

Reginald Ernest CAVANAGH

18/02/2026

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AKA Reginald CAVANAGH, Reg CAVANAGH

* Nickname: ?

Late of Morrisset, NSW

Relations in 'the job' ?

Geoff CAVANAGH, NSWPF # 13636

Husband to Vera CAVANAGH – Police Wife

“possible” relation in 'the job': ?

NSW Police Training Centre – Redfern or Belmore Barracks

Class # " pre Class numbers "

New South Wales Police Force

Uniform # 2059

Regd. # 4395

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern or Belmore Barracks

Police Academy on Monday 3 July 1939 (aged 24 years, 3 months, 18 days)

Probationary Constable – appointed 25 August 1939 (aged 24 years, 5 months, 10 days)

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Detective – appointed ? ? ? (NO)

Senior Constable – appointed around 4 December 1954

Leading Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ? (N/A)

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed ? ? ? (N/A)

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank: = Sergeant

Stations: ?, Phillip St (4 Division), Mullumbimby, Weston, Raymond Terrace, Junee, Newcastle, Morrisset (O.I.C.)
– Death

Service (From Training Date) period: From 25 August 1939
to 21 April 1962 = 22 years, 9 months, 18 days
Service

Time employed (Paid) with NSW Police: From: 25 August
1939 to 21 April 1962 = 22 years, 9 months, 18
days Service

Time in Retirement from Police: 0 years, 0 months,
0 days

Age at Retirement / Leaving: = 47 years, 1 months,
6 days

Awards: No Find on Australian Honours system, although:

Long Service & Good Conduct Medal for 22 years Service –
granted posthumously c1962



Reginald Ernest CAVANAGH
AKA Reginald CAVANAGH, Reg CAVANAGH. Photo
taken 1939

Born: Monday 15 March 1915 in Kempsey, NSW

Died on: Saturday 21 April 1962 in Wallsend, NSW

Age: 47 years, 1 months, 6 days

Organ Donor: Y / N / ?

Cause: injuries received during an arrest in 1956

Injuries Event location: Commercial Hotel, Junee, NSW on **23 June 1956**

Diagnosis date: 1956 – 8 years prior to death

Funeral date: ? ? ?

Funeral location: ?

LIVE STREAM ? (N/A)

Wake location: ?

Wake date: ???

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: Sandgate Cemetery, 116 Maitland Rd, Newcastle,
NSW

Grave Location: Section: Catholic 3 Row: 85
Plot: 70

Grave GPS: -32.8667259, 151.7055969

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this time (February 2026)

REG is **NOT** mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance * **BUT SHOULD BE** died as a result of injuries received and also took seriously ill whilst On Duty.

(last checked on **21 April 2026** and still does NOT appear on the National Police Wall of Remembrance.)

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

If you have anything further to add to what is recorded here, please get in touch.

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

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

Australian Police YouTube Channel

On **23 June, 1956** the sergeant was involved in the violent arrest of an offender at the **Commercial Hotel, Junee**. During the incident the sergeant suffered injuries to his kidneys which subsequently led to a number of operations and ongoing medical treatment for many years afterward.

On the morning of **14 April, 1962** Sergeant Cavanagh, then the **Officer In Charge** of the **Morisset Police Station**, collapsed on duty and was conveyed to the **Newcastle Hospital**. He remained in a semi-coma until he sadly passed away a week later. The cause of death was **kidney failure** caused by his injuries in 1956.

R. E. Cavanagh of **Junee** was promoted from **Constable 1st Class** to **Senior Constable** around **24 December 1954** as advertised in The Sydney Morning Herald, Friday 24 December 1954 on page 3 of 12.

The sergeant was born on **15 March 1915** and joined the New South Wales police Force on **25 August, 1939**. At the time of his death he was stationed at Morisset.

Source: Beyond Courage by Retired Sgt Danny WEBSTER

Death Certificate Registration # 11427/1962

Fathers name: Ernest Joseph

Mothers name: Mary Elizabeth

Reg's son, Geoff, last saw his dad being carried out of the Morisset Police Station on a stretcher to an ambulance in full uniform but never saw him again.

Death of his wife – Vera

<https://www.australianpolice.com.au/vera-cavanagh-widow-of-reg-mother-of-geoff/>



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* Story behind any Nickname:

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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23 April 2014.

Updated 16 February 2026 with Regd. #, DoB, Joining date and calculations.

Updated 21 April 2026 with new, younger, photo of Reg – supplied by his son, Geoff.

Updated 1 May 2026 with additional information.

Thomas David GREGORY

18/02/2026

Thomas David GREGORY

aka David Thomas GREGORY

Late of Grose St, Parramatta

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ??????

Rank: Constable 1st Class

**Stations: ? , Dundas, Parramatta,
Parramatta Court House**

**Service: From ? ? 1921 to ? ? 1953 =
 32 years Service**

World War I

Australian Imperial Force ANZAC

Regiment:

**5th Reinforcements /56th Battalion / 14th
Brigade – Flers, France from February
1917**

Enlisted:

**3 April 1916 at Goulburn, NSW as David
Thomas GREGORY**

Service

**2515**
/ N13219

Rank:

Private

Embarkation: **to**
France on 30/9/1916. Wounded. Gunshot
wounds to leg and arm (walking wounded)

Next of kin:

Thomas GREGORY

Religion:

Anglican 5' 11.5" tall, 155 lbs in
weight, Chest = 34 / 38". Dark Comp. Grey
eyes. Brown hair.

Single / Married:

single

Returned to Australia: **22 February**
1919 **Discharged: 14 April**
1919

<https://discoveringanzacs.naa.gov.au/browse/records/212365/>

Awards: Imperial Service Medal – granted
5 March 1954

Born: ? August 1893 in Queanbeyan, NSW

Died on: 31 March 1962

Age: 69

Cause: ?

Event location: Parramatta, NSW

Event date: 31 March 1962

Funeral date: ? ? ?

Funeral location: All Saints Church,
Parramatta

Buried at: St Paul's Cemetery, 233
Marsden Rd, Carlingford

Memorial located at: ?

Thomas David Gregory drove the first PD car in Parramatta
Thomas on the right and a fellow Officer with the 1925 Morris Crowley PD car



In loving memory
Dear husband
Thomas David GREGORY
Died 31st March 1962
Aged 68 years
A loving wife & Mother
Mildred Jane GREGORY
Died 26th May 1972
Aged 59 years

[alert_yellow]THOMAS is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance[/alert_yellow]

***NEED MORE INFO**

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NSWBDM:

Birth: 30233/1893
Marriage: 16981/1921 – Mildred Jane DUFFIELD
Death: 15132/1962

Cumberland Argus (Parramatta, NSW : 1950 – 1962), **Wednesday 2 May 1962**, page 2

Parramatta's first 'P.D.' driver

Hundreds mourn death of ex-police officer

A former policeman, who drove the **first 'PD' car ever used in Parramatta**, died recently **after nine years' retirement** from the force.

He was **Constable First Class Thomas David Gregory (68)** and he is survived by his wife and two married sons and daughters. Many senior police officers joined the guard of honour outside All Saints Church following the funeral service.

Constable Gregory, who served for many years in Parramatta and Dundas, retired from the force in 1953 after 32 years service.

Popular

A returned soldier from World War I, he was popular with children throughout the district for his care and attention while directing traffic at the city's busiest intersections.

A former fellow – officer said yesterday that Constable Gregory was one of the most popular officers ever to serve in Parramatta. He said Const. Gregory was a familiar sight throughout the district driving a 'bullnozed' PD car in 1925.

Tributes

Const. Gregory was later transferred to duty in Parramatta Court House, and on his retirement, tributes to him were paid by Judges, Senior Counsel and other members of the Bar. His death came as a blow to the hundreds of people who knew him during his police service and since his retirement.

A long guard of honour of friends and former fellow officers stood in respect as the cortege left from his Grose Street home. Rev. O. Crawford conducted the service at All Saints Church, and later at the graveside in St. Paul's cemetery, Carlingford.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/131330825>

Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW : 1888 – 1950), **Monday 22 June 1936**, page 1

Wireless Patrol in Crash

Chase of Stolen Car

FENCE KNOCKED DOWN

Constable Gregory's promptness and presence of mind averted what might have been a fatal crash In Church-street, Parramatta, early on Sunday morning, when a stolen car, travelling at over 70 miles an hour, swerved in front of the Parramatta Police wireless patrol car.

Constable Gregory, who was driving the wireless car, turned quickly to avoid a collision. A front tyre blew out and the car, getting into a broadside skid, ran on to the footpath, knocked down a fence and finished up in a hedge.

The accident occurred after the two cars had crossed Lennox Bridge. The driver of the stolen car, who was accompanied by a man and a woman, swerved in front as the police drew abreast.

Despite the high speed at which it was travelling, the patrol car received relatively small damage. With Constable Gregory were Constable Tompkins (operator) and Detective Booth.

The stolen car disappeared.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/104685983>

Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate (NSW : 1876 – 1954) , **Monday 9 March 1931**, page 4

TWO MEN CHARGED

Fugitive Shot in Knee

SYDNEY Sunday.

When one of two men failed to stop after being challenged by the police in **Sydney-road, Granville** last night, **Constable Gregory fired three shots**, one of which **struck a fugitive in the left knee**. The man was conveyed to the Parramatta Hospital, and admitted. The other man made no attempt to escape when the police made their challenge. Subsequently both men were charged.

The police visited a house in Auburn and recovered £300 worth of property, alleged to have been stolen.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/137689789>

BETTING CHARGE FAILS

**Constable GREGORY from Parramatta and Constable GREGORY from
No. 3 Division (Darlinghurst)**

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/100925502>

Thomas David Gregory

Block 110D Woden District

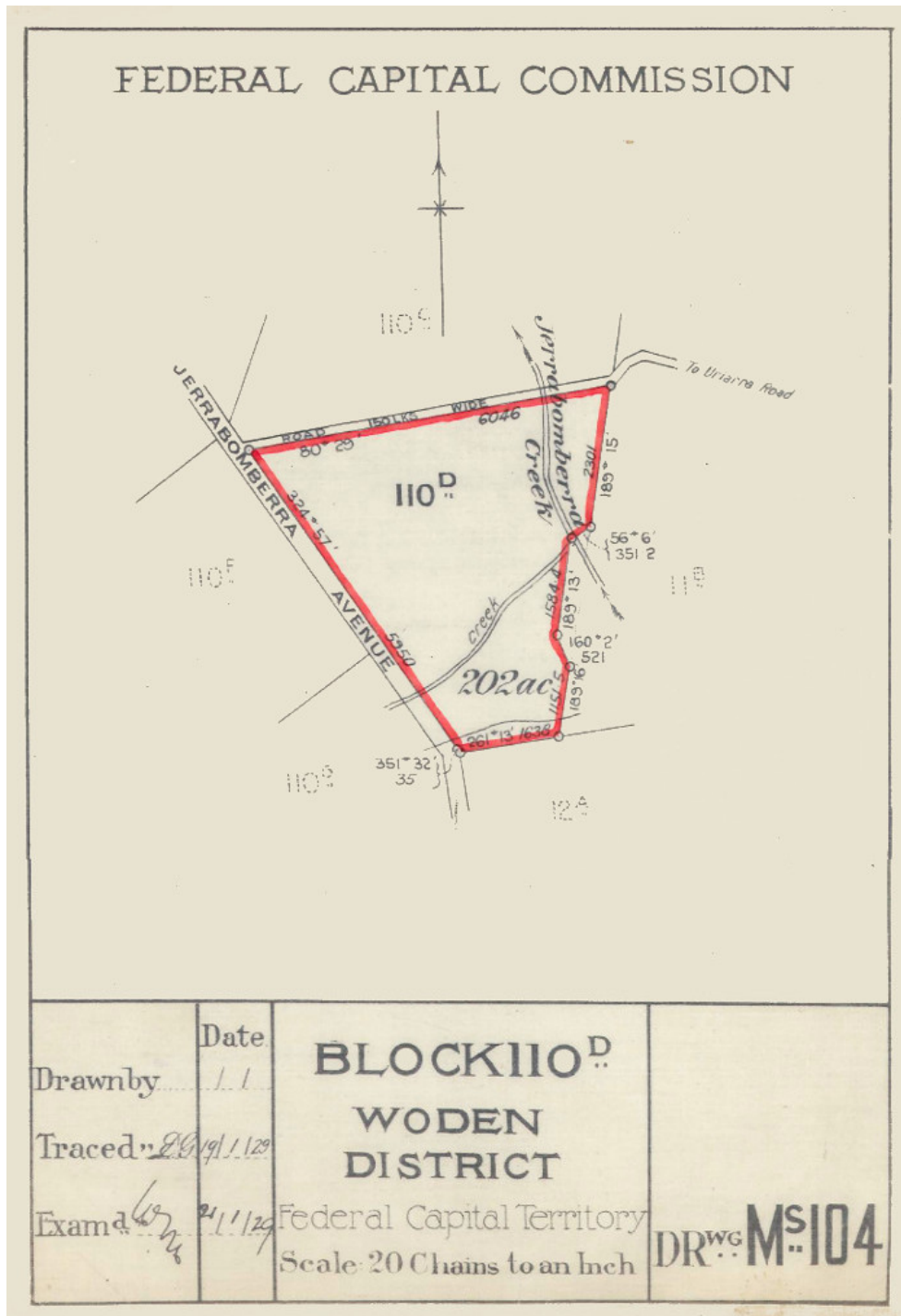
Thomas David Gregory was born in 1893 in the Queanbeyan district on NSW. Some sources, including his enlistment papers, state his name as David Thomas Gregory although birth and baptismal records give his name as Thomas David Gregory. His grandfather and father were rural workers at properties around Duntroon and Tharwa and Gregory is associated with Royalla, NSW where he too was a farm labourer.

Gregory enlisted in April 1916 with the 56th Battalion and joined his unit near Flers in France in February 1917. The 56th Battalion fought at Louverval and Bullecourt during April and May 1917. Gregory was gassed at Polygon Wood in Belgium in September 1917. He rejoined the 56th Battalion in June 1918 and was wounded three months later at Péronne on the Somme River where he was shot in the ankle, leg and forearm.

After the war, Gregory worked for a few months at the Royal

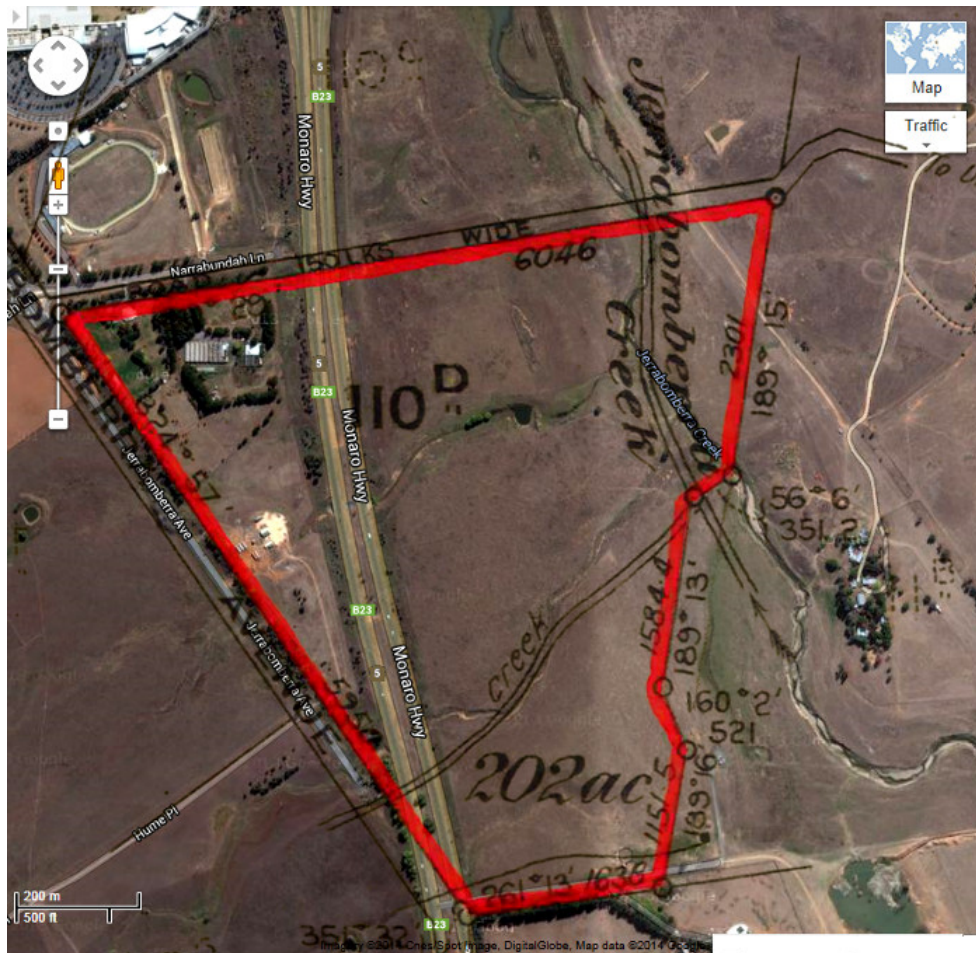
Military College, Duntroon before applying for a Soldier Settlement block. In his application, he indicated he wanted to graze sheep, that he was single with no dependents and that he had £250 in capital.

Gregory was granted the lease on Woden Block 110D of 208 acres (84 hectares), one of the smallest blocks in the District of Woden. Jerrabomberra Avenue (now the Monaro Highway) boarded the block on the west and Narrabundah Lane on the north. The lease began on the 3rd April 1920 for 25 years at an annual rental of £50/10.



Plan of Woden Block 110D.

The Commonwealth never intended for anyone to be able to make a living from Woden Block 110D; Gregory certainly didn't. He applied for an advance of £168/15 to buy 150 ewes as well as funds to build fences worth about £35. However, it seems that Gregory did not stock his block but sublet it, as he wrote in 1922, "for 2 years to Messrs Hardy and Reid."



Google Maps image of area c2013 with Woden Block 110D boundary in red.

By 1922, Gregory had moved to Parramatta, NSW where he married and also joined the New South Wales Police Force. William Harris, a neighbour at Jerrabomberra, looked after the block on Gregory's behalf. He held onto Woden Block 110D until May 1931 when he transferred it to another neighbour, Hector McIntosh, who in turn sold it to Hugh Read in 1934. Thomas Gregory retired from the NSW Police in 1953 as a Senior Constable and died on the 31st March 1962 in Parramatta.

http://www.archives.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0006/562506/ACT_Rate_Book_1927.pdf

http://www.archives.act.gov.au/repatandrabbits/thomas_gregory

