

Edward MARTIN

03/09/2024

Edward MARTIN

AKA ?

* Nickname: ?

Late of ?

Relations in 'the job':

"possible" relation in 'the job': ?

Victoria Police Force

Regd. # ?????

Rank: Commenced Training at ? Police Academy as a Police
Cadet on Monday ? ? ?

Probationary Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank: = Constable

Stations: Swan Hill (1879), St Kilda – Death

Time employed (Paid) with NSW Police: From: ? ? 1879
to 11 January 1882 = 2 years +/-

Service (From Training Date) period: From ? ? 1879 to
11 January 1882 = 2 years +/- Service

Retirement / Leaving age: = ?

Time in Retirement from Police: ?

Awards: No Find on Australian Honours system

Born: ? ? ?

Died on: *Monday 9 January 1882*

Age: 28 years,

Organ Donor: N/A

Cause: Depression, Suicide, Police pistol, On Duty

Event location: Police Barracks – St Kilda Rd, Victoria

Event / Diagnosis date: ?

Funeral date: ? ? ?

Funeral location: ?

LIVE STREAM ?

Wake location: ???

Wake date: ???

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: ?

Grave Location: Section: Row: ? Plot: ?

Grave GPS: ?, ?

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this
time (September 2024)

EDWARD is **NOT** mentioned on the National Police Wall of

Remembrance * BUT SHOULD BE

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

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

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

Australian Police YouTube Channel

Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 – 1957),

Tuesday 10 January 1882, page 10

SUICIDE OF A TROOPER.

Yesterday afternoon, **Mounted constable Edward Martin** committed **suicide** at the **police barracks, St Kilda road**, by shooting himself.

The deceased was a single man, a native of the colony, and had been about two years in the force.

He had been stationed during the greater portion of that period at **Swan-hill**, and some time ago he received a **sunstroke**.

On the **16th of last month** he was forwarded from **Swan-hill** to

Melbourne, and reported as **insane**.

On his arrival he was sent to the **police hospital**, where under treatment his general health was greatly improved, and he was discharged from the hospital on the **3rd inst**.

Since that time he has been doing duty about the depot until Saturday last, when he was despatched for temporary duty to Ringwood.

He returned to the barracks at a quarter to 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and reported himself to **Sergeant Fagin**, and appeared to be all right.

He was ordered by the sergeant to go to the barracks, get his dinner, and then to clean his horse and accoutrements.

Martin left **Sergeant Fagin** and went to his room, and in **less than five minutes** afterwards he shot himself through the head with his revolver.

A little boy nine years of age, son of **Quarter-master Fahey**, was passing through the passage when he heard the report of a revolver. He looked into the room and saw **Martin** standing in the centre of the room, with **one side of his helmet all blackened**.

He said to **Martin**, "One side of your helmet's all black," where upon **Martin** took it off and laid it down.

Young Fahey then went outside, and on looking through the window he saw **Martin loading his revolver**, which he did very quickly, placed it to his head, fired, and fell down.

The boy instantly gave the alarm, and **Sergeant Fagin** at once proceeded to the room, where he found **Martin** lying on his back in a pool of blood.

The bullet had entered on the right side of the head passed through and out on the left side, and stuck in a corner of the

room.

Dr Webb, who was quickly in attendance, pronounced the case hopeless. Martin was at once removed to another room, and every attention shown to him, but he never rallied, and died shortly before 8pm.

The deceased has a brother living at Castlemaine and a sister at Swan-hill.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/11528874>

The Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser (NSW
)

Thursday 12 January 1882 Page 3

Constable Edward MARTIN, lately confined as a lunatic, on account of the effects of sun-stroke, committed suicide yesterday (*Wednesday 11 January 1882*) by blowing his brains out, in the police barracks.

12 Jan 1882 – TELEGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE. – Trove

Australasian (Melbourne, Vic. : 1864 – 1946),

Saturday 14 January 1882, page 7

SUICIDE OF A TROOPER.

An inquest was held on the remains at the police hospital on Tuesday.

The unfortunate young fellow had been sent down from his station, at Swan-hill for medical treatment, as he exhibited signs of insanity. He progressed so favourably that he was sent on special duty to Ringwood on Saturday.

On Monday afternoon Sergeant Fagan's attention was drawn to the fact that Martin had shot himself, and upon examination he found Martin had shot himself through the head. Two bullets were found embedded in a beam in the room.

Dr. Ford said the deceased was **quiet but stupid** when under treatment in the hospital, and **to all appearance was perfectly sane** when he returned to duty.

On examining him, after being shot, he found the brain protruding from both sides of the head.

The deceased's brother gave evidence, that he suffered from a **sunstroke some years before he joined the force.**

A verdict of suicide whilst of unsound mind was returned.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/138074711>

* Story behind any Nickname:

Nothing further, than what is recorded above, is known about this person at the time of publication and further information and photos would be appreciated.

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3 September 2024

Francis DRUM

03/09/2024

Francis DRUM

AKA ?

Late of Marengo, NSW

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 'P' 0086

For the purposes of this website 'P' = represents those Police joining Pre 1862 when NSWPF "Officially" commenced

Rank: Constable – commenced 24 February 1862

Senior Constable

Final Rank = Senior Constable

Stations: ?, Morangarell (1875), Murringo, Marengo – Death

Service: From 24 February 1862 to 12 January 1882 = 20

years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: 31 March 1838, Auchandinard, Bally Connell, Fermanagh,
Ireland

Died on: Thursday 12 January 1882

Age: 45

Cause: Fall from horse whilst On Duty – Fractured neck

Event location: near Warrangong Station, Marengo

Event date: Thursday 12 January 1882

Funeral date: Tuesday 17 January 1882

Funeral location: Murringo Cemetery, Murringo Rd, Murringo,
NSW, 2586

Wake location: ?

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: Murringo Cemetery, Murringo Rd, Murringo, NSW, 2586

Memorial located at: ?

Widow: Mary Agnes DRUM & 6 children of Marengo in the Colony
of NSW

~~FRANCIS is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance *~~
~~BUT SHOULD BE~~

On Friday 27 September 2019 an omission was rectified with the
name of Senior Constable Francis DRUM being added to the NSW
Police Wall of Remembrance together with the National Police

Wall of Remembrance, Canberra.





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May they forever Rest In Peace

Kevin Banister

Admin · NSW Fallen Police FB Group

Regarding Senior Constable Francis DRUM. I received a message from Inspector Jacob REEVES, OIC of Young Police 3 days ago. My apologies for not posting earlier, it was in my 'other' messages.

"Hello Kevin, just FYI, Senior Constable Patrick Smith of Young Highway Patrol has been lobbying to have S/Cst Drum added to the NSW Police Force Honour Roll in the Domain and has been successful. S/Cst Drum will be added in time for Police Remembrance Day 2019 and will also be sent to Canberra

for inclusion on the National Wall. We will be having a ceremony in Murringo to mark this event on Friday 27th September. The Hume Police District Facebook page will have details shortly.”

Outstanding.

In 1882 Senior Constable Francis Drum paid the ultimate price in the execution of his duty. Unfortunately his death has not been accepted as duty-related by the various Commissioners (and Inspectors General) of the Police.

Francis Drum, a twenty year veteran, was thrown from his horse near Murringo while collecting crop returns and electoral lists. Sadly, his fatal fall was not regarded as being in the line of duty.

It has since been shown that in a report by Edmund Fosbery Inspector General of Police to the Principal Under-Secretary of the NSW Police Department that most country police had this task as a normal part of their duties at that time. “These duties and others such as the collection of the Electoral Lists, Jury List, Stock and Crop Returns interfere more or less with legitimate police work and occupy much time, but there is some counter-balancing advantage by bringing the police into contact with people they would not otherwise meet, whereby they acquire information of service to them in a police point of view”. (see Police Duties in NSW 1862 – 1915).

We have been in contact with a serving Police Officer who wishes to facilitate the process of getting Francis Drum recognised as his due right and to have his name included on the Police Honour Roll.

<https://www.change.org/p/nsw-police-commissioner-michael-fulle>

r-apm-help-us-get-senior-constable-francis-drum-on-the-nsw-police-honour-roll?recruiter=632287451&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=facebook&utm_campaign=psf_combo_share_initial.pacific_email_copy_en_gb_4.v1.pacific_email_copy_en_us_3.control.pacific_email_copy_en_us_5.v1.pacific_post_sap_share_gmail_abi.gmail_abi.lightning_2primary_share_options_more.control&utm_term=psf_combo_share_initial.pacific_email_copy_en_us_3.control.pacific_email_copy_en_gb_4.v1.pacific_email_copy_en_us_5.v1.pacific_post_sap_share_gmail_abi.gmail_abi.lightning_2primary_share_options_more.variant&utm_content=fht-14070029-en-au%3Av2&fbclid=IwAR3hxWZYVGIIIUMVwZeH7Kff20FlTTdohBLINB_AiifiCyHe0502G3LT4gI

Burrowa News (NSW : 1874 – 1951),

Friday 20 January 1882, page 2

INQUEST ON SENIOR-CONSTABLE DRUM.

The coroner (Mr. S. Robinson) and a jury of five held an inquest at the dwelling house of the late **Senior-constable Drum, Marengo**, on Tuesday, touching the death of that officer.

John McSpadden deposed : I am boundary rider to Mr. W. B. Suttor ; I know the deceased **Senior-constable Drum** ; I saw him yesterday morning ; he called at the station and asked me the road to **Beplate's** ; **he was collecting the electoral roll** ; I went on horseback with him ; we had ridden about three quarters of a mile from **Warrangong station** ; there was a storm rising ; **Drum** said he would turn back ; his horse gave two or three turns round ; **Drum** stuck the spurs into the animal ; she made a bound and deceased's hat fell off ; the **mare then bolted** ; **deceased could not hold her** ; after going **about 300 yards** I saw the **mare fall right through a six-wire fence, on**

the top of the rider ; I galloped up, and found deceased bleeding copiously from the mouth and ear ; he was quite dead ;

I then went and reported the circumstances to the overseer of the station ; Mr. Johnson, I, and my wife, went to where the body was ; we then took the body to the station ;

Mr. Woodbridge, who is a neighbour, afterwards reported to the police, and the body was then brought to Marengo, by order of the coroner ; the mare from the start was restless ; she appeared to be a very fiery animal ; I thought she was not a safe animal to ride ; I brought the mare here from Warrangong this morning ; she is marked in several places by the wire fence.

Charles Henry Thompson deposed : I am a constable stationed at Marengo ; Senior-constable Drum was in charge of the Marengo station ; from information I received I went yesterday to Bang Bang, distant from here about 25 miles ; I there saw Constable Drum ; he said he had been sick, but that he was then all right ; Mrs. Drum spoke to me on Wednesday night ; she said she had heard her husband was sick at Bang Bang ; she further requested me to take a buggy and bring him home ; I and Mr. Connor, inn-keeper, started at 12 o'clock on Wednesday night, and got to Bang Bang at 5 on Thursday morning ; Drum was better, and started to finish the electoral roll at about a quarter past eight in the morning ; while I was with deceased he had one glass of brandy ; he said he had a touch of sunstroke on Monday last ; I arrived home about noon yesterday, and about two hours afterwards news came to me that Drum had been killed ; I telegraphed to the police, and also to the coroner, and upon the order of the coroner, I had the body brought home ;

he, deceased, left home on Monday morning : I have been ten weeks here ; I have known Drum for nearly four years ; I never saw him drunk ; when he started from Bang Bang on Thursday the

mare was **very fidgetty**, and was prancing about ; I told **Drum** if the mare was too much for him that I would ride her and finish taking the roll ; **I don't think the mare is safe to ride** ; she **is flash and has a bad temper** ; I would not care to ride or have charge of her ; **Drum** used to say that she required watching.

Michael O'Connor deposed : I am an innkeeper, residing in **Marengo** ; I knew the deceased, **Senior-constable Drum** ; I have known him on and off for about **twelve years** ; on Wednesday evening about 10 o'clock **Mrs. Drum** came to my house and said she had heard that her husband was sick at **Bang Bang** ; she asked me if I would go with my buggy and bring him home ; she said that **Constable Thompson** would accompany me ; I consented to go ;

I started with **Constable Thompson** about 12 o'clock, and arrived at **Bang Bang** at five in the morning ; when we arrived I saw **Drum** coming out of the stable ; **Drum** said, "Where are you going ?" I did not tell him my object in coming ; he appeared to have been sick, but not from drink ; I only saw him have one drink that morning ; the mare **Drum** rode was **very fidgetty** ; we afterwards left and came home ;

Drum was a very regular man, and not in the habit of drinking.

The **verdict of the jury** was that deceased met his death by **falling from his horse over a six-wire fence on the 12th instant**, which fall **dislocated his neck**.

The **jury added** a rider to the effect that they were of opinion that the **mare was not a fit animal to be supplied to the police force**.

The **funeral of Senior-constable Drum** took place on the evening of the inquest, and was followed by a large concourse of people, vehicles and horsemen.

The burial service was read by the Rev. **Father Long**, of

Burrowa.

A **public subscription** is being raised for the purpose of **erecting a memorial stone over the grave** of the deceased.

There is no doubt that the **primary cause of the accident** was the **temper of the mare**, which appears to have been very bad. She has **passed through several hands** and was given up each time by the possessor **as being unsafe to ride**.

It is said that **she killed a man sometime ago** in another district, and was brought over here **for the use of an officer of rank in the service**, who **declined to have her**, since which she has been sent away from place to place with the object of exchanging her.

Under these circumstances **it is not creditable to the authorities to allow animals of this class to be ridden by the police**, who, of all men, require horses which can be kept thoroughly under control. It is to be hoped that the rider to the verdict will have some effect in the proper quarter.

Assuming however, that the horse had been a quite animal, then the **Government would still be blameable for permitting the use of wire fences without a top rail, at any rate along public roads**.

Only a few months back **another trooper lost his life over a similar fence** to the one in question. And so the **affair as usual**, rests, until **death after death** at last compels the **selfish red taped authorities** to move in the matter.

There is a fence of this class on a main road not many miles from **Young**, and as a matter of course, it is impossible for man or beast to see it by night, nor indeed often by day. What is of more common occurrence than, for say a vehicle to run slightly off the track of a bush road on a night, not necessary dark, and if the fences are not discernible, what guide is there for a driver. A matter of this kind could be

easily regulated by a brief Act, and would prevent many an accident to life and limb. – Argus (Young.) .

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/107930196>

Burrangong Argus (NSW : 1864 – 1913),

Saturday 1 August 1868, page 2

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.

Thomas Evans was brought from Murrumburrah by constable Francis Drum, charged with the above offence. Fined 10s., or three days' imprisonment.

OBSCENE LANGUAGE.

Thomas Evans was charged with using obscene language. Constable Francis Drum deposed that, when attempting to arrest defendant, he made use of the language complained of, a repetition of which would be unfit for publication. Fined 1/., or fourteen days' imprisonment.

ASSAULTING POLICE.

Thomas Evans was charged with assaulting the constable in the execution of his duty. Constable Francis Drum deposed that, when arrested, defendant refused to walk, after which he got up, kicked him in the stomach, and tried to turn his thumb back. Eventually he had to obtain the assistance of Mr. Dillon. Defendant resisted all the way to the lockup. He was the worst man he (constable) ever had his hand on. Fined 2/., or one month in gaol. Locked up in default.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/247265628>

The Hume Police District

Friday 27 September 2019 (National Police Remembrance Day)

Young Sector – **Police Remembrance Day**

Today on duty and off duty police from Young Sector gathered at Murringo Cemetery to commemorate Police Remembrance Day and the addition of the **Late Senior Constable Francis Drum**, Officer in Charge of **Marengo**, (as it was then known) to the **NSW Police Force Roll of Honour**.

Senior Constable Drum was killed on duty in a horse riding accident in 1882.

Research and hard work from the **Murringo First Families Group**, **Young and District Family History Group** and **Leading Senior Constable Pat Smith** of **Young Highway Patrol**, supported by the Mayor and Local Member, saw **Senior Constable Drum** included on the Roll in time for this year's Remembrance Day.

A message from the Deputy Prime Minister was read, our Local Member Steph Cooke MP made the opening remarks and a prayer service was officiated by Fr Allen of St Mary's Young.

Wreaths were laid by our Local Member, our Mayor, the **great-grandson of Senior Constable Drum** and also by **Leading Senior Constable Smith**.

We paused for a moment at the grave of another police officer who died of illness in 1904 before we gathered for lunch at the Murringo Memorial Hall.

A day in remembrance of our fallen colleagues.









The Hon Michael McCormack MP
Deputy Prime Minister
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development
Leader of The Nationals
Federal Member for Riverina

27 September 2019

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG POLICE REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

My apologies for not being able to attend today's commemorative service due to a prior commitment. I thank the Young Police for allowing me to have this message read out today.

Days such as these are vitally important to pay tribute to and remember those who have paid the ultimate price to serve and protect our local communities whilst in the line of duty.

Today, the Murrumbidgee community pauses to remember one of its own.

Senior Constable Francis Drum was 43 years old when he died on 12 January 1882. He was a husband to Mary and a father to six children. He was also a brother to those who he served alongside in the New South Wales Police Force.

Senior Constable Drum was a 20-year police veteran when he was thrown from his horse while collecting electoral lists and crop returns. His death was not considered as being in the line of duty.

But today Francis finally gets the recognition he deserves – being included on the New South Wales Police Force Honour Roll.

Congratulations to those who persisted for Francis to be included on the honour roll at the Domain in Sydney and to also be included on the national police memorial in Canberra. I would like to particularly mention Senior Constable Pat Smith who led the push for Francis to be properly honoured.

The efforts to give Senior Constable Drum the recognition he deserves typifies the reason National Police Remembrance Day exists.

This year is the 30th anniversary of this important date and, by telling the stories of our fallen police officers, we ensure this significant commemoration continues well into the future and that we will never forget the service of our men and women in blue.

(Thanks to the
Young Witness for the photos)

John CARTON

03/09/2024

John CARTON

**Also recorded as Joseph CARTON at State
Archives, NSW**

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 'P' 0008

*For the purposes of this website 'P' = represents those Police
joining Pre 1862 when NSWPF "Officially" commenced*

Rank: Joined 1 May 1861

Confirmed – on 1 March 1862

Senior Constable – appointed 1 January 1866

Trooper / Senior Constable

Stations: ?, Manly Beach (C Division) – Death

Service: From 1 May 1861 to 23 May 1882 = 21 years Service

Awards: ?

Born: ? ? 1836 in County of Wexford, Ireland

Died on: Tuesday 23 May 1882 at Manly Beach

Cause: Tuberculosis

Age: 47

Funeral date: Thursday 25 May 1882 @ 3.30pm

Funeral location: Roman Catholic Church, Manly

Buried at: Catholic section of Manly Cemetery along with his
wife

Grave info: Plot: PP.??? Vine Hall #: 1042 Not in burial
register

[http://www.manly.nsw.gov.au/planning-and-development/heritage/
manly-cemetery-heritage/](http://www.manly.nsw.gov.au/planning-and-development/heritage/manly-cemetery-heritage/)

Memorial at: ?



Photo: Pre 2018



Photo: Sunday 27 May 2018



Photo: Sunday 27 May 2018

**JOHN is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance * NOT
JOB RELATED**

Funeral location: ?

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Trooper/Constable John Carton.

John Carton was born in the County of Wexford, Ireland in **1836**.

Constable Carton, who took over the **top job in 1867**, was the **first officer to live at Manly police station**, which was completed shortly before he took up the post. Interestingly, Constable Carton lived at the station with **his wife and five children**. The station had stables and 2 cells, one for males and one for females. Their 'patrol' extended up to **Palm Beach**. Prior to the station being built, the area was covered by Police from Sydney.

The first person arrested after the building was completed was one of the stonemasons, for "celebrating too boisterously". He was thrown into the station's new lock-up shortly after the work was completed.

According to a **Mr MacRitchie, (Historian)** he was a brave man. He risked his life trying in vain to save a man from drowning at **South Steyne on New Year's Day in 1878**. He also led efforts to put out the fire that swept through **West Esplanade in 1877**, destroying several houses. This was before there was any fire service in Manly.

Senior Constable Carton died of **tuberculosis** in 1882, aged 46.

He is mentioned in a number of 'trove' articles regarding 'fatals' he attended on the northern beaches. They sometimes gave his rank as Constable and Sergeant. He died 23/05/1882 at Manly. On a death notice it is mentioned that at the time of his death he was a 'Senior Constable' Not 'former' Senior Constable.

He is buried in the Catholic section of Manly Cemetery along with his wife.

Freeman's Journal (Sydney) **Saturday 26 October 1878** p
13 of 24

MANLY

Mr. John CARTON has been appointed our agent for the above place.

(**It is NOT known if the John Carton in this article is the John Carton from the Police Stn**)

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/111098683?searchTerm=%22john%20carton%22&searchLimits=>

The Sydney Morning Herald **Tuesday 2 May 1882** p 7 of 10

..... We understand that provision has also been made for the immediate retirement of Senior-constable John Carton, the trooper who has been stationed at Manly Beach for the last 15 or 16 years.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/13510340?searchTerm=%22john%20carton%22&searchLimits=l-decade=188>

Freeman's Journal (Sydney) **Saturday 3 June 1882** p 11 of 24

CARTON. –

May 23, at his residence, Manly Beach, John Carton, in the 47th year of his age, leaving a sorrowing wife and five children, also many friends, to mourn their loss. On his soul sweet Jesus have mercy.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/111318396?searchTerm=%22john%20carton%22&searchLimits=l-decade=188>

The Sydney Morning Herald **Friday 23 May 1884** p 1 of 12

CARTON.- In loving remembrance of John Carton, who died at Manly, May 23, 1882. May his soul rest in peace.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/13568006?searchTerm=%22john%20carton%22&searchLimits=l-decade=188#reloadOnBack>

Gordon Charles FARNHAM

03/09/2024

Gordon Charles FARNHAM – DCM, MM

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ?

Rank: Constable

Stations: Broken Hill, Wagga Wagga,

Service 1: From ? ? ? to ? ? **pre 1914
– Broken Hill**

**Service 2: From 15 April 1919 to 10
March 1920 – Wagga Wagga – Resigned**

[blockquote]

Australian Imperial Force

**Regiment 1: 3rd Field Ambulance, B
Squadron**

Regiment 2: 3rd Light Trench Mortar

Battery

**Enlisted: 24 August 1914, Morphetville,
South Australia**

Service # 151 & 176

Rank 1: Corporal # 151

Rank 2: Lance Corporal # 176

**Embarkation 1: 3rd Field Ambulance, B
Squadron – Unit embarked from Adelaide,
South Australia, on board Transport A12 " "
Saldanah " on 21 October 1914**

**Embarkation 2: 3rd Light Trench Motar
Battery – Unit embarked from**

Age: 26

**Next of kin: Father: Thomas Farnham,
Cessnock, NSW**

Religion: C of E

Single / Married: Single

**War Service: Egypt, Gallipoli, Western
Front**

**21 October 1914: Lance Corporal, 3rd
Field Ambulance**

**21 October 1914: Embarked HMAT Saldanha,
Adelaide**

**1 March 1917: Corporal, 3rd Light
Trench Mortar Battery**

Returned to Australia: 4 December 1918

[/blockquote]

**Awards: Distinguished Conduct Medal –
granted 6 September 1915 – ‘For great
gallantry on the 25th April, 1915, and
throughout the landing operations near
Gaba Tepe (Dardanelles). In attending to
the wounded under a heavy fire, he showed
the greatest zeal and disregard of
danger, and at all times gave a fine
exhibition of coolness and devotion to
duty.’**

Source: ‘London Gazette’ No. 8844

Date: 6 September 1915

**Military Medal – granted on 7 October
1918 – ‘In the operations against the**

enemy positions at MONT DE MERRIS near STRAZEELE on night 2nd/3rd June, 1918

Corporal FARNHAM displayed great gallantry and initiative. When a gun close by which was firing on a very strong enemy machine gun position on the flank was put out of action, Corporal FARNHAM, regardless of his personal safety, carried the ammunition through the enemy's barrage to his own gun position and expended both his own and the disabled gun crews' quota. By great skill he was able to fire alternate shots at his own and the disabled gun crews' targets, thereby saving casualties from flanking machine gun fire. He set a splendid example of gallantry and initiative.'

Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' No.

1914 – 15 Star, British War Medal,
Victory Medal

Born: 18 June 1888 at Cessnock, NSW

Died on: Friday 28 January 1921

Place of death: Wagga Wagga, NSW

Cause: Food poisoning

Age: 32

Funeral date: Friday 28 January 1921

Funeral location: Wagga Wagga

Buried at: Methodist portion of the
Cessnock cemetery

Memorial at: ?



Gordon Charles
FARNHAM

GORDON is NOT mentioned on the Police
Wall of Remembrance * NOT JOB RELATED

DEATH OF MR. GORDON FARNHAM A CESSNOCK DISTINGUISHED SOLDIER.

The relatives of Mr. **Gordon Farnham D.C.M., M.M.** were shocked to receive word this morning of his death at Wagga Wagga. The sad information came as a great shock as it was not even known by his relatives that he was ill. The deceased was a native of Cessnock, being born in the premises now occupied by Mr. Dennis Kenny, in Main Street. The deceased was 30 years of age and was an **Anzac**, being **one of the first Australians** to enlist. He enlisted from **Broken Hill**, where he was a member of the **police force**.

The late Mr Farnham secured the **Distinguished Conduct medal** at **Gallipoli** and the **Military medal** in **France**.

He returned on furlough in the early part of 1919 and during his stay at his home town the Armistice was signed.

His remains will be brought to Cessnock and will be interred in the Church of England cemetery on Sunday afternoon.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/99448638>

OBITUARY.**MR. GORDON C. FARNHAM.**

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The deceased, who was an **'Anzac,'** rose to the rank of **sergeant-major** in the **1st Divisional Engineers**, and earned the coveted awards of the **D.C.M.** and the **M.M.** At the time of his death he was on the committee of the Returned Soldiers' League.

Prior to enlisting he was a member of the **police force**, attached to the Wagga station, and he **rejoined** the force on **April 15, 1919**, on his return from the front, and **resigned** on March 10, 1920, to take over the **Club House Hotel**.

He leaves a wife, five brothers, and two sisters.

The funeral left Traill-street for the Wagga railway station at 4.30pm on Friday, from where the remains were conveyed by rail to **Cessnock** for interment in the Methodist portion of the Cessnock cemetery. The chief mourners were the wife of the

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Service Number listed as 176 and 151

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NSW Births, Deaths & Marriages

Death: 4551/1921 Father: Thomas Mother: Susan Wagga
Wagga District

Thomas COOKE

03/09/2024

Thomas COOKE

Victorian Police Force

Regd. # ?

Rank: Senior Constable

Stations: ?

Service: From ? to ?

Awards: ?

Born: ?

Died on: 28 August 1882

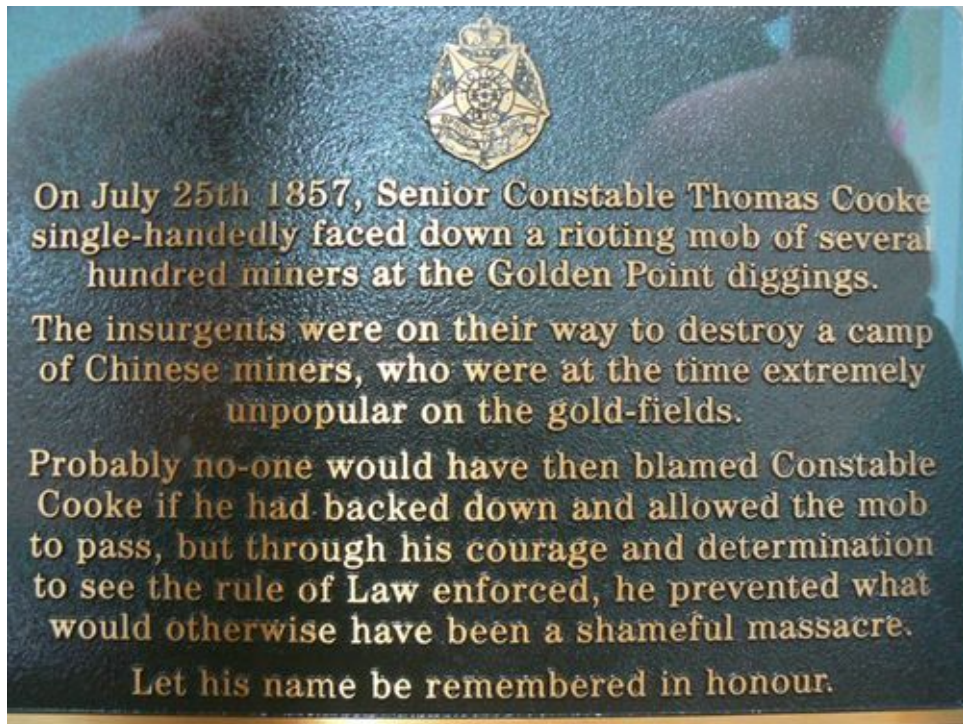
Cause: Suicide – hanging

Age: ?

Funeral date: ?

Funeral location: ?

Buried at: ?



Senior Constable Thomas Cooke : 28-May-2011

Location of memorial: Castlemaine Police Stn, 50 Lyttleton St, Castlemaine, 3450

Lat: -37.064714

Long: 144.218421

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

Funeral location:

Front Inscription

On July 25th 1857, Senior Constable Thomas Cooke single-handedly faced down a rioting mob of several hundred miners at the Golden Point diggings.

The insurgents were on their way to destroy a camp of Chinese miners, who were at the time extremely unpopular on the gold-fields.

Probably no-one would have then blamed Constable Cooke if he had backed down and allowed the mob to pass, but through his courage and determination to see the rule of Law enforced, he prevented what would otherwise have been a shameful massacre.

Let his name be remembered in honour.

Senior Constable Thomas Cooke

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Plaque commemorates Senior Constable Thomas Cooke.

In 1857, Thomas Cooke, undoubtedly saved the lives of a number of Chinese miners from a public riot that could have had grave consequences for the young colony of Victoria. The foray commenced near the bottom of Golden Point, and out about a mile from the chief camp. The ringleaders of the affray tore down and destroyed mining equipment owned by the Chinese and the situation escalated.

Senior Constable Cooke boldly placed himself in front of the mob and by his presence of mind, tact and discretion, lives were probably saved, and the Chinese camp not destroyed. A compromise was reached, giving the Chinese permission to remain for several more days. On leaving the police force Cooke took up the running of The Panama store at Chewton and

suicided by hanging on the 28 August 1882.
