized. Owing to concussion of the brain, he never recovered consciousness. An inquest was held on the body of the deceased last evening, a report of which will be found elsewhere.

Southern Argus (Goulburn)

Saturday 10 December 1881

page 2 of 4

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/102061905>

Southern Argus (Goulburn)
1881

Saturday 10 December
page 2 of 4

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/102061907>

Inquest.

An inquest was held last evening at the Goulburn Hospital by the **coroner, Mr. Betts**, on the body of **William Norman St. George Maule**, who had died from the effects of injuries received on the previous day. The jury having been sworn and the body viewed, the following evidence was taken: – **Simon Pritzler**, a mounted policeman stationed at Goulburn, deposed: The body just viewed was that of **constable Maule**, of the N.S.W. police ; he had been in the force since last June; the deceased was single and 28 years of age ; on Thursday afternoon last he and witness were going to Mummel and got along all right for about 13 miles, when the deceased's horse shied to the right of a tree and Maule had pulled him to the left; then he had lost one of his stirrup-irons, when the horse bolted, and about 20 yards away witness saw the horse jump a log, when the deceased lost his other stirrup-iron ; witness then saw the deceased lying on the horse's neck ; the horse took another bound and the deceased fell off; witness, on galloping up, found him lying on the ground insensible; the deceased's face was all knocked in ; he sent for assistance and fetched him into Goulburn Hospital in a buggy ; he never

recovered consciousness and died five hours after the accident occurred ; witness thought deceased must have been dashed against a tree by the horse just after falling off as it rushed on. Deceased was not a good horseman, having no control over his reins.

Dr. Gentle deposed that he had been asked to see the deceased on the previous evening and found him in a comatose condition with nose broken also lower jaw. He found in addition a wound over left eye about 2 inches in length exposing the bone; blood flowed from his right ear. He believed concussion of the brain to be the cause of death. The jury returned a verdict that the deceased met his death by being accidentally thrown from his horse and they would like to add a rider to the effect that they think more discretion might be exercised in the Sydney depot as to the horsemanship of the men sent out for duty service in the country.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

A MOUNTED-CONSTABLE named William Norman St. John Maule met with a fatal accident on Thursday last while in company with mounted-constable Pritzler in search of a lunatic. It appears that when about 13 miles from town, on the Mummel road, Maule's horse bolted and threw the rider, and in rushing past him knocked deceased with great violence against a tree, rendering him unconscious. Pritzler at once procured a buggy, in which he conveyed the poor fellow to the hospital, when Drs Davidson and Gentle immediately attended him and found him still in an unconscious state, and suffering from a severe scalp wound, broken jaw, and injured nose, besides several injuries to his body. The sufferer remained unconscious for five hours, when he expired.

An inquest held yesterday afternoon at the Hospital before the coroner (A. M. Betts Esq.) when the following evidence was taken:—

Simon Pritzler deposed: I am a mounted policeman stationed at Goulburn; the body just viewed by the coroner is that of mounted constable William Norman St. John Maule; he had been at Goulburn about 6 weeks, and had only been in the force since June last; he was 28 years of age and unmarried; yesterday afternoon he came to me, and we both went to Mummell, about 14 miles from Goulburn, when we got about 13 miles from Goulburn deceased's horse shied at a tree, and threw one of his feet out of the stirrup-iron, which he lost; the horse went about 20 yards when it jumped a log, and the deceased then lost the other stirrup-iron; I afterwards saw him some distance away; he was leaning on the horse's neck: the horse gave another bound, and deceased fell off on to his feet; I then galloped up and found him lying on the ground insensible; I saw that his face was smashed in; I sent for some assistance, when I saw that he was seriously injured; Mrs. Storey brought some water, and after bathing him he appeared to get better; I then had him placed in a buggy, and brought in to the hospital, when Drs. Gentle and Davidson attended him; he never recovered consciousness, and died in about five hours after the accident; at the time deceased's horse shied he was about 30 yards in front of me, and was walking his horse; from the place where the horse first shied to where deceased was thrown was about 300 yards; the horse was going at a rapid pace at the time; after deceased fell from the horse he was knocked against a tree; the deceased was not a good rider, and the horse was a rather spirited one.

Dr. Peter Hume Gentle deposed: I was asked to see deceased last night at nine p.m., and saw him in a comatose condition, with nose broken and the lower jaw broken; I also found a wound over the eye about two inches in length, exposing the bone; blood flowed from his right ear; the pupil of the right eye was dilated, and that of the left contracted; I believe compression of the brain to have been the cause of death.

The jury after a brief consultation, returned a verdict that deceased died from injuries received by being accidentally thrown from his horse, and the jury would like to add that more discretion might be exercised at the Sydney Depot as to the horsemanship of men sent for duty in the country.

[http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/
article/102820476](http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/102820476)
Goulburn Evening Penny Post
Saturday 10 December 1881
page 3 of 8

THE funeral of the late Mounted constable Maule took place this morning, when nearly the entire police force of the town followed his remains to their last resting place.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/102820484>
Southern Argus (Goulburn)
Saturday 10 December 1881
page 2 of 4

[codepeople-post-map]

Grave location

*(On Tuesday 7 October 2014, I attended the **Mortis Street General Cemetery**, Goulburn, in an attempt to locate the grave of this Constable. Unfortunately, this historic cemetery is in an extremely poor state with most of the head stones having fallen and most of the graves heavily overgrown with weeds.*

There are hundreds of graves at this location, dating back to the early – mid 1800's. I had to attend the local library where I obtained the attached ' plan ' of the cemetery in order to find plat CE79 – the recorded location of the

Constables grave.

I returned to the cemetery but, at this stage, could not find CE79 at the location as there are many unmarked graves and fallen head stones in this, Goulburns second oldest cemetery which was established in the late 1830's.)

Some records have him buried at Goulburn Anglican Cemetery, Cemetery St, Goulburn (near the gaol) plot CE79 but his grave is located at the St Saviour's Cemetery, Cemetery Rd, Goulburn, OPPOSITE the Goulburn Gaol & **NOT** in the Mortis St Cemetery.

Mortis St General Cemetery – Goulburn

Mortis St General Cemetery 2 – Goulburn

On Tuesday **24 April 2018** I attended the **St Saviour's Cemetery, Cemetery Rd, Goulburn**, opposite the Goulburn Gaol where I located the grave of **MAULE**.

The below images are what it presented like on that date.

GPS of grave: -34.74095, 149.74291



The grave has been cleaned up and headstone cleaned also. The cleaning has made the inscription, especially the dates, a lot harder to read.





On Tuesday **21 October 2014** I attended the **St Saviour's Cemetery, Cemetery Rd, Goulburn**, opposite the Goulburn Gaol where I located the grave of **MAULE**.

The below images are what it presented like on that date.

GPS of grave: -34.74091, 149.74289



William Norman St. John MAULE



William Norman St. John MAULE



William Norman St. John MAULE



William Norman St. John MAULE



William Norman St. John MAULE

[blockquote]

note:

Email sent:

G'day Bundy,

During my research for my website, I have come across another NSW Mounted Constable who was killed ' on duty ' at Goulburn on Thursday 8 December 1853 as result of horse accident.

See the link for further details and photos of the grave:
<https://www.australianpolice.com.au/william-norman-st-john-maule/>

This man is NOT mentioned on any official documentation in relation to the Wall of Remembrance and, according to the paper's, was ' on duty ' at the time of the horse accident which resulted in his death.

Can you forward this information so that he may be officially recognised to be included in the Wall of Remembrance.

Cheers mate

Greg ' Cal ' Callander www.AustralianPolice.com.au 23 October 2014

[/blockquote]

Ramsay DOBBIE

03/07/2016

Ramsay DOBBIE

Late of Ulmarra

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ' Q ' 6811

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

Rank: Mounted

Probationary Constable – appointed 4
February 1895

Constable – appointed 4 February 1896

Constable at Thackaringa (Broken Hill
District) in December 1898. Still there
Feb 1899

Constable 1st Class – appointed 1
February 1899

Constable 1st Class at Alstonville in
October 1903

Senior Constable – appointed 1 May 1906

Was a Senior Constable in 1906 at Hillgrove. Still there in Oct 1912

(there was no such Rank as Sgt 3/c prior to 24 February 1915)

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed 1 February 1915

Was a Sergeant at Coffs Harbour in May 1916

Sergeant 2nd Class at Coffs Harbour in April 1916

Sergeant 2nd Class – Death

Stations: White Cliffs (1898), Thackaringa (1898), Grafton (Feb 1900), Alstonville (Oct 1903),

Burruga (Oct 1904), Hillgrove (Oct 1912), Coffs Harbour (1916), and only stationed at Ulmarra a few months (from at least September 1917).

Service: From 4 February 1895 to 11

December 1917 = 23+ years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: 30 March 1870 in Victoria

Died on: Tuesday 11 December 1917 about
8.15pm

Age: 47

Cause: Vehicle collision – Sulkie –
Internal injuries

Event location: River St, Ulmarra
between the Post Office and past the
Masonic Hall

Event date: Tuesday 11 December 1917
about 5pm

Funeral date: Wednesday 12 December
1917 @ 3pm

Funeral location: Ulmarra General
Cemetery

Buried at: Ulmarra General Cemetery,
Coldstream Rd, Ulmarra, NSW

Grave location: 29°39'00"S
153°03'53"E

Memorial located at: ?







[alert_green]RAMSAY 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

The sergeant suffered serious **internal injuries** while trying to apprehend the offender **McClennan** at **Ulmarra**. He had been called to a complaint of *Unseemly Words* (offensive language) in the street at Ulmarra involving an intoxicated male. As the sergeant approached the offender, whom he found sitting in a sulky, the offender whipped the horses into a gallop. The sergeant caught hold of the sulky and climbed aboard, however the offender then jumped clear. As the sulky rounded a corner it collided with a pole, throwing the sergeant to the ground and causing severe internal injuries. He died a short time later.


The *Barrier Miner* dated **12 December, 1917** reported the following.

At Ulmarra yesterday, Sergeant Ramsay Dobbie was killed. He was endeavouring to arrest a man who had been arguing with

some conscriptionists, when the man drove off in a sulky. The sergeant 1880got into the vehicle from the rear. The man jumped out, throwing down the reins. The horse commenced to gallop, and dashed the sulky against a telegraph post with great force. The sergeant was thrown out; several ribs were fractured and his chest crushed. He died in about three hours. Sergeant Dobbie was 47 years of age, and leaves a widow and seven children.

The sergeant was born in 1870 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 4 February, 1895. At the time of his death he was stationed at Ulmarra.

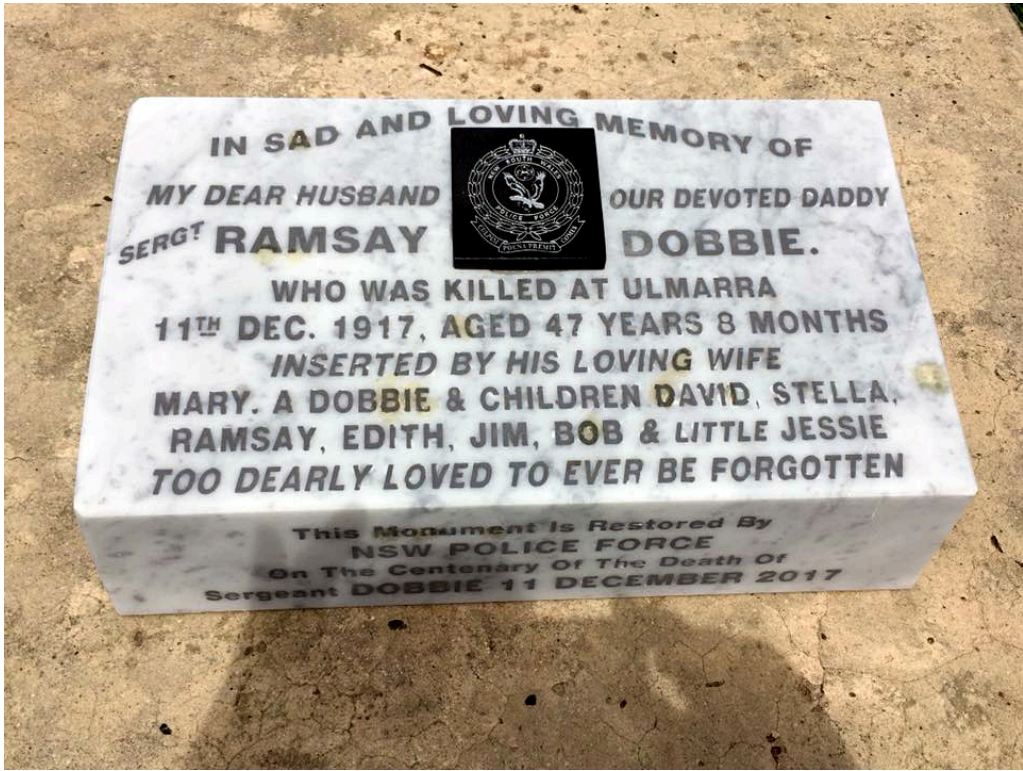
NSW Police Memorial & Historical Society Inc. added 6 new photos.

December 11 2017 . 

Attended the service today to mark the **Centenary** of the on duty death of Sgt Ramsay Dobbie on **11 December 1917**, at Ulmarra General Cemetery.

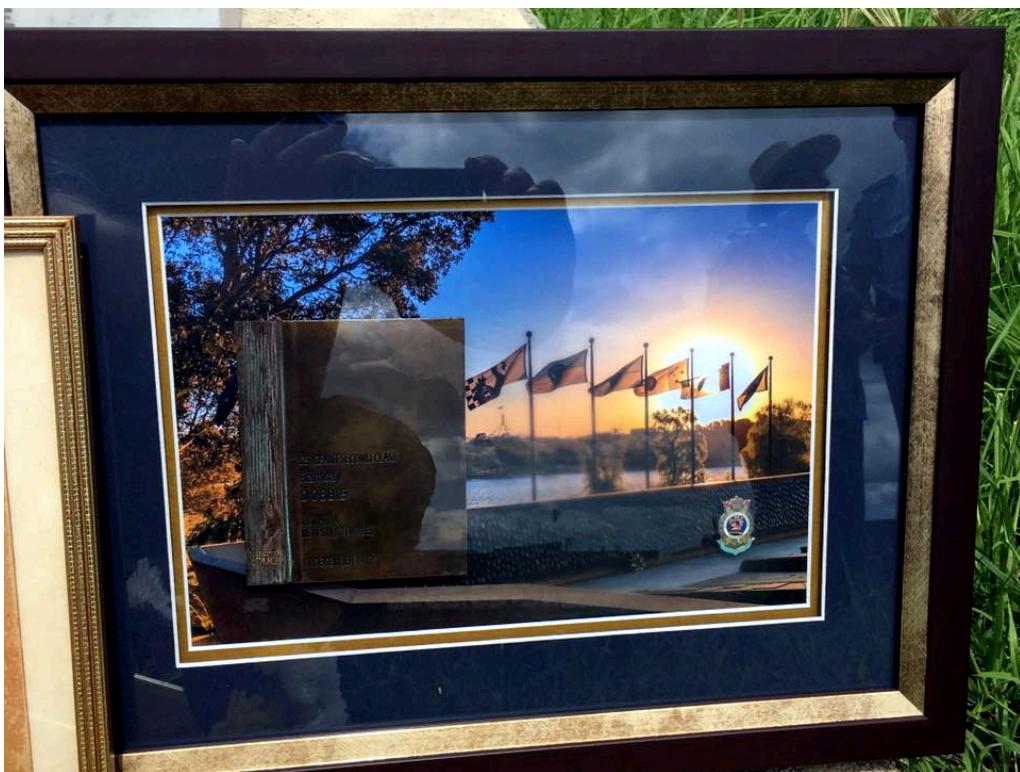
Several descendants of Sgt Dobbie were present and members of the Coffs Clarence Command who organised the service to ensure Sgt Dobbie is appropriately remembered.

The grave site was recently restored, with additional monument stone. Our thanks to John McDiarmid for carrying out this work.











At the time of joined the NSW Police Force, Ramsay was described as:

6' 1/4" tall, 11 stone 8 lb, Grey eyes, light brown hair, "fresh" complexion, Native of Victoria, Single at the time of Joining the NSWPF, later married twice, previous calling is hard to decipher but similar to Kai? houseman, Presbyterian, 'District Sent to' – South Western.

'Cause of Leaving Police "Killed in execution of duty". Date of leaving Police 11.12.1917

Daily Examiner (Grafton, NSW : 1915 – 1954), **Wednesday 12
December 1917**, page 2

FUNERAL NOTICES.

DOBBIE. – The friends of the late Sergeant Ramsay Dobbie are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, to leave his late residence, Ulmarra, at 3 o 'clock THIS DAY (Wednesday), for Ulmarra Cemetery.

H. H. SANDERS,

Phones 27 and 68.

Undertakers.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/195823550>

Daily Examiner (Grafton, NSW : 1915 – 1954), **Thursday 11
December 1919**, page 4

IN MEMORIAM.

DOBBIE.– In sad but loving memory of my dear husband, and our darling devoted daddy, **Sergeant Ramsay Dobbie**, who was killed in the execution of his duty at Ulmarra, 11th December, 1917,

aged 47 years and 9 months.

Too dearly loved, too sadly missed, To ever be forgotten.

Inserted by his loving wife, Mary and children, David, Stella, Ramsay, Edith, Jim, Bob, and Jessie.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/194701698>

Daily Examiner (Grafton, NSW : 1915 – 1954), **Wednesday 11
December 1918**, page 2

IN MEMORIAM.

DOBBIE. – In sad but loving memory of my dear husband and our darling, devoted daddy, Sergeant Ramsay Dobbie. who was killed in the execution of his duty at Ulmarra, 11th December, 1917, aged 47 years and 9 months, The shock was great, the blow severe, To part with one we loved so dear. 'Tis sad, but true – we wonder why – The good are always first to die.

Inserted by his loving wife, Mary, and children, David, Stella, Ramsay, Edith Jim, Bob, and Jessie.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/195553006>

NSWBDM – Marriage 1 = 2102/1898 Bride = MACKENZIE, Annie
Beatrice District = Wilcannia Died 19 March 1899

NSWBDM – Marriage 2 = 1043/1902 Bride = McALPIN, Mary
Ann District = Casino

NSWBDM – **Death** = 17097/1907 Father = James
Mother = Janet J District = Ulmarra

Armidale Chronicle (NSW : 1894 – 1929), **Saturday 22 December
1917**, page 2

Sergt. Dobbie's Death.

CORONER'S INQUEST

The inquest into the cause of the death of the late **Sergeant Ramsay Dobbie** was opened at **Ulmarra** on **Tuesday afternoon** before the **Coroner**. **Mr. McGuren** appeared for **William McLennan**, who was present **in custody**.

Sergeant Swan was the first witness. He deposed as follows:– I was present when the Coroner viewed the body of **Ramsay Dobbie**, a police sergeant. From what I can learn, on the **11th inst.** a man, **William F. McLennan**, now in Court, and his brother, **Donald**, had some altercation with the **Mayor of Ulmarra, Ald. G. W. Fitzgerald**. **Fitzgerald** had complained to the deceased sergeant in reference to the insulting and abusive language of **William McLennan**. Deceased made an attempt to arrest **McLennan** for Insulting words or behaviour. Upon the sergeant's approach **McLennan**, on being spoken to, put his horse into a fast gallop, upon which the deceased caught hold of the back of the sulky, running along a few paces, still holding the sulky, and attempted to get in the sulky to arrest **McLennan**.

On turning a sharp curve at the **end of River-street** the pace was so great the sulky was capsized, the horse being then in a gallop, the sergeant being thrown against a telephone post, and so seriously injured, that he died. I went to **McLennan's** residence, and saw **William McLennan** I said, "I want you, McLennan." He said. "Yes, I believe you do. What is the charge?" I replied, "I am going to charge you with causing the death of Sergeant Dobbie." He said, "I am very sorry. Sergeant: I was drunk, and don't know what happened.

Mary Dobbie. widow of the deceased, gave formal evidence regarding deceased's family history. She heard loud talking in the street near the post office, where one man was in a sulky without a hat on, whilst another man was on horseback. She recognised the man now in custody as the person she saw in the sulky. At this time she saw her husband walk over to the sulky, the driver shaking the reins and forcing the horse into a gallop. As the vehicle passed where she was at her home, the sergeant was holding on to the back of the sulky. She came out to the street, and **McLennan** immediately passed her walking back up the street. Deceased was at first conscious. He said, "**Mr. Fitzgerald** gave **McLennan** in charge, and I was going to arrest him, and when he saw me coming and I got alongside of **McLennan**, he (**McLennan**) drove off. When **McLennan** saw me getting over on to the seat he threw the reins on the horse and jumped out." He said no more.

Dr. S. L. Cook gave evidence. It was found that **seven ribs** on the **left side** were **fractured**, the **pleura torn**, the **left lung perforated** by the **broken ribs**. The **spleen** had also been **ruptured**. The other organs were healthy and uninjured. Death was due to **shock and the injuries mentioned**.

C. W. Fitzgerald, .J.P., Mayor of Ulmarra, deposed: On the 11th instant I was at Ulmarra. I saw **William McLennan** that afternoon as I rode into **Coldstream** at about 5 p.m. He was in front of **O'Brien's hotel**, in company with his **brother Donald**, and **Chas. Lee**, and **Thos. Mawhinney**.

As I turned into the street I heard **William McLennan** talking excitedly, but could not hear what he was saying. When I got within 100 yards I heard **McLennan** say, "I'll talk to the **Puddicombes** ; I'm Irish and I don't give a **** for them." I then heard him say, "Who is this **Fitzgerald**? I will talk to him." I then went on to the public wharf, being on horseback at the time. I could then hear **Mr. Lee** trying to quieten **McLennan**. I almost got past the group where **McLennan** was when the latter said, "Oh ! I want to have a talk to you." I rode on, making no reply. **McLennan** said, "I'm a Catholic and not-a ***** turncoat like you." I turned round and said, "Now, you be very careful, young man, or you'll get yourself into trouble." I rode on, **Donald McLennan** saying "I'll fight you, you ****. " He then said, "I'll throw you into the — river." I then continued on to the wharf, where I remained a few minutes. Returning up the street, **Donald McLennan** was in front of **Spring's Hotel**, and **William** some 75 yards further away.

I came down towards the **post office**, where I spoke to **C. Goode** and **E. Cameron**. After speaking for a few minutes, **Sergeant Dobbie** joined us. I said to **Dobbie** that he should be down the town, where the **McLennans** had possession, and were using Insulting and obscene language. In reply to his question, I said **Donald** and **William McLennan** were there. He asked if I was sure **Donald** was in town and I replied that I was certain, because he had been challenging me. Later, **Mr. Cameron** said, "There's **Donald** crossing the road now." The sergeant later came into the post office. A few minutes later **William McLennan** again drove up and exclaimed excitedly, " I want to have a word with you" (the witness), I replied, "No, you don't, **Billy**, I won't talk to you;" **McLennan** said, " You'll have to talk to me." I again said I would have nothing to say to him. He jumped up in the sulky and said I was not ***** well game to talk to him. I said, "Go about your business. " He said I was trying to send him away to the war, but was not game to go myself.

Sergeant Dobbie then came out of the **post office** and endeavoured to catch hold of **McLennan's** horse. **McLennan**, on seeing the sergeant close to the horse, sat down in the sulky and hit the horse with the reins and started off down past the **police station**. **Dobbie** caught the back of the sulky with his **right hand** and then with both hands. **McLennan** looked back and, seeing the sergeant hanging on to the sulky, furiously flogged the horse with both reins. After going a little over a chain the sergeant placed both feet on the back springs. The pace of the horse still quickened as they approached the corner, until the horse was in a furious gallop. When within **a few yards** of the **corner Dobbie** sprang into the sulky which **then turned the corner** and was lost to sight. I then heard a crash, immediately before which I started to move. I was about 150 yards from the corner.

To the Coroner: **McLennan** was either in a great rage or drunk.

Witness, continuing, said he passed **McLennan** coming back, on foot. He (**McLennan**) then said: " He's done through you ; my horse is gone ; go up that way and you'll get him." I hurried on and saw **Sergeant Dobbie** lying on the ground against a telegraph post on the left side, of the road. I jumped off my horse and saw **Dobbie** appeared badly injured. A number of people were around him.

Percy O. Jones deposed: I know **William McLennan** and saw him at **Betallick's store** about 4.30 or 5 p.m. on the 11th instant. **McLennan** came in and said, " I want a hat, I've done mine. I've left the big fellow asleep round the corner. " He then bought a hat. He was under the influence of drink.

To the Coroner: I previously heard of the accident and took it that the words "**big fellow**" referred to the **deceased sergeant**.

The Court, at **7 p.m.**, was adjourned **until 10 a.m.** on **Wednesday**, at **Grafton**.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/19189071>

LATE SERGEANT DOBBIE.

ADJOURNED CORONER'S INQUEST. ENDS IN A COMMITTAL.

An inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of the late **Sergeant Ramsay Dobbie**, which was **adjourned from Ulmarra** on the **previous day**, was re-opened at the **Grafton Coroner's Court yesterday** morning before **Mr. J. L. Shropshire, Coroner.**

Sergeant Swan conducted proceedings on behalf of the **police**, while **Mr. F. McGuren (McGuren and Pollack)** appeared for **William Freeman McLennan**, who was present **in custody.**

Dr. T. J. Henry, Government Medical Officer, stated that on the 11th inst., about 5.45 p.m. he received a telephone call from **Dr. Cook** at **Ulmarra**, asking him to go down and see **Sergeant Dobbie**. Witness arrived at the residence at **6.45**, and saw the **sergeant lying on a bed** in the front room, with **Dr. Cook** in attendance.

Witness said to **Sergeant Dobbie**: "What has happened to you?" and he replied: "I was thrown from a sulky." Witness was unable to obtain any further statement, as it obviously gave him **great pain to breathe**, and he was suffering from the **effects of shock** to such an extent that he could only speak **a few words at intervals**, although he was perfectly conscious.

Pointing to his left side, he said: "All the trouble is there." Witness placed his hand on the left side of deceased's chest, and found that **several ribs were fractured**, and there was a **crack in the tissue**, showing that the lung had been pierced and **air had escaped into the tissues**. There were no marks of violence visible, with the exception of bruising

about the waist.

Dr. Cook and witness administered several drugs to stimulate the heart and ease the pain. The dressings usually used in cases of broken ribs were then applied. Deceased rallied after about an hour, and witness then went for tea.

In answer to a call witness returned with **Dr. Cook**, and **Sergeant Dobbie** complained of **suffocation** and that the bandage was too tight. Witness diagnosed this as internal haemorrhage. The **bandage was released** in the hope that some relief might be given. **Deceased rapidly became weaker, and died about 8.15.** Deceased was conscious till, about five minutes of the end.

Next morning with **Dr. Cook** witness conducted a **post-mortem** examination at the **Ulmarra Court-house**. The **left lung** was **lacerated** in **several places**, and witness found that the lacerations corresponded with **fractures of seven ribs.** - **Witness** came to the conclusion that **death was due to the injuries to the lung and spleen.** The injuries were consistent with the deceased's statement that he had been thrown from a sulky.

Witness was told by an eye witness that deceased had struck the telegraph post with his left side, and seemed to double round it.

By **Mr. McGuren**: I made an examination of **William McLennan** on **Friday, 14th inst.**, at the **Grafton Gaol**. I found that he had a small abrasion on the back of the left ear. The skin had been torn, and the abrasion was about the size of a sixpence. He also had two bruises on the left hip, and requested me to look at his mouth. I did so, and found indication of a tooth having been drawn from the upper jaw on the left side. He also showed me his trousers, and on the outside of the left leg were some greenish marks, such as might be made by contact with grass. The marks are consistent with a fall from a vehicle.

To **Sergeant Swan**: These marks and bruises could be caused by

anyone falling about under the influence of liquor.

To **the Bench**: In my opinion deceased was mentally capable of making a statement to within five minutes of his death, He was so lethargic from the shock that unless spoken to he rarely made any remark, and it was obviously impossible to interrogate him.

Henry Moran, a **carrier**, residing at **Ulmarra**. said that he **knew** the **deceased**, and **William McLennan**. On the 11th inst., a little after five o'clock, witness saw a sulky with a horse attached going down **Coldstream-street** without a driver. The sulky had **turned right over** and was being **dragged along wheels upwards**. Witness caught the horse and stopped him. The horse was then taken out of the shafts and the sulky righted. The horse was then put back in.

Donald McLennan came along shortly afterwards, followed by **William McLennan**. The latter said, " My sulky is broken, and I can blame ' **Fitz** ' for that. " Witness understood him to mean **Mr. Fitzgerald**, the **Mayor** of Ulmarra. Witness advised **William McLennan** not to drive but to give the reins to " **Donny**. " . They both got in and drove away. **William McLennan** appeared to be excited, and under the influence of drink. When the horse was pulled up the reins were found entangled in the lamp on the driving side of the sulky.

By **Mr. McGuren**: The reins were pulled tight, and the horse was going very steady, The horse appears to be a very flighty animal.

Sergeant Swan, again in the box, gave evidence to the effect that from inquiries made he elicited the information that when at the post office on the day in question, **Sergeant Dobbie** was in uniform.

By **Mr. McGuren**: I have known **William McLennan** for seven or eight years. I have always found him steady and a hard worker, and have never seen him under the influence of liquor. I give

him a good character.

The police intimated that this was all the evidence they had to put forward.

THE FINDING.

The Coroner found that **Ramsay Dobbie**, then a sergeant of police in the **New South Wales force at River-street, Ulmarra**, in the Grafton Police District, in the State or New South Wales, on the **11 th day of December, 1917**, died from **injuries received** on the same day through being thrown from a sulky attached to a horse then and there being **negligently and recklessly driven** along the aforesaid River-street, Ulmarra, by **William Freeman McLennan**, and he further found that in the manner aforesaid the said **William Freeman McLennan** did **feloniously slay** the said **Ramsay Dobbie** while in the **execution of his duty** as police officer as aforesaid.

The Coroner then proceeded to read out the committal in terms of which the case would be heard in **Sydney**.

Mr. McGuren objected, and stated that accused was a poor man, and would be at a big disadvantage in regard to his witnesses.

The Coroner said that he was looking at the matter from the view of expedition.

If, as **Mr. McGuren** had suggested, the case was committed to the next **sessions at Grafton**, the accused would have to wait until **9th April**. ' **Sergeant Swan** said that one of his witnesses was on the point of leaving the district and would be unable to wait for the sessions.

Mr. McGuren intimated his willingness to allow the witnesses' depositions to be put in at the trial.

Sergeant Swan: If the case is committed to the **Grafton sessions** the authorities will take the same action as they did in the last case.

Mr. McGuren: That was altogether different. The accused was unable to get bail.

The Coroner (to Mr. McGuren): Suppose it is sent to **Sydney**, then you can make representations to the **Attorney-General**.

Mr. McGuren: I would prefer it to be the other way.

The Coroner (to Sergeant Swan): You can make application to the **Inspector-General of Police** to have the case taken to **Sydney**. **Accused was committed** to the next **Grafton Quarter Sessions**, to be held on **April 9, 1918**.

Bail was allowed, self in £200, and two sureties of £100 each, or one in £200.

The sureties were forth coming.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/195823704>

Daily Mail (Brisbane, Qld. : 1903 – 1926), **Thursday 11 April 1918**, page 3

Grafton tragedy.

Accused acquitted.

GRAFTON, Wednesday.— At the quarter session to-day, **William Freeman McLennan** was charged with **feloniously slaying Ramsay Dobbie**, a sergeant of police, at Ulmarra, on December 11.

Accused was acquitted.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/220494870>

Warwick Examiner and Times (Qld) Saturday 15 December
1917 page 6 of 8

Police Sergeant Killed Near Grafton.

An unfortunate tragedy occurred at Ulmarra on Tuesday afternoon, by which Sergt. Ramsie Dobbie lost his life. It is alleged that an individual was using strong language towards the conscriptionists, and information was sent to the Sergeant, who attempted to arrest the offender, but the latter got into a Sulky and drove off. The Sergeant endeavoured to climb into the back of the vehicle, and eventually did so. The offender then jumped out, throwing the reins on the horses back. The animal went off at a gallop and dashed against a telephone post with terrific force. Sergeant Dobbie was thrown out, sustaining several fractured ribs and injuries to his chest, and he succumbed three hours after. He leaves a widow and seven children. The eldest is only 13. He was a very popular officer, and had been only a few months at Ulmarra, having come from Coff's Harbour, and formerly from Hill Grove. He was 47 years of age.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/82836423?searchTerm=%20police%20sergeant%20kill%22&searchLimits=l-australian=y#pstart8269261>

Mary Ann DOBBIE (nee McALPIN) – Wife to Ramsay, passed away 7 September 1967 – aged 87 years. Buried at Grafton General cemetery, Villiers St, Grafton.



Ramsay Vickers DOBBIE – son to Mary & Ramsay. Storeman – late of Alice St, Turramurra. Died 21 February 1953 Buried at Grafton General cemetery, Villiers St, Grafton.

Stella DOBBIE – daughter to Mary & Ramsay. Died 1961 – aged 58 years. Buried at Grafton General cemetery, Villiers St, Grafton.

WEDDING: At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Saturday, November 4, 1939, **Jessie Mary**, youngest daughter of the late Sergt. Ramsay **Dobbie** and of Mrs. M. Dobbie, 48 Clarence St, Grafton, to Percy Samuel, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/191660470>

AN ULMARRA FATALITY.

An unfortunate tragedy, resulting in the death of Sergeant Ramsay Dobbie, occurred at Ulmarra on Tuesday afternoon. It seems that a man named W. McLennan, a resident of the Coldstream, aged about 30, who was said to be more or less under the influence of liquor, had during the afternoon been waging wordy combat on certain conscription advocates. About 5 p.m. he appeared in front of the post office in a sulky and again verbally attacked some well known residents standing there. His language was very lurid and Sergt. Dobbie hearing it, hurried out of the Police Station near by. As soon as he saw the sergeant approaching him, McLennan whipped his horse and drove off, but the sergeant, after calling on McLennan to stop, caught hold of the sulky and commenced to climb in as it was careering down the road. It is said that McLennan then jumped from the sulky, and before he could get possession of the reins and pull up the horse Dobbie was dashed against a telegraph post as the vehicle swung round the corner in the narrow roadway. Quite a number of horrified residents witnessed the whole affair and medical assistance was speedily forthcoming, but the sergeant, whose left side was frightfully smashed,, died about three hours later.

Deceased, who was a most efficient and popular official, had only been stationed at Ulmarra for a few months, having been transferred there from Coff's Harbor. He was 47 years of age and leaves a wife and seven children (ranging from 15 years down to a few months old), for whom the deepest sympathy is expressed, McLennan was arrested at his home at Lower Coldstream on Wednesday, and on the same day was brought

before the Ulmarra Police Court. Sergeant Swan gave evidence that he visited defendant's residence, and with Constables Walklate and Warburton, arrested accused. McLennan replied : " I am very sorry, Sergeant, I was drunk at the time and do not know what happened." He then brought McLennan to Ulmarra, McLennan was then charged with, that on the 11th December at Ulmarra he caused the death of Sergeant Ramsay Dobbie. Accused applied for bail. Sergeant Swan said he would strenuously oppose the application. A man had been killed, and it was his duty, in the circumstances, to object to bail, The bench refused the application, and accused was then remanded to the Ulmarra Police Court on Tuesday next.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/121281342>

Barrier Miner (Broken Hill, NSW : 1888 – 1954), **Monday 19
March 1900**, page 2

IN MEMORIAM.

DOBBIE. – In loving memory of my dear wife, Annie Beatrice Dobbie, who died **March 19, 1899** ; also my dear little daughter, **Beatrice Irene**, who died **March 28, 1899.**

As the ivy clings to the oak, My memory clings to thee.

Inserted by her loving husband and father, Ramsay Dobbie.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/44252826>

Thomas SMITH

03/07/2016

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 Grugeon (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.

William Cochran ADIE

03/07/2016

William Cochran ADIE

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ?

**Rank: Probationary Constable – Mounted
Constable**

Stations: ?, Stuart Town

**Service: From 17 December, 1907 to 11
October 1908 = 9+ months Service**

Awards: ?

Born: ? ? 1883

Event date: Saturday 10 October 1908

Died on: Sunday 11 October 1908

Cause: Horse accident

Event location: Stuart Town, NSW

Age: 25

**Funeral date: Monday afternoon 12
October 1908**

Funeral location: ?

**Buried at: Stuart Town Cemetery,
Wallaroi Rd,**

Protestant section ' A '

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

On **Saturday 10 October, 1908** Mounted Constable **Adie** set out on a patrol of the town and surrounds. By the following day he had not returned as expected and **Senior Constable McConville** set out to find him. After being informed that an unattended **troop horse** had been seen in the bush **Senior Constable McConville** investigated and found the unfortunate **Constable Adie** seriously injured. It appeared that the young constable had been thrown from his horse the previous day and had lain seriously injured throughout the night. He died while being taken back to **Stuart Town** for medical attention. The constable's horse was described in the *Melbourne Argus* of 14 October, 1908 as being "*a particularly savage animal*".

In addition to this, the *Sydney Morning Herald* of **26 October, 1908** reported the following.

DANGEROUS POLICE HORSES – A SERIOUS ALLEGATION.

*WELLINGTON, Saturday – The recent death of **Constable Adie**, of **Stuart Town**, who was killed by being thrown from his horse, is causing considerable discussion in the district in regard to the dangerous character of some of the horses supplied to police officers. The animal which killed **Constable Adie** is well known for its vicious propensities. It nearly killed **Constable Cameron** when he was at Stuart Town, and last Christmas it threw **Senior Constable McConville's brother**, and nearly killed him. There are several other police horses in the district which the constables only ride at the risk of their lives, and every time they go out into lonely bush tracks they are exposed to the terrible fate of the late **Constable Adie**, who was not found until the day after he had been thrown and seriously injured.*

The constable was born in **1883** and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 17 December, 1907. At the time of his death he was stationed at Stuart Town.

MOUNTED CONSTABLE'S DEATH.

THROWN FROM A HORSE.

FOUND IN THE BUSH.

WELLINGTON, Tuesday.

Constable **Adie**, of Stuart Town, went out on patrol duty on Saturday, and as he did not return that night or Sunday morning, some anxiety was felt as to what had become of him. Constable M'Conville rode out to make inquiries after the missing man, and learnt from two men that his horse had been seen grazing in the neighbourhood. The horse was found quietly feeding at the spot indicated, and not far away Constable **Adie** was discovered lying unconscious. He was conveyed to Stuart Town, but died on the way. From the marks on the ground, it is thought that the constable's horse, a particularly savage brute, commenced bucking, and threw its rider, who remained where he fell all Saturday night and the greater part of Sunday. The deceased was only 27 years of age, and was greatly liked throughout the district.

The Sydney Morning Herald
Wed. 14 Oct. 1908 p 10 of 16

Wagga Wagga Express Thu. 15 Oct. 1908 p4 of 4

Constable Adie, of Stuart Town, was thrown from his horse on Saturday last, and died on Sunday afternoon. He went out on Saturday morning and did not return. Two men saw his horse saddled and bridled on Saturday morning grazing in the bush, but no notice was taken of the matter.

On Sunday morning Constable McConville found Adie lying in a creek unconscious. He died 20 minutes later, without medical aid.

Deceased was 27 years of age, **unmarried**, and had been for 12 months in the force.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/145407114>

IS IT MANSLAUGHTER ?

The terrible accident which resulted in the death of Constable Adie at Stuart Town, directs attention to a matter that requires the serious attention of the police authorities. The animal which the unfortunate constable was riding when he met his death was well known in the district as being a dangerous one for any man to ride, and it has been rather good luck than other wise that it has not been responsible for a fatality long ago. This is not the only case in the district in which constables are compelled to ride horses that are a constant source of danger to them, and when a man is killed in consequence, are not those responsible for supplying such horses morally guilty of his death ?

Of course the men who have these horses do not care to object, for the reason that it would look as if they lacked courage, and prejudice them in the eyes of their officers, but surely there should be some care taken to see that a horse is fit to ride before it is handed to a constable.

The mounted men in the police force have to make many journeys on lonely tracks, and if they meet with an accident days may elapse before they are found. Under these circumstances it is only reasonable to expect that they would be supplied with reliable horses and not with outlaws that it would take the skill of an expert rider like Billy Waite to handle. To virtually compel a constable to ride a horse about the bush that is a menace to his life, is positively criminal, and the untimely death of Constable Adie should lead to an alteration in the system which, in his case, has had such a deplorable result.

Wellington Times (NSW) Thu. 15 Oct. 1908 p4 of 8

CONSTABLE ADIE'S DEATH.

THE INQUEST.

The death of Constable Adie, who was killed by being thrown from his horse, was the subject of an inquiry held by the **Coroner (Mr. R. Read)** at Stuart Town on Monday. **Senior-Constable McConville** gave evidence that at about **10 a.m.** on **Saturday** last the deceased left the police station on **bush patrol**. He was instructed to patrol the **Mookerawa** as far as the **Enterprise dredge**, and return **that evening** or the **following morning**.

On Sunday morning, as the constable had not returned, he went out and met a man named **Patrick Quiley**, who, in reply to questions, stated that he had not seen **Constable Adie** anywhere, and that the constable did not stay at **Marning's** the previous night. Questioned further **Quiley** stated that he had heard that the constable's horse was seen near **Hop Wah's** place on **Saturday evening** feeding, with a **saddle and bridle on**. Witness then went to the **Mookerawa** and saw **William Cohen**, who said that he had not seen **Constable Adie**, but that the **children** had seen his horse feeding near **Hop Wah's**. He asked **Cohen** to try and find the constable, and then rode on to **Hop Wah's**, where he found the horse feeding with the saddle and bridle on. The bridle was tied to the breastplate. He carefully examined the saddle and found a **spur mark** from the near right side right **across the seat**. From the mark on the

saddle **his opinion** was that the **constable had fallen** from the **off side**. He secured the horse and started to make a search by the river.

When returning with several others, who were assisting in the search, he met **Harry Boehme**, who told him that **Constable Adie** had been found **in the Mookerawa Creek**. He hurried to the spot and saw the constable, who was **alive but unconscious**, and was **breathing heavily**. There was a **piece of skin off the right temple**, and the **skull appeared to be dented in**.

When he saw the constable the latter had been moved about **15yds** from where he was found. Witness carefully examined the place where the constable was picked up for bloodstains, but could find none.

The deceased wore **elastic side boots**, and there was **no chance** of his being **hung up** in the stirrup. The spur was **still on**, but the other **one was missing**.

From the horse's tracks he **thought** that something had **startled** the animal causing him to buck. The horse was a **dangerous one** and would **always buck** if anything went wrong. Otherwise he was quiet enough.

Deceased **was not** a good horseman, but he was a **careful, steady rider**. The creek was **dry** where the constable was found, and his head apparently struck a stone where he fell. A stone that was sticking out looked as if it had been shifted.

A man named **Edwards** told him that **he had tied** the bridle to the breastplate on **Sunday morning**, as he saw the horse feeding with the **bridle trailing** on the ground.

William Cohen, miner, residing at **Mookerawa**, deposed to finding the constable **about two or three yards** from the track, which was considered a short cut.

John Marning, grazier, gave evidence that at about **4 o'clock**

on Saturday afternoon he was mustering cattle about a quarter of a mile from his place when he met **Constable Adie**. They rode along together for about a mile and a half, and on parting shook hands.

They parted about **5½ miles** from Stuart Town. Deceased's horse was then going quietly. He did not see deceased again until called upon to drive him to Stuart Town the following day.

The Coroner found that death was caused by injuries **accidentally received** in a fall from a horse.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/141594487>

Wellington Times (NSW) **Thu. 15 Oct. 1908** p5 of 8

(From a Correspondent.)

The funeral of the late Constable Adie, whose death was reported last issue, took place on Monday afternoon. A great number of people from both town and district attended the funeral, which was a long one considering that Mr. Adie has only been in our midst for a short time. It is believed that he had not a relative in the State.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/141594488>

Wellington Times (NSW) Thu. 15 Oct. 1908 p5 of 8

Constable Adie Killed. – Constable Adie, who has been stationed here for the last five or six months, had occasion to go to **Lower Mookerawa** on Saturday last, and not returning by Sunday morning, Constable McConville went in search of him, and finding his horse, with the saddle and bridle on, feeding about the road, near **Hop War's store**, at **Mookerawa**, a search was made, and he was found lying in the **Mookerawa Creek**, where he had been thrown from his horse, striking a large stone with his head. He lay there all night until found next day **in the water**, which was only **very shallow**, otherwise he would have been drowned.

He was conveyed into town, but expired shortly after. The funeral took place on **Monday**. An inquest was held on **Monday** before Mr. **Robt. Read**, coroner, when a verdict of **accidentally killed through falling from his horse** was returned.<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/141594489>

Wellington Times (NSW) Mon. 19 Oct. 1908 p3 of 4

I will make reference to the horse that was the cause of Constable Adie's death, in Thursday's issue of the Times.

A special memorial is to be preached to-night (Sunday) in the Church of England by Mr. Champion in memory of Constable Adie, who was killed last week, by being thrown from his horse.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/141600341>

Wellington Times (NSW) **Thu. 22 Oct. 1908** p3 of 8

We were all deeply grieved when we heard of poor Constable Adie's death. He was a very promising young officer, and the general feeling here was one of deepest regret. Some very just strictures were passed anent the inquest. Why was no doctor present ? When one doctor could not be obtained, why was not another sent for ? No medical man saw Constable Adie after he started out on his last ride. Everything points to the manner of his death, but a man discharging his duties as he did makes enemies. Where a policeman meets his death like that, the most searching inquiry should be ordered. Then all in the district knew what kind of a horse he rode, and it was almost criminal to require him to use it. Your remarks on the same matter last week were just, and to the point.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/141603267>

Wellington Times (NSW) **Thu. 22 Oct. 1908** p5 of 8

As I said, I will refer to the horse that killed Constable Adie in this issue of the Times. I have known the horse, also Constable McConville's, which were purchased for police mounts at the same time from Katella. Both were colts at the time,

and very wild and vicious at that.

They had to be taken to **Orange** or **Wellington** to be shod, the local **shoeing smiths** could not manage them until they were shod several times. When the police had occasion to use them after a few days spell, they could be seen racing them around the paddock for some time with saddles and bridles on, but whether it was to put life into them or take it out of them, I am not sure ; but I think it was the latter.

Constable McConville is a very good horseman, otherwise perhaps he would have met with an accident ere this.

During Constable Cameron's sojourn here he got a spill from the horse which accounted for Constable Adie's death, and which very nearly sent him to glory.

Then, during last Christmas holidays Constable McConville's brother, who was on a visit, got a spill from the same horse, which also could have had a fatal ending, as he was rendered unconscious for some time.

So you can see that he can buck when he likes, and it is only a first class rider that should have the handling of such a brute. It is not the class of horse fit for a new-chum trooper – such as was poor Adie – to ride. It is only a pastime for this horse to buck, and seems an easy matter for it to get rid of its burden at will.

It is hoped that the next man sent to fill the gap made by such a brute is able to take out of this horse what the other troopers could not.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/141603256>

Mudgee Guardian & North-Western Representative (NSW) **Thu.**
29 Oct. 1908 p 26 of 28

A special memorial service was preached in the Stuart Town Church of England, in memory of Constable Adie, who was killed by being thrown from a horse.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/157670013>

Wellington Times (NSW) **Thu. 3 Dec. 1908** p5 of 8

WILLIAM COCHRANE ADIE, late of Stuart Town, Constable of Police, deceased.

All persons having claims against the above estate are requested to forward the same, verified by affidavit, to the undersigned, on or before the thirty-first day of December, 1908.

T. W. GARRETT,

Curator of the above estate.

Chancery Square, Sydney, 1st Dec., 1908.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/141511275>









In
Memory
OF
CONSTABLE
W. C. ARIE
ACCIDENTALLY KILLED
AT STUART TOWN
OCT. 11, 1908,
AGED 25 YEARS.
CREATED
BY HIS COMPANIES

McMURTRIE BROS.
GRANITE



In
Memory
of
CONSTABLE
W.C. ARIE
Aged 25 Years,
Killed at
STUART TOWN,
OCT. 11, 1888,
Aged 25 Years.
Erected
by his Companions

McMURTRIE BROS.
GRANVILLE



McMURTRIE BROS.
GRANITE.

Memorial
OF
CONSTABLE
W. C. ARIE
ACCIDENTALLY KILLED
AT STUART TOWN
DEC. 11, 1908,
AGED 25 YEARS.
ERECTED
BY HIS COMRADES



Memorial
STONE
CONSTITUTIONAL
W. C. F. RIE
BORN MAY 10, 1870
APRIL 10, 1908
AGE 37 YEARS
BY HIS DEWIDERS



In
Memoriam

OF

CONSTABLE
W. C. A. PIE

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED
AT STUART TOWN
DEC. 11, 1908,
AGED 25 YEARS.

ERECTED
BY HIS COMRADES



Probationary Constable William Cochrane ADIE
Touch Plate at the National Police Wall of
Remembrance, Canberra

William JUSTIN

03/07/2016

Constable 1st Class William JUSTIN

New South Wales Police Force

Horse Accident

Thuddungra

8 March, 1905

On the day of his death Constable Justin was patrolling about ten miles from Thuddungra (Young district) when his horse became skittish and began to buck. The constable was driven into a wire fence by the animal, where he sustained severe injuries to his face and hands. He was found some three hours after the incident by some girls going home from school, and was quickly taken to the home of a Mr Webb. He was taken to Young Hospital the next day however he unfortunately passed away.

The constable was born in 1859 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 19 November, 1881. At the time of his death he was stationed at Young.



Ken Medway

Today, Missy and I paid a visit to William JUSTIN at Young.

*

As you can see from these and previous photos of this grave, there is a bloody huge gum tree growing right on top of him. There is a remembrance day ribbon pinned to the tree and the flowers and trinkets have obviously been placed in recent years.

The GPS co-ordinated are 34 19 37S/148 17 17E.

Page 84 in Beyond Courage.

*

Eucser Haze added 3 new photos.

14 hrs · 8 March 2017

Please take the time to read a little about NSWPF history, or at least just have a look at the state of a grave that belongs to an officer killed in the line of duty, Cst 1/c William Justin. Yes- that is a large tree growing through the centre of the grave.

I'm at a loss to understand how the grave of a Police officer, who died in the service of this state, can be allowed to reach this condition. I seriously wonder what his family and colleagues would think of us.

Remembered...

Constable 1st Class William JUSTIN
Young Police

Horse Accident – 8 March, 1905

Resting Place – Young General Cemetery, Young

In early March, 1905 Constable Justin was patrolling about ten miles from Thuddungra (Young district) when his horse became skittish and began to buck. The constable was driven into a wire fence by the animal, where he sustained severe injuries to his face and hands. He was found some three hours after the incident by some girls going home from school, and was quickly taken to the home of a Mr Webb. He was taken to Young Hospital the next day however he unfortunately passed away. The Shoalhaven Telegraph dated 29 March, 1905 reported the following some weeks later.

“DEMISE OF FIRST-CLASS CONSTABLE JUSTIN.

[Written by Daniel McMillan, an old and sympathetic Friend.]

A great gloom was cast over this neighbourhood and surrounding district on Monday week last, when the sad news became known that First-class Constable Justin had succumbed to injuries which he received through being thrown from his horse whilst on duty the Wednesday previous, some 20 miles from Young, at which place he has been stationed for a considerable time. It would appear from the evidence adduced that while Mr Justin was in the act of shutting a gate, which was a complicated one, his horse, being a spirited animal, started to buck, and ran away, causing the rider to lose his balance and fall to the ground. The unfortunate man, being dragged a considerable distance by the stirrup, was brought into contact with a barb-wire fence, thence with a tree. It is also surmised that the horse kicked him on the head. He was found in an unconscious state some hours, it is supposed, after the accident occurred. At the time of the accident Constable Justin was over 20 miles away from his home. He was found by a Mr Webb, a farmer residing some distance away from the scene of the untoward incident, who took him to his home, and did all that he could to relieve the sufferer until medical aid was obtained, From the first but little hope was entertained of his recovery. He

only regained consciousness for a few minutes before his death, which sad event took place on the Saturday evening following, at 8 o'clock. Mr Justin, who was, it may be said, in the prime of life, being only 45 years of age at the time of his death, was the eldest son of the late Mr W. Justin, so long and favourably known in connection with the Harbors and Rivers Department; he was born in Sydney, and whilst only a child removed with his parents to Shoalhaven, where his aged mother still resides, with several other members of the family. The deceased, at the early age of 21, joined the police force, with which he had been associated ever since, and during his 24 years' service he had been stationed at many places in New South Wales, including Goulburn, Braidwood, Myrna, Queanbeyan, Frogmore, Young, and other stations. In referring to the deceased gentleman, an up-country paper says: 'He was the popular constable, who was loved and respected by all, and will be greatly missed.' The same can be said by everybody at every place where he has been. Besides a wife and 5 children, the deceased leaves a mother, 2 brothers, and 4 sisters, together with a large circle of friends and acquaintances, to mourn their loss. The funeral, which took place at Young on Sunday week, was largely attended..."

The constable was born in 1859 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 19 November, 1881. At the time of his death he was stationed at Young. He is listed in the official New South Wales Police Honour Roll.



<https://www.australianpolice.com.au/william-justin/>



<https://www.australianpolice.com.au/william-justin/>



<https://www.australianpolice.com.au/william-justin/>

James BREMNER

03/07/2016

James BREMNER

(late of 264 Bourke Street)

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ?

Rank: Inspector

Stations: ?, No. 3 Division Darlinghurst (O.I.C. for 17 years)

Service: From ?? about 1864 to 2 January 1901 =

Awards: ?

Born: ?? 1841

Died on: Wednesday 2 January 1901

Cause: Horse accident – pedestrian

Event date: Tuesday 1 January 1901

Event location: Centennial Park

Age: ?

Funeral date: Thursday 4 January 1901

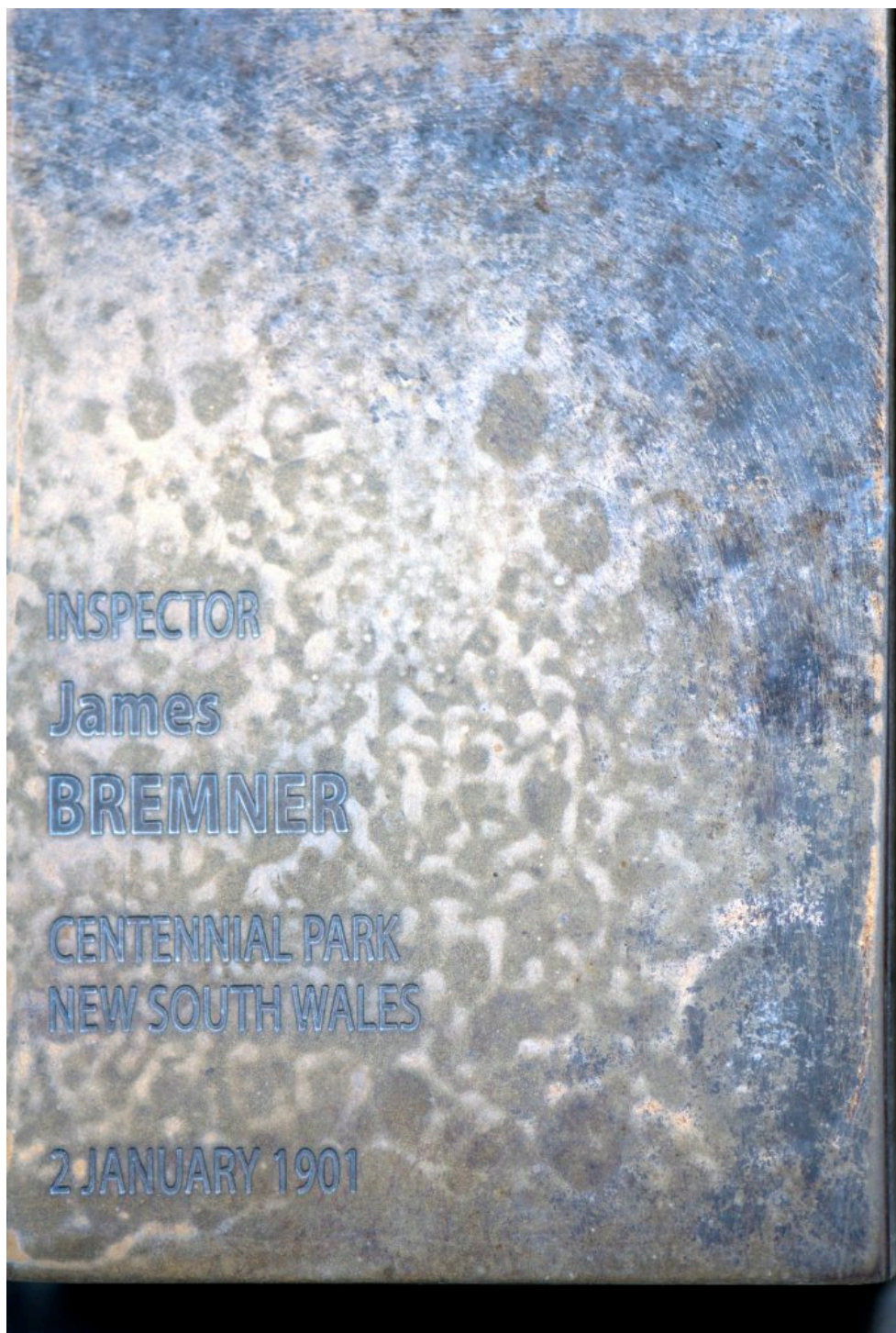
Funeral location: Presbyterian portion of Waverley Cemetery

Buried at: Presbyterian portion of Waverley Cemetery

General Vault, Section 16

Memorial at: ?

JAMES IS mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance



National Police Remembrance Wall Touch Plate

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

PLEASE SEND PHOTOS AND INFORMATION TO Cal

The inspector was **knocked down and killed** by a **military horse** during **Commonwealth of Australia** celebrations at **Centennial Park, Sydney (1 January 1901)**. At the time he was **supervising 200 police** who were maintaining order amongst a large crowd awaiting the **Commonwealth Day Procession**. As the procession began, a trooper's horse took fright and bolted into the crowd. Inspector Bremner was knocked down, **sustaining severe spinal injuries**. He was conveyed to **St Vincent's Hospital** where he died at **2.15am** the following morning. He had **been due to retire a few weeks earlier** but stayed on to assist with the **Commonwealth of Australia celebrations**.

The inspector was a well-known policeman in Sydney. He had arrived in **Sydney** from the **north of Scotland** some 37 years earlier and had almost immediately joined the police (about 1864). He had been the officer-in-charge of No. 3 Division for seventeen years, **supervising the police stations at Randwick, Waverley, Botany and Woollahra**. He was apparently a huge man of about **twenty stone in weight**. He left behind a widow but **no children**.

The *Sydney Morning Herald* of **4 January, 1901** reported on the very impressive funeral which was afforded the inspector.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE INSPECTOR BREMNER.

The funeral of the late Inspector James Bremner, who died at St Vincent's Hospital on Wednesday from injuries received in the discharge of his duties during the swearing in ceremony of the Governor General at the Centennial Park on the previous day, took place yesterday afternoon. The interment was made in the Presbyterian portion of Waverley Cemetery. The cortege left the late residence of the deceased, 264 Bourke Street, at 3pm. The popularity and respect in which the deceased officer was held were marked by the large presence of all classes of the community, who assembled at the place of departure and along the whole line of route. Moreover, numerous evidences of mourning were displayed throughout Oxford Street. At Darlinghurst Law Courts voluntary guards of honour were formed by the bandsmen of the Irish Rifles and St George s Regiment, who were playing in the neighbourhood. Opposite Marshall's Brewery a number of blue-jackets who were returning from the review lined up and saluted the coffin as it passed. Passing Centennial Park the same tribute of respect was paid by the troops encamped there...

The inspector was born in **1841** and joined the New South Wales Police Force about 1864. At the time of his death he was the Officer-in-Charge of No.3 Division (Darlinghurst).
