THE FRIENDS' GAZETTE

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FQPM President's Message

It was with some pleasure that our Secretary Ian Townsley, Committee Member Kevin Darch and I attended the rededication of the Senior Constable Henry Fetherston grave in Maryborough recently. This was the culmination of some very good work carried out by retired QPS members, supported by the Maryborough community and local QPS command. I was able then to travel further north visiting family and to assist in the photographic recording of police graves identified in the report of researcher Jodie Muir. Jodie had worked as a Volunteer in Policing at Police Headquarters in Brisbane and recently provided the FQPM with a very informative report on the location and condition of the graves of police officers who were identified on the QPS Roll of Honour together with the Commissioner's list.

We will now assess the graves and see what can be done to ensure that all those who have given their lives or who have died on duty since 1859 are remembered with respect and dignity.

This message is the last before our Annual General Meeting in October so I would like to thank all members for their support and interest in our work over the last twelve months and look forward to another year in making sure that we record our history, preserve our heritage and honour our people.

Bob Burns, President FQPM

Progress Report on Thomas Heaney and Benjamin Ebbitt Grave Restoration Project

We have previously provided information concerning the condition of the graves of Benjamin Ebbitt and Thomas Heaney. Both these former QP officers are buried at Toowong Cemetery. The grave of Benjamin Ebbitt is in serious need of restoration and regrettably the Thomas Heaney grave is not marked at all.

Both Heaney and Ebbitt were admitted recently to the QPS Honour Roll as well as the National Police Roll in Canberra.

The FQPM have engaged Dr Pete MacFarlane Architect + Stonemason Memorials to undertake the required work.

Preparatory work has commenced on the grave sites and the necessary applications have seen submitted to the Brisbane City Council (BCC) for approval. The BCC have now approved the

application and plans and the contractor has commenced the preparatory work.

A dedication ceremony will be conducted at the grave sites following the finalisation of the project. Date to be advised.

Dedication Ceremony at the Grave of Henry James Fetherston – Maryborough Cemetery

A Dedication Ceremony was held at the Maryborough Cemetery on Friday 11 August 2017 at the grave site of Senior Constable Henry James Fetherston died from injuries sustained as the result of a horse-riding incident in Maryborough in 22 February 1885. Henry Fetherston's name was admitted to the QPS Remembrance Roll by Commissioner Ian Stewart on the 27 September 2016.

His grave, surrounds and monument were restored by retired QPS officer Noel Sparks and his wife Denise, together with another retired officer Milton Leitch, who undertook and coordinated the necessary work to bring the grave up to an appropriate standard.

The Dedication Ceremony was conducted by Queensland Police Chaplain Rob Simpson to approximately 60 attendees. Acting Superintendent Pat Swindells, District Officer extended a welcome to those who attended. The Dedication was attended by many members of the Maryborough community including Queensland Police Service members. He acknowledged the Federal Member, Mr Llew O'Brien Federal Member for Wide Bay, the Deputy Commissioner Brett Pointing and representatives from the Queensland Retired Police Association, the Friends of the Queensland police Museum and various organisations associated with the history of the Maryborough District.

Henry Fetherston grave dedication – Maryborough Cemetery Friday 11 August 2017

(FQPM Vice President) Deputy Commissioner Brett Pointing being interviewed by local media.

The Occasional Address was delivered by (FQPM Vice President) Deputy Commissioner Brett Pointing and the Police Ode by the Officer in Charge of Maryborough Police, Senior Sergeant Tony Cole.

The ceremony was followed by a morning tea, hosted by Acting Superintendent Swindells and was held at the Maryborough Police Station. The morning tea was well attended. FQPM President Bob Burns addressed the gathering to publically extend our gratitude to the former QP officers who undertook the restoration work on the grave and acknowledged District Officer and the Maryborough Police for the very professionally planned and coordinated ceremony.

During the course of the morning tea, the Officer in Charge of Maryborough Police Station was presented on behalf of the Station with a mounted cast metal Queensland Police Department emblem by the Managing Director of Olds Engineering, Maryborough, Mr Robert Olds.

The mounted badge was affixed with a plate with the following words:

"All that is necessary for evil to prevail is for good people to do nothing"

Senior Sergeant Cole accepted the presentation on behalf of the station and advised that it would be sited on the wall in the foyer of the station to be enjoyed by all.

Development of the Emblem:

Prior to 1960 a Departmental emblem did not exist. During 1961, the then Commissioner of Police Mr F E Bischof recognised the need for an emblem and requested Senior Sergeant Alec Day to prepare a design. The original artwork was completed by Constable Barry Waters. Senior Sergeant Day in consultation with a Professor at the University of Queensland, formulated a police motto. That motto "Constantia ac Comitate" (Firmness with Courtesy) was incorporated into the emblem design.

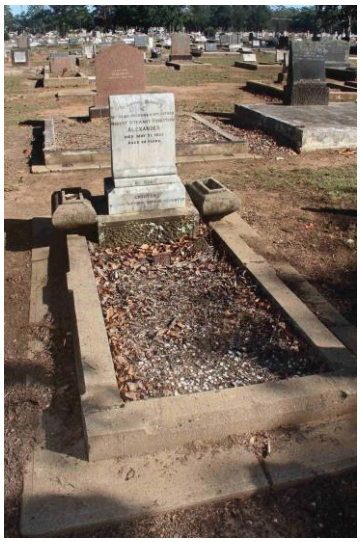
On the 18 September 1961, the emblem was approved by Mr Frank Nicklin, the then Premier of Queensland. The emblem was first used to decorate a plate glass window in the old Police Headquarters situated at the intersection of North Quay and Makerston Street, Brisbane.

In June 1983, the Commissioner of Police, Mr T M Lewis approved the usage of the English version of the motto instead of the traditional Latin.

For the information of collectors of Queensland police memorabilia, Olds Engineering can still produce copies of the old Queensland Police station badge. The badges are produced in aluminium and finished in the original colours. All are numbered and beautifully moulded.

Another Police Grave Located
Robert Stewart Robertson Alexander

The FQPM are always on the lookout for graves of former Queensland Police officers that are in need of restoration, in particular those graves of officers who names appear on the Honour Rolls or have contributed in some significant way to Queensland police history.



Whilst in Maryborough, the grave of Robert Stewart Robertson Alexander was located. The grave is in the Maryborough Cemetery, just a short distance from the Fetherston grave.

Constable Alexander was stationed at Eidsvold police station and died from injuries received in a riding accident while on patrol near Eidsvold on the 21 May 1926.

The grave appears to be in reasonable state of repair, however a general clean up and new gravel on the top may restore it to its former condition.

Following research into Alexander's genealogy and contact with any surviving relatives, the FQPM Management Committee will consider the issue and determine if this grave will be taken on as a project in the future. Clearly, the work required will be minimal.

Constable Robert Stewart Robertson Alexander – died 1926

Australian Detectives and their Service with the ANZAC Provost Corps – World War 1

Introduction

Before the story of the Australian detectives who served with the AIF, in particular, the circumstances of the appointment and service of Queensland Police Detective Francis Henry McIver can be told, there is a need for the reader to have an understanding of the background of the establishment of the Australian Provost Corps during 1916. Part 1 will concentrate on this aspect. Part 2 of this article will focus on the experiences of McIver. Part 2 will be included in the final issue of the *Friends' Gazette* for 2017.

Part 1 - Background

Discipline is not learned in a day, and unless we start now, straight away, to put ourselves right, we may find we are wanting in discipline, and should this be said of us, the chances of being considered suitable troops to fight in France might be seriously considered.

W R Birdwood

(Sir William Riddell Birdwood – Commander Australian Imperial Force)

The Withdrawal of the AIF from Gallipoli

Discipline

Following the withdrawal of Australian Imperial Force (AIF) troops from the Gallipoli Peninsula and support islands of Lemnos, Imbros and Tenedos to Egypt in early 1916, was to again lead to problems associated with ill-discipline. What was of concern to commanders was the state of the troops, they were weary, morose, disillusioned and taking solace in alcohol, which in turn was leading to a breakdown in discipline.

To counter the rising crime rates, 40 officers and 800 piquet's were placed under the command of Lieutenant Colonel J M Arnott and quartered at Kasrel Nil Barracks in Cairo to maintain discipline. These picquets were rotated fortnightly. In January 1916, these officers and picquets with the assistance of the Corps of Military Police (CMP) (British), were ordered to Cairo to enforce discipline. They were to make a complete sweep of all areas in search of those soldiers who were Absent Without Leave (AWL) and arrest all offenders.

These actions, whilst necessary, were to once again antagonise the men; most of whom were still recovering from their experiences on the Gallipoli Peninsula and were in no mood to have picquets and the CMP harassing them at every corner.

Three members of the Australian Military Mounted Police (MMP) mounted on their bay horses, probably near their depot at Maadi. The Military Policeman on the right is identified as 171 Lance Corporal (LCpl), later Warrant Officer Class II William Harrold Kenny, DCM Medalle Militaire (Fr), who originally enlisted in the 2nd Australian Light Horse Regiment before transferring to the Military Police. He served as bodyguard to General Birdwood on Gallipoli and survived the war. Lance Corporal Kenny's sister was Staff Nurse Elizabeth Kenny who served aboard hospital ships transporting sick and wounded home to Australia. After the war as "Sister Kenny" she gained international fame for her care and rehabilitation of victims of polio. The soldiers are carrying revolvers and are all wearing the distinctive Military Mounted Police (MMP) armband of a blue band over white with the letters MMP in red. The inscription from the reverse of the original photograph indicates the men belonged to the Australian and New Zealand Line of Communication and that soldier on the left was originally from the 1st Australian Light Horse Regiment (NSW), the soldier in the centre was originally from the 3rd Australian Light Horse Regiment (South Australia). William Kenny, prior to enlistment was a Queensland Policeman and continued in that occupation after the war.

This system of policing using untrained picquets had not worked in the past and was definitely not working now. Concerns were once again raised regarding the suitability of using picquets, who themselves were in some cases not to be trusted to adhere to regulations.

The need for a dedicated military police force such as the Mounted Military Police (MMP) who had amply demonstrated their capabilities on the Peninsular, was discussed by senior commanders. Accordingly, a proposal was put forward for an independent military police force consisting of Australian and New Zealand forces.

The Formation of the ANZAC Provost Corps (APC)

Major John Williams (AIF) was appointed Assistant Provost Marshall (APM) and placed in charge of organising and implementing the establishment of the new Corps of military police. The Corps was to be known as the ANZAC Provost Corps and would be in the first instance incorporate all the members of the MMP and the New Zealand Expeditionary Force (NZEF) military police. The name ANZAC was chosen as it identified with the original code name of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC).

Gallipoli had demonstrated that a well led and well organised military police force such as the MMP and NZEF had the ability to adapt as circumstances dictated and, with clear direction, could undertake new tasks readily. More importantly, they were able to demonstrate their ability to manage their own countryman with tact and firmness,

something the CMP and picquets had been unable to do. Prior to troops embarking for Gallipoli major concerns had been raised amongst commanders of both countries that the policing methods adopted by the CMP were bombastic and at times dictatorial, and that in most instances they had only antagonised the troops.

On the 9 March 1916 the formation of the APC was authorised: prior to the announcement both countries had agreed in principle that the new Corps would comprise two thirds Australian and one third New Zealand troops.

New Zealand Reneges

Before the ink was dry, the New Zealand Government withdrew its support. There was no official reason given for this, although the New Zealand Government's insistence that the NZEF remain totally under the Army Act (AA) for the duration of the war would have seemed to be a contributing factor. The Australian Government's insistence that the AIF retain a number of sections of its own Defence Act (DA) had caused considerable friction between the two governments.

Establishment APC

Whilst the decision by the New Zealand Government not to take part in an integral military police force was disappointing, the introduction of the APC proceeded under the command of Major Williams, who had been given the task of formulating how the Corps would be structured and what the establishment numbers would be.

Recruiting began in earnest, although at first the offer to transfer into the APC was only open to men who had seen service on Gallipoli and who were recommended by their Officer Commanding (OC). This proved somewhat difficult, as officers were loath to release their best men and men who were due for promotion did not wish to leave their units. Therefore a major recruiting drive was put in place with the intention of building a Corps d'Elite, which elicited literally thousands of applications. The selection criteria were strict and were to become even more rigorous in the following year.

The main problem facing the APC was that by this time all military police whatever their nationality were perceived to be tarred with the same brush. Indeed the APC themselves were not getting along with the CMP and the two forces were often to come in open conflict. It would seem that members of the APC were not themselves comfortable with the way the CMP treated their countrymen.

Australian Detectives and their service with the Provost Corps.

In order to give the new Corps every opportunity of success it had been decided that all recruits would be subjected to a thorough police

background check to ascertain whether any had a criminal record To avoid any suspicion that the Corps was tainted with a criminal element, it was imperative that no criminal should pass through the selection process.

To be absolutely sure that those selected had clean police records, on the 9 March 1916, the Secretary of Defence, Melbourne, in a memorandum to the Secretary of the Prime Minister's Department asked for and obtained the resources needed to check each applicant's truthfulness; this was done by carrying out a police background check with the aid of a senior detective from each state's police force.

The concept was simple and forward thinking for the time. A detective was chosen from each state's police force by their police commissioner and dispatched to Egypt. Each would interview all the applicants from their respective state and this should have in theory eliminated anybody with a criminal record from gaining entry to the APC. An applicant who aroused suspicion would have his police records checked throughout Australia. These detectives proved to of great importance, not only vetting applicants in Egypt, but also giving the APC valuable advice on policing methods.

Their work having been completed in Egypt, the Acting prime Minister, the honourable G F Pearce, wrote to the Premiers of each state advising them that the Officer Commanding, AIF, Headquarters, London, had requested that the detectives be immediately despatched to the UK for similar duties and he advised the Premiers that he had agreed.

The names of the detectives and their respective states were:

Detective W H Pearce	New South Wales
Detective R P Brennan	Victoria
Detective W J Mansfield	Tasmania
Detective F H McIver	Queensland
Detective G V Purdue	Western Australia
Detective W Nation	South Australia

Part 2 of this article (Australian Detectives and their service with the ANZAC Provost Corps – World War 1) will be introduced in the next edition of the *Friends' Gazette* 4/2017. The duties of the detectives in the UK and the administrative processes applied by the Queensland Police in respect of Detective F J McIver will be addressed.

Compiled by Ian Townsley from Beyond the Myth – Australian Military Police 1914 – 1920 by Geoffrey Barr 2005.

Queensland Government Petition
Naming the second Toowoomba Range Crossing as "Brett Forte Way"

A Queensland Government petition was circulated on the 9 June 2017 and closed on the 31 July 2017. It related to the naming of the new second Toowoomba Range crossing to 'Brett Forte Way' in honour of the QPS officer recently killed in the line of duty.

The petition required 10,000 names to be recorded by the closing date. 11,345 were obtained. The proposal was referred to the Minister, the Honourable Dr Steven Miles MP for action.

The matter has been tabled and will now be considered by the Queensland Parliament.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR!

The FQPM are still seeking copies of the following books and publications for the Queensland Police Museum:

Two publications written by former Commissioner Frederic Charles Urquhart (1858 – 1935):

Camp Canzonettes (1891); and

Blood Stains (1919);

In addition, the following publications are also required:

Who Killed Leanne Holland by Graeme Crowley & Paul Wilson;

The Devil's Eye by Ian Townsend;

Savage Wilderness by Barry Ralph;

Three crooked Kings by Matthew Condon;

All Fall Down by Matthew Condon;

The Second Father: An Insider's Story of Cops, Crime and Corruption: An Insider's Story of Cops, Crime and Corruption by Domenico Caciola; and

Brisbane the First 30 years by W. Ross Johnston.

The FQPM is prepared to pay any reasonable cost to obtain these publications, however donations are always acceptable.

Volunteers for Current Projects

Sam Johnson Biography – Volunteer/s

We are still seeking a keen volunteer to undertake the task of researching and documenting the biography of Police Tracker, Sam Johnson. Sam had quite a long career with the Queensland Police, yet his known biographical details are somewhat fragmented and to be found in a number of repositories.

The FQPM is committed to documenting a detailed biography of Sam Johnson's life following the work undertaken by the Friends' in erecting a headstone and slab on Sam Johnson's grave site at the Longreach Cemetery and re-dedicated the site on the 29 September 2015.

The FQPM is therefore seeking volunteer/s who would be prepared to research and record Sam's biography. Should you be interested in undertaking this project, please contact the FQPM Secretary.

FQPM Committee Member and Historical Objects Purchasing Officer (HOPO) Geoff Sheldon Promoted to Superintendent

The President and Management Committee extend sincere congratulations to long-standing Committee Member and Historical Objects Purchasing Officer (HOPO) Geoffrey Sheldon on his promotion to Superintendent with effect on the 7 August 2017 as the Assistant District Officer Cairns.

Geoff hopes to be able to continue an active association with the FQPM and provide additional representation in the North.

All the best to Geoff and his family.

Note:

Suffice to say, we will now be looking for a new HOPO at the AGM on the 4 October 2017.

FQPM Grave Location Project

Jodie Muir provided a final report on the status of the Grave Location Project at the FQPM Management Committee meeting on the 2 August 2017. Jodie advised that the project was now complete, however there were some entries where the location of the officer's remains are still unknown or a photo of the grave is unavailable.

She did however indicate she was prepared to continue research with a view to finalising the project.

The FQPM President acknowledged the detailed work undertaken by Jodie and extended the sincere thanks of the Management Committee.

Jodie photographing grave of Constable Ernest James Dawson at Toowong Cemetery. Constable Dawson was killed in a motor cycle incident in 1931.

FQPM Merchandising

FQPM 10 Year Commemorative Challenge Coin

2017 marks the first decade of the operation of the FQPM (2007 – 2017) and commemorates 10 years of support to the Queensland Police Museum.

It was considered appropriate that a commemorative challenge coin be struck for the occasion and is represented by the FQPM badge on the obverse with the effigy of a police officer working a traffic point on the light blue over dark blue colours of the Queensland Police Service on the reverse. The pointsman was taken from a photograph taken in 1964 to commemorate 100 years of the QP. The image is that of Constable Richard Hausmann who resigned from the QP a short time later to run his family's farm, due to his father falling ill. The reverse design is reinforced with the words "Commemorating 10 years of Support to the Queensland Police Museum" with the dates "2007 – 2017".

This FQPM challenge coin is a limited edition and when they are all sold, will not be reproduced.

The cost of the coin is $12.00 and can be obtained from Melissa Kirkpatrick, the Queensland Police Museum or by contacting the Secretary FQPM. Contact details appear in this newsletter and the FQPM website at www.friendsqpmuseum.com.au.

FQPM Challenge Coin

The FQPM has produced a challenge coin which is available for general sale. The obverse of the coin displays the badge of the FQPM and the reverse the badge of the QPS (necessary QPS approval obtained). The coin is 43mm across and housed in a plastic container.

The challenge coin is available for sale now and will sell for $12.00 each. As usual, all proceeds will go towards the purchase of collectable items for the Queensland Police Museum.

Any early interest in purchasing one of these collectable coins can be directed to the FQPM website on secretary@friendsqpmuseum.com.au.

Orders can be placed for pick up at Queensland Police Headquarters with Melissa Kirkpatrick, Executive Assistant, Office of the Deputy Commissioner – Strategy, Policy and Performance Level 7, Police HQ, 200 Roma Street BRISBANE QLD 4000.

Ph.one: +61 7 3364 4464 Fax: +61 7 3364 4053
Email: Kirkpatrick.MelissaA@police.qld.gov.au

Stubby Coolers

This will be the last time these Coolers will be advertised as stocks are running low and this design will not be repeated.

The FQPM commemorative historic police station (set of 6) series of stubby coolers are available for purchase.

Set of 6 is now $24.00 per set (postage is $9.00 anywhere in Australia). The image of each police station extends around the entire cooler with the FQPM badge and website address placed in a prominent position.

The police stations that were selected are – Camooweal; Ewan; Jackson; Roma Street; Thornborough and Fortitude Valley.

FQPM Commemorative Stubby Coolers (set of 6)

Get in now! There is only a few sets left of these very collectable historic Stubby Coolers.

FQPM Polo Shirts

FQPM Polo Shirts are now available!

Should you have an interest in acquiring one of these casual dressy shirts please contact the FQPM Secretary so that you can select your size and colour of choice?

They come in a range of sizes, both male and female and a good choice of colours.

All polo shirts are priced at $40.00 each plus postage if required.

NEW FQPM QPS BADGE STUBBY COOLERS!

These stubby coolers depict the five (5) types of Queensland Police hat badge that have been issued since 1884.

$5 each

All proceeds from the sale of these items will assist the FQPM to preserve the Queensland Police history for future generations.

For further information concerning ordering arrangements for all stubby coolers and challenge coins, please refer to the FQPM website (Shop) at www.friendsqpmuseum.com.au, or:

Orders can also be placed by contacting Melissa Kirkpatrick on 3364 4464. Orders can be posted or picked up from Queensland Police Headquarters, 200 Roma Street, Brisbane 4000.

These stubby coolers and challenge coins are also available from the Queensland Police Museum office (CASH ONLY).

Membership

Membership to the FQPM assists the Association to continue with its goals of the advancement of the Queensland Police Museum, the acquisition and restoration of police heritage objects and the enhancement and effective sharing of knowledge concerning the history of policing in Queensland.

FQPM members are requested to encourage potential members to apply for membership.

The FQPM offer four levels of membership:

- Ordinary Membership: Annual subscription: $15.00 per year;
- Life Membership: $100.00 **(after 1 year as an ordinary member);**
- Corporate Membership: $50.00 annual subscription; and
- Junior Membership (under 18 years of age): $15.00 one out payment until they attain the age of 18 years.

Anomalies/corrections in the FQPM Website – www.friendsqpmuseum.com.au

The Secretary would appreciate any members who, during the course of scanning the FQPM website may detect any anomalies or incorrect information. Please pass this information on so that corrections can be made.

It's important that we ensure that our website is up to date and accurate.

www.friendsqpmuseum.com.au

Management Committee Meetings 2017

Wednesday 4 October 2017 0900 hr
1000 hr (AGM)
Wednesday 6 December 2017 1000 hr.

FQPM members are welcome to attend the Management Committee meetings as an observer. Should you desire to attend any of these meetings, you are requested to advise the Secretary so that an appropriate sized venue can be booked.

The meeting agenda will be forwarded to the FQPM Management Committee approximately ten (10) days prior to the meeting. Should you wish to contribute an agenda item or provide a submission, please forward to the Secretary by the Close of Business on the Monday prior to each meeting.

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