

John Daniel Byron

23/11/2021

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AKA

Late of Ryde

NSW Goulburn Police Academy / Police Training Centre –
Redfern / Police Training College – Penrith / Belmore
Barracks Class # ? ? ?

NSW Police Cadet # ????

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 1290

Service: From 12 January 1922 to 23 November 1926 = 4
years Service

Rank: Commenced Training at / as ? Police Academy Police
Cadet on ? ? ?

Probationary Constable- appointed 12 January 1922

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank = Constable

Stations: Ryde

Retirement / Leaving age: = 29

Time in Retirement from Police: ?

Awards: National Medal – **granted** ? ? ?

1st Clasp to National Medal – **granted** ? ? ?

2nd Clasp to National Medal – **granted** ? ? ?

Born: 1897

Died on: 23 November 1926

Age: 29

Cause: Pneumonia

Event location: Sydney Hospital

Event date: 23 November 1926

Funeral date: 24 November 1926

Funeral location: St Marys Cathedral

([click here to see Coronav19 Virus Pandemic rules – this will be a limited numbers Funeral](#))

any Future Wake location: ??? TBA

any Future Wake date: ??? TBA

(Due to current Govt. restrictions on 'Gatherings' due to Coronav19 Virus Pandemic, some families may wish to have a Memorial Service / Wake with friends and family at a later date)

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: Field of Mars Cemetery

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this time (July 2021)

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

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

? IS mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance

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

? IS mentioned on the Sydney Police Centre Memorial Wall, Surry Hills

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

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Australian Police YouTube Channel

**DEATH OF CONSTABLE JOHN DANIEL BYRON (1897 to 23 NOVEMBER
1926) No. 1290**

John Daniel Byron was born in 1897 in Maclean, NSW. He married Violet Ivy Chalk about 1921. It appears that they did not have any children.

John Daniel Byron was sworn in as a Probationary Constable of the NSW Police Force on the 12 January 1922. He was attached to Ryde.

Constable Byron reported to Sergeant Dobbie that he thought he had influenza. Sergeant Dobbie sent him to a Doctor who directed him to go off duty. Sergeant Dobbie got him some medicine. When his condition worsened Sergeant Dobbie arranged for him to be admitted to Sydney Hospital

Constable Byron of Ryde died in the Sydney Hospital of pneumonia on the 23 November 1926. He was 29.

The funeral took place on the 24 November 1926 at St Marys R.C. Cathedral prior to the departure to the Field of Mars Cemetery. The Police Band met the motor funeral at Cressy Road and the Great Northern Road. Floral tributes were laid from the Ryde and Burwood Branches of the Police Association.

The pall bearers were Constable Flitcroft, Booth Bentley, Wilson, Goodwin and Wells. The parade was under the direction of Inspector Tracey.

He was a member of the Loyal Ryde United Friends Lodge of the MUIOOF.

No. 1290 was previously issued to Constable James Coan in 1863.

1927 'DEATH OF CONSTABLE BYRON', *Daily Examiner (Grafton, NSW : 1915 – 1954)*, 8 January, p. 7. , viewed 23 Nov 2021, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article195187610>

Patrick Stephen LEONARD

23/11/2021

Patrick Stephen LEONARD

aka Pat

Late of Milford St, Randwick

Brother to Michael A. LEONARD, # Q 7115

Brother to Charles LEONARD, # Q 7396

Another 'mentioned' Brother is Thomas Wood LEONARD, # Q 9062

Another 'mentioned' Brother is Roger. It is not known if
Roger was in the Police.

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # Q 7644

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

Rank: Constable – appointed 16 November 1900

Constable 1st Class – early promotion

Police Prosecutor (7 years)

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed 1923

Stations: ?, Darlinghurst (13 years), Redfern – Sgt – (1918
) , Newtown, Chief Police Prosecutor – Central Police Court

Service: From 16 November 1900 to 2 July 1926 = 26+ years
Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: ? ? 1876 in NSW

Died on: Friday 2 July 1926 at home in the morning

Age: 50 – Unmarried

Cause: Pneumonia

Event location: Milford St, Randwick

Event date: Friday 2 July 1926

Funeral date: Saturday 3 July 1926

Funeral location: Sacred Heart Church, Avoca St, Randwick @
2.30pm

Funeral director: W.N.Hull Funeral Director

Buried at: Randwick Cemetery

Memorial located at: ?

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

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Catholic Press (Sydney, NSW : 1895 – 1942),

Thursday 8 July 1926, page 21

The Late Sergeant P. Leonard.

NOTED POLICE OFFICER PASSES.

Great regret was felt over the death of **Sergeant Patrick S. Leonard, Chief Police Prosecutor** of the **metropolitan district**, which occurred at his late residence, **Milford Street, Randwick**, on Friday morning last.

Poignancy is added to the death of this **fine police officer** by the fact that he was on the **eve** of his **promotion to an inspectorship** – in fact, he was about to be presented with **the whip that accompanies elevation to that rank**.

The late **Sergeant** joined the service in **1900**, and was stationed at **Darlinghurst**.

A hard-working and efficient policeman, he soon attracted the attention of his superiors, and he won quick promotion, attaining the rank of **first-class sergeant** in **1923**. He was **police prosecuting officer** in the **suburbs** for **10 years** until his **transfer** to the **Central Police Court** over a year ago.

Of a courteous and genial nature, he enjoyed the friendship of all sections of the community, and the esteem of all his fellow officers and subordinates.

Genuine expressions of regret at his passing were made at the **Central Police Court** on Friday. **Mr. Jennings, S.M.**, said that

those who represented defendants had been well satisfied with his fairness in all proceedings. It was a sad end to a **distinguished career.**

On behalf of the legal profession, **Mr. Parker and Mr. Lionel Dare** paid tributes to his conscientiousness. He was a hard man to fight, said **Mr. Parker**, but he fought fairly. He was big in stature and mind, and it would be hard to replace him.

For the **police, Sergeant Cummings, prosecutor,** extended sympathy to the relatives. He understood that **Sergeant Leonard** was on the eve of promotion.

The **Commissioner of Police (Mr. J. Mitchell)** said that it was with extreme regret that he had heard of **Sergeant Leonard's** death. " He was one of the ablest officers in the service, and had he lived he would have reached high police rank. He also rendered excellent service as a member of the **committee of the police carnival for hospitals.** "

Sergeant Leonard, who succumbed to pneumonia, was 50 years of age, and a devout **Catholic.**

Requiem Mass was celebrated by the **Rev. Father T. O'Loughlin, M.S.C,** at the **Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Avoca-street, Randwick,** after which the **funeral cortege** left the church for the **Randwick cemetery.**

The procession, which was officially a **police funeral,** attracted a very representative gathering.

Squads of police, preceded by the **Police Band,** marched under **Inspector Maze,** and members of the **Metropolitan Fire Brigades,** under **District-Inspector Grimmond.**

The **pall-bearers** were **Inspector Maze, Sergeants Roser, Dean, MacDougall, Twist, Jones and Maher.** Many and beautiful were the wreaths conveyed.

The **principal mourners** were: Messrs. **Charles, Thomas,** and

Roger Leonard (**brothers**), Misses Annie and Cissie. Leonard, and Mrs. Delahunty (**sisters**), and **Miss Mary Roche**, to whom **Sergeant Leonard** was to have been married.

Amongst those present were: The Chief Secretary (Hon. C. C. Lazzarini, M.L.A.), **Inspector Spyer** (representing the Commissioner of Police, **Mr. Mitchell**), Mr. Cruise (representing the Minister for Justice), Mr. A. Bishop (representing the Crown Law Department), the Speaker (Hon. J. Dooley, M.L.A.), **Supt. G. Mitchell, Supt. Mankey, Chief of C.I.B., Inspectors Lynch, Delaney, Lindfield, and Kersley; Det.-Sgt. Lynch, Det.-Sgt. Coombes, Det.-Sgt. Jones (South Africa), Det. Sgt. Kennedy, Det.-Sgt. Smith, Det.-Sgt. Miller, Sergeant Nicholls and Constable Carroll Ashfield, Detective Gallagher, Sergeant T. O'Brien, ex-Sergeants Duncan, Hay and Toohey, ex-Inspector Fullarton, C. Thackeray (" Police News "), Mr. B. Fortescue (general secretary, Police Association), Detective Comans, ex-Sergeant Hayes, Sergeant Lane, and Sergeants Philpott and Maples (Redfern), Station-officer Beare (representing Fire Brigades' Hospital Carnival and Art Union), Messrs. R. D. Meagher, W. Niland, and T. Arkins (solicitors), R. O'Halloran, B. Greig, S. R. Alldis, Ms.L.A., Hon. J. Tyrrell, M.L.C., P. Conroy (vice-president), and W. Carey (secretary, A.L.P.), Aldermen M. L'Estrange (Mayor of Mascot), R. H. McDonald (Redfern), and D. Mulcahy (Waterloo), Messrs. Rafferty (assistant secretary, R.A.S.), T. Windrum (Rockhampton), E. Ward, P. Fennessy, D. Capice, W. O'Connor, R. Allen, A. Agnew, L. R. Mordant, and A. R. Pope (Catholic Club), J. McCann, W. Campbell, Hartnett, H. Kirkland, W. McNamara (secretary, Friendly Society Dispensary), P. Rynn, and F. Haron. – R.I.P.**

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/106276742>

The Late Sergeant P. S. Leonard.

The funeral on Saturday afternoon of **First-class Sergeant Patrick Stephen Leonard, senior public prosecutor** at the **Central Police Court**, was one of the largest ever seen at **Randwick**. The funeral took place from the Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, after Requiem Mass, which was celebrated by the Rev. Father O'Loughlin, M.S.C. The cortege, which was about a mile long, was headed by squads of police and firemen.

The chief mourners were Messrs. Charles, Thomas, and Roger Leonard (brothers), Misses Annie and Cissie Leonard and Mrs. Delahunty (sisters), and Miss Mary Agnes Roche. The pallbearers were Inspector Maze, Sergeants Roser, Dean, Jones, McDougall, Twiss, and Maher. Others present included Messrs. J. Dooley (Speaker of the Legislative Assembly), C. C. Lazzarini (Chief Secretary), S. G. Cruise (representing Mr. W. J. McKell (Minister for Justice), A. Bishop (representing the Crown Law Department), J. Tyrrell, M.L.C., R. Greig, M.L.A. (Chairman of Committees), R. O'Halloran, and S. R. Alldis, Ms L.A., Inspector Spyer (representing Mr. J. Mitchell, Commissioner of Police), Superintendent T. Mankey (Chief of C.I.D.), Inspectors . Lynch, Devlin, Lindfield, Delaney, Mackay and Kersley, Detective Sergeants Lynch, Coombes, Jones (of South Africa), Kennedy, Smith, Miller and Sergeant Nicholls ; Station Officer Beare (Fire Brigades Hospital Carnival and Art Union Committee) Mr. W. J. Camphin, S.M., Alderman L'Estrange (Mayor of Mascot), Mulcahy .(Mayor of Waterloo), and R. H. McDonald (Redfern), Messrs. R. D. Meagher, W. M. Niland, J. C. J. Ryan, and T. Arkins; Constables Carroll, Ashfield, Detective Gallagher, Sergeants T. O'Brien, Law, and Philpott, ex Sergeants Duncan, Hay, Toohey and Hayes; ex-Inspector Fullarton, Messrs. B. Fortescue (secretary, Police Association of which deceased

was a foundation member), C. Thackeray (editor, 'Police News'), R. Moyes, J. J. Hartnett, G. H. Brown, P. Ryan J. Morrissey, T. Windrum, W. Carey (secretary A.L.P.), E. Ward, E. Roche, F. Conroy (vice-president A.L.P.), H. Kirkland, C. J. Rafferty (assistant secretary, Royal Agricultural Society), G. Butler Gye (representing "Evening News"), R. Higgins, Captain Hansen, T. Birrell, A. Westphal, C. Tate, W. Adlum, P. O'Loughlin (president of the Catholic Club), S. A. Williams (treasurer of the club), P. Burns (vice-president), C. G. Griffiths (hon. secretary), H. Washington (manager), A. H. Pope, J. Fraser, A. Agnew (Gehring and Co.); W. Campbell, J. McCann, W. J. McEncroe, W. Weekes, W. Paterson, W. McCarthy, A. Sharp P. Sharp, R. Campbell, J. McGrath, J. Ryan J. S. Ogan, W. McNamara (secretary, Friendly Society Dispensary), J. Voney, B. Acton, G. Workman, H. Moroney, M. Swiney, J. Sheehan, E. McDonald B. Mahoney, F. Farrell (hon. secretary, Catholic Returned Soldiers' Association), J. Killeen, F. Conroy, J. Williams (Dewar and Co.), A. McNiven, F. Haron, L. R. Mordant, P. Fennessy, and R. Allen.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/116778085>

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

Saturday 3 July 1926, page 13

FUNERALS.

LEONARD.- A Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of the late **SENIOR SERGEANT PATRICK STEPHEN LEONARD** will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Randwick, THIS (Saturday) MORNING, at 9 o'clock.

LEONARD. – The Friends of **Miss MARY AGNES ROCHE**, of Rose-street, Darlington, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of **Patrick Leonard**; to leave Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Randwick. THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for

Randwick Cemetery.

Funeral Director. W.N.Hull Funeral Director.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/16302941>

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

Saturday 3 July 1926, page 16

DEATH OF SGT. P. LEONARD.

The death of **Sergeant Patrick Leonard**, chief police prosecutor at the **Central Police Court**, occurred suddenly yesterday morning, from pneumonia, at his residence in Milford street, Randwick. Sergeant Leonard was 50 years of age.

Mr. Jennings, C.S.M., and Messrs. W. Parker and Lionel Dare, on behalf of the legal profession, paid sincere tributes to the late police officer.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/16303092>

Newcastle Sun (NSW : 1918 – 1954),

Friday 2 July 1926, page 8

DEATH OF SGT. LEONARD

Chief Police Prosecutor SYDNEY. Friday

Sergeant P. S. Leonard, chief police prosecutor at the Central Police Court, died to-day from pneumonia.

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

Friday 2 July 1926, page 4

" PAT " LEONARD

POPULAR OFFICER DIES FROM PNEUMONIA

Sergt. **PATRICK Stephen Leonard**, Senior Police Prosecutor, died from pneumonia at Randwick to-day, after **six week's** illness. " He was one of the ablest men who have ever held the position of police prosecutor. " said the Commissioner of Police to-day. " I heard of his death with extreme regret. He was one of my best, most conscientious, and most promising officers. In my opinion, he would have attained to high police rank had he lived ".

The late sergeant was highly esteemed by all who know him. He was a most courteous, unassuming, and obliging officer, and was exceedingly popular with Pressmen, with whom he came into close contact at the various police courts. His word was his bond, and he was always scrupulously fair to defendants.

Sergeant Leonard joined the police force in **1900** and was made a **first class sergeant** in **1923**. He served in the **Darlinghurst division** for **13 years** and at **Redfern**, and was **police prosecutor** for seven years, first on the suburban circuit and latterly at the Central Police Court.

He was born in **1876**, and was a native of N.S.W.

He was unmarried, and lived with his sister at Melford-street. Randwick.

WORKER FOR CHARITY

He was a prominent worker for various charities, and took an active part in the organisation of the annual **police carnival**.

The late officer's **first promotion** to the rank of **first-class constable** was a **reward** for a particularly daring arrest of a burglar in William-street. City, at 4 a.m.. on **December 13, 1904**.

Two of his brothers also joined the police force – **Charles**, (Q7396) now a **sergeant** at **Marrickville**, and **Michael**, (Q7115) who died from **pneumonia** some years ago.

The funeral will leave the Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Avoca street, Randwick, at 2.30pm tomorrow.

TRIBUTES IN COURT

' It is a sad end to a distinguished career.' remarked **Mr. Jennings. C.S.M.**, at the Central Court to-day. In referring to the death of Sergeant Leonard. " He had been a long time with us, and his services were much appreciated by all those who worked with him. "

Mr. Parker, on behalf of the legal profession. said he had known Sergeant Leonard for 23 or 24 years. " I always admired him as an officer, " went on Mr. Parker. " He was absolutely conscientious. As a prosecutor he was one of the hardest men we had to fight, but he always fought fairly. He was a big man not only in stature, but in mind."

Mr. Lionel Dare, barrister, remarked that, in his public capacity, **Sergeant Leonard** was courageous, unflinching, honorable, and firm.

Sergeant Cummings, police prosecutor, said the police felt **Sergeant Leonard's** death as a deep personal loss. He understood the late sergeant was on the eve of promotion to the rank of inspector. He was a highly capable officer.

TO HAVE BEEN MARRIED

A pathetic feature is that **Sergeant Leonard** was to have **been married** last **Saturday** to **Miss Mary Agnes Roche**, of Rose-street, Darlington, but his illness intervened.

(*a photo of Sgt Leonard and Mary Roche appear in this news article but the 'scan' is far too dark from the Trove article to be useful for his Memorial page*)

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/114383043>

Sun (Sydney, NSW : 1910 – 1954),

Monday 7 April 1919, page 6

MEN AND WOMEN

Personal Paragraphs

Police-prosecutor Leonard, attached to the **Redfern and Newtown Police Courts**, is confined to his home with an attack of **influenza**.

Sergeant Leonard is a **brother** of the **late Sergeant Michael Leonard**, who succumbed to **the epidemic** at Darlinghurst **last Week**.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/221448262>
