

Edmund LAWLESS

04/01/2018

Edmund LAWLESS

Late of "Fishburton", Balaclava-road, Marsfield

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # **????**

Rank: Constable – 1866,

Senior Constable – appointed ? April 1870,

Senior Sergeant – pre 10 January 1883,

Sub Inspector – January 1883,

Inspector – 1 April 1893,

Inspector – Retirement – 1899

Stations: London Metropolitan Police – Bow St Station, E.
Division 'Sergeant' (England) – Resigned – moved to
Victoria, Australia.

Victoria Police Force – (about 1852) Sergeant – Resigned.

NSW Police (from 1866), Parramatta St Station (April 1870
) ,

Regent St (2 Division) Constable to Sub Inspector,

Christchurch Police Station (Jan 1890),

Redfern (Sub-Division of 2 Division at the time)(7 Division) – OIC as Sub Inspector 1891, Inspector – 18 August 1893.
Left Redfern in 1899

Service: From ? ? 1866 to 31 January 1899 = 33+ years
Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: ? ? 1828, Salisbury, England

Died on: Wednesday 1 January 1902

Age: 74

Cause: heart disease and dropsy

Event location: 'The Fisherton', Balaclava Rd, Marsfield

Event date: Wednesday 1 January 1902

Funeral date: Thursday 2 January 1902 about 3pm at 'The Fisherton'

Funeral location: ?

Funeral performed by: Rev. Charles Baber of Church of England, Epping

Buried at: Field of Mars Cemetery, Quarry Rd, Ryde

Church of England Section B 1016

FOM – CENG -B – 601 – 1016

Memorial located at: ?





INSCRIPTION:

In Loving Memory of my Dear Husband Edmund LAWLESS who died 1st January 1902 aged 74 years.

For ever with the Lord.

also Marion LAWLESS wife of above.

Born 18th Dec. 1846, Died 30th Jan 1948
in her 100th year.

The Lord is my Shepherd.

also Letitia Charlotte LAWLESS

Daughter of above

Died 7th Dec. 1949

EDMUND is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance

***NEED MORE INFO**

Approximate location of grave: [codepeople-post-map]

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THEIR CAREER AND THEIR DEATH.**

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May they forever Rest In Peace

There is a Marriage, in Victoria, Australia, in **1855** in the Victoria Marriage Index with "Might" be him – but I can't access those records.

"POSSIBLY" GOT MARRIED ON **16 September 1869** to **Marian ROBERTSON** from Wollongong. See article.

NSWBDM – MARRIAGE

Registration number 7627/1895
Groom's Family Name LAWLESS
Groom's Given Name(s) EDMUND
Bride's Family Name(s) **COLLIER**
Bride's Given Name(s) **MARGARET M**
District REDFERN

NSWBDM – DEATH

Registration number 2915/1902
Father's Given Name(s) **EDMUND C**
Mother's Given Name(s) **SUSAN**
District RYDE

Daily Telegraph (Sydney, NSW : 1883 – 1923),

Friday 3 January 1902, page 3

THE LATE INSPECTOR LAWLESS.

The funeral of **ex-Police-inspector Lawless**, who died on **Wednesday**, aged 74, took place yesterday at the **Field of Mars Cemetery**. The cortege moved from the deceased's home residence, "The Fisherton," Marsfield, about 3 o'clock, and was followed by a large concourse of mourners in vehicles and on foot.

A short service was held at the residence by the **Rev. Charles Baber** (Church of England), who also officiated at the grave.

The chief mourners were Mr. **Edmund Lawless**, Mr. **Frank Lawless**, Miss **Letitia Lawless**, and Miss **Marion Lawless**.

Among those present were: Inspector Potter (representing the Inspector-General of Police). Inspector Bell, and Sub-Inspector Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Crandon, Mrs. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Pettitt, and Messrs. Crabbe, Aitken, W. Chaffer, Nicolls, Beverley, Puckren, Kincott, Sparrow, Scott, G. Pettitt, Morrison, senr., A. Morrison, and others.

The late **Inspector Lawless** for some **nine years** before his retirement from the police force of New South Wales, was in **command of the Redfern Division**, *now known as No. 7*, in the charge of which he was succeeded by **Inspector Garland**.

Inspector Lawless retired some two years ago on pension, and removed to Marsfield. Up to that time he was *one of the oldest* police officers in the State.

Originally he joined the **London police**, in which he attained the rank of sergeant.

About **1852** he came to **Victoria**, where he also held a **sergeant's** rank in the **Victorian police force**.

In **1866** he joined the **New South Wales police** as a **constable**, and gradually rose in rank until, in **1883**, he became an **acting sub-inspector**.

In **April, 1893**, he was made an **Inspector**.

Altogether, the deceased was connected with **No. 2 Police Station** for 25 years, in addition to nine years' service in the **Redfern district**.

He leaves a widow and seven daughters and two sons.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/237346941>

Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW :
1888 – 1950),

Saturday 4 January 1902, page 10

MARSFIELD.

DEATH.— Mr. **Edmund Lawless**, of Balaclava-road, Marsfield, died at his residence on the afternoon of New Year's Day, and was buried on **Thursday afternoon** at the Field of Mars General Cemetery. The cause of death was **heart disease and dropsy** from which the deceased who was 74 years of age had been suffering for some time past. He leaves a widow and large family.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/86201137>

Inspector Edmund Lawless

Born: 1828 England

Died :1 January 1902

Resting Place: Field of Mars Cemetery, Ryde NSW

This is a transcript from the Sydney Morning Herald dated **3 January 1902**

DEATH OF INSPECTOR LAWLESS.

A VETERAN POLICE OFFICER.

Inspector Lawless, who had been connected with the New South Wales police force for over 30 years, but retired two years ago owing to ill-health, died at his residence, The Fisherton, Balaclava-road, Marsfield, on Wednesday, at the age of 74 years.

Before coming to the colonies Mr. Lawless was attached to the London Metropolitan Police, and was stationed at Bow-street station, E. division. He held the rank of sergeant, in which capacity he was on duty at the International Exhibition 1851. The following year Mr. Lawless resigned from the London police and went to Victoria, where he joined the local force. He was afterwards appointed as a sergeant, and retained that position until the gold rush broke out, when he resigned and interested himself in mining matters.

About two years later Mr. Lawless joined the New South Wales police force, and was attached to No.2 division, where he rose from the lowest rank to that of sub-inspector. During the year 1891 he was placed in charge of Redfern division, which was then a subdivision of No.2, but which subsequently became a division in itself.

In April, 1893, he was appointed an inspector, but remained at Redfern until 1899, when he retired. Since that time he has resided at Marsfield. The late Inspector Lawless was a man who was highly respected, and who gained the confidence of the public and the men who served under him.

The deceased gentleman leaves a widow, two sons, and seven daughters.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, when the remains were interred in the Field of Mars Cemetery, Ryde. The Rev. Charles Baber, of the Church of England, Epping, held a short

service at the house and also conducted the service at the grave side. The remains were followed to their last resting place by a large number of personal friends and police officials.

The chief mourners were Mr. Edmund Lawless, Mr. Frank Lawless, Miss Letitia Lawless, and Miss Marion Lawless.

Among others who attended were Inspector Potter (representing the Inspector-General of Police), Inspector Bell, Sub-inspector Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Crandon, Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Pettitt, Mrs. Bell, and Messrs. Nicolls, Chaffer, W. Chaffer, Aitken, Crabbe, Puckren, Kincott, Scott, George Pettitt, Morrison, sen , Andrew Morrison, and Aldermen Beverley and Sparrow.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/14446884>

Australian Star (Sydney, NSW : 1887 – 1909),

Wednesday 17 August 1898, page 2

SUNDAY TRADING.

Inspector Edmund Lawless proceeded against **Thomas Oates** at the **Redfern Police Court** yesterday, before **Mr. Smithers, S.M.**, for selling liquor on Sunday, at his premises, **Man of Kent Hotel, Redfern** and Morehead streets. Accused was ordered to pay a fine of £2, and 5s 6d costs, **half of which** is to go to the **Police Reward Fund**.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/228451629>

Miss Edith LAWLESS – Daughter

John CONNAUGHTON – Son-in-Law

Further reading:

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/28354502>

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<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/227086627>

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Joseph William GILHOLM

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New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ' Q ' 5869

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: Constable

Stations: ?, Camden Haven, Kerrabee, Gloucester, Forster
O.I.C. – Death

Service: From 26 September 1889 to 22 February 1902 = 12+
years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: ? ? about April – June 1866 of Rothbury, England

Died on: Saturday 22 February 1902

Age: 36

Cause: Injuries received when thrown from horse returning from the Taree races on Duty. 5 broken right ribs, rupture of lower lobe of left lung, laceration to right kidney.

Event date: Saturday 15 February 1902

Event location: Brown's Creek hill – between Racecourse & Taree, NSW

Death date: Saturday 22 February 1902

Death location: Manning River District Hospital, Taree @ 10.30am

Inquest date: Taree Court on Saturday 22 February 1902

Funeral date: Sunday 23 February 1902 @ ?pm

Funeral location: Dawson River Cemetery, Lansdowne Rd, Cundletown, NSW

Buried at: Dawson River Cemetery

Unmarked Grave, Exact Location Unknown.
31°53'19.6"S 152°30'08.8"E

Memorial at: ?

(2016) JOSEPH is ~~NOT~~ mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance * **BUT SHOULD BE**

In **2017**, Joseph's name was added to the National Police Wall of Remembrance

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**~~THIS MAN WAS KILLED 'ON DUTY'
BUT IS NOT MENTIONED ON THE
POLICE WALL OR REMEMBRANCE~~**

Manning River Times and Advocate for the Northern Coast
Districts of New South Wales (Taree, NSW : 1898 – 1954),

Wednesday 26 February 1902, page 3

Death of Constable Gilholm.

MAGISTERIAL INQUIRY.

A Magisterial Inquiry was held at the **Court House, Taree**, on Saturday afternoon last, by the **District Coroner, Mr. W. N. Dove, P.M.**, concerning the death, in the **M. R. D. Hospital** at 10.30 that morning, of **Constable J. W. Gilholm, of Forster**,

who received injuries while returning from duty at the **Taree races** on the **previous Saturday afternoon**.

Sergeant Hogan deposed: I am a **Sergeant of Police**, stationed at **Taree**. I have seen the body of **Joseph William Gilholm**, now lying dead at the **Taree Hospital** this day. He was **36** years of age, and was a **native of Rothbury, England**. He has been a member of the **N. S. W. police force for over 12 years**, and was till the time of his death **in charge of Forster police station**.

On the evening of the 12th instant he arrived at Taree station, for **special duty** at the **Taree Show**. On the morning of the **15th. about 8 a.m.**, I gave him instructions to attend the **Taree races** that day, with other mounted men.

About **8 p.m.** on the **18th** I saw deceased in the **Taree Hospital**. He was then conscious, and lying in bed. He complained of great pain in his chest and body, pointing more particularly to his left side. I asked him how the accident occurred. He said he and **Constable Stein** were riding home to **Taree** after the races were over, and that as they were coming near **Brown's Creek** a man named **McInherney** joined them. After crossing **Brown's bridge** slowly, he and **McInherney** started off in a **canter** ; and after going a short distance, his horse **shied off the road**. He said a little further on **something struck him** on the head and knocked him on to the back of the saddle; and that was the last he remembered. I said to him : " Were you and **McInherney** racing ? " He said " No ; **McInherney** was on the road, and I was on the side.."

I have seen deceased from three to five times a day since, and was present when he died. He made no complaints against any person. He was quite conscious up to within half-an-hour of his death. The only complaints he made were of great pain, and he could not get his breath. I have known him about 10 years, and have always found him a sober man. He has left **a wife and three children**. He is possessed of no property, and no banking

account. He owns one horse, and some furniture at the police station. His life was insured, but the premiums have **not been paid for the last four years**, in the Widows' Fund.

John William Gormley deposed: I am a duly qualified **medical practitioner**, and am **Government Medical Officer** residing at **Taree**. I have seen the body of **Constable Gilholm**, and have held a **post mortem** examination thereon.

On Saturday, 15th. instant, on returning from the races, I found the **constable doubled up** upon the side of the road. I asked **Constable Stein** and **McInherney**, who were with him, to take him to the **Hospital** at once. This, was done. I saw him put into a sulky, and went on to the Hospital to get everything ready for, his reception.

I received him into the Hospital that evening and at once directed **Dr. Curtayne** to be sent for. We had a consultation then the next morning we had a farther consultation, with **Dr. MacQueen**. I was then in attendance on the man till to-day, when he died.

The **post-mortem** disclosed that **five ribs** on the right side were fractured, and had **penetrated the lung**. On the left side there was a **rupture** of the lower lobe of the **lung**. The right **kidney** was also lacerated as to be **almost divided** at the upper third. I consider that death was due to the **resulting shock**. During the time that deceased was in the Hospital he received every attention. The man was too ill from the first – to enable a diagnosis to be made. He could not be moved about. Deceased was a splendidly built man. The injuries disclosed by the post-mortem, were necessarily fatal. There was no sign of drink on the deceased, and I had seen him a few minutes before leaving the race-course, and he was then quite sober.

When approaching **Brown's' Creek bridge** on the evening of the 15th, I saw deceased's **horse shy off the road** to the left, and a moment after I saw deceased all doubled up on the ground. I

did not see what he struck, but I hurried on, and when I got to where he was I saw it must have been the stay of the telegraph post. He seemed to duck to get away from the obstruction. I am of opinion, from what I saw, that he was compressed between the stay and the saddle. The injuries I discovered at the post-mortem could have been thus brought about.

Frederick Ernest Stein deposed ; I am a **constable**, and reside at **Cundletown**. On the 15th inst. I was on duty at Taree races, with the deceased (**Constable Gilholm**) and other constables. Deceased and I left the course to return to Taree a **little after 6 p.m.** We were riding our **troop horses**. When near **Brown's Creek hill**, **John McInherney** joined us. **McInherney** was talking to deceased, and we rode along at a walking pace to the bridge. It was then **raining sharply**, and when we got on to the bridge **McInherney** and deceased cantered on. Neither had waterproof coats. I stopped behind, keeping my horse at a walking pace, soon after they left me, when they had gone 20 or 30 yards, deceased's horse left the road, and swerved towards the fence on the left hand side, and dashed under the strut of the telegraph pole. Deceased struck the strut, and fell backwards over the horse's rump. I was at that time about 70 yards behind them. **McInherney** kept on up the main road. I went to **Gilholm's** assistance, and found him unconscious on the ground ; He was lying on his face, with deep **cut over the right eye**. This was bleeding freely.

McInherney came back and at the same time **Dr. Gormley** drove up, and I asked him to see the deceased. **Constables McKenna and Dowsett** also rode up. Deceased was taken to the **Hospital**, and was **admitted** not more than **15 minutes after the accident**, and was at once attended by Dr.Gormley. I saw Gilholm on the course often during the day. I saw no sign of drink on him. I have known him about 10 years. The horse deceased was riding seemed to be quiet. He was in the procession with the Premier, and so far as I know was quietly, "

John Joseph McInherney deposed : I am a **farmer**, and reside at the **Lansdowne River**. On Saturday, 15th inst., I was at the Taree races. I left the course about 6 p.m. and rode towards Taree. On my way in I overtook **Constables Stein and Gilholm**. I joined them, and rode with them to the foot of the hill at Brown's bridge. When we crossed the bridge Gilholm and I started at a canter. He was on my left hand. We went about 60 yards, when his horse galloped past me **riderless**. I looked around and saw **Gilholm** lying on the ground ; I went back. **Stein** was with **Gilholm**, and **Dr. Gormley** arrived immediately afterwards.

We put **Gilholm** into a sulky, and took him to the **Hospital**. I have not seen Gilholm since. We were not racing. Nothing was said about our racing. It had just started to rain, and that is why we cantered. I was a bit ahead of **Gilholm**, and saw nothing of how he fell, **Gilholm** was perfectly sober. I did not in any way jostle **Gilholm**, or force him out off the road. The accident occurred close to the end of the bridge fence.

The Coroner found " *That the deceased, Joseph William Gilholm died at the Manning River District Hospital on Saturday, 22nd February, 1902, of shock arising from injuries to the lungs, ribs, and kidneys, caused by his being accidentally thrown from his horse while on duty.* "

The **funeral** took place at the **Dawson Cemetery** on **Sunday afternoon**, when the cortege was a very large and representative one, The **Rev. R. H. Phillips** conducted the service.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/172468922>

Joseph William Gilholm – Constable – Gloucester Station – Port Stephens Police District

Inspector of Slaughter-Houses as of 15 January 1900

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/221012009>

NSWBDM – Death – 3219/1902 – Father = Edward. Mother = Elizabeth

NSWBDM – Marriage – 5447/1884 ‘possibly’ married Mary L MOORE at Inverell in 1884

Richard JOHNSTON

04/01/2018

Richard JOHNSTON

Victoria Police Force

Regd. # ?

Rank: Constable

Stations: ?

Service: From ? to ?

Awards: ?

Born: ? ? 1866

Died on: Sunday 12 October 1902

Cause: Murdered – shot

Event location: Milton St, Elwood

Age: ?

Funeral date: ?

Funeral location: ?

Buried at: ?

Memorial at: ?



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

Funeral location: ?

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Details of Death:

About 11 a.m. Sunday 12 October 1902 Constable Johnston was off duty at his home at Elwood. He responded to a complaint that a man had tried to abduct a neighbour's 8 year old daughter. Johnston immediately set off in pursuit and located the man in Milton Street Elwood. The suspect George Shaw had a lengthy criminal record. Unbeknown to Johnston Shaw was also the prime suspect for the murder of **Constable Guilfoyle** in Redfern New South Wales some months previously. When Johnston approached him Shaw produced a revolver and fired. Fatally wounded Johnston died within minutes. Shaw committed suicide at the intersection of Chapel Street and Rosamond Street a short time later.

Constable Richard Johnston

October 12, 1902 - Gunned down in St Kilda

It was 10.30am on a quiet Sunday morning and Constable Richard Johnston was bathing the youngest of his three children when Mrs Mary Allan came to his house saying a man had attempted to assault her eight-year-old daughter, Caroline.

Caroline and her younger siblings had been walking along Brighton Road when a man tried to lure them to an isolated spot. A passerby saw the incident and confronted the man giving the children a chance to flee. When Mrs Allan saw the man heading towards Milton Street she went straight to the policeman's home.

Constable Johnston sped off on his bicycle, pursuing the offender, and pulled into the gutter beside him in Milton Street. Before a word could be spoken, the offender pulled out a revolver and shot Constable Johnston who fell from his bike. Amazingly, the policeman got back on the bike and continued the pursuit. He was obviously in pain and fell to the ground a short distance away and some believed he was dead before he hit the ground.

The murderer put the gun back in his pocket and slowly walked away. Constables William Youdan and Henry Willett did attempt to arrest the gunman but before they could he stabbed himself in the throat and then pulled the gun from his pocket and shot himself in the head.

Now the hard work for the police began - who was the gunman? He was carrying a kit of tools used by burglars but was not known to the local police. His body was held in formalin to prevent decomposition while police tried to establish his identity. Eventually the gunman was identified as George Shaw, a suspect in the murder of a New South Wales policeman a few months earlier.

Richard Johnston's funeral was one of the largest seen in the area. Around 300 policemen attended the funeral.

George Shaw had given evidence against co-offenders in New South Wales and needed protection in prison to avoid being assaulted by other prisoners. Some believed that the thought of going back to jail was enough to push George Shaw to take his own life.

Constable William Youdan was awarded the Valour Award in 1905 for his attempts to arrest Shaw after the fatal shooting of his colleague.



Since its inception, 30 members of the Victoria Police Force have been murdered on the job ... feloniously slain. Their lives and deaths are commemorated on The Police Association's Honour Wall.

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About 11am on 12 October, 1902 Constable Richard Johnston was off duty at his home at Elwood (Victoria) when a neighbour informed him that a man had attempted to abduct her eight year-old daughter. The constable quickly set off on his bicycle after the suspect and located him a short distance away. When the suspect saw the approaching policeman the offender drew a revolver and shot Constable Johnston, inflicting fatal wounds. The offender then left the scene, only to commit suicide a short time later when confronted by other police.

It was later found that the man who had murdered Constable Johnson was the same offender (Shaw) who had murdered Constable Guilfoyle at Redfern (NSW) three months earlier.

Constable Guilfoyle was shot by an offender named Shaw at Redfern whilst attempting to arrest him and another man for passing counterfeit coins. Following an incident involving a

storekeeper, Constable Guilfoyle had sought the assistance of an off-duty member, Constable Michael Maher, and after checking several shops the offenders had been in they located them in Shepherd Street. As the two constables approached the offenders, one produced a revolver and shot Constable Maher three times. Shaw then also produced a pistol and shot Constable Guilfoyle twice. Constable Maher later recovered, however Constable Guilfoyle's wounds proved to be fatal. Shaw then made good his escape, making his way to Victoria.

A MURDERED CONSTABLE.

THE JOHNSTON MEMORIAL. "PAMPERED CRIMINALS" AND PENAL REFORM.

At the St. Kilda Cemetery on Sunday afternoon the Chief Commissioner of Police (Mr O'Callaghan) performed the ceremony of unveiling a marble monument erected by members of the police force over the grave of Constable Richard Johnston, who on 12th October last was shot dead by a notorious criminal named Shaw. The mayor of St. Kilda (Cr O'Donnell) presided, and amongst those present were Mr. McCutcheon, M.L.A. ; Inspector Hillard (officer in ohargd of the district), Inspector Crampton, Sergeant Davidson, the widow, with her children and her mother, many members of the force and a large gathering of the public.

Mr O'Callaghan retold the story of Constable Johnston's death. On Sunday morning, when off duty, he was told that a ruffian had just been tampering with a child. He mounted his bicycle, and rode after the man who, when overtaken, turned and shot him through the heart. Remaining erect on his machine he rode

nearly 100 yards, then his muscles relaxed, and he dropped dead. No more tragic occurrence saddened the records of the Victorian police force. Constable Johnston had upheld the best traditions of the force and taught a lesson that every member should lay to his heart. The event gave rise to the question why the State should go on feeding and pampering human tigers like the murderer of Constable Johnston, and letting them free again to prey upon the public. Why had a penal system been tolerated for so many years, under which such brutes, instead of being kept in confinement, were allowed to march at large to the detriment of all respectable people? In 1881 he had arrested the murderer of Constable Johnston. He was then known as a man who would "shoot at sight," and though taken by surprise, had found time to grasp a pistol. A few years later he was set at large in the community. It was high time the public raised a protest against the liberation of such blood thirsty brutes. Drastic legislation should be introduced, and introduced quickly, to amend our penal system. Through the action of a generous public and a just Government the widow and children have had their material wants provided for.

Mr McCutcheon said he quite agreed with the remarks that had been made as to the manner in which criminals were pampered by the State. It was time some change was made in the law. The Government permitted criminals to multiply, and placed them in comfortable buildings, where they were well fed and well kept, and lacked only the company of their former friends to make them happy. He considered that every member of the force in both town and country should be armed with a revolver.

Inspector Hillard said that as far as he had been able to ascertain not a single instance could be recalled in which a member of the Victorian police force had played the part of a coward.

Several hymns, including one specially written for the occasion, were sung before and after the ceremony. – "Age"

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/150723337?searchTerm=constable%20crampton&searchLimits=l-category=Article|l-australian=y#pstart17952461>

Denis GUILFOYLE

04/01/2018

Denis GUILFOYLE

New South Wales Police Force

Constable 1st Class

Shot – Murdered

Redfern

19 July, 1902

The constable was shot by an offender named Shaw at Redfern whilst attempting to arrest him and another man for passing counterfeit coins. Following an incident involving a storekeeper, Constable Guilfoyle had sought the assistance of an off-duty member, Constable Michael Maher, and after checking several shops the offenders had been in they located

them in Shepherd Street. As the two constables approached the offenders, one produced a revolver and shot Constable Maher three times. Shaw then also produced a pistol and shot Constable Guilfoyle twice. Constable Maher later recovered, however Constable Guilfoyle's wounds proved to be fatal. Shaw then made good his escape, making his way to Victoria.

Constable Guilfoyle was a native of Ireland, having been born at Scariff in County Clare. He arrived in Sydney in 1885 and joined the New South Wales Police Force in November of that year. He did his initial training at the old Belmore Barracks and was first sent to Bathurst, where he remained for about two years. He was then transferred to Redfern in 1887, and was destined to remain attached to that station until his death. He was described as a very powerful, muscular man of nearly 17 stone. Prior to his death the constable had recently been severely injured in an accident and after a spell in hospital had been incapacitated for five or six weeks. He also had the misfortune to recently lose three of his children, one of them being a girl 12 years old. Although he could have retired from the police force on half pay, he apparently preferred to continue to work, and had continued working 'street duty' at Redfern and Darlington.

(About 11am on 12 October, 1902 Constable **Richard Johnston** was off duty at his home at Elwood (Victoria) when a neighbour informed him that a man had attempted to abduct her eight year-old daughter. The constable quickly set off on his bicycle after the suspect and located him a short distance away. When he saw the approaching policeman the offender drew a revolver and shot Constable Johnston, inflicting fatal wounds. The offender then left the scene, only to commit suicide a short time later when confronted by other police. It was later found that the man who had murdered Constable

Johnson was the same offender (Shaw) who had murdered Constable Guilfoyle at Redfern (NSW) three months earlier.)

Constable Guilfoyle was born in 1859 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 7 November, 1885. At the time of his death he was stationed at Redfern.