

Edward Ernest BEZER

12/05/2016

Edward Ernest BEZER

aka Ted

late of 8 Lea Avenue, Willoughby, NSW

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 00295

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed on 29/12/1916

29/12/1917 – Constable **Second Class**

1925 – Constable **First Class**

1930 – Sergeant

Acting Inspector – appointed 20 March 1949

Inspector 3rd Class – appointed 20 June 1949

Final Rank: Inspector 3rd Class

Stations:

1919 – Sutherland (24 Division)

1920 – Newcastle

1922 – Muswellbrook

1923 – Greta (temporary posting)

1923 – Muswellbrook

1924 – Sydney

1927 /1933 – Mosman

1938 – Pyrmont

1940 – Daceyville

1947 – Possibly Penrith

1949 – Mosman

1951 – North Sydney

Regent St Police Stn.

He went on Long Service Leave whilst at North Sydney some weeks/months prior to his death on 24/06/1951. Not definitely known if he was still serving at the time of his death while on leave, or had retired very shortly before his death.

Service:

From pre 29 December 1916 to 24 June 1951 = 35 years
Service.

During his Service he was involved in flood boat operations at Narrabri in 1920 during devastating floods that hit the area. Manned a boat with other Police that rowed and floated down flooded creeks and rivers searching for survivors/victims. In 1934 he competed in the Police (Carnival) Games held at the Sydney Show Grounds. Tossing the Caber and 16lb Shot Put.

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World War I

Australian Naval Force

Regiment: ?

Service: ANF (Australian Naval Force)

Service # 1205

Rank: Boy 2nd Class

Date of Enlistment: Tue. 7 November 1911

Next of kin: Edward Ernest BEZER, 33
Burlington St, Nth. Sydney

Religion: C of E

Single / Married: ?

Embarkation ship: Pyramus

Returned to Australia: ?

<https://www.awm.gov.au/images/collection/bundled/RCDIG1070927.pdf>

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Awards: No find on Australian Honours system

Born: 7 November 1893, St Leonards, Sydney, NSW

Died on: Sunday 24 June 1951

Place of death: Spit Rd, Spit Junction, Mosman, NSW

Cause: Heart attack whilst walking with his wife.

Age: 57 years, 7 months, 17 days

Funeral date: Tuesday 26 June 1951 @ 10.30am

Funeral location: Christ Church, Lavender Bay

Buried at: Cremated at Northern Suburbs Crematorium and ashes scattered on the grave of his parents at Gore Hill Cemetery, St. Leonards, NSW

Memorial at: ?

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

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

PLEASE SEND PHOTOS AND INFORMATION TO
Cal@AustralianPolice.com.au

Edward served in the Navy prior to enlisting in the Police service in **1916** and because of being a police officer with a German surname received the white coward feather, even though he wasn't allowed to enlist.



PENT UP ENERGY of E. E. Bezer
*about to be released in tossing the
caber at the police sports.*

Daily Telegraph - 1934



FOULED. Inspector E. Bezer and other police trying to remove a rope that last night fouled the propeller of the ferry Lady Denman at Cremorne

"Fouled: Inspector E Bezer and other police trying to remove a rope that last night fouled the propellor of the ferry Lady Denman at Cremorne."

Daily Telegraph - April 1951



During a lull in the play in the Northern Suburbs hardcourt tennis tourney during the week-end, the competitors played poker. Here is E. Bezer—and note the four aces.

Above: Edward II's generation were avid social sport competitors. "During a lull in the play in the Northern suburbs hardcourt tennis tourney the competitors played poker. Here is E Bezer - and note the four aces." The Sun 16 August 1937.

Policeman Drops Dead

Police - Inspector Edward Ernest **Bezer**, 57, of Lea Avenue, Willoughby, dropped dead while walking with his wife to catch a tram at Spit Junction, Mosman, late on Saturday night.

He was stationed at North Sydney until recently, and went on long-service leave before retirement because of a heart affection. He had 35 years' police service.

Sydney Morning Herald
25 June 1951

DEATH OF INSPECTOR

Inspector **E. Bezer**, 58, of Regent Street police, collapsed and died early yesterday at Mosman.

He was on his way home from a party when he became ill in Spit Road.

Daily Telegraph - June 1951

Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales (Sydney,
NSW : 1901 – 2001),

Friday 11 April 1919 (No.78 (SUPPLEMENT)), page 2198

CHIEF SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has, in pursuance of the provisions of the " Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 1910," and with the concurrence of the Public Service Board, approved of the appointment of the undermentioned officers of police as Assistant Inspectors of Fisheries for New South Wales : –

Constable Second Class Edward Ernest Bezer, of Sutherland.
Constable Thomas Ledger, of Leeton.

Constable First Class Nathaniel Herbert Maddern, of Tocumwal.

Constable First Class Ernest Garnett Turnbull, of Captain's Flat.

Constable First Class Harold Richard Worland, of Miranda.

GEORGE W. FULLER.

11 Apr 1919 – SPECIAL GAZETTE UNDER THE "PUBLIC SERVICE ACT,
1902." APPOINTMENTS. – Trove

Muswellbrook Chronicle (NSW : 1898 – 1955),

Tuesday 17 April 1923, page 2

Mr. Edward Barker, of the firm of Arthur Rickards and Co., Sydney, has been holidaying with Constable Bezer, of Muswellbrook.

17 Apr 1923 – THE TOWN – Trove

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

Friday 23 May 1924, page 8

BODY RECOVERED

MUSWELLBROOK. Thursday.

The body of Charles Charman, drowned yesterday at Bengalla, was recovered this morning by Constable Bezer.

23 May 1924 – BODY RECOVERED – Trove

Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales (Sydney,
NSW : 1901 – 2001),

Friday 30 March 1928 (No.43), page 1442

[12527] Sydney, **30th March, 1928.**

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS

ACT, 1912, AS AMENDED BY SUBSEQUENT ACTS.

IT is hereby notified that the undermentioned persons have been appointed Electoral Registrars for the Electoral Districts set against their respective names, in pursuance of the provisions of the abovementioned Act,— to take effect from the dates specified, viz.:—

Clerk of Petty Sessions, Campsie, Canterbury, in lieu of Constable McLaughlan, relieved,— from 1st January, 1928.

Constable Rowe Hannaford, Chatswood, Gordon and Willoughby, in lieu of Taylor, transferred,— from 8th November, 1927.

Constable Edward Ernest Bezer, Mosman, Mosman, in lieu of Walsh, transferred,— from 27th January, 1927.

30 Mar 1928 – PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT,
1912, AS AMENDED BY SUBSEQUENT ACTS. – Trove

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

Thursday 14 June 1928, page 2

A REVISION COURT, to revise the List of the Electoral District, of Mosman, which is now on exhibition at every Court House, Post-office, and Police Station within the District, will be holden at the Court House, North Sydney, on Friday, the 6th July, 1928, at 10 a.m. EDWARD ERNEST BEZER, Electoral Registrar, Mosman. 14/6 "28._

14 Jun 1928 – Advertising – Trove

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

Saturday 1 June 1929, page 22

A REVISION COURT to revise the list for the Electoral District of Mosman, which is now on exhibition at every Court House, Post-office and Police Station within the District, will be holden at the Court House, North Sydney, on Friday, the 28th day of June, 1929, at 11 a.m.

EDWARD ERNEST BEZER,

Electoral Registrar, Mosman. 29/5/'29.

01 Jun 1929 – Advertising – Trove

Sun (Sydney, NSW : 1910 – 1954),

Saturday 16 July 1938, page 3

SEEK DEAD MAN'S KIN

Efforts are being made to trace relatives of Allan McLean Sinclair, a returned soldier, and a native of New Zealand, who died as a result of a fall in Harris-street, Pymont, yesterday. He was formerly a steward. Sergeant Bezer, of Pymont, is inquiring.

16 Jul 1938 – SEEK DEAD MAN'S KIN – Trove

Friday 23 February 1940, page 1

MISSING AFTER WRECK

A man is believed to have been drowned from a launch which was wrecked on rocks near Maroubra Beach early yesterday morning.

Claude Burr, 38,. Prince Edward Theatre commissionaire, who engaged the launch, for a fishing excursion on Tuesday, is missing.

One side of the launch had been torn away, and was found 50 yards from the main hull, which was wedged between rocks.

Seats and pieces of timber were littered over 100 yards.

Mrs. J. McGann, wife of a Watson's Bay shipyard proprietor, said yesterday she hired the boat to Burr.

He left Watson's Bay in it about 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday.

"He said he was going just outside the Heads to fish, and would return in a few hours," Mrs. McGann said. "He asked my husband's father, **Mr. J. McGann, an ex-sergeant of police**, to go with him.

"No Old Clothes"

"Mr. McGann said he wouldn't go, as he had no old clothes, so Mr. Burr left by himself.

It was blowing hard at the time. '

" The launch was a 22ft. open boat with a 41 horsepower engine. The tank was filled with petrol, and there was a reserve tank containing two gallons.

" My husband had been away all day and noticed the launch was not at its mooring when he returned at 10.30 p.m. on Tuesday.

" He did not suspect any trouble as regular customers often take the boats without asking.

" When the launch had not been returned at 10.30 a.m. today, my husband made a search of the Harbor.

" Mr. McGann, Senr., then went to Burr's home in Phillip Street, Bondi.

Mr. Burr's wife said he had not returned home.

The police were then notified, and found the boat at Maroubra."

Rough Seas

Sergeant Bezer, of Daceyville police, who found the launch, said the seas were very rough on Tuesday night.

A badly torn coat was the only clothing found.

Mr. Fred. Burr, manager of the Cameo Theatre, brother of the missing man, said last night that his brother was an exceptionally strong swimmer.

" He was an experienced fisherman and often went outside the Heads in small boats," said Mr. Burr.

Burr had been employed as commissionaire at the Prince Edward Theatre for 15 years. He has two children, aged six and eight.

23 Feb 1940 – MISSING AFTER WRECK – Trove

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

Monday 31 May 1943, page 5

Boy Drowned In Links Lake

William Ryan, 15, of Baxter Road, Mascot, was drowned yesterday in a lake at The Lakes golf links; Kingsford.

He and a friend, Harry Eagar, 15, also of Baxter Road, were walking on the links when Ryan suggested a swim.

Eagar said: " I told him it was too cold, and advised him not to go in. But he took off his clothes, except his shorts, and dived in from the weir. "

Rolled Over, Sank

" He came to the surface. I called to him to come back, but he didn't speak. He rolled over three or four times and sank. "

" I dived until I was tired and nearly frozen trying to reach Bill, but the water was too deep. "

Detective-Sergeant Maddison and other **Daceyville police** used grappling irons to recover Ryan's body from the lake which is 15ft. deep.

Sergeant Bezer applied artificial resuscitation methods for half an hour without success.

Central District Ambulance took the body to Sydney Hospital.

31 May 1943 – Boy Drowned In Links Lake – Trove

Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales (Sydney,
NSW : 1901 – 2001),

Friday 3 June 1949 (No.90), page 1538

APPOINTMENTS.

HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has approved of the appointment to the rank of Acting Inspector of Police of the following Sergeants 1st Class on and

from the date indicated in each case:-

Alexander John Steel-15th March, 1949.

Edward Ernest Bezer-20th March, 1949.

Henry Brown-14th May, 1949.

Edgar Roy Shaw-26th May, 1949.

03 Jun 1949 - APPOINTMENTS. - Trove

Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales (Sydney,
NSW : 1901 - 2001),

Friday 14 October 1949 (No.194), page 3016

APPOINTMENTS.

Premier's Department.

HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council has approved of the-

Cancellation of the appointment of Superintendent 2nd Class David Fraser as Superintendent of Traffic, on and from the 1st September, 1949.

Appointment of Superintendent 3rd Class Walter Richard

Lawrence as Superintendent pursuant to the provisions of sub-section (2) of section 6 of the Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900, as amended, to be known as the Superintendent of Traffic, such appointment to take effect as on and from the 1st September, 1949.

HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has approved of the confirmation in the rank of Inspector 3rd Class of the following Acting Inspectors of Police,— on and from the date indicated in each case:—

Alexander John Steel, 15th June, 1949;

Edward Ernest Bezer, 20th June, 1949;

Henry Brown, 19th July, 1949;

Edgar Roy Shaw, 26th August, 1949.

JAMES McGIRR, Premier.

14 Oct 1949 – APPOINTMENTS. – Trove

The Sydney Morning Herald

Monday 25 June 1951 p3

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<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/18220726>

The Sydney Morning Herald

Tuesday 26 June 1951 p18

BEZER -The Relatives and friends of the late **EDWARD ERNEST BEZER** (TED) of No 8 **Lea Avenue, Willoughby**, are kindly invited to attend his Funeral ; to leave Christ Church, Lavender Bay. This Day at 10.45 o'clock for the **Northern Suburbs Crematorium**. A service will commence at 10.30 a.m.

MOTOR FUNERALS LIMITED

A FDA

3B9 Pacific Highway

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/18218776>

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

Saturday 7 July 1951, page 10

IN the Will of **EDWARD ERNEST BEZER** late of Lea Avenue, Willoughby in the State of New South Wales, Inspector of Police, deceased.

Application will be made after 14 days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament dated the 25th July, 1933 of the abovenamed deceased, may be granted to Kathleen Emiline Bezer 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 N. D. THOMAS, Proctor for the Applicant, 51
Castlereagh Street, Sydney.

07 Jul 1951 – Advertising – Trove

The Sydney Morning Herald

Wednesday 24 June 1953 p28

IN the Will of EDWARD ERNEST BEZER late of Lea Avenue, Willoughby in the State of New South Wales, Inspector of Police, deceased.

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<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/18223796/1066111#>

The Sydney Morning Herald

Wednesday 24 June 1953 p28

BEZER – In memory of my loved husband and father Edward Ernest (Ted) Bezer who passed away June 24 1951

Today I am thinking of someone

With love that Is fond and true

Someone I loved very dearly

Ted that someone Is you

Inserted by his loving **wife Kathleen** and **son Ted**

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/18367326>

The Sydney Morning Herald

Friday 25 June 1954 p22

BEZER. – In loving memory of my dear husband, Edward Ernest (Ted) Bezer, who passed away June 24, 1951.

Although I smile and seem carefree.

Nobody misses you more than me.

Always remembered by his **wife, Kit,** and **son, Ted.**

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/18441781>

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Message Board Post:

Hi,

Edward Ernest Bezer was born in 1893 to parents Edward Bezer (my Grandfather) and Emily Mooney.

At the time of Edward Ernest's death on the 24th June 1951 he was an **Inspector of Police at Mosman, N.S.W.**

Edward Ernest married **Kathleen Emmeline Edwards** in 1913 at St. Leonards, N.S.W.

Kathleen died on the 21st September 1962 and her parents are named as William Edwards and Annie O'Rielly on her death certificate.

She is reported as having been born in Goulburn, N.S.W.

Son Edward's age is reported as 19 on his father's death certificate of 1951, by his Uncle Henry Richard Bezer.

Strawberry Hill is now known as Surrey Hills.

Edward Ernest snr.'s father **Edward** was born 12 July 1862 in Blues Point, North Sydney and died 17 June 1922.

His first wife Emily Mooney was born in 1863 in Sydney and died in St. Leonards on the 22 April 1903.

Emily and Edward had 4 children Leslie, Irene Isabel, Harry Richard and Ernest Edward.

His second wife was Rachel Collins, married 31 December 1906 in Sydney.

They had two children, Keiven Edward and Ina Philomena.

Rachel died 1st. June 1926.

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William Roy SMITH

12/05/2016

William Roy SMITH

(late of 53 Hillview Ave, Gwynneville, NSW)

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 1217

Rank: Sergeant 1st Class

Stations: ?, Officer in Charge – Port Kembla Police Station

Service: From 9 September 1921 to 1 September 1951 = 29+
years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: ? ? 1895

Died on: Saturday 1 September 1951 @ 7.10pm

Cause: Heart Attack

Age: 53 old

Funeral date: Tuesday 4 September 1951

Funeral location: Woronora Crematorium

Buried at: Cremated

Memorial location: 1/ Police Wall – Woronora Crematorium

2/ Front wall of Lake Illawarra Police Station

3/ Inside hall – picture frame – Lake Illawarra Police Station

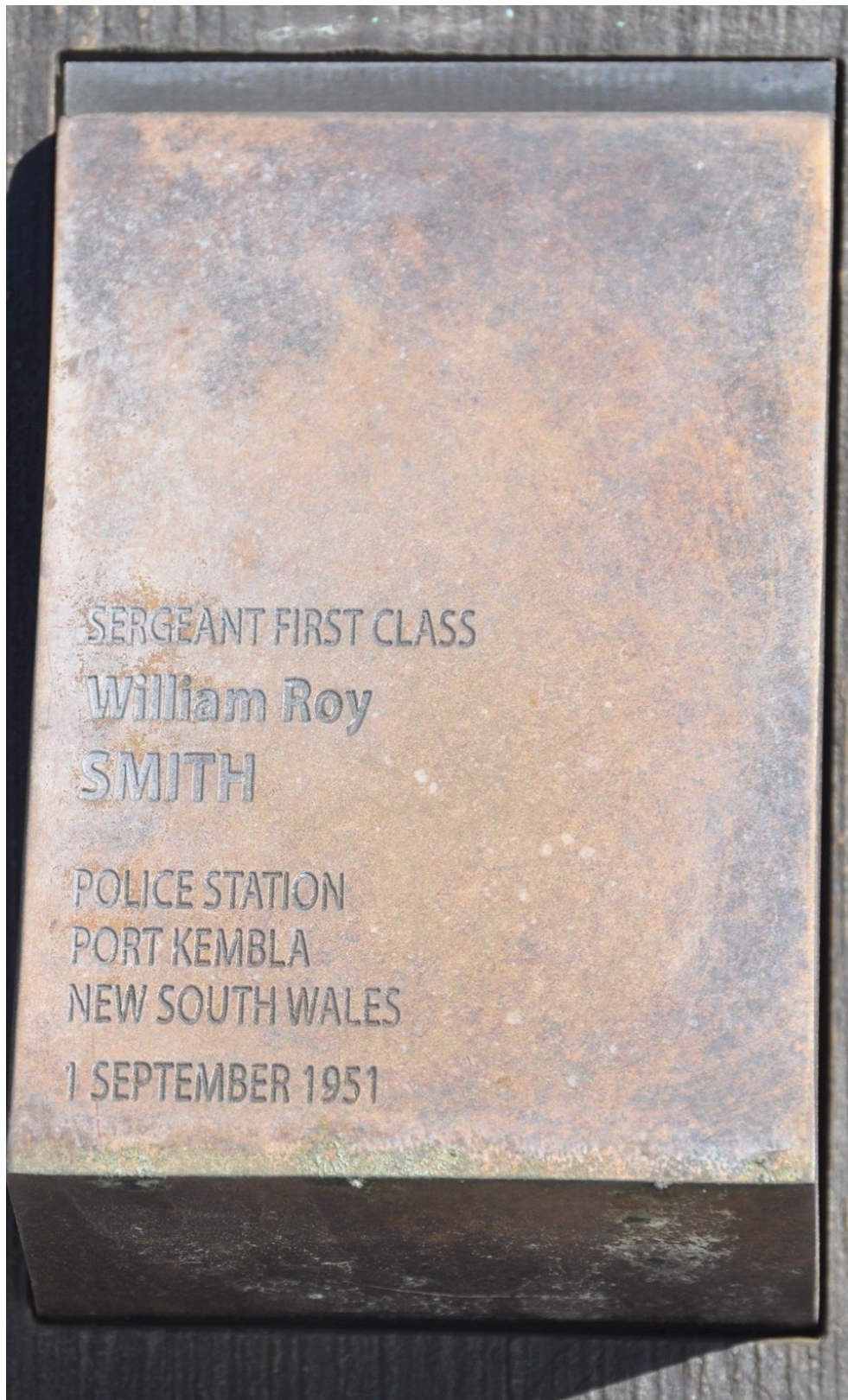


William Roy SMITH

On the afternoon of the 1 September, 1951 Sergeant Smith and

Constable Searl attended the Commercial Hotel, Port Kembla in relation to an intoxicated man causing trouble. After a struggle the police managed to gain control over the man and walk him to the police station. Although suffering some physical discomfort after the struggle, the sergeant remained on duty. A short time later however, he began to lose the use of his arm and experience considerable pain. He was taken to the Wollongong District Hospital but died at **7.10pm**.

The sergeant was born in 1895 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 9 September, 1921. At the time of his death he was stationed at Port Kembla.



Sgt 1/Class William Roy SMITH touch plate in Canberra

Sudden Death of Sgt. W. R. Smith

Sergt. (First-Class) William Roy Smith, officer-in-charge of Port Kembla Police Station died suddenly in the Wollongong Hospital on Saturday night.

He became suddenly ill while on duty on Saturday afternoon.

Sergt. Smith, who was aged 53, joined the Police Force as a mounted trooper in September 1921, and after service at a number of western and northern towns came to Albion Park from Kangaroo Valley about 14 years ago. After six years at Albion Park he was transferred to Wollongong where he was stationed until 1949 when he was appointed officer-in-charge of Port Kembla following the death of Sergt. W. Hawkey.

A courteous and efficient officer he was commended for outstanding work during the 1938-39 bushfires while he was stationed at Tenterfield. He also took part in the investigations and subsequent arrest following the murder of Walter Mock at Cringila last year.

Sergt. Smith is survived by his widow and two daughters, Beryl (Mrs. Robertson) and Betty.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

He will be accorded a police funeral tomorrow morning.

Inspector Magnay, of Wollongong, said last night Sergt. Smith had been an outstanding officer; most conscientious, reliable and capable.

He said Sergt. Smith was generally regarded as one of the most capable men in the division.

SMITH.—The Relatives and Friends
of Mrs. Doris Mary Smith and
Family, of 53 Hillview Avenue,
Gwynville, Mrs. A. Smith, Castle
Hill, Mr Frank Smith and Mrs.
A. P. Watt, of Glenorie, are kindly
invited to attend the Funeral of her
late beloved Husband, their dear
Father and Grandfather, her Son
and their dear Brother, Sergeant
WILLIAM ROY SMITH, which is
to leave Coles' Funeral Parlour,
Wollongong, on Tuesday Morning,
after Service at 9.30 a.m., for the
Woronora Crematorium. Arrival at
11.30 a.m.

A. S. COLE, Funeral Director,
Wollongong.

William Roy SMITH – Funeral Notice The Sydney
Morning Herald Monday 3 September 1951

POLICE FUNERAL FOR SGT. W. R. SMITH

A police funeral will be accorded the late Sgt. First Class William Roy Smith, officer in charge of Port Kembla police station, who died suddenly on Saturday night.

A service will be held at 9.30 a.m. at Coles' funeral parlours, after which the cortege will depart for the Woronora crematorium.

The late Sgt. Smith, who resided at 53 Hillview Avenue, Gwynneville, was 53 years of age.

He joined the police force 30 years ago.

He is survived by his widow and two daughters.

Hillview Ave, Gwynneville, back in 1953, was a lengthy Avenue which is now (2015) a very short Avenue due to the Memorial Drive cutting through it and also F6 / Princes Motorway / Highway cutting across it – causing sections of Hillview Ave being named Graham Ave and also Murphys Ave. The original house would now be located somewhere in, what is now called, Murphys Ave.

Woronora Cemetery Police Remembrance Wall – 7 April 2015.pdf

William Roy Smith is # 3 on the attached list.
