

Jonas Goode NELSON

15/06/2015

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New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ?

Rank: Mounted Constable

**Stations: Glen Innes, Grafton & several
other country towns**

Service: From ? to ?

Awards: ?

**Born: ? ? in Bicester, Oxfordshire, West
of England**

**arrived in N.S.W. with his father –
Samuel NELSON aboard the ' Parsee ' in
1855**

Died on: 3 May 1924

Cause: Heart failure

Age: 72

Funeral date: 5 May 1924

Funeral location: ?

Buried at: Goulburn Old Cemetery

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

Funeral location:

Goulburn Evening Penny Post (NSW) **Tuesday 6 May**
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OLD SUDAN SOLDIER

Mr. Jonas Nelson Passes

One of the members of the rapidly thinning band of Sudan contingenteers –Mr. Jonas Goode Nelson – died at the residence of Mr. T. Cambridge, Braidwood Road, on Saturday morning, the cause of death being heart failure.

He was 72 years of age, and leaves a daughter, Mrs. Percy King, of Ifield, and two sons, Messrs. G. .E. Nelson, Auburn-street, and W. L. Nelson, W.A..

The late Mr. Nelson was born in Bicester, Oxfordshire, West of England, coming to New South Wales with his parents in the

ship **Parsee** in 1855.

His father, **Constable Nelson**, was killed at Collector by Ben Hall's gang, and the monument to his memory is a prominent feature in the old village.

Mr. **Jonas Nelson** also joined the **mounted police**, and was stationed at Glen Innes, Grafton, and several other country towns.

When the Sudan Contingent was organised, he joined the force, and on returning became a member of the citizen forces in Goulburn.

His wife, a Miss Bill, of Braidwood, died over 25 years ago.

He was one of the oldest members of the local Druids' Lodge, and was for many years caretaker of the Goulburn Race Club's course.

He was always an enthusiast in military affairs, and took part in the Anzac Day procession to Rocky Hill twelve days ago.

At one time he was a member of the Goulburn Fire Brigade, under Captain Mayne. Messrs. Samuel Nelson (another Sudan veteran), A. E. Nelson (Clifford-street), and Thos. Nelson (Vic.) are brothers. Mesdames Ifield and Raynor, of Sydney, are sisters.

The funeral took place on Monday afternoon at the C. of E. Old Cemetery.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/99287443>

Harry LEEDS

15/06/2015

Harry LEEDS

(late of " Innisfail ", Penkivil St, Willoughby)

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ?

Rank: Constable

Uniform #: 122

**Stations: Goulburn, Araluen, Crookwell,
North Sydney, Phillip Street Police
Station, George St North Police Station –
Sydney**

**Service: From 28 May 1907 to 21
August 1924 = 17+ years Service**

Awards: ?

Born: ? ? 1885 at Trial Bay

Died on: Thursday 21 August 1924 – on

his way to Duty

Cause: Tram Accident at McMahon's Point

Age: 47

Funeral date: Friday 22 August 1924

Funeral location: "Innisfail", Penkivil St, Willoughby (home) & graveside

**Grave location: Catholic section,
Northern Suburbs Cemetery, Plassey Rd,
Macquarie Park, NSW**

Roman Catholic Section, Row F4, Plot 0004

GPS: -33.790327, 151.139568



Funeral procession of Constable Leeds at North Sydney

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

Constable Harrie Leeds was killed in a tramway accident at McMahon's Point, Sydney on Thursday 21 August, 1924. Another man was also killed and several people were injured in the incident. Incredibly, the **Inspector General** of Police **Mr James Mitchell** did not consider this death to be "killed on duty". This decision was later the subject of numerous unsuccessful representations by the Police Association of New South Wales. It was at the very least the death of a constable travelling to work, regardless of other factors and disputed facts.

The publication "*Serving the Force*", *75 Years of the Police Association of New South Wales 1921 – 1996* briefly describes how Constable Leeds *bravely leapt onto the running board of a runaway tram as it sped through McMahon's Point. The constable was trying to help stop the tram and had been yelling to passersby to keep clear. Unfortunately, the tram hit an obstacle and the constable was thrown to his death. He was not classified as being killed on duty and his wife and five children received a pittance of a pension because he had only been in the force a short time.* [17 years is probably not a "short time"]

One of the bewildering issues with this event is the fact that there were and are many versions of it, as indicated in an article in the *Sydney Morning Herald* dated **22 August, 1924**, which reported that "*Constable Harry Leeds, who lived at Willoughby, was on his way to duty when he met his tragic and shocking death. Of the circumstances in which he lost his life there are different versions. One story is that he was pluckily assisting to try to avert the disaster when he was*

crushed. It is stated, again, that he was on the leading car, and that as he jumped on to the roadway when the cars tore across the rails the rear car hit him and pinned him helplessly underneath it. He was dead when his body was recovered after much effort."

And again, the *Sydney Morning Herald* dated **2 October, 1924** reported a lengthy description of the coroner's findings, including the following extract.

Herbert Gillies Ruthven, a passenger on the tram, described his experience. He said that shortly before the smash he had been conversing with the deceased Leeds. Leeds seemed frightened when the tram had gathered speed while descending the other declines on the route from **Victoria Avenue**. [Ruthven] had said to him, "How about getting off here, Leeds, and walking down?" That was when the tram stopped at **East Crescent Street**. Just then the tram started, and the constable did not reply. Witness next saw him crouching in a hesitating manner as if he were about to take the risk of jumping from the tram. He was still on the footboard when the tram first left the rails.

The constable was born in 1885 at Trial Bay, New South Wales and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 28 May, 1907. At the time of his death he was stationed at George Street North Police Station. He lived at Willoughby and had previously served at Goulburn, Araluen, Crookwell, North Sydney and Phillip Street Police Stations.

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CASUALTY LIST.

KILLED.

HARRY LEEDS, 47, of Penkivil-street, Willoughby, a police constable attached to the George-street North station.

FREDERICK MAURICE LAMBERT, 30, engineer, of the corner of Alleyne and Mann streets, Willoughby.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/16172768>

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FUNERALS:

LEEDS – The Relatives and Friends of the late Constable HARRY LEEDS are invited to attend his Funeral ; to leave his late residence, Innisfail, Penkivil-street, Willoughby, THIS FRIDAY, at 2pm, or Catholic Cemetery, Northern Suburbs.

WOOD COFFILL LIMITED, Funeral Directors.

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LEEDS. – The Relatives and Friends of Mrs. ALICE E. LEEDS and

FAMILY are invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved HUSBAND and their FATHER, Harry ; to leave Innisfail, Penkivil-street, Willoughby, THIS FRIDAY, at 2pm for Catholic Cemetery, Northern Suburbs.

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LEEDS – Relatives and friends of Mr. HARRY LEEDS, Senior, and Miss ELSIE LEEDS, of Parramatta, are invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved SON and her BROTHER, Harry ; to leave Innisfail, Penkivil-street, Willoughby, THIS FRIDAY, at 2pm, for Catholic Cemetery, Northern Suburbs.

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LEEDS.- The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. NEIL BOYLE, Mr. and Mrs. FRANK PALMER, Mr. and Mrs. Neil LEEDS, Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD LEEDS, of Summer Hill, are invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved BROTHER, Harry Leeds ; to leave Innisfail, Penkivil-street, Willoughby, THIS FRIDAY, at 2pm, for Catholic Cemetery, Northern Suburbs.

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LEEDS – The Friends of Mrs. O'REGAN, ELLA & DONA HOWE, of Cairo-Street, North Sydney, are invited to attend the funeral of their beloved SON-IN-LAW and BROTHER-IN-LAW, Harry Leeds ; to leave Innisfail, Penkivil-street, Willoughby, THIS FRIDAY, at 2pm, for Catholic Cemetery, Northern Suburbs.

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LEEDS. – The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. LEVITT and FAMILY, of Ashfield, are invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved BROTHER-IN-LAW and UNCLE, Harry Leeds; to lave Innisfail, Penkivil-street, Willoughby, THIS FRIDAY, at 2pm for Catholic Cemetery, Northern Suburbs.

WOOD COFFILL LIMITED

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LEEDS – N.I.O.O.F., LOYAL PERSEVERANCE LODGE – The Sisters and Brothers of the above lodge are invited to attend the Funeral of the late Brother H. LEEDS; to leave his late residence, Innisfail, Penkivil-street, Willoughby, at 2pm TODAY.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/16172685#pstart1225241>

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Friday 22 August 1924

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LAST TRIBUTE TO CONSTABLE LEEDS

A large crowd attended the funeral of Constable Harry Leeds, one of the victims of the North Sydney tramway smash, to-day. It was striking tribute to a popular officer.

The cortege, which **left his home** in Penkivil-street, Willoughby, for the Northern Suburbs cemetery, was headed by the Police Band playing the Dead March. About a hundred police representative of the whole metropolitan division, besides a number of tramway men marched in procession. The principal mourners were the widow and five young children, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Benn, Mrs. Davison, Mrs. Dickman, Mrs Palmer and Miss Elsie Leeds (sister). Mr. Harry Leeds (father). Messrs. Neil and Richard Leeds (brothers). Among those present were Mr. James Mitchell, Inspector-General of Police, Inspector Souter, North Sydney, Mr. G. Holt. District Superintendent of Tramways, North Sydney – (representing the Tramway Department), Mr. Charles Thackeray (representing the Police Association). Many beautiful wreaths were sent by the police. Including several from C.I. Branch and No. 4 Division.

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LATE CONSTABLE LEEDS.

IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL.

The funeral of Constable Harry Leeds, who was killed in the tram accident at McMahon's Point, took place yesterday afternoon in the Roman Catholic portion of the Northern Suburbs cemetery.

A large crowd assembled in the vicinity of the late Constable Leed's home in Penkivil-street, Willoughby, and, as the coffin was placed in the hearse, the crowd stood bare-headed, while Inspectors Beatty (George-street North station), to which Constable Leeds was attached and Souter (North Sydney) stood at the salute, at one side, and members of the **Loyal Perseverance Lodge (Independent Order of Oddfellows)** stood at the other side.

The Police Band, with muffled and draped drums, led the procession, and following the band, there came between 50 and 60 non-commissioned officers and men of the police force, representing 15 divisions. Marching immediately in front of the hearse were the Inspector-General of Police (Mr. James Mitchell) and Inspector Souter. The pall-bearers were Constables Cole, Hansen, Malcolm (No. 6 Division), and Jackson, Kerr, and Reece (No. 4 Division). Following the hearse were the mourning coaches conveying members of the family and other relatives of the deceased, then came members

of the Loyal Perseverance Lodge, and about 30 motor cars and other vehicles, conveying friends of the late constable.

The **route** from the late **Constable Leeds's home** to the cemetery was between three and four miles, and practically all the way crowds gathered to view the procession. A large number of people had assembled at Mowbray-road, and as the procession passed into the main street of Chatswood to the strains of the **Dead March** the scene was a solemn and striking one. The sidewalks of the thoroughfare were crowded, the men standing bare-headed, and the police on street duty standing at the salute as the hearse passed. After crossing the railway line at Chatswood the Police Band and members of the force opened out and halted while the procession passed through. Motor buses conveyed the band and police to the entrance to the cemetery, and on arrival of the hearse and mourners the procession was again formed and marched to the grave. The Rev. Father J. Wall officiated at the graveside, the service being simple but impressive.

The principal mourners were Mrs. Leeds (widow) and five young children, Messrs. Harry Leeds (father), Neil and Richard Leeds (brothers), and Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Palmer Mrs. Benn, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Dickman, and Miss Elsie Leeds (sisters).

Others present Included Mr. G. Holt, District Superintendent of Tramways, North Sydney (representing the Tramway Department), District-officer F. A. Tuck, Crow's Nest (representing the New South Wales Fire Brigade), Mr. Charles Thackeray (representing the Police Association), ex-Inspector J. Fullarton, Aldermen J. S. Muir, W. L. M. Fry, E. J. Parkes (Willoughby Council), and Messrs. G. A. Bailey (town clerk), Hughes (health Inspector), and Murdock (building Inspector), H. B. Perrington (Department of Labour and Industry), T. Proctor, H. C. Coulter, P. K. Gorrick, and E. Hewitt.

POLICE TO HELP WIDOW.

At North Sydney Police Court yesterday appreciative remarks regarding the late Constable Leeds were made by Mr. Daley and Mr. Thomas on behalf of the legal profession. Mr. Daley said that he had known Constable Leeds for 15 years, and he was an efficient, courageous, and loyal officer.

Inspector Souter expressed regret on behalf of the police force, and said that it was unfortunate that Constable Leeds had left a widow and five young children. He was sure, however, that the police as a body would not fail to alleviate the suffering of the late constable's relatives.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/16179465>

The Catholic Press (Sydney) **Thursday 4 September**
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Tram Accident Victim.

CONSTABLE HARRY LEEDS.



Constable Harry LEEDS

THE LATE CONSTABLE LEEDS.

The recent **tram accident** at **North Sydney** was the cause of the death, of **Constable Harry Leeds**. Constable Leeds was one of the most popular men in the metropolitan area, and news of his death came as a severe shock to his colleagues. He joined the force in 1907, and was appointed to Goulburn, where he was married, and transferred to Araluen. From there he was sent to Crookwell, and later on to North Sydney, where he did duty for a number of years; but for the past five years he was connected with George-street North Police Station.

On the 22nd ult., at the North Sydney Police Court, Mr. Daley and Mr. Thomas, on behalf of the legal profession, paid a tribute to the worth of Constable Leeds, and offered their deep sympathy to his relatives. Inspector Souter said they could ill afford to lose such men of long service and experience. Constable Leeds leaves a widow and five young

children, the youngest being a boy only six months old.

The funeral was an impressive tribute to the memory of deceased. The Police Band, under **Bandmaster Hawkins** and **Drum-Major Flynn**, together with a squad of sergeants and constables, drawn from the whole of the **15 divisions of the Metropolitan Police Force**, led the cortege, and six police pals of the dead man carried the coffin, laden with wreaths. The hearse, too, was piled with wreaths.

The **Inspector-General of Police (Mr. Mitchell)** walked in the cortege, accompanied by **Inspectors Beatty** and **Souter**. The pall-bearers were **Constables Cole, Hansen, Malcolm (No. 6 Division), Jackson, Kerr, Reece (No. 4 Division)**. Also in the cortege were **Mr. G. Holt (District Superintendent, North Sydney)**, representing the Government Tramways Department), **District Officer F. A. Tuck** (representing New South Wales Fire Brigades), **Mr. C. Thackeray** (representing **Mr. B. Fortesene and Police Association**), Alderman Muir (representing the Mayor and Alderman of Willoughby). **First-Class Constable Walsh** marshalled the cortege to the **Catholic portion of the Northern Suburbs Cemetery**. The streets through which the cortege passed were lined on each side with thousands of people, who stood with bowed heads. Arriving at the cemetery, the police formed an avenue, through which the cortege passed, and **Rev. Father J. Wall**, of Ryde, officiated at the graveside.

While the coffin was being lowered, the Police Band played **'Abide With Me.'**

The chief mourners were: The widow and five children, **Mr. Harry Leeds** (father), **Neil** and **Richard** (brothers), Mesdames Boyle, Benn, Davison, Dickman, Miss Elsie Leeds (sisters) Mrs. O'Regan, Mrs. Levett, Miss Howe, Miss O'Regan (mother and sisters of the widow). – **R.I.P.**

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/page/14054317>

THE LATE CONSTABLE HARRY LEEDS.

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Constable Leeds leaves a widow and five young children, the youngest being a boy only six months old.

The funeral, which took place on Friday, August 22, was an impressive tribute to the memory of deceased. A large concourse of people gathered at 'Innisfail,' Penkivil-street, Willoughby, and genuine sorrow was manifested, particularly among those who knew the bond of affection which existed in the domestic life. At 2 p.m. the Police Band, together with a squad of sergeants and constables drawn from the whole of the fifteen divisions of the metropolitan police force, formed up

outside, and six police pals of the dead man carried the coffin, laden with wreaths. The hearse was piled with wreaths. As the coffin was borne out, Inspectors Beatty (George-street North) and Souter (North Sydney) stood at the salute at one side, and six members of the Loyal Perseverance Lodge (I.O.O.F.) with bowed heads at the other.

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First-Class Constable Walsh marshalled the cortege to the Catholic portion of the Northern Suburbs Company. The Police Band, under Bandmaster Hawkins, with Drum-Major Flynn at its head, led off with the 'Dead March in Saul.' The Loyal Perseverance Lodge (N.I.O.O.F.), with N.G. Bro. C. Bolger and Secretary Bro. Dimond, were also in the procession. The streets, through which the cortege passed, was lined on each side with thousands of people, who stood with bowed heads and tear-dimmed eyes. Arriving at the cemetery, the police formed an avenue through which the cortege passed, and the Rev. Father J. Wall, of Ryde, officiated at the graveside. While the coffin was being lowered the Police Band played 'Abide With Me.' The chief mourners were the widow and five children, Mr. Harry Leeds (father), Messrs. Neil and Richard (brothers), Mesdames Boyle, Benn, Davison, and Dickman, Miss Elsie Leeds (sisters), Mrs. O'Regan, Mrs. Levett, Miss Howe, Miss O'Regan (mother and sisters of the widow). — R.I.P.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/123253389>

Evening News (Sydney)

Monday 29 September 1924

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McMAHON'S PT. SMASH

The Coroner's inquiry into the cause of the McMahon's Point tram crash on August 21, in which Constable Harry Leeds and Frederick Maurice Lambert were killed, has been fixed for next Wednesday at 10 a.m.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/119969446>

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TRAM DISASTER.

The City Coroner's inquest into the deaths of Constable Harry Leeds, and Frederick Maurice Lambert, in the tram disaster at McMahon's Point on August 21 is listed to be held tomorrow.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/16161767>

SYDNEY TRAM SMASH. CORONER'S VERDICT :

The **Sydney Coroner** to-day held an inquiry, into the deaths of **Frederick Lambert**, aged 39, an engineer, of Willoughby, and **Constable Harry Leeds**, aged 47, of Willoughby, who were killed in the tram smash at McMahon's Point, North Sydney, on the morning of **August 21**. It was through the alleged failure of the brakes that a double-set ran down the steep incline towards **McMahon's Point**, but when rounding a curve the front car left the rails and crashed into a house. The rear car piled itself up on to the first car, and in the smash **Lambert** and **Leeds** were killed, and a number of other passengers injured.

Edward Chambers, electrical subforeman in the Tramway Department, said that on **August 20** the two cars, **544** and **543**, went into traffic at 6.20a.m., and arrived back at 8.57a.m., and were booked up as " O.K. " On **August 21**, at 1a.m., they were again booked up as " O.K. " At 5.49a.m. they went into traffic again, and were in good order. At 7.50a.m. he saw them at McMahon's Point, after the accident. It was driver's duty to report any defects in the running of a car.

Thomas Elias James, the **driver of the car**, was then called. He said that when they left Willoughby on the fatal trip for McMahon's Point, he found that the controller was jammed (sic), and he could not move it one way or another. He then

drove the tram from the rear of the car, and left **Conductor Cowan** in charge of the air brake in the front. As they neared the **long hill near the terminus**, he felt the car getting out of control. He attempted to use the third emergency, but found it could not be used, owing to the air control being on. He was absolutely helpless to do anything. Witness considered he had taken the best course in giving Cowan control of the air brake, as it was a **very foggy morning**. He attributed the accident to the greasy condition of the rails.

Conductor James Cowan, who stuck to the front of the car throughout, and who suffered severe concussion when it left the rails and crashed into the wall, was the next witness.

Mr. D. R. Hall, his solicitor, explained that his memory, so far as the accident was concerned, was an absolute blank, and he was still a very sick man. Consequently he was only asked a few questions. He told the coroner that he could not remember anything of the run down the hill or the final crash.

"I would like to say how greatly I and the public admire him for sticking to his post right up to the end," **said the coroner**, as Cowan was assisted from the box. "I am sure he will have the good wishes of the court for his speedy recovery, and its admiration for the way in which he retained his position, in the face of what looked like certain death."

Edward Wills, chief inspector, said that the working orders put the driver in charge of the tram, and the only part of his duty he could delegate to a conductor when he had to drive from the rear was the operation of the bell and the sand. Wills maintained that the driver delegated his powers to the conductor, and thereby broke the regulations. The conductor, in this case, was in charge of the tram.

The Coroner: A man might easily make a mistake about the meaning of this rule.

Mr. Hall: A department whose motto is "Safety first" might

have expressed it in more simple English and more clearly.

The coroner returned a **verdict** of **accidental death**.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/137776451>

James ELLIS

15/06/2015

James ELLIS

New South Wales Police Force

Sergeant

Regd. # ?

**Stations: Broken Hill, Tiboobarra as
O.I.C.,**

Brewarrina for only 2 months

Born: ?

Died 10 May 1924

39 old

Illness – Suicide

Brewarrina

Funeral: ?

Buried: ?

On a Saturday morning in 1924 Sergeant Ellis of the Brewarrina Police Station ended his life by shooting himself in the chest and head. Little is known of the sergeant and his death other than a brief extract from the local (Brewarrina) newspaper which indicates that: *“Sergeant Ellis was up and about on the Saturday morning attending to his duties and seemed as cheerful as ever, and Constable Woodward received a rude shock on going for the sergeant to accompany him to breakfast, to find him lying dead in a pool of blood on the floor. An examination by Dr. Duncan showed that Sergeant Ellis had shot himself twice, over the heart and in the temple. The body of the Sergeant was placed in a lead-lined coffin and forwarded*

to Singleton yesterday morning for interment"

The NSW Register of Coroners Inquests and Magisterial Inquiries, 1834-1942 indicates that an inquest was held into the sergeant's death on 12 May, 1924 at Brewarrina. It was found that Sergeant Ellis died at Brewarrina as a result of a "bullet wound in the head wilfully self-inflicted."□

A year after the sergeant's death the following announcement appeared in 'In Memoriam' column of *The Argus*, dated 9 May, 1925: *ELLIS – In fond and loving memory of my dear fiance, Sergeant James Ellis, who died at Brewarrina, N.S.W. on 10th May, 1924. The link that bound us here below still binds my heart to thine. (Inserted by Flora Thomson, Hampton.)*

The sergeant was a native of Wyalong and in 1919 was transferred from Broken Hill to Tibooburra as the officer-in-charge of that station. He was then transferred to Brewarrina on 4 March, 1924. He had only been at Brewarrina for two months when he died at the age of 39 years.