

OLIVER HEATHCOTE BROOK

30/08/2021

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AKA OLLIE BROOK

Late of 18 Duncan St, Maroubra, NSW formerly of Goulburn, NSW

NSW Police Training Centre – Redfern / Police Training
College – Penrith – Class # ? ? ?

New South Wales Police Force

Uniform # 446

Regd. # 'Q' 8848

*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
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Service: From Friday 5 June 1908 to Thursday 18 April
1935 = 36+ years Service

Rank: Commenced Training at ? Police Academy on ? ? ?

Probationary Constable – appointed 5 June 1908 (aged

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed 1 January 1917

Detective – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank = ?

Stations: ?, Darlinghurst (3 Division), Traffic Branch –
Police H.Q., Randwick Lock-up-Keeper,

Apparently, Oliver was a well known cyclist (push bike)

Retirement / Leaving age: = 49 years, 1 month, 24 days

Time in Retirement from Police: 14 years, 10 months, 17 days

Awards: Imperial Service Medal (Imperial) – **granted** 16
October 1936 (Cst 1/c)

Born: Thursday 25 February 1886 in Goulburn, NSW

Died on: Tuesday 7 March 1950

Age: 64 years, 0 months, 10 days

Cause: ?

Event location: Balmain Hospital, NSW

Event date: ?

Funeral date: Thursday 9 March 1950 @ 2pm

Funeral location: the Chapel, 810 George St, Sydney, NSW

Funeral Parlour: Wood Coffill Ltd

Buried at: Cremated – Eastern Suburbs Crematorium,

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

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

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

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

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

Australian Police YouTube Channel

Birth: Oliver H BROOK **Birth:** 14032/1886 to Edward G BROOK & Helenia B at Goulburn, NSW

Marriage: Oliver H BROOK to Ada M THEEUFF at Waverly, NSW. # 9573/1909

Death: Oliver H BROOK # 1626/1950. **Father:** Edward George BROOK. **Mother:** Helena B00TH. Balmain, NSW

Death of Ada May BROOK nee THEEUFF (Wife) # 5685/1972. **Father:** William. **Mother:** Unknown. Sydney, NSW

Birth of Eric Oliver BROOK: (Son) # 33584/1910 **Father:** Oliver Heathcote BROOK. **Mother:** Ada May BROOK. Waverley, NSW

Death of Eric Oliver BROOK: (Son) # 3633/1973 **Father:** Oliver Heathcote BROOK. **Mother:** Ada May BROOK. Sydney, NSW

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

Tuesday 5 November 1907, page 7

CYCLING AND CHRISTIANITY

Oliver brook's conversion GOULBURN, Monday

Oliver H. Brook, the converted cyclist, attended the evening service of the Goldsmith-street Methodist Church on Sunday, occupying a seat on the rostrum. He read the lessons. In the course of a short address he said the professional cyclist was confronted with a set of circumstances that were "questionable and corrupt in the extreme," and that was one reason why he could not be a professional cyclist and a Christian.

Brook appealed specially to the young men of the congregation, and implored those who had not decided for Christ to do so. Then he asked any who would do so to stand up, but there was no response. He stated there would be a prayer meeting after the service, and that he would like all young men who cared to hear about God to stay.

There was a fair congregation, but the heavy rain doubtless interfered with the attendance.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/229495060>

Macleay Chronicle (Kempsey, NSW : 1899 – 1952),

Thursday 3 September 1908, page 4

SMART ARREST.

Last night **Constable *Brook** saw a man and woman in the **Domain** both carrying parcels.

He stopped them and found the man's parcel contained the dead body of a child, and some blood-stained clothing. The woman stated that the child was born alive on Sunday night, but when she awoke yesterday morning it was dead.

Bricks were attached to both parcels.

The couple were arrested on a charge of concealment of birth.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/174475284>

***Unsure if this article is in relation to Constable Oliver Heathcote BROOK.**

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

Thursday 24 September 1908, page 3

LANGUAGE AND ASSAULT.

Constable Brook, the **one time champion cyclist**, was the prosecutor in a case at the **Water Police Court** this morning.

He had arrested **Charles Chapman**, 27, fishmonger, on a charge of using indecent language in Liverpool street on September 18, and **Joseph Nava**, 26, bricklayer, for assault, on the same date. The cases were heard together.

The constable said when he went to arrest Chapman for using language Nava and others interfered. Nava wrenched his arm back causing him pain.

The accused, who denied the charges, were each fined 10s, or seven- days.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/114749141>

Barrier Miner (Broken Hill, NSW : 1888 – 1954),

Saturday 17 July 1909, page 4

MARRIAGE.

BROOK – THEEUFF.- July 7, 1909, at Waverley, Sydney, by the Rev. Cocks, **Oliver**, eldest son of Mr. **G. Brook**, of **Waverley**, to **May**, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **J. Theeuff**, of **Broken Hill**.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/45075147>

Star (Sydney, NSW : 1909 – 1910),

Monday 17 January 1910, page 5

ASSAULTING A CONSTABLE.

For assaulting **Constable Oliver Heathcote Brooks** while in the execution of his duty at Sydney on Saturday last a laborer, David Hession, aged 26 years, was at the **Water Police Court** today sentenced to **six weeks hard labor** by Mr. J. L. King, S M.

It was stated for the prosecution that the accused was with another man on Saturday, when one of them was heard using indecent language, whereupon the constable asked them to move on.

The accused, who was under the influence of liquor at the time, then struck the constable a heavy blow with his hand.

Accused pleaded guilty, and said he had a few drinks in, and did not know what he was doing.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/228328903>

Sun (Sydney, NSW : 1910 – 1954),

Monday 19 August 1912, page 11

SCROLL OF THE BRAVE AUSTRALIAN HEROES.

KING OF ITALY'S APPRECIATION.

ROYAL SHIPWRECK RELIEF SOCIETY'S AWARDS.

The Royal Shipwreck Relief and Humane Society's 35th annual meeting and distribution of awards for acts of bravery will take place at the Sydney Town Hall on the evening of the 26th inst.

The list of those who are to receive either medals or certificates is comprised solely of Australians who have risked their lives in saving others. On this occasion five Australian mariners are to be presented with silver medals from the King of Italy for an act of bravery in rescuing men, women, and children at Messina at the time that, city was destroyed by earthquake. Another Australian is to receive a bronze medal and certificate from Lloyds, London, and a silver medal and certificate from the South Holland lifeboat institution. The acts of bravery performed by the following have been recognised, and each will receive the society's award at the annual meeting.

CONSTABLE OLIVER HEATHCOTE BROOK.

On December 3, 1911, a young lady named Miss Rosenberg was bathing on Tamarama Beach, when she was carried out fully 70 yards from the beach by the very strong undertow then running, and was rapidly being carried farther out. On Constable Brook's attention being drawn, he, although not a very good swimmer, at once went to her assistance, and reaching her, managed to swim back a short distance, but owing to her struggles he was compelled to wait and hold her above water until rescued by the Life Saving Club, both being very exhausted.

Awarded certificate of merit.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/228829572>

Tamworth Daily Observer (NSW : 1910 – 1916),

Tuesday 17 November 1914, page 2

CARRIED OUT BY UNDERTOW.

SYDNEY. Monday.

James Jones, a one-handed man, was carried out by the undertow at Bondi yesterday.

Constable Brook, ex-champion cyclist of New South Wales, saw the man throw up his hand, and swam to his assistance, and after a desperate struggle, succeeded in bringing him ashore.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/107464484>

Daily Post (Hobart, Tas. : 1908 – 1918),

Tuesday 17 November 1914, page 6

A PLUCKY CONSTABLE

S Y D N E Y , Monday.

At **Tamarama Beach**, **James Jones**, a Bondi resident, who has **only one arm**, got into difficulties about 109 yards from shore.

Constable Brook dived in, and after a long swim, brought **Jones** safely ashore.

Constable Brook has the **Royal Life Saving Society's certificate** for a similar rescue on the **same beach**.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/189568186>

Daily Telegraph (Sydney, NSW : 1883 – 1930),

Friday 29 December 1916, page 4

PERSONAL.

Mr. **Edward George Brook**, who died at his residence, **Heathcote, Cross Street, Waverley**, on Wednesday at the age of 63, was the **father of Constable Brook**, of Sydney, the well known **ex-champion cyclist**, and of **Sapper William Brook**, a good swimmer as well as a brave soldier, who was killed in action about a month ago.

For the last few years **Mr. Brook** suffered from a weak heart.

His end was hastened by the death of **Sapper Brook**.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/239428488>

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

Wednesday 8 March 1950, page 32

BROOK, Oliver Heathcote.— March 7, 1950, at Balmain Hospital, loved husband of **May Brook** and dear father of **Eric**.

BROOK.- The Relatives and Friends of Mrs. **May Brook**, Mr. and Mrs. **Eric Brook** and Family, of No. **5 Melody Street, Coogee**, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved **Husband** and their dear **Father** and **Grandfather OLIVER HEATHCOTE BROOK** ; to leave our Chapel, 810 George Street, Sydney, Tomorrow (Thursday), at 10.30 o'clock, for Eastern Suburbs Crematorium.

WOOD COFFILL LIMITED.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/18151158>

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

Tuesday 2 May 1950, page 12

In the **Will** of **OLIVER HEATHCOTE BROOK** late of **18 Duncan Street Maroubra** in the State of New South Wales **Police Constable** deceased.

Application will be made after 14 days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament dated **1st May 1929** of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to **Ada May Brook** the Executrix named in the said Will, with leave reserved to Thomas Augustus Magney the Executor named therein to come in and prove and all notices may be served at the undermentioned address.

All Creditors in the Estate of the deceased are hereby required to send in particulars of their claims to the undersigned.

MAGNEY & MAGNEY. Proctors.
79 Elizabeth Street. Sydney.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/27571725>

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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30 August 2021

Updated 18 February 2026 with true Date of Birth and calculations.

Walter Cecil Bertie BYRNE

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AKA ?

Late of 26 York Ave, Five Dock

NSW Redfern or Penrith Police Academy Class # ? ? ?

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ????

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Detective – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank = Detective Sergeant

Stations: ?, Chief of CIB – Company Squad – Death

Service: From ? ? 1921 – 22? to 8 August 1950 = 28 years
Service

Awards: No Find on Australian Honours

Born: ? ? 1899

Died on: Tuesday 8 August 1950

Age: 51

Cause: "possible" Heart attack

Event location: ? (in a Police vehicle)

Event date: Tuesday 8 August 1950

Funeral date: Thursday 10 August 1950 @ 2pm

Funeral location: St Alban's Church, Fivedock, NSW

Wake location: ?

Funeral Parlour: Charles Kinsela Pty Ltd, AFDA Est. 1830,
Taylor Square, Darlinghurst

Buried at: Cremated – Rookwood Crematorium

Memorial located at: ?



Photo source: Jason Osborne

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BUT SHOULD BE

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Married in 1942 to Margery Elizabeth ROBERTSON
(1903 Eden NSW – 24 May 1997 – Five Dock, NSW – 94 old)

Morning Bulletin (Rockhampton, Qld. : 1878 – 1954),

Saturday 19 July 1947, page 7

EXTRADITION SOUGHT OF MAN

WANTED IN NS.W.

SINGAPORE, July 17.- In the first District Court today **Detective Walter Cecil Byrne**, of the **Sydney C.I.B.**, applied for the extradition to N.S.W. of a man who he said was wanted for trial there on a conspiracy charge.

Byrne identified George Stamford as Stanley Hammond, who last month failed to appear in a Sydney court to answer a charge of conspiracy.

The judge remarking that the case had reached "a serious stage," withdrew bail and remanded Stamford in custody until July 22.

The accused, who answered to the name Stamford, allegedly arrived in Singapore from Australia last month as a stowaway aboard an Avro Anson plane.

He was charged as alias Stanley Hammond, with having conspired

with John Maxwell Gray and Gordon Leonard between January, 1944, and June, 1945, in New South Wales, to cheat certain persons of money and valuable securities by offering them shares in John Gray and Company.

19 Jul 1947 – EXTRADITION SOUGHT OF MAN WANTED IN N.S.W. –
Trove

Daily Telegraph (Sydney, NSW : 1931 – 1954),

Saturday 18 February 1950, page 10

STEALS TO HELP SICK SON

Police said in Quarter Sessions yesterday that a man charged with the theft of £230 had stolen the money to try to save the life of his three-years-old son.

Doctors had said the boy, a cancer sufferer for 12 months, had only two more months to live.

The father, Leslie Galvin, 34, textile worker, of Salisbury Road, Camperdown, admitted having stolen the money from his employers, Bradford Cotton Mills, of Camperdown.

Detective – Sergeant Walter Byrne, CIB., said he believed Galvin had used all the stolen money to pay his son's medical expenses. The child had developed cancer a year ago. Since then he had had a serious operation and needed regular deep-ray treatment.

Mr. Jack Thorn (for Galvin) said Galvin had now started a job that paid him between £9 and £11 a week. He wanted a chance to

pay back the money he had stolen.

Judge Holden released Galvin on a £50 bond to be of good behavior for three years. He ordered Galvin to repay the money to the Bradford Cotton Mills at £8 a month.

18 Feb 1950 – STEALS TO HELP SICK SON – Trove

Daily Telegraph (Sydney, NSW : 1931 – 1954),

Sunday 16 April 1950, page 36

Bets

In a bare 14 months, if the truth was told, balding, thick-set Victor Claude Jupp, aged 39, gambled £4000 on trotting and dog races. Jupp is a married man with two small sons.

He lives in Campbell Street, Abbotsford. Since 1939 he was employed by Mort's Dock, and Engineering Company at a weekly wage of £10/3/ as a paymaster of casual labor.

At the Quarter Sessions this week he pleaded guilty to having stolen £4000 from the company between November, 1948, and last January.

Detective – Sergeant Walter Byrne said Jupp confessed that he had consistently drawn from the cashier more money than was required to pay the casual laborers, and that he had gambled all the money he stole on the trots and the dogs. Jupp was not addicted to drink and had no previous convictions, the detective-sergeant added.

Solicitor Martin James Alexander Easton, who appeared in court on behalf of the company, said Jupp had signed a confession,

in which he said he could make restitution of £1000 immediately. . But, Mr. Easton added, Jupp had said that the offer of restitution was not his wish – it was the wish of his mother and his wife, who would have to sell all their property to realise £1000.

The company, Mr. Easton said, would accept that offer of restitution.

Barrister Reynolds; for Jupp, said the prisoner felt it was unfair for his mother and his wife to bear so heavy a burden on his behalf.

Judge Holt remanded Jupp until Tuesday for sentence.

16 Apr 1950 – Bill Rodie PRESENTS REAL LIFE – Trove

Daily Telegraph (Sydney, NSW : 1931 – 1954),

Wednesday 9 August 1950, page 9

Police funeral for detective

Detective – Sergeant Walter Cecil Bertie Byrne, 51, chief of the C.I.B. Company Squad, who died yesterday, will be buried with full police ceremonial tomorrow.

Sergeant Byrne died in a police car while on his way to his home in York Road, Five Dock.

The Officer in Charge of the C.I.B. had ordered a car for him when he said he felt ill.

Sergeant Byrne gave evidence at Quarter Sessions (*Darlinghurst*) yesterday morning.

In a tribute at Quarter Sessions later Judge Holden said he

had known Sergeant Byrne for many years as a fair, truthful, and honest officer.

09 Aug 1950 – Police funeral for detective – Trove

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

Thursday 10 August 1950, page 22

BYRNE, Walter Cecil Bertie. – August 8, 1950, suddenly of 26 York Avenue Fivedock late Detective Sergeant of the C I B Sydney,

dearly beloved husband of Marjorie,

loving father of Joan, William, Josephine and Thomas and

loving father-in-law of Edna and Alexander

aged 51 years

At rest

10 Aug 1950 – Family Notices – Trove

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

Wednesday 9 August 1950, page 4

DETECTIVE BYRNE

Detective – Sergeant Walter Byrne, chief of the Company Squad at the Criminal Investigation Branch, Sydney, died suddenly yesterday soon after giving evidence at the (*Darlinghurst*) Quarter Sessions.

He was 51.

He became ill after arriving at the C.I.B. from court, and died while being driven to Western Suburbs Hospital.

Detective-Sergeant Byrne had served 28 years in the police force in Sydney, and was an expert investigator in cases involving company law.

He was soon to have been made an inspector.

He is survived by Mrs. Byrne and four children.

09 Aug 1950 – DETECTIVE BYRNE – Trove

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

Tuesday 29 August 1950, page 12

In the Will of WALTER CECIL BERTIE BYRNE late of Fivedock in the State of New South Wales.

Detective Sergeant of Police, deceased Application will be made after 14 days from the date of publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament dated the 11th March 1947, of the above named deceased may be granted to Marjorie Elizabeth Byrne the Executrix named in the said Will and all notices may be served at the undermentioned address.

All creditors in the Estate of the deceased are hereby required to send in particulars of their claims to the undersigned JOHN W. BINNEY. Proctor for the Executrix. 79 Elizabeth Street Sydney.

29 Aug 1950 – Advertising – Trove

Allan James FULLER

30/08/2021

Allan James FULLER

Late of Tamworth

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # **????**

Rank: Constable

Stations: **?**, Warialda, Tamworth – death

Service: From **? ? 1945** to 2 July 1950
= 5 years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: ? ? 1923?

Died on: Sunday 2 July 1950

Age: 27

Cause: Motor Vehicle Accident – Motor
Cycle Rider – Off Duty – At fault

Event location: New England Hwy near the
intersection of Gurnsey St, Scone, NSW

Event date: Sunday 2 July 1950

Funeral date: Tuesday 4 July 1950

Funeral location: Bede's Church of
England, Scone, NSW @ 3.30pm

Buried at: Church of England portion,
Werris Creek Cemetery, Werris Creek Rd

Memorial located at: ?

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

Funeral location: TBA

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Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate (NSW : 1876 –
1954), **Monday 3 July 1950**, page 1

**Eight Killed In Road Accidents Eight people were killed i road
accidents in New South Wales and Victoria at the weekend.**

**Constable Allan James Fuller, 27, of Tamworth, was fatally
injured yesterday when his motor-cycle and a lorry collided on
the New England Highway, Scone. Fuller, a married man with one
child (*daughter*), was on week-end leave and was riding his
own machine.**

He joined the Police Force in 1945.

Scone Advocate (NSW : 1887 – 1954), **Tuesday 11 July 1950**, page
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FUNERAL OF POLICE CONSTABLE

There was a large attendance at the police funeral at **Werris Creek** on **Tuesday** of **Constable Allan James Fuller**, who was killed when his **motor cycle** collided **head on** with a **motor truck** near **Scone** on **Sunday week**.

The service. held at **St. Bede's Church of England**, was conducted by the **Rev. W. J. Pritchard**.

The coffin was draped with the Australian flag, on which **deceased's cap** had been placed.

After the service at the **church**, a squad of police led by **three police cyclists**, marched ahead of the hearse through the main business section of the town.

From there the marchers went by car, and with the cyclists still in the lead the cortege moved on to the **Church of England portion** of the **Werris Creek Cemetery**.

At the **graveside** the **Werris Creek Band** played the hymn, '**Abide With Me.**'

There was a large attendance of police officers from all parts of the **North** and **North-West**.

They included the **Inspector-in-Charge of Tamworth sub-district** (**Mr. G. Smith**), who deputised for the **Superintendent of the Northern Police Administrative District** (**Mr. C. J. Delaney**),

Sergeant E. Lambert and Constable W. Matheson (Quirindi), Constable W. Brett (Willow Tree), Constable R. Gibson (Murrurundi) , and Sergeant H. Jerome and Constable B. .Shannon and Constable R. Paff (Werris Creek). Tamworth District Ambulance Service was represented .by Messrs H. J. Rowland and H. W. Kearns.

Werris Creek sporting bodies and business houses were represented.

The police cyclists were **Constables Lawler, Aldred and Elliott**. Pall-bearers were **Constables Nicholson, Ralph, Holmes and Watkins**.

– ‘Quirindi Advocate.’

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/162726403>

Scone Advocate (NSW : 1887 – 1954), **Friday 21 July 1950**, page

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POLICEMAN'S DEATH IN MOTOR COLLISION

Coroner Holds Inquest at Scone

The **District Coroner, Mr. N. Hunt**, held an inquiry into the death of **Allan James Fuller (27)**, of **Tamworth Police**, who was **killed almost instantly on 2nd July last**, when his motor cycle crashed into a truck being driven by **Athol Hope, carrier**, of **9 Barber-street, Gunnedah**.

Evidence revealed that the **deceased's cycle** had struck a **bump**

in the highway near the intersection of Gurnsey-street, causing the cycle to veer over on to the other side of the road.

Sergeant T. Newell, of Muswellbrook Police, assisted the Coroner at the inquiry, while Mr. R. S. Watson represented Mr. Hope and the Government Insurance Office. Mr. A. A. McLellan, solicitor, of Scone, appeared to watch the interests of the Scone Municipal Council. The widow of the deceased and members of his family were also present in Court throughout the proceedings.

CONSTABLE'S EVIDENCE

Constable William Charles Black told the Coroner he went to the scene of an accident on the New England Highway near the intersection of Guernsey-street on the afternoon of 2nd July, at about 2.45 p.m. Saw a Harley Davidson motor-cycle lying on its side on the bitumen, five feet in and about 14ft. 8ins. from the kerb. At the rear and near side of the motor cycle was a pool of blood. The deceased had been removed prior to witness's arrival. Also saw a motor lorry, heavily loaded with beer, drawn over to the side of the highway. The driver gave his name as Athol Hope, of Gunnedah.

Noticed some marks on the right mudguard and right hand side of the bumper bar, as well as other marks on the body of the lorry and driver's cabin.

Constable Black said he inspected the road and found several depressions right at the bend of the road and on the north-eastern side, extending on to the edge of the bitumen. There were also marks resembling skids on the northern side from the blood.

Later, in company with the deceased's brother and the Coroner, visited the Scott Memorial Hospital, where deceased was identified.

Answering **Sergt. Newell**, **Constable Black** stated the marks on the motor lorry could have been caused by the vehicle coming into collision with the cycle on the roadway.

Sergt. Newell: What was the condition of the roadway? – At the point of impact the road surface was level, but for a distance of 8 or 10 feet from this point the road north of the impact and extending further north to the curve on the north-eastern side, that is right on the inside of the bend, the road surface is very uneven.

Witness marked several identification spots on photographs of the scene of the accident, and these were later tendered as exhibits.

Answering **Mr. Watson**, **Constable Black** stated the cycle was the private property of the deceased. The point of impact would be on Hope's side of the road. It is possible that the deceased did not know there was a curve in the road? – Yes, it is possible he did not know, much about the locality. I don't know, and I had never met him. He was stationed at Tamworth. As an experienced **traffic constable**, is there anything that makes this roadway abnormal or dangerous? – Only that it is very deceptive upon approach from the north. It is actually a worse bend than it appears from 100 or 200 yards away. Do the depressions you referred to add to the danger of the curve? – Yes, considerably with a motor cycle, but I don't know about a four-wheeled vehicle. Is there any warning of this curve approaching it from the North? – No. Do you consider it a curve which should have the normal traffic warning? – It would be a benefit to have such a warning.

Constable Black, through **Mr. Watson's** examination, stated there was a 30-miles-per-hour sign about 40 yards away from the scene of the accident. Most motorists slowed down after passing such a warning, and witness was of the opinion the sign would be placed to better advantage if moved further north in order to give motorists time to slow down before

reaching the curve in the highway. Answering **Mr. McLellan**, **Constable Black** stated it was a fact that a good deal of traffic went straight down **Guernsey-street** from the main road, due to the closing of traffic from the highway at certain times by the railway crossing gates. Replying to **Sergeant Newell**, witness stated the brakes on the truck involved in the collision had been tested and found to be in perfect condition. They conformed with the standards required.

BROTHER'S EVIDENCE

George Fuller, of **Werris Creek**, brother of the deceased, stated he had identified the body of the deceased on **July 3** last. Had not seen the deceased for a fortnight prior to the accident, but at that time his late brother had been in good health and spirits. The deceased had been in the **Police Force for five years**, was 27 years of age, and at the time of the accident was going to visit his **wife's mother at Branxton**. Could not say whether he had passed through Scone before, or whether his life was insured. Could not say whether the deceased had known the roadway through previously travelling over it.

LORRY DRIVER'S STORY

Athol Hope, carrier, residing at **9 Barber-street, Gunnedah**, told the **Coroner** that at **about 2 p.m.** on July 2 he was travelling in his lorry with a load of beer on board. Passing through **Scone**, he had travelled from **Swansea** that day. Went over the **railway crossing** and was proceeding to go around a curve in the highway when he heard and saw a motor cycle coming. " It was roughly a hundred yards away when I first saw it, before I approached the turn. I was travelling slowly – **about 10 miles an hour**– and the cycle was coming towards the curve. "

Sergt. Newell: Did you form any opinion as to the position of

yours and the other vehicle as to approached the curve? – When I was approaching the carve, I saw the cycle would have difficulty in getting around the curve. As the cycle came on to the curve it hit a rut in the road and the front wheel went up in the air. I saw it happen distinctly and it then came straight towards my truck. The way I saw it, the front wheel seemed to jump straight towards me. The bike hit the front portion of my truck. Would say the rider had no control over the machine. I stopped my truck after the impact.

Sergt. Newell: Did the rider of the cycle try to do anything to avoid the collision? – No. There was no way of getting the cycle under control. When he hit the rut he came straight towards me. It all happened so suddenly I had no time to do anything. I walked back to where the deceased was lying, but he did not speak.

Answering **Mr. McLellan**, witness said it would be hard to estimate how far away the cycle was when witness first saw it. It would be hard to estimate the cycle's speed, but thought it would be travelling at about 50 miles an hour.

Replying to **Mr. Watson**, witness said he agreed with **Constable Black** that the deceased was travelling on the wrong side of the road at the point of impact. Witness's vehicle was on its correct side, with the off-wheels off the bitumen. Thought there should be a 'Curve' sign to the north of the bend in the road.

PHOTOGRAPHER'S EVIDENCE

John Arthur Smith, engraver and photographer, residing at **100 Main-street, Scone**, gave evidence of having taken certain photographs of the road at the scene of the accident. These photographs were then tendered and marked as exhibits one to four.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE

Dr. A. B. Cuthbert, fully qualified medical practitioner and resident of **Scone**, gave evidence of having made an examination of deceased at the **Scott Memorial Scone Hospital** on the afternoon of July 2. The deceased had died a short time before and found extensive lacerations of the right hand side of the jaw bone and down under the neck and to the sternum. The lacerations involved injury to the main vessels of the neck, the bleeding from which was the cause of death. Death had not been instantaneous, but within a few minutes of receiving the injuries. It was quite probable the deceased had been unconscious from the time of receiving the injuries.

ADDRESSES

Mr. McLellan and **Mr. Watson** addressed the bench at length as to their views on how the accident occurred.

Mr. McLellan stated there was evidence which pointed to the fact the deceased was travelling at a speed in excess of the safe speed he might have travelled at, taking into account the condition of the roads. It was a fact that roads were not in the first-class order they were in some years ago. The deceased, travelling at an excess speed, plus the fact of his cycle striking a rut at this speed, was sufficient to cause the accident.

Mr. Watson was also of the opinion that the deceased was travelling at an excess speed – probably that of 50 miles an hour. Had the road been in good order, that speed, when slowed down to the 30-miles-an-hour limit past the speed sign, would have been quite all right, but for the fact of hitting a rut caused the cycle to deviate off the correct side. The other fact pointed out by **Mr. Watson** was the driver of the lorry was on his correct side and travelling at a slow speed. His client, **Mr. Hope**, was in no way to blame for the occurrence.

CORONER'S REMARKS AND FINDING

From the **Bench**, the Coroner stated that he accepted the

evidence of **Mr. Hope**, the only witness to the tragic happening, as being a truthful version of the accident. " His evidence, with that of **Constable Black**, and the very helpful photographs, for which the Court is indebted to **Mr. Smith**, complete with inspections of the location of the accident, appears to me to make it clear that the front wheel of the motor cycle, driven by the **deceased**, struck an uneven patch on the roadway, obviously the result of necessary repair work thereon. This apparently caused the cycle to come into contact with the lorry driven by **Mr. Hope**.

I am satisfied that this lorry was being driven in a lawful manner on the correct side of the road, in accordance with the traffic laws, and at a most reasonable speed, having regard to the locus. There can be no blame attached to the driver of the lorry.

'It is always difficult to speculate on the speed of a moving vehicle, particularly one which is moving towards you, but the balance of probabilities lead me to infer that the deceased was travelling at a speed somewhat greater than the 30 miles an hour, having regard to the results.

In considering the speed, one must have in mind the fact that the evidence discloses that the deceased was an experienced and efficient driver of motor cycles, both in his private capacity and as a police officer. I lean to the hypothesis submitted by **Mr. Watson** that the deceased was travelling at a speed which would ordinarily be perfectly safe under normal circumstances, but which by reason of the deceptive nature of the turn and the condition of the roadway, formed a combination of factors which occasioned the accident. " It is the considered opinion of this Court that a recommendation should be conveyed to the appropriate authorities that all possible expedition be given to the eradication of the uneven patches on the roadway surface in the immediate vicinity of the intersection. I may say that I am mindful of the difficulties which present-day conditions place on such a

proposition. I would further recommend that consideration be given by the appropriate authority to the removal of the existing 30 miles an hour sign to a position some distance further on the northern side of the curve ; that the yellow line be repainted and that if found possible, a " Curve " sign be placed adjacent to the turning. While the existing warnings are adequate for normal circumstances, I feel that if this were done, it would make an efficient contribution to the road safety which every member of the public desires, " concluded the Coroner.

The **Coroner** then read his finding, that the deceased had met his death as a result of **haemorrhage**, due to injuries he **accidentally received** when the cycle he was riding collided with a motor lorry.

Mr. Hunt extended his thanks to the Police, counsel, and also the sympathy of the Court to the relatives of the deceased, as also did **Sergeant Newell, Mr. McLellan and Mr. Watson.**

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John KEEGAN

30/08/2021

John KEEGAN

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ?

Rank: Senior Constable

Stations: ?, Stockinbingal, Queanbeyan, Goulburn, Candelo,
Cooma (1936), Narrabri (since 1940)

Service: From 14 February 1926 to 7 June 1950 = 24+ years
Service

Awards: ? No Find

Born: ? ? ? – Raymond Terrace, NSW

Died on: Tuesday 6 June 1950 at Narrabri

Cause: Illness – off duty for six months prior to death

Age: 50

Funeral date: Wednesday 7 June 1950

Funeral location: St James Church, Muswellbrook. (a Service
was also held at Narrabri)

Buried at: Catholic Cemetery, Bowman &
Brecht Sts, Muswellbrook

Memorial at: ?



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

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

PLEASE SEND PHOTOS AND INFORMATION TO Cal

May you forever Rest In Peace

The Muswellbrook Chronicle (NSW)

Friday 9 June 1950 p 1

POLICE FUNERAL AT MUSWELLBROOK.

LATE CONSTABLE JOHN KEEGAN

The death occurred at Narrabri on Tuesday last of Senior-Constable John Keegan, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Keegan, of Sydney Street, Muswellbrook. Deceased had been off duty for six months prior to his death, owing to ill-health.

The late Constable Keegan was born at Raymond Terrace 50 years ago. He had resided in Muswellbrook until the time of his marriage to Miss Minnie Galvin, 25 years ago. He was educated at Raymond Terrace and St. Joseph's College (Hunter's Hill) and at Springwood. He joined the Police Force on 14th February, 1926, and had since been stationed at Stockinbingal, Queanbeyan, Goulburn, Candelo, Cooma, and Narrabri since

1940.

Deceased is survived by a widow and five children, John, Patricia, Desmond, Kerry and Michael, all of Narrabri. He leaves also his parents and the following brothers and sisters:- Mrs Bush (Imelda), of Muswellbrook, Mathew (Toronto), Dominic (Muswellbrook), Mrs. Frank Neville (Ellen), of Liverpool, and Misses Cecilia and Mollie Keegan (Muswellbrook).

The burial took place to the Catholic cemetery at Muswellbrook on Wednesday, the Very Rev. Father Fitzgerald officiating at St. James' Church and at the graveside. The Rev. Father Mahoney officiated at a service held at Narrabri.

The late Constable Keegan was given a police funeral, the cortege being led by 1/c Constable Livermore

(Aberdeen) and Constable Logan (Muswellbrook). The police truck, laden with wreaths, followed the hearse. The pallbearers were 2/c Sgt. Robinson and Newell, 1/c Constable Baker, Constable Broomfield (Muswellbrook) and 1/c Constable Driscoll (Scone), Constables Dick (Scone) and Gleeson – (Aberdeen), also attended. Sgt. Newell and deceased had

trained together at N.S.W. Police Depot. .

Floral tributes were received from:

St. Joseph's College, Hunter's Hill; Narrabri Old Boys; Mr. and Mrs. E. Kilroy and family; Thelma and Con Dolahenty; Mr. and Mrs. J. Maloney and family; Mr. and Mrs. A. Hyde and family; Mr. and Mrs. James O'Brien and family; Narrabri Police; "Snow" Panton and family; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilkin's and family; R.R.R., Muswellbrook; Mr. and Mrs. Brind; Muswellbrook Police; the Hunter Valley Dairy Co.; Mr. and Mrs. Quinn and family; Mr. and Mrs. Lowe and Frank; Daph. and Harold Stafford; Gladys and George Post; Supt. Delaney and Police of Northern District; Harry and Charlie Jenkins; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mills and family; Kit and Lil; Aunty Theresa and family; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blake and family; Marie and family; Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Feeney and family; Rita and Frank Thompson and Kevin; Mr. and Mrs. R. Hardman and family; Mr. Alick and family; Mr. and Mrs. E. Cretan; Dot and Albert; Rowley Roe and family; Mr. and Mrs. Peadon and family; Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Bendeich and family; staff at Bendeich's, chemist; Many telegrams and cards were received.

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Tuesday 20 April 1943 p 1

FATAL FIGHT ABOUT SHEEP NARRABRI. – A row about the death of a sheep was alleged to have led to a fight in which a man was killed. Mr. Thornton, PM remanded Henry Charles Legg, 68, teamster, to April 19 on a manslaughter charge, and jailed three other men for assault.

Legg is charged with having **feloniously slain William James Dalton** on **April 3**. **Royal James Dalton** and **John Thomas Dalton** were sentenced to two months' jail, and **Alfred Dalton** to one month on charges of having assaulted **Mounted Constable John Keegan**, who was not on duty.

Royal and **Alfred Dalton** are **sons**, and **John Dalton** a brother of the **dead man**.

Constable Keegan said that in the yard of the **Tourist Hotel**, shortly before 6 pm, **John Dalton** accused him of having lied about the death of a sheep. **Keegan** said that when he told **Dalton** to go away or he would find himself locked up, **Dalton** said : "You are not game to put me in." He replied: "None of you Dalton mob will bluff me." **Keegan** said that **Royal Dalton** came out of the hotel, said, "You can beat the Daltons, can you?," and attacked him. He knocked " **Royal Dalton** down. **Keegan** added: "As I went to speak to **Legg**, who had asked to see me, **Alf Dalton** ran out of the hotel, and grappled with me. "Then **Royal, John, Alf, and William Dalton** were all on top of me, punching, and **Alf** was kicking me.

"I saw **Legg** pull **William** away and give him a sort of punch. **William** fell and **struck his head** on a **concrete path**.

" **Legg** said he saw the fight start, and tried to stop it.

Jean Elma Comber, barmaid, said that **Keegan** might have had two drinks that afternoon. He was sober.

Detective Chamagn: Was **Legg** drunk?– No. I don't think so.

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Harry Frank Turnbull MILLER

30/08/2021

Harry Frank Turnbull MILLER

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 8096

Rank: ?

**Stations: Woodstock?, thought to have
been in the Police in Sydney after his
stint in the Boer War**

Service: From 7 August 1903 to ?

[blockquote]

Boer War

Unit: 2nd New South Wales Mounted Rifles

Enlisted: Friday 22 February 1901

Service # 846

Rank: Trooper

Embarkation: ?

Next of kin: ?

Religion: ?

Single / Married: ?

Conflict: South Africa 1899 – 1902 (Boer War)

Discharged: Tuesday 4 November 1902

Age: 22

Desc: 5' 10", Fair complexion, brown hair

Living in Merewether, Newcastle, NSW

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Awards: South African Medal (Queens)
with 3 clasps – issued 9 November 1903

**King's South Africa Medal with 2 clasps –
issued 9 November 1903**

Born: 5 June 1881

Died on: Thursday 22 June 1950

Place of death: ?

**Cause: Suffered an illness ever since
the Boer War**

Age: 70 – 71?

Funeral date: ?

Funeral location: ?

Buried at: ?

Memorial at: ?

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

Funeral location: ?

FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED ON THIS MAN

You have provided a bit more info than I currently have about **Henry Chadban**, who is my first cousin twice removed!

I have some others in my genealogy who were also reported to be NSW Policemen, though my quick search of your site did not bring them up. I'm wondering if you have come across them?

GALLARD, Alfred – b 1870 – thought to have been in the Police in Broken Hill

McBEATH, Norman – b c1802 – thought to have been in the Police in Mudgee abt 1881

MILLER, Harry Frank Turnbull – b1881 – thought to have been in the Police in Sydney after his stint in the Boer War

I would love to know if you have anything on these men!

Thank you, once again!

–

Regards,

Megan Tilley

18 August 2015

Birth: Harry F T Miller – born 1881. Registration #

5127/1881. Father: Harry Mother: Jane. Born in Petersham District, NSW.

<https://familyhistory.bdm.nsw.gov.au/>

Harry is believed to have been stationed at a One Man station for many years at Woodstock. He has been described as a 'big man' and could sing.

Registers of Police

| Service No | Surname | First Name | DOB | Native |
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| 8096 | MILLER | Harry Frank | 1881 | New South |
| Wales | 7 Aug 1903 | 3043 | [8/3253] | |
