

# John Joseph AGNEW

02/01/2021

## John Joseph AGNEW

AKA Jack, Happy Jack

Late of Owen St, Willoughby, NSW

**Wife:** Julie Josephine AGNEW – Died 7 October 1964 – aged 66  
years

Buried with John. See details below

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

New South Wales Police Force

**Uniform # 1193**

**Regd. # 1197**

**Rank:** Commenced Training at Penrith or Redfern Academy on  
Thursday 11 August 1921 ( aged 21 years, 0 months, 3 days )

Probationary Constable- appointed ? ? 1922

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Detective – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Inspector 3rd Class – appointed 23 February 1954

Inspector 2nd Class – appointed 26 October 1956

Inspector 1st Class – appointed 7 February 1958

Chief Inspector – appointed ? ? ?

Superintendent – appointed ? ? ?

Chief Superintendent – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank = Inspector ?

Stations: ?, Residing Central Police Barracks ( 1922 ) ( ProCst ), Ardlethan ( 1922 ), Goulburn ( 1925 ), Bombala ( 1926, 1930, 1933 ) ( Cst – Cst 1/c ), Sydney ( April 1933 – ? ) ( SenCon ), Central Police Stn ( 1939 ), Wollongong? ( 1952, 1953, 1953, 1954 ), O.I.C. North Sydney Traffic Office ( S.T.P. ), ?

Service: From ? ? 1922? to 7 May 1960 = 36+? years  
Service

Possible Time in Retirement: 12 years, 2 months, 5 days

Possible Age at Retirement: 59 years, 8 months, 29 days

Awards: Queen's Police Medal for Distinguished Service –

**granted** 13 June 1959 ( Insp. 1/c )

**Born:** Tuesday 8 May 1900 in Cooma, NSW

Grew up on a farm in Numeralla, NSW

**Died on:** Wednesday 12 July 1972

**Age:** 71 years, 11 months, 4 days

**Cause:** ?

**Event location:** St Leonards, NSW

**Event date:** ?

**Funeral date:** ? ? ?

**Funeral location:** ?

**Funeral Parlour:** ?

**Buried at:** Macquarie Park Cemetery, North Ryde, NSW

Row 25, # 0023

**Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at:** ?

**Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument:** Nil – at this  
time ( **October 2020** )





Photo Credit: Kevin Bannister – Sunday 3 January 2021





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

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

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**May they forever Rest In Peace**

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

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Traffic cyclists L-R: Jack "Happy Jack" Agnew, Col "Smoothie" Colge, Joe Dainer, Max "Slobber" Robertson, Harry "Bren" Brennan, John Ackroyd, Charlie Spicer, Dino Tallon, Brian "Boofa" Skyes and Wally "Sockeye" Salmon.

**Not all names come up in the 1968 ' Stud Book ' Inscription: Traffic cyclists L – R: Jack " Happy Jack " **AGNEW** ( NSWPF # ??? ), Col " Smoothie " **COGLE**, Joe **Dainer**, Max " Slobber " **Robertson**, Harry " Bren " **BRENNAN** ( NSWPF # 6424 ), John **Ackroyd**, Charlie **Spicer** ( NSWPF # 7263? ), Dino **Tallon**, Brian ' Boofa " **Skyes** and Wally " Sockeye " **Salmon**. Names are from an article in an old Retired Police Journal by Harry **BRENNAN**, which featured the photo. I am guessing mid 60's, leather caps have given way to black helmets and BMW's instead of the earlier Triumphs. Looks like Centennial Park – possibly on delivery of the BMW's??? <https://www.flickr.com/photos/nswpoliceforce/5599527423/in/photostream/>**

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Monaro Mercury, and Cooma and Bombala Advertiser (NSW : 1862 – 1931),

Monday 2 January 1922, page 2

**FATALITY AT NUMERALLA.**

**VERDICT OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH.**

On Wednesday last an inquest was held by Mr **John Gale**, coroner ( Queanbeyan ), touching the death of **Edward Patrick Agnew**, son of Mr **Adam John Agnew**, grazier, of Numeralla.

The enquiry took place at **Kuttamurra, Numeralla**, the residence of Mr **A. B. Agnew**, brother of the deceased, when the following evidence was adduced : –

**Adam Bede Agnew**, farmer, and grazier, brother of deceased, deposed that about 4.30 p.m. on **Monday, 26th. December**, deceased was at his residence, **Kuttamurra, Numeralla**, and left to go to his father's house where he lived.

Deceased was 15 years 9 months old ; he was riding a quiet horse, and was a good horseman.

About a quarter of an hour after he left witness' residence, he being in the company of **Gordon McDonald**; witness noticed the latter galloping back.

**McDonald** said " Neddy has got a fall. "

Witness went along the road and saw **McDonald** and **Stanley Norris** carrying deceased in the direction of the residence of witness, who sent for **Mr Godfrey**, a teacher, of **Numeralla**, who held a first aid certificate.

The latter advised sending for a doctor ; deceased was unconscious, and witness noticed that blood was coming from his right ear.

**Dr Utber** came from Cooma, arriving about 6.30, and upon

examination said it was practically a hopeless case.

**Constable Foster** arrived before the doctor came.

Deceased lingered until 12.40 p.m. on **Tuesday, 27th December**, when he died without recovering consciousness ; he had no property, and his life was not insured.

**Gordon McDonald**, labourer, deposed that he was riding along the road with deceased to his home on 26th December; they cantered along as far as the crossing, and steadied their horses to go into the creek.

Witness got out of the creek ahead of deceased, and cantered up to open a gate about 200 yards further. On reaching the gate he pulled his horse up and was going to dismount when he saw the deceased's horse galloping up alongside his ( witness' ) horse.

He then saw deceased lying in the middle of the road about 50 yards from the creek, and rode back and found him lying on his right side ; blood was issuing from his right ear, and he was unconscious.

Witness lifted him up and loosened his shirt, and at that time deceased's sister came along in a buggy.

He left and went home for assistance, and **Norris** and **a brother of deceased** came back with witness to where deceased was, and brought him along, when the last witness rendered further assistance.

In reply to the police, witness said he noticed mud on the side of the horse and saddle when the horse came up to him, and the near stirrup was hanging over the side of the saddle. The off side and hip of the horse were scratched as if it had fallen.

**Stanley Norris**, labourer, residing at **Dangelong Station**, deposed that about 5 p.m. **Gordon McDonald** asked him to come

for a ride, and informed him that deceased had got a fall.

They went to the place and found that deceased was unconscious and bleeding from the right ear.

**John Joseph Agnew, a probationary constable**, residing at the **Central Police Barracks, Sydney**, deposed that he was on furlough, staying with his **father**.

**Deceased was his brother**. Witness came to Numeralla at 11 o'clock on 27th December. He noticed on the road that an unshod horse had slipped on the hard road, and from the marks he knew that the horse had fallen on the off side. Replying to the police, witness said he did not notice any stones where the horse had fallen ; it was about 50 yards from the creek.

**Constable T. J. Foster, of Cooma**, deposed that on 26th December he was **on duty at Numeralla**, and at about 6 p.m. heard that a boy had fallen from his horse.

He went to his house and saw that blood was coming from the deceased's right ear, and noticed a bruise and contused wound behind that ear.

Heavy rain set in about two o'clock that afternoon, and continued up to the time the accident happened, which made the roads in a very bad and slippery condition.

Witness held a First Aid certificate.

All that was possible was done for the deceased, and the doctor was sent for.

Deceased was a bright, intelligent, youth and a good horseman.

**Dr F. L. Utber**, of Cooma, deposed that he was called to see the deceased at about 6 p.m. on 26th December, and found him suffering from a fracture of the base of the skull; he was

unconscious, and in a critical condition.

Deceased also had a cut on the leg ; he died next day.

Witness went out to **Numeralla** with the intention of bringing him into **Cooma**, but found him too bad to be removed.

The cause of death was **fracture of the skull**, which could have been produced by a fall and the head striking the ground.

The **Coroner** found that death was due to fracture of the skull accidentally caused by a fall from a horse.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/119070466>

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Daily Express (Wagga Wagga, NSW : 1919 – 1930),

**Saturday 14 October 1922**, page 2

### **MIRROOL HOLD-UP**

#### **SECOND DAY OF TRIAL JURY UNABLE TO AGREE**

The hearing was continued at the **Wagga Circuit Court** yesterday before **Mr. Justice Campbell**, of the charge against **Edwin Stanley Palmer** and **Ernest Victor Smith** of feloniously wounding **Alexander Skinner** at Mirrool , on July 19, with intent to murder him.

Accused were represented by **Mr. L. C. Badham**, of Sydney ( instructed by **Mr. Taylor**, of Cootamundra ), and **Mr. Norman McGhie** presented for the Crown.

Corroborative evidence of the police investigation was given by **Constable Bottrell**, of **Ariah Park**, who stated also that on the day of the shoot, he saw the accused in their car at Ariah Park, and they asked him if the paymaster would be along that

day. He replied that he did not think so. When he was making his investigations, later, he saw a car, in which was **Mr. Harbey**, and about three others. One of the party the party had a gun with him. There were also four distinct car tracks around the tree. When he was speaking to the accused at Arianh Park he did not notice what they were wearing.

**Constable J. J. Agnew**, stationed at **Ardlethan**, related a conversation that he had with Palmer, while travelling from Goulburn by train. He said that **Palmer** told him he had been committed for trial in connection with the Mirrool "hold-up," and that Smith (the other accused) had forced him to make a statement, but that he wanted to alter the part in which he said that **Smith** did not get out of the car.

In answer to **Mr. Badham** the Constable denied that he started the conversation, and that he said to Palmer " Didn't Smith get out of the car and run? "

**Jessie McEvoy** who provided accused with their meals at her home, related a conversation she had with Palmer, in which he asked her who came out in the pay car. She answered that the pay clerk usually brought the money, and she wondered why he had no police escort. She had known both accused for several years, and she had found both very decent.

A salesman in a store at Arianh Park, **James A. Nicholson**, stated that on the day of the shooting Smith entered the store, and asked for smokeless cartridges, but, as there were none in stock, he left the shop without making any purchase.

Under cross-examination by **Mr. Badham**, witness said that he had no particular reason for remembering the day, or Smith and his request, excepting that the shot he asked for was unusually large.

**Henry Pringleberry**, a laborer, of Arianh Park said that on July 19, he saw the accused drive along the street. Smith left the car and walked along the street. Witness and Palmer spoke

together for a few minutes, and Palmer asked him if that day was pay day, to which he replied "Yes." Later saw the accused in a billiard saloon.

**Sergeant Stewart**, recalled, said in connection with the finding of a muddy pair of boots in the accuseds' tent admitted that another pair of boots was also found in the camp and were subsequently claimed by Smith, but when found, they were perfectly dry, and bore no signs mud.

## THE DEFENCE

**A. Player**, a hairdresser at Ardlethan, told how he had taken part in the "line up" for identification at the local police station, and how Skinner had made the mistake of identifying him as the man that had been seen climbing through the fence after the shooting.

Both of the accused elected to give evidence.

**Palmer** said he was a motor mechanic and let his car for hire. On July 18, Smith paid him £1 to drive him to **Mr Pearson's** residence, 16 miles north of Mirrool, where they stopped for the night. The following morning they get out on the return trip, but ran out of benzine, so they borrowed a tin from a man named Prentice, who lives along the road, and on their arrival at Ariah Park he purchased two tins of petrol, one of which he sent back to Prentice, and the other he placed in the tonneau of his car, and at 20 minutes to 1 o'clock he left Ariah Park and drove straight to Mirrool, arriving there about 40 minutes later. He drove to Mr Moon's office, where Smith left him. He went and saw Mr Moon, and left the car standing in the street. At about half-past 3 o'clock he drove the car to his tent, and shortly afterwards Constable Smede arrived. In the meantime, he had been told of the shooting. There was no gun in the car, although there were a number of cartridges in the back seat that he used for fox shooting. The gun had been wrapped tip in a cloth under the bed for about a week,

and prior to that it has been at Mrs McEvoy's. With reference to Constable Agnew's account of the conversation in the train, Palmer stated that the constable began the conversation and said " You were a d\*\*\* fool not to give Smith away, and clear yourself, by saying that Smith got out of the car. " To this he replied, " I've made a statement and I don't want to make another. "

**Smiths** statement from the witness box corroborated what Palmer, had said of their movements on the day of the shooting and a searching cross – examination from the Crown Prosecutor failed to elicit any new facts.

Counsel having addressed the jury, and, the Judge, retired summed up the evidence, the jury retired shortly after 6 o'clock.

Two hours later the jury returned, and had their minds refreshed on several points of the evidence, but at 10 o'clock they had not come to any agreement, and were locked up for the night.

The Court will sit again at 10 o'clock this morning.

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Truth (Sydney, NSW : 1894 – 1954),

**Sunday 10 December 1922, page 9**

**A Desperate Deed**

**Bush Bandits Hold Up Pay Car**

**PAYMASTER PEPPERED WITH PELLETS ACCUSED WRAPPED IN A DAMNING  
LEGAL WEB, AND CONVICTED**

They were as mild-mannered and nerveless a brace of bandits as ever faced any minimal tribunal when they faced his **Honor Mr. Justice Ralston** and a jury at the Central Criminal Court at Darlinghurst last Monday – **Edwin Stanley Palmer** and **Ernest Victor Smith**. Both were young men on the threshold of their prime. Palmer is a motor mechanic, aged 26, and Smith, a labourer, a year younger. They were charged that at **Mirrourl**, on July 1922, they did maliciously wound **Charles Alexander Skinner**, with intent to do him grievous bodily harm.

The **Senior Crown Prosecutor ( Mr. W. T. Coyle, K.C. )** instructed by Mr. John Gonsalves, of the Crown Law Department, conducted the Crown case. The accused were defended by **Mr. Moller** ( instructed by **Messrs. Clayton and Utz** ), counsel for the defence having been assigned by the Crown. Both the accused pleaded not guilty. Before a jury was empanelled 10 jurors had been challenged by one or other of the accused.

The accused had been tried before Mr. Justice Campbell at the Wagga sittings of the Supreme Court on October 13, but on that occasion the jury had been unable to agree upon a verdict. Hence the second trial with a change of venue.

**Dr. Cecil Findlay**, Government Officer at Temora deposed to having examined **Charles Alexander Skinner** at Temora on July 19. He found sundry gun shot near the left eye, where the shot was still imbedded. In fact none of the pellets had been extracted. Skinner's injuries could have been caused by the pellets from the cartridge he was now shown. Skinner's wounds were both immediately and remotely dangerous, but the vision of the eye had not been impaired.

**Charles Alexander Skinner**, a tall and swarthy young man, said he was Inspector of Construction Works of Government Silos. He lived at Temora, and in that district Government silos were in course of erection. He left Temora on the forenoon on July 19, with a Mr. Leifermann. They went to Ariah Park and had in the car a bag containing some £3000 in notes.

They travelled in a single-seater Ford car and the roads were in a terrible state, so that he had chains on the back wheels. At Arianah Park, Leifermann paid one man in witness's presence. Then Leifermann and the man went to an hotel – to get the receipt signed. ( Laughter. ) The paying of this man took some five minutes. Witness stood guard by the car. When Leifermann rejoined the car they proceeded. During the wait, witness noticed a car standing near by. He noticed the number of this car – ‘ **H-91** ’ – and his attention was further attracted by the fact that the car carried no chains. Witness did not notice anyone in this car. Witness and his friend left immediately after this car and there was no other car in front of them. Considering the state of the roads, the car ahead was making fast progress. From Arianah Park to Mirrool by road was about 11 miles. Witness from time to time noticed this car ahead. On one occasion witness stopped to clean the screen. This was at a bend in the road. From the top of a slight rise witness saw this same car, stationary, about a quarter of a mile, ahead. Witness in his car proceeded down the intervening dip. Suddenly a shot was fired, apparently from behind a tree some 40 feet ahead. The windscreen of witness's car was shattered to fragments and witness felt a terrific blow in the face. His face was freely punctured with pellets, the wounds bleeding freely. Witness's hat and his collar were also plenteously peppered with pellets.

The hat was produced in court and its condition abundantly verified the story just told by the witness. So did the witness's coat and macintosh which also were produced. These articles were closely and critically examined by the jury. The macintosh showed punctures through the collar.

The witness said that he felt the blow on the right side of the face. The tree stood on the left side of the main road to Mirrool. The main traffic divided at the tree, part going to the left and part to the right, the roads joining up again later on. Leifermann had a revolver and jumped out of the car,

from behind the cover of the car covering the tree from which the shot had been fired. Witness also sheltered behind the car and saw a man running from behind the tree. That man was carrying a shot gun and was dressed in a military tunic, khaki trousers and a cap. The trousers and tunic those worn by this fugitive man. The man clambered on to a fence, giving witness a good view of him. As he mounted the fence the fugitive looked back, giving witness a full view of his profile. Witness had no doubt that that man was the accused Smith, now seated in the dock. The wind-screen of his car, though it was of substantial plate-glass, was shattered to fragments.

Witness saw Smith on the fence, but did not see him get over the fence. Witness returned to the car while Leifermann covered the tree with his revolver. Having recovered the bag of money, witness and Leifermann went across country till they struck the railway line, abandoning the car where it was. On the railway line a train picked them up and they returned to Arianah Park where witness made a complaint to **Constable Smede**. Witness had previously seen the accused Palmer about the works and might have seen the other accused also. On two previous witness had taken the pay out to the works. On the following Wednesday witness was called to pick the accused Smith out of a line of men. At first he made a mistake, indicating the wrong man. But the mistake was promptly rectified.

**Augustus Frederick Leifermann**, a young man, wearing a returned soldier's badge, and who had been in the company of the preceding witness during that eventful motor car drive, in the main corroborated the evidence given by Skinner. He added that after the shot had been fired, and he and Skinner had left the car, he heard the distinct click of a gun hammer. He did not see any man running from behind the tree. In Quest of cartridges.

**James Nicholson**, grocer, at Arianah Park, said that on July 19 the accused Smith called at the general store at which witness was employed and asked for No. 1 Remington cartridges. There

were none in stock. When Eley's black powder cartridges were suggested, Smith said that these were no good for duck shooting.

**Jessie McEvoy**, living with her husband at Mirrool, said the two accused had their meals at her place, but slept at their own camp. She remembered these men being arrested. On the morning before they both came to her place. After breakfast they told her they were going out to Mr. Pearson's place, some distance out of Mirrool. Smith borrowed her husband's overcoat and then took a box out of a bag that was hanging in the kitchen. It was a small cardboard box about the size of one she was now shown. The gun she was now shown had been at her place for some time. She had thought it was Stan Palmer's gun. About a week before their arrest Smith took the gun away from her place.

#### **Smede Finds Tracks.**

**Constable. G. T. Smede.** stationed at Arianah Park, deposed that he had followed boot tracks from the scene of the alleged shooting. The footprints were in his opinion those of a man running.

#### **Alleged Damning Admission.**

**Constable John Joseph Agnew.** of Ardlethan, said that on August 10 he was on escort duty to Goulburn. He saw the accused Palmer on the railway platform there, who told him that he was under committal for trial for what he called " the Mirrool Hold-up ". Palmer said that when he said in his statement to the police that Smith had not left the car that day, he had said what was incorrect. Smith had left the car and picked it up about a quarter of a mile further on. Witness had not known Palmer before this conversation.

#### **The Defence – A General Denial.**

Giving evidence on oath the accused, Palmer, gave a general

denial of the allegations against him. There was no gun with them in the car at any time during that drive, and Smith never at any time during the journey left the car. He had not known Skinner prior to those charges. It was true that the car was driven to Moon's office on their return and then to their camp. It was then that a man named Williams informed them of the sticking-up of Skinner along the Ariaah Park-road. Witness remarked, " I saw no one along the road, and I've just come back ". Then someone remarked, " I suppose some of the police will be here soon, asking questions ". He could not say who said that. Just then **Constable Smede** arrived and inquired for the gun. Witness had obtained the gun from Mrs. McEvoy on the preceding Saturday and had cleaned it and put it away. The gun was got out of the car and handed to **Smede**. When he left Ariaah Park he was under the impression that there would be no pay that day. Neither the boots he was now shown nor the khaki trousers were his. He had not known Leifermann till a few days before the police court hearing. After the police court proceedings witness was taken to **Goulburn Gaol** where he was for 22 days. The Governor of the Gaol refused him facilities for writing. That was why he was so long in getting bail. Witness denied the conversation in the train as detailed by **Constable Agnew**. It was **Agnew** who suggested that witness should amend his statement, saying that Smith had got out of the car. Witness refused to either amend his previous statement or to make another one. He had never been in trouble before and held himself forward as a man of good character. He had been married in June last.

The accused Smith also gave evidence on oath. His story, in the main, coincided with that told by Palmer.

### " Guilty "

In his address to the jury, **Mr. Moller** asked them to find that the direct evidence brought forward by the Crown was not sufficient to justify them in convicting the two accused. Skinner was the only witness who proffered any direct

evidence, and, under the circumstances, it was very probable that he was mistaken.

The conclusion of the trial was not reached till late on Tuesday. It was not till 8pm that the jury returned with a verdict. They found the accused both guilty, but strongly recommended them to mercy because of their youth.

On Thursday Mr. Justice Ralston intimated that he would not pass sentence until tomorrow ( Monday, the 11th inst.).

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/169182670>

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Taralga Echo (NSW : 1924 – 1927),

**Saturday 12 September 1925, page 2**

**Roslyn Men at Law.**

**SEQUEL TO COLLISION.**

**DAMAGES £125.**

**MR. BERT STINSON PAYS.**

A collision in **Sloane-street, Goulburn**, involving a motor car driven by **Bert Stinson**, of **Roslyn**, and a Sulky, in which was **William Taylor**, an aged man, also of **Roslyn**, had a sequel in the **Goulburn District Court** on Wednesday morning, when **Judge Bevan** heard a claim by Taylor for £150 damages His Honor awarded £125.

Mr. **P. J. Meyer** appeared for plaintiff. Stinson did not appear.

Plaintiff said he assisted his son in a dairy business at **Gundry**, and at 3.30 on the morning of June 26 he was

proceeding to **Gundry** in a sulky via Sloane-street. Witness was driving in a southerly direction, and when about 20 yards from the intersection of Sloane-street and Market-street a motor car came towards the sulky from the latter street.

The car made a bee-line for the sulky, and although witness shouted a warning four times the car came towards him, gaining impetus at every yard. Despite the fact that witness drew his sulky on to the footpath to avoid the car, a collision occurred.

The car hit the sulky with considerable force, overturning it, and also the horse. Witness was pinned beneath the seat of the sulky.

Without alighting, the car driver placed his machine in reverse gear and drove out backwards, dragging with him the horse and wreckage of the sulky.

On becoming freed from the wreckage the car driver kept in reverse until Clifford-street was reached and then turned and made off.

Witness was in the act of crawling from the wreckage when Constable Agnew arrived on the scene and lent his assistance.

Plaintiff said he had been receiving medical attention since the accident, and had not been able to follow his usual employment owing to his injuries. The horse had been stone blind for two weeks following the collision and was still blind in one eye.

The damage done to the sulky and harness amounted to £23. He added that through the efforts of the police he ascertained that the driver of the car was Bert Stinson. He had seen Stinson before issuing the writ for damages and had been prepared to negotiate on reasonable terms. Stinson, however, had offered to defray the costs of the damage to the sulky only.

Constable J. J. Agnew said he was drawn to Sloan Street by the noise of a collision and on arriving on the scene saw Stinson's car in Sloane street in reverse gear.

On that night Stinson approached witness in the street and admitted he had been involved in the collision.

### **WOULD SQUARE IT.**

Stinson said: "If you let your part of it drop I'll square it up with Taylor." Witness, however, reported the matter and proceedings were taken.

Dr. A. P. Gillespie gave evidence of Taylor's injuries. He said Taylor was 62 years of age and would never be in the same state of health as he had been prior to the collision.

Counsel for plaintiff, in addressing his Honor, said the amount claimed was in no way commensurate with the injuries Taylor had sustained.

In returning a verdict for £125, Judge Bevan declared that no sum would recompense Taylor for the injury to his health.

"I would not undergo an accident like that for £1000," his Honor added.

—"Herald" Goullburn.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/110087227>

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

**Friday 1 October 1926**

The undermentioned members of the Police Force to exercise, within the Licensing Districts preceding their names, the authority conferred by section 63, subsection 1 of the Liquor Act, 1912, from the dates specified,

viz.:-

Gulgong- Constable John Charles Logan, stationed at Leadville,- from 21st August, 1926.

**Bombala – Constable John Joseph Agnew, stationed at Bombala,-**  
from 26th August, 1926.

Picton- Constable John Stewart, stationed at Picton,- from 1st September, 1926.

Wyalong –Constable Allen George McCauley Prangley, stationed at Barmedman, – from 1st October, 1926.

Queanbeyan – Constable Robert Shaw, stationed at Queanbeyan, – from 23rd August 1926.

Picton – Constable John Hamilton, stationed at The Oaks, – from 13th August, 1926.

Bathurst – Constable Ernest Randall, stationed at O'Connell, – from 17th August, 1926.

JOHN T. LANG, Premier.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/222993285>

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Monaro Mercury, and Cooma and Bombala Advertiser (NSW : 1862 – 1931),

**Monday 8 April 1929, page 2**

### **The Bombala Car Fatality**

#### **CONCLUSION OF INQUEST.**

An Inquest touching the death of **Boris Auastanoff**, a Greek, 23 years of age, which followed injuries received while riding on a motor car which came into collision with an electric wire pole at **Bombala** on 28th March, was opened by the **Coroner of the Cooma District, Mr. H. H. Solomon**, at the Bombala Hospital on 29th ult., and adjourned till Saturday last for the production of evidence. The enquiry was held at the Bombala Court House, and was attended by numbers of residents of that centre. The driver of the car, **Edward Patrick Elliott**, was represented by **Mr. F. C. Boys**, solicitor of Bombala, and lengthy evidence was given. The deceased was one of a party of men engaged on work on the **Mt. Darragh road**, and who were being conveyed to the Bombala railway station at the time of the accident.

**Chris Doney** deposed that deceased was a native of Kobomnsky, Greece, and was married, his wife and one child living in that county. Witness believed that deceased had some cousins living at Cowra, one being name **Bire Peters**, a farm labourer.

Mr. Nicholas Condoleon acted as interpreter during the evidence of the first witness, as above, given at the hospital, Saturday's evidence included the following:

**Constable John J. Agnew** deposed that about 1.50 p.m.' on 28th ult. he visited the spot which the collision occurred and saw an electric light pole lying across the bonnet of the car.

Deceased's left leg was almost severed at the knee, the right leg being broken, in two or three places ; there were wounds on the right cheek and left eye. Elliott the driver had a wound on the cheek and jaw. The pole, which was 9 inches in diameter, was broken off. Tracks of the car indicated that it was travelling on the wrong side of the road. The driver was, very much shaken,, his breath smelt strongly of alcohol, he was not under the influence of liquor. Of two other men in the car he noticed one really, drunk and the other stupid. The driver said the tyre blew out and deceased was riding on the foot board and grasped his right arm and pulled the wheel towards the post. The tracks indicated that the car skidded out and did not indicate any sudden turning to the right. The pole was practically new and sound and was broken off about 2 feet from the ground.

**Clarence Harold Dunn**, labourer, deposed that he, **W. Dick, C. Purves, H. and C. Gerathy** were on the car. Witness heard an explosion like a blow-out and the car skidded. It was bout 25 miles from **Mt. Durragh** to Bombala. He did not know deceased was on the foot board. The only thing witness remembered was the tyre blowing out. The car was going about 15 miles an hours ; witness was thrown out and cut on the face.

**William Dick**, labourer, stated that the driver seemed to be struggling to right the car and the crash came. There was no one in the car the worse for liquor. He did not see deceased till the accident occurred. The car was going at a medium speed, about 20 miles an hour. The driver Elliott was sober.

**Leonard E. Elton**, farmer, of Bombala, deposed that he was riding along the street and heard a crash and saw the pole falling, and went across and saw a man lying down at the butt of the pole. He went for assistance ; the car did not seem to be travelling very fast. One of the men was under the influence of drink ; Elliott appeared to be sober.

**Dr. Jefferies** deposed to being called to the scene of the

accident. He saw deceased lying on the floor of the car, he was conscious and was bleeding from a cut on the right side of the mouth ; his left leg was horribly mangled, the knee was laid right open and three inches of the lower end or the hip bone was hanging. The lower leg was badly mutilated and the bone laid bare and projecting through the skin about 6 inches. The right leg was broken above and below the knee. The left leg was amputated as soon as possible. The lower jaw was broken in two places. The man died about 6 o'clock that evening. His idea was that the car must have been driven more than 15 miles an hour. What the deceased said was " He breaka da legs. " Witness attended to the injuries of the other men ; only one showed signs of drink. Elliott, the driver, in his opinion, was not under the influence of drink at all. Elliott told witness the deceased jumped on the running board of the car and said " I will hang on here Ted, " and he tried to make the man get off as it was risky. Elliott said he was turning the corner round past the freezing works and one of the front tyres blew out and at the same time deceased grabbed his arm and prevented him from straightening up from the skid following the blow out. That conversation took place at the hospital, the details were given in quite a rational way.

**Charles Edward Bruce**, farmer, of Bombala, said he was in Maybe Street and saw a car going towards the Council Chambers. Just then another man was coming behind the car and called out and wanted to get in the car. The driver did not hear him and kept on travelling. Witness knew nothing further about the matter.

**William Dorl**, farmer of Ando, deposed that he saw the car pick up two passengers L. and C. Gerathy, and saw a man sitting on the luggage on the foot board. The car went round **Vider's corner** at an ordinary pace. The occupants did not seem in any way drunk in his opinion.

**Charles E. Gerathy**, labourer, said he was not sober when he got in the car after getting out to go to the railway station. He remembered starting for the train. He just remembered a

smash and that was all. He was not drunk at the time of the smash ; he was merry, that was all ; he was about " half shot. "

**Patrick Edward ELLIOTT**, the driver, said deceased was coming from the Imperial Hotel and asked him if he could take him to the train, and he replied " No. ". Deceased came round and stood on the driving side of the car. When he came to the turn the car swerved to the right and deceased caught hold of witness's right arm, which interfered with his steering. That was all he could remember till he was being taken to the Hospital. He told **Constable Agnew** he had a blow out. He had had two lagers, two English stouts and a Sarto that day. He was on the right hand side of the road ; the ruts were a bit bad on the left side. He had 5 passengers and deceased on the outside board ; he was not under the influence of liquor. He was driving 25 miles an hour along the street, and round the bend he eased off to 20 miles, he did not let the wheel go.

Two other witnesses, **Aaron Williams**, and **William Henry Harrison** also gave evidence. The former said Elliott was sober, and the latter that the car was not travelling at more than the ordinary pace.

The Coroner returned a verdict that deceased died from injuries through violently striking an electric wire-line post while riding on the board of a motor car.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/119078452>

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Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

**Tuesday 1 April 1930**, page 12

**FIRE AT BOMBALA.**

BOMBALA, Monday.

A fire broke out soon after 8 o'clock last night at the residence of Mr. David Payne, when a large weatherboard dining-room, kitchen, laundry, and bathroom were destroyed.

The police, under **Constable J. Agnew**, contributed in a great measure to saving the greater

portion of the premises. The origin of the fire is unknown, as all the occupiers were at church. The premises were insured for only a small sum.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/16638481>

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Sun (Sydney, NSW : 1910 – 1954),

**Wednesday 19 April 1933**, page 17

**Constable's Transfer Bombala, Wednesday. –**

**First-class Constable J. J. Agnew**, who has been stationed at **Bombala** for more than seven years, has received notice of his **transfer and promotion to Sydney**.

He is succeeded by **First-Class Constable Sturgess**, of **Harden**.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/229050546>

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

**Thursday 6 April 1939**

(No.55), page 2025

THE undermentioned members of the Police Force to exercise, within the Licensing Districts preceding their names, the authority conferred by section 63, subsection 1, of the Liquor Act, 1912, from the 1st April, 1939,

Metropolitan – Constable Arthur Edward Ward, stationed at No. 1 Police Station.

Metropolitan – **Constable John Joseph Agnew**, stationed at **No. 1 Police Station.**

Metropolitan – Constable Charles Oscar Robinson, stationed at No. 1 Police Station.

Metropolitan–Constable Victor Raymond Woodland, stationed at No. 1 Police Station.

Metropolitan–Constable Rex William Hamilton, stationed at No. 1 Police Station.

Metropolitan–Constable Harold Leslie Clugston, stationed at No. 3 Police Station.

Metropolitan–Constable Henry Percy Lewis, stationed at No. 3 Police Station.

Metropolitan–Constable Ernest Walter Williamson, stationed at No. 3 Police Station.

Metropolitan–Constable William Linden Roberts, stationed- at No. 4 Police Station.

Metropolitan–Constable Eric Richard King, stationed at No. 4 Police Station.

Metropolitan—Constable Thomas Earl Matthew Carney, stationed at No. 4 Police Station.

Metropolitan—Constable Joseph Andrew Reed, stationed at No. 4 Police Station.

Metropolitan—Constable William Charles Davies, stationed at No. 5 Police Station.

Metropolitan—Constable George Henry Schmidt, stationed at No. 5 Police Station.

Metropolitan—Constable John Herbert Lanaghan, stationed at No. 5 Police Station.

Metropolitan—Constable Thomas John Fitzgerald, stationed at No. 6 Police Station.

Metropolitan—Constable Daniel Lynch, stationed at No. 6 Police Station.

Metropolitan—Constable Reginald James Hill, stationed at No. 6 Police Station,.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/222063083>

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South Coast Times and Wollongong Argus (NSW : 1900 – 1954),  
**Thursday 6 March 1952, page 30**

### **BOOKMAKER AND BUS DRIVER**

" I said, What are you going to do about the accident? and he replied, What are you going to do?. So I reported it to the police. "

The speaker was registered **bookmaker Selwyn Allan McFAWN**, of

72 Market St, Wollongong, and he was telling the **Wollongong Court** on Tuesday the story of a collision between his car and a bus in Church Street on 5th October.

**Allan Claude McDONAGH**, of 39 Wallace Road, Fern Hill, had been charged with negligent driving, but he did not come to court.

**McFawn** said he was driving his car up Church Street when a double-decker bus approached in the opposite direction. It came from behind a car and across the road at him. Witness' car was struck on the mudguard, the impact being about five feet from the centre line on the bus' incorrect side of the road.

He approached the driver of the bus and the above related dialogue ensued.

**Constable J. Agnew** said that **McDonagh** told him he had swung a bit wide to avoid two parked cars, and he thought one was about to pull out from the kerb. He saw **McFawn's** car swing to the left, but he ( **McDonagh** ) struck it before he had a chance.

The fine was £9/8/- with 12/ – costs.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/143090405>

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Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

**Wednesday 15 July 1953, page 6**

**MAN ON CHARGE OF MURDER GETS BAIL**

Mr. Acting Justice Myers, in the Supreme Court yesterday, granted bail in £1,000 to Arthur Thomas, who was arrested on

Saturday and charged with murdering Thomas Alfred Barber, a former champion boxer, and maliciously wounding Harry Thomas at Kimberley Avenue, Lane Cove.

Mr. J. E. Cassidy, Q.C., for the accused, said that Thomas had been refused bail at Central Court of Petty Sessions and remanded to August 5.

The accused, he said, was 68 and was not in good health. He was prepared to undertake not to return to his home if granted bail. His brother, Harry Thomas, of Harbord, a man of good character and substance, was prepared to give him accommodation pending the coroner's inquiry, and would keep him under supervision.

Barber was killed, Mr. Cassidy said, during an altercation between the two sons of the accused when the accused intervened.

Mr. Cassidy said that there had been a dispute over a partnership and a lorry.

### **POLICE AFFIDAVIT**

**Sergeant John Joseph Agnew**, in an affidavit, said he knew the accused and arrested him on July 11. Harry Thomas also lived in Kimberley Avenue, Lane Cove.

Thomas was known to him as a man of violent temper which was particularly directed against his son, Harry Thomas.

When he told Thomas that Barber was dead, the accused said, "I hope the other big cur dies too."

**Sergeant Agnew** said that he feared that if Thomas was allowed bail he would attempt to interfere with Crown witnesses.

Mr. Acting Justice Myers allowed bail on the murder charge and released Thomas in his own recognisance on the charge of malicious wounding.

He also ordered Thomas to report twice daily to Manly police.

Mr. J. E. Cassidy, Q.C. ( by Mr. F. R. Anderson ) for applicant; Mr. D. J. Vine Hall for the Crown.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/18388364>

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

Thursday 25 March 1954, page 11

**Four police promotions**

The Premier (Mr. Cahill ) announced yesterday that the Governor-in-Council had approved of four police promotions.

**Inspectors Third Class James MacKay and William Leslie Jefferson** would be promoted to **Inspectors Second Class**, he said. **Sergeants First – Class Joseph Wardley and John Joseph Agnew** would be **Inspectors Third Class**.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/248829319>

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# Thomas Richard HANNAN

02/01/2021

## Thomas Richard HANNAN

Late of ?

New South Wales Police Force

Penrith Police Academy – Class 1 of 1946

[alert\_yellow]Regd. #  
4883[/alert\_yellow]

**Rank:** Probationary Constable – appointed  
7 January 1946

Detective Constable 1st Class –

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed 12  
December 1966

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed 13  
December 1970

**Stations:** 9 Division, 21 Division –  
Mobile Unit ( 1946 ), 16 Division – CI  
Duty ( 1948 ), 9 Division ( 1949 ),

Vice Squad ( 1949 ), Liverpool CI Duties

– 22 Division, Bankstown ( 1954 ), 18  
Division ( Parramatta – 1962 ),

Regent St – 2 Division ( 1963 ),  
Bankstown – 19 Division ( 1963 ), 13  
Division ( 1966 ),

Bankstown – 19 Division ( 1971 – death )

**Service: From ? ? pre January 1946?  
to 2 February 1972 = 26+ years Service**

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**World War II**

Australian Imperial Force – Royal  
Australian Air Force ( RAAF )

Regiment: 1  
AGS, Sale, Victoria. Aircraft = Anson –  
15.4 hours training

27 OTU ( Operational Training Unit  
) – Litchfield – 65.2 hours

1663 ( Heavy Conversion Unit ) –

**Dufforth – 42 hours**

**Operational Flying: 466 Sqdn.  
Bomber at Driffield in a Halifax III. 35  
sorties = 217.2 hours**

**Commenced 9 October 1944 – 20  
March 1945**

**Enlisted: 9  
March 1943**

**Service #  
433311**

**Rank:  
Pilot Officer – 41 Base ( 23 March 1945  
) , Flying Officer – 2 P.D. ( 23  
September 1945 )**

**Embarkation: From  
Australia on 26 January 1944 for United  
Kingdom**

**Next of kin: Leslie  
Lawrence HANNAN ( Father ), 98 Arthur St,  
Homebush, NSW**

**Religion:**

**Roman Catholic**

**Prev. Occupation:**

**Radio Tester**

**Single / Married:**

**Single**

**Returned to Australia: ?**

**Date of Discharge:  
1945**

**25 September**

**Post at Discharge:  
Communications Unit**

**1652**

**Awards:**

**A/G?**

**Badge – 6 January 1944**

**Description:**

**23 years,  
2 months, 5' 9.5", 168 lb, 34" chest –  
Expanded = 37", Dark complexion, Brown  
eyes, dark hair.**

**<https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=5382014>**

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**Commonwealth of Australia Gazette**  
**Thursday 25 October 1945 P. 2268**

The following warrant officers and non-commissioned officers ( Air Gunners ) are appointed to commissions on probation with the rank of Pilot Officer with effect from the dates indicated:

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No. 433311 Thomas Richard HANNAN, 23rd March, 1945 .....

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/232765433/25121423>

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**Awards:** No find on It's An Honour

**Born:** 31 December 1919 – Lewisham, NSW

**Died on:** Wednesday 2 February 1972

**Age:** 52

**Cause:** ?

**Event location:** ?

**Event date:** ?

Funeral date: ? ? ?

Funeral location: ?

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: ?

Memorial located at: ?



[alert\_yellow]**THOMAS** is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance[/alert\_yellow] \*NEED MORE INFO

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**Funeral location: TBA**

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

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**May they forever Rest In Peace**

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Nothing further, at this time, is known of this man.

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24 April 2018

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# Joseph Edward Matthew GIBB

02/01/2021

## Joseph Edward Matthew GIBB

AKA Joe GIBB

Nickname: ?

Late of Tarren Point, NSW

Relations in 'the job': **Patrick GIBB**, NSWPF # **3673**

"possible" relation in 'the job': ?

NSW Police Training Centre – Redfern – **Class # 111**

*Last Class to be issued with the Webley Scott semi auto pistol*

New South Wales Police Force

**Regd. # 12679**

**Rank:** Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy on Monday  
15 May 1967 ( aged 23 years, 6 months, 25 days )

Probationary Constable- appointed Monday 26 June 1967 ( aged

23 years, 8 months, 6 days )

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank: = Constable

Stations: ?, Miranda ( 24 Division ) – Death

Service: From 15 May 1967 to 23 January 1972 = 4  
years, 8 months, 8 days Service

Retirement / Leaving age: = ?

Time in Retirement from Police: ?

Awards: No Find on Australian Honours system



**Born:** Wednesday 20 October 1 943

**Died on:** Sunday 23 January 1972

**Age:** 28 years, 3 months, 3 days

**Organ Donor:** Y / N / ?

Cause: Accidentally Shot – own weapon during a violent arrest

Event location: ? , Miranda, NSW

Event / Diagnosis date: Sunday 23 January 1972

Funeral date: Wednesday 26 January 1972

Funeral location: St Joseph's Catholic Church, Rosa St, Oatley, NSW

**LIVE STREAM** N/A

Wake location: ???

Wake date: ???

Funeral Parlour: ?



In Loving Memory of Joseph Edward Matthew GIBB. Loved husband of Therese, fond father of Jude and Josephine. Loved son of Pat & Ella. Died 23.1.1972, aged 28 years. Also Jude Thomas, 3.1.1971. Erected by the New South Wales Police in Recognition of ?, Constable Joseph Edward Matthew GIBB.

**Buried at:** Woronora Memorial Park, Linden St, Sutherland, NSW

**Grave Location:** Section: Roman Catholic Monumental Sect. 12

Row: ? Plot: 1309

Grave GPS: ?, ?

**Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at:** Woronora Memorial Park, Police Section, Linden St, Sutherland, NSW



Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this time ( June 2023 )

JOE IS mentioned on the National Police Wall of Remembrance, Canberra



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THEIR CAREER AND THEIR DEATH.**

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**May they forever Rest In Peace**

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

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

**Australian Police YouTube Channel**

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On the afternoon of 23 January, 1972 **Constable Gibb** was in a police vehicle with **Constable Michael Buckley** and another constable.

In Shirley Road, Miranda they spotted a stolen vehicle and gave chase.

During a brief pursuit the stolen vehicle drove into a dead-end street where it collided with a fence. Three offenders emerged from the vehicle and ran to a nearby house, with **Constables Gibb** and **Buckley** in pursuit.

As the offenders split up the pursuing police each fired a warning shot into the air.

**Constable Gibb** caught up with the offender he was chasing as he attempted to scale a fence and as the constable took hold of him he began to struggle violently.

While he was grappling with the offender the constable's service revolver discharged and he was shot in the chest.

**Constable Gibb** was conveyed to the Sutherland District Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

## **POLICE OFFICER SHOT DEAD**

SYDNEY. Sunday – A 28-year-old police constable was shot dead today in a struggle with a young man only 70 yds from the policeman's home at Taren Point, a southern Sydney suburb.

The policeman, **Constable Joseph E. M. Gibb**, is believed to have been shot through the heart with his own service revolver.

Three young men were being questioned tonight at Sutherland Police Station.

Mrs Therese Gibb, who is expecting a baby in about five weeks, collapsed when she heard of her husband's death and was taken by ambulance to Sutherland District Hospital.

She had been shopping and arrived home to find the street full of police cars.

Police said Constable Gibb had been just about to finish work at Miranda police station at 3 pm and was getting a lift home with his workmate Constable Michael Buckley.

They had seen a small sedan they suspected had been stolen and had given chase.

The sedan, containing three young men, had turned into a dead-end street and had crashed into a wire fence of Consolidated Timber Pty Ltd at the end.

Three men had jumped out of the car. Constable Buckley had pursued two of the suspects who had climbed a fence and run into bush at the right side of the back garden. Constable Gibb had gone to the left of the house into the back garden and grappled with the other suspect.

A shot had been heard and Constable Gibb had been found dead.

Constable Buckley was too upset later to be interviewed."

The constable was born in 1943 at Darlinghurst and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 15 May, 1967.

At the time of his death he was stationed at Miranda.

He is listed in the official NSW Police Honour Roll.

Source: Beyond Courage

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Story behind any Nickname:

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picture of **Class 111** Sworn In on 26th June, 1967. All the cyclists have the first of the white helmets. They didn't last long either', once they realised that the broken necks were coming from the bad design, where the back of the helmet sat at the perfect point to break your neck, if your head was snapped backwards. Second white helmets issued hurriedly, 'say no more'..!

## Funeral Service







# PC shot dead with his own pistol

SYDNEY. — A young policeman was shot dead in the yard of a house about 100 yards from his home at Taren Point, a southern Sydney suburb, yesterday afternoon.

The shooting followed a chase by two policemen after they had seen a car believed to have been stolen.

The dead policeman, Constable Joseph Gibb, 29, was shot once through the heart with his own service pistol. Father John Stack, from Miranda Catholic Church, was called to administer the last rites to the dead policeman.

Constable Gibb's father, Inspector Pat Gibb who is officer in charge of the Sutherland area, and his mother also were taken to the scene.

Mrs. Gibb, who is due to have her first child in five weeks, collapsed when she was told of her husband's death, and was taken to Sutherland Hospital.

Constable Gibb was on his way home from Miranda police station with another policeman, Constable Michael Buckley, when he saw a car which had been reported stolen.

They chased the car along several small streets, and the small car crashed into a wire factory fence at the bottom of a dead-end street.

Three youths jumped from the car, and ran into the yard of a nearby house.

Constable Gibb chased one youth, and Constable Buckley headed after the other two.

Soon afterwards all police cars in the area were alerted to search for the two other youths.

They had been seen swimming across a creek at the back of the house and run into bush towards a football oval.

They were chased by uniformed police and detectives, and soon afterwards were caught.

Police at Waverley were questioning three youths late last night.

The shooting was only one of many violent incidents in Sydney yesterday.

A man was fatally stabbed in his home at Glebe, a Greek man was in a critical condition in hospital last night after being stabbed in the chest during a domestic argument at Enmore, and an armed robber held up a suburban theatre and escaped with \$600.

Late yesterday police at Cremorne, a harbor suburb, were searching for a young armed man who earlier had threatened to jump from the sixth floor of a partly completed apartment block.



Constable Gibb's widow who is almost eight months' pregnant, is carried from her home after collapsing when she heard her husband had been shot dead.

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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22 September 2013

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