

Josiah Podgers VIZZARD

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AKA ?

Late of Mulbring, NSW

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 'Q' 1638

For the purposes of this website 'Q' represents those Police joining between 1 March 1862 (commencement of NSWPF) – 23 February 1915 (Commencement of NSWPF current numbering system)

Rank: Probationary Constable- appointed 17 February 1866

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Detective – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Constable – appointed 1 September 1892

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank = Sergeant

Stations: Wagga Wagga (Albury District), Corowa, Newcastle, Copeland (Sgt – transferred to Copeland in Feb 1880), Lambton, and latterly he has been at Mulburing (Maitland district). Maitland – Retirement

Service: From 17 February 1866 to ? April 1896 = 30 years Service

Awards: No Find on Australian Honours system – although Awarded the Crimea Medal and Awarded the Turkish Medal

Born: ? ? 1837, Jersey, England

Died on: Monday 21 September 1896 @ 2.30pm

Age: 61

Cause: Illness – pneumonia

Event location: West Maitland, NSW

Event date: ?

Funeral date: Tuesday 22 September 1896 @ 3pm

Funeral location: ?

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: Morpeth Cemetery, Butchers Lane, Morpeth, NSW

Grave Location: RC, Section 1, Plot ?, Type: Monumental, Levels: Double, Status: Occupied

Grave location map: Approx. [codepeople-post-map]

GPS: -32.73444199387523 / 151.62433299105453

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this time (November 2020)





JOSIAH is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance
*NEED MORE INFO

**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

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

Australian Police YouTube Channel

Josiah **Pedgers** Vizzard – Note difference in spelling of middle name – as seen on <https://myhorison.maitland.nsw.gov.au>

Name of grave stone is definitely spelt **PODGERS**

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

Tuesday 22 September 1896, page 5

Death of a Police Officer.

A CRIMEAN VETERAN.

WEST MAITLAND, Tuesday.— **Sergeant Josiah Vizzard**, aged **62 years**, died at **Morpeth** yesterday after a brief illness.

The deceased, after having **served 30 years in the N.S.W. police force**, retired recently on a pension.

The sergeant served in the **Crimean War**, and fought in the battles of Alma, Inkerman, and Sebastopol, with the Grenadier Guards, for which he received medals.

He afterwards went to Canada as instructor to the military for a number of years.

He was stationed at Wagga Wagga, Copeland, Lambton, and latterly he has been at Mulburing, in this district.

22 Sep 1896 – Death of a Police Officer. – Trove

Maitland Weekly Mercury (NSW : 1894 – 1931), **Saturday 26**

September 1896, page 4

Local News of the Week.

Death of a Crimean Veteran. – **Sergeant Josiah P. Vizzard**, late of Mulbring, died at Morpeth on Monday, after a brief illness, of pneumonia.

He leaves a wife and five children (four sons and one daughter), all grown up.

The death is surrounded with painful associations, for **Sergeant Vizzard**, after **serving over thirty years** in the **service of the colony**, only retired on a well-deserved pension at the **beginning of April last**.

Lately he proceeded to **Morpeth**, and purchased a house with the object of spending the declining days of his life in a peaceful manner.

He was in Morpeth making arrangements about the removal of his family when his death occurred.

He was sixty-two years of age.

Sergeant Vizzard had the distinction of having served in the **Imperial army** through the **Crimean War**.

In the ranks of the **Grenadier Guards** he was present at the engagements of Alma and Inkerman, and at the siege of Sebastapol, and he **held the Crimea and Turkish medals**.

He was afterwards sent to Canada as instructor to the military.

When he joined the **New South Wales police force** he acted as **sergeant instructor at the depot for some time**, under **Captain Clancy**.

He was afterwards in charge of various stations. In each of

the places in which he was stationed, **Sergeant Vizzard** was greatly respected, especially among the better class of the community.

Having **served** in the **hospital army corps** he was possessed of considerable **surgical and medical knowledge**, and this proved of great value in the small country towns to which he was appointed.

His death, so soon after retirement on a pension, throws upon it a certain element of sadness, apart from other considerations.

It is somewhat remarkable that **since July** there have been **no less than nine deaths among pensioners** from the **police force**.

26 Sep 1896 – Local News of the Week. – Trove

Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate (NSW : 1876 – 1954),

Saturday 26 September 1896, page 4

Death. VIZZARD – At Morpeth N.S.W., on September 21st, 1896, from pneumonia, **Josiah P. Vizzard**, formerly of Grenadier Guards in the Crimea, and late **Sergeant of Police in Maitland and Albury districts**; aged 61 . Jersey (Channel Islands) papers please copy.

26 Sep 1896 – Family Notices – Trove

Nothing further, than what is recorded above, is known about this man at the time of publication.

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