THE FRIENDS' GAZETTE

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FQPM President's Message

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The past year has been noted for a slow emergence from the effects of the Covid 19 period since early 2020. The arrival of the Christmas Season is in some way a reassurance that some normality is returning at last. Our support for the Queensland Police Museum is as strong as ever as we gradually pick up the threads of some unfinished business particularly in our Police Graves Project.

The finalisation of the Constable Robert Stewart Robertson ALEXANDER grave restoration in Maryborough was a great moment for the FQPM and the Alexander Family. The location and establishment of a grave monument for Constable Nathaniel ROBERTS on remote Connemara Station west of Jundah will be a priority in early 2023 despite the weather and location difficulties experienced over the last fifteen months.

Associated with this project is the placement of a plaque memorialising this officer at Windorah to acknowledge his service without having to visit this remote and difficult site of his resting place. We also acknowledge the assistance of the local police officers and the property owners in this endeavour.

I would like to acknowledge the fine work done by our committee members during the past year, also the support from the members of the QPS who enabled a year of achievement in our work to honour our people. It is my hope that Christmas will be a time for family and friends for all FQPM members. I look forward to your support again in the new year.

Bob Burns APM
President FQPM

CONSTABLE NATHANIEL ROBERTS – ALMOST LOST BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

The Friends of the Queensland Police Museum Inc (FQPM) is committed to locating and if necessary, marking the resting place of those officers who are listed on the Queensland Police Service Commemoration Roll as having died or been killed when performing their duty. Since 1864 some 148 officers have been listed including Constable Matthew Connolly who died in the five year period following separation from NSW in 1859 and before the Queensland Police Force was established.

Constable Nathaniel Roberts was born in Ireland c.1860. He emigrated to Queensland where he joined the Queensland Police Force and was sworn in on 1 December 1882. Not long after, he was transferred to the one officer station at Windorah.

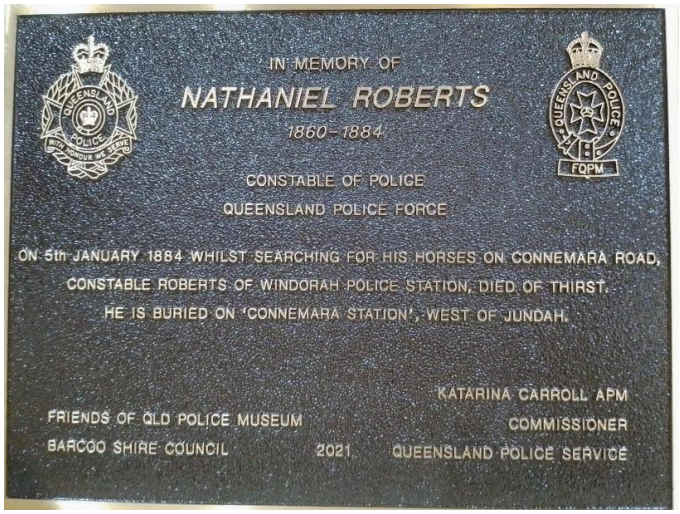
On the 26 October 1883, an aboriginal boy, Dickie, was murdered at Connemara Station, west of Jundah. Word was sent to Constable Roberts, at Windorah Police Station to travel to Connemara and locate Billy, a witness to the murder and bring him to the Court at Blackall. Constable Roberts died on the journey before reaching the Connemara homestead.

Constable Nathaniel Roberts's burial site has now been located in a difficult and remote part of Connemara Station. The FQPM has joined with Jundah Police Officer in Charge, Sergeant Glen Arrold and the family currently on Connemara Station to plan the construction of an appropriate grave with headstone on site and to pay honour to this courageous officer who perished in the middle of a hot western Queensland summer 139 years ago.

Although the plans and preparation for this work commenced about two years ago, much disruption has been caused by remoteness, being a difficult site and challenging weather that has made the site impassable during the recent wet season. The recent weather events have caused the plan for the construction of the grave to now be scheduled for early 2023. The FQPM has had a headstone of polished granite prepared and transported to Jundah in preparation for the work to commence on site.

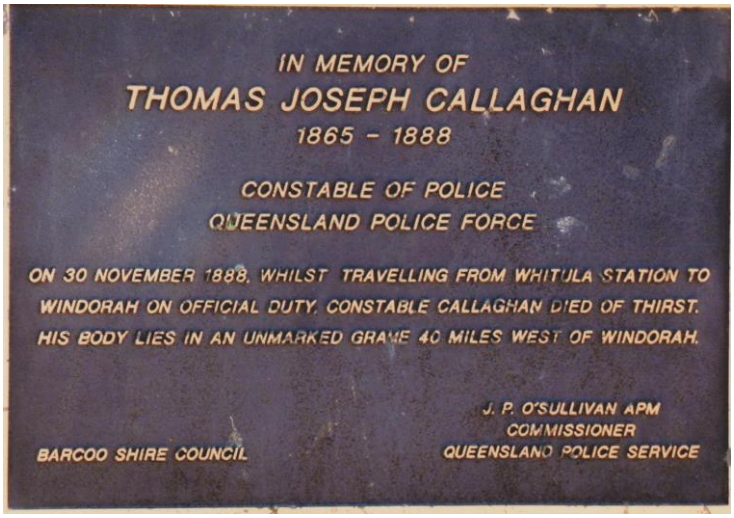
In Memory of
NATHANIEL ROBERTS
Constable Reg No 454
Queensland Police Force
Born Ireland c1860 – Died 5-1-1884

(Headstone details for Nathaniel Roberts' grave)



Nathaniel Roberts plaque

The remoteness and general inaccessibility of the site necessitated an additional local memorial plaque to be prepared. This plaque will be attached to a substantial memorial rock located in Windorah adjacent to



Thomas Joseph Callaghan plaque

the police station where Constable Roberts was stationed at the time of his death.

The memorial rock already has a memorial plaque attached relating to another officer from Windorah station who perished in the district in 1888. Constable Thomas Joseph Callaghan died in similar circumstances after becoming lost in the bush without water. He lies in an unmarked grave near Whitula Station west of Windorah.

The Callaghan memorial plaque was placed by Police Commissioner Jim O'Sullivan sometime during the 1990s.

Commemoration plaque for Constable Thomas Joseph Callaghan in Windorah township

Queeensland Police - Subjects of Historic Interest

The FQPM Management Committee are indeed grateful to former Assistant Commissioner and FQPM Life Member, Greg Early for access to a series of articles prepared by him and relating to both operational and administrative Queensland Police matters. Although these articles were written some time ago, this does not diminish the historic value and interest in the information.

What ever happened to the six-foot-high police officer?

No doubt readers of this article have seen the stature of some police officers in recent years and wondered how they ever got past the recruiting panel. Having been involved in trying to rectify the situation following the abandonment of what was termed 'height-weight-ratios', I feel qualified to speak on the matter. Some former Queensland police officers reading this article would have had to be at least five-foot-nine inches with that height being reduced to five-feet-seven or five-feet-eight inches about twenty-five years ago.

Soon after Noel Newnham became Commissioner in late 1989, the Assistant Commissioner who was the Director, Personnel, decided to do away with the height-to-weight ratio. What was done to prevent recruiting just anyone is not known, but certainly there were no agility or physical competency tests put in place to substitute for the height-weight-ratios. (I do not think we ever got as far as the antics that occur in the American 'Police Academy' movies but we had the potential for that to occur.)

I became Acting Director, Personnel, in December 1992, under the Jim O'Sullivan administration. Jim asked me to concentrate on a few things, some of which were to review our recruiting procedures, do something about our 'five-feet high freedom fighters', 'get out of bed' with our two universities and to endeavour to introduce a course similar to the old commssioned officers course (I was unsuccessful on the latter but succeeded on the other two.)

When I mentioned the possibility of agility tests for recruits like New South Wales had been running for some time, I was quickly told that I would never be able to introduce them here. That response increased my challenge.

With the assistance of Queensland Police Service Academy staff members, thirteen tests were devised. The Transport Section at Alderley made up the necessary free-standing equipment on, over, or through, which the tests would be completed. Two of the most controversial tests were a two metre high arc mesh fence and an opening in a make-believe wall with a simulated window. These thirteen tests were to become known as the 'Physical Competency Tests'. When combined with a lengthy run (I cannot recall the distance), they had to be completed in four minutes. The equipment was made up in such a manner that it could be transported to cater for country applicants.

Before making the tests compulsory for all potential recruits, a meeting was held with the Anti-Discrimination Commissioner, who, after lengthy submissions to her, indicated that she thought the Queensland Police Service (QPS) had a need for *positive* discrimination. This in effect gave the green light for us to proceed.

With the assistance of the QPS's Media Section, I put out a press release inviting the media to attend the launch of the tests at the academy. Several applicants were to be put through their paces. The media, however, did not appear but the tests were conducted anyway. I recall that the press release indicated that the tests were to simulate a back-yard chase which could face any police officer on his or her first shift.

Also I recall seeing several male and female applicants huffing and puffing during and after the ordeal. Some could not get over the fence or through the 'window', and I thought then, and still do, that if a potential police officer could not succeed with these two tests, he or she should go no further until his or her physical fitness improved.

Since their introduction, I would go so far as to say that the tests have caused as much or more controversy than any other thing introduced in my time. Some opponents were able to have the time increased for females and in recent times, steps have been provided for the fence and window. One could say that the former is discrimination and that begs the question—'Will householders provide steps for crooks and police officers to use in time of need?'

The Police Education and Advisory Council (PEAC), of which I was a member for several years, conducted an indepth study of recruiting procedures and particularly on the physical competency tests. Most of the work on this study was undertaken by two female officers of then-Criminal Justice Commission (CJC). I can distinctly recall being told by the Chairman of PEAC, former Judge Bill Carter, that it was not a matter of if, but when, a discrimination charge would be made against the QPS.

One of the recommendations of the study was that the tests should go and be replaced by a medical examination which would endeavour to ascertain an applicant's potential to undergo rigorous physical training. The tests were criticised for being discriminatory against females and persons with ethnic backgrounds. Another recommendation was that

recruits would have to be able to complete all of the physical competency tests prior to being inducted.

It can be quickly seen that the tests were the real thing rather than merely ascertaining potential. They had the effect of requiring potential police officers to be, or get fit, before they could enter the academy. In fact it was, and probably still is, encouraged that police officer applicants be able to go to the academy and practise the tests and in so doing, know when they were likely to pass as applicants.

I understand that the tests still remain and hopefully they will for evermore. If someone was to devise tests that could be shown to be more job-related, I would accept them. (As an aside, the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS) requires an applicant—male or female—to hold down a 'live' hose. If applicants succeed, then they continue. The Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) has a test whereby an applicant can be assisted to put a dummy onto a stretcher but then has to put the stretcher into an ambulance unassisted. Flight attendants have to be a certain height and to join the Australian Defence Force (ADF), a person also has to be a certain height. These are examples of job-related tests.)

I trust that my explanation will assist former police officers in realising what occurred and what was done to try and make up for the demise of the height-weight-ratio.

ADDENDUM: While this article was written some years ago, I was pleased to learn on 20 October 2010 that the Physical Competency Tests had been re-introduced for recruits prior to their induction into the last two intakes at the Queensland Police Academy. The Acting Manager of the Human Resource Development Branch, Acting Chief Superintendent Paul Lostroh, was heavily involved in this decision.

The Commissioned Officer's Cap Badges

I will relate how the badge was changed on two occasions. Former commissioned officers particularly will recall that for probably the whole of the twentieth century until about 1990 the badge had remained unchanged. Evidence of this is the photograph of each Commissioner in this period which hangs in the Executive Conference Room on the seventh floor of the QPS Headquarters.

It had been suggested that following the Commission of Inquiry, we needed a new motto to get away from the words, 'firmness with courtesy' but I have never been privy to why we needed a new badge. Whatever the reason was, Commissioner Noel Newnham in about 1990 championed a competition for a new motto and at the same time, the new badge was considered. The competition winner with the motto—*with honour we serve*— was announced as was the layout-design of a new badge.

As a serving member at the time, I anticipated that the badge would be for constables to senior sergeants—as had been the case for many years—with the commissioned officer's badge remaining untouched. A decision was made by someone or by a senior group to have one badge for all grades and ranks. This duly happened with most commissioned officers having to accept the change like many others and say little or nothing.

I knew that Jim O'Sullivan—as a Commander-Assistant Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner—was not happy about the change away from the traditional commissioned officer's badge. Soon after he took over as Commissioner in November 1992, this matter somehow got on the agenda and/or was raised at a Senior Executive Conference. At least two acting assistant commissioners were attending that Conference—Peter Freestone and myself—and after some discussion, a resolution to revert to the old badge was carried by one vote.

QPS Commissioned Officer's Cap/Badge

This was the first time under Commissioner O'Sullivan, that Acting Assistant Commissioners were permitted to attend the Senior Executive Conference. I know this full well because when I was Acting Assistant Commissioner of the North Coast Region for several months following the promotion to Deputy Commissioner of Jim O'Sullivan, I had to rely on a couple of people who attended the Senior Executive Conferences to provide me with information which I could relay to personnel in the North Coast Region.

My recollection is that the discussion at the conference about the badge did not extend to shoulder boards worn by commissioned officers on their uniform or mess kit. The words 'Queensland Police' had been omitted during the Newnham administration and those words had never appeared as part of the mess kit. (Members of the public would always have had difficulty in knowing what organisation a person wearing this kit was from, because of no clear identification being visible.)

The Commissioner, however, agreed that the words 'Queensland Police' should be restored to the shoulder boards of commissioned officers and included on the boards worn as part of the commissioned officer's mess kit. This was done and remains unchanged today. While the restoration of the badge was known to a few, the background to the placement of the words 'Queensland Police' on the shoulder boards as mentioned above probably was known only to Commissioner O'Sullivan, former Superintendent Ivan Fels and myself.

A little bit of trivia not widely known or previously published.

Free Travel on Brisbane Trains for Police Officers

Two recent incidents made me believe that few serving or former police officers, would know how this privilege came about. The incidents were to hear of an inspector changing into plain clothes and using his identity card to travel home free-of-charge and another police officer removing his name tag while enjoying this same privilege on trains.

Many have all heard of the power of former Premier, Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen and the power behind the Premier, Allen Callaghan, his Press Secretary. It was probably 1980 when Brisbane did not have the security officers and Railway Squad members riding its trains like today (very effectively I might add). My recollection is that there was much vandalism and unlawful conduct on Brisbane trains, so much so, that it was unwise for females in particular to travel on them at night.

I recall distinctly Allen Callaghan telephoning then-Commissioner, Terry Lewis and complaining about his son and another youth—possibly his brother or a friend—being assaulted on a train one weekend by a group of 'hoons'.

I also recall later being advised by the Commissioner that he had told Allen Callaghan that a quick fix to this problem would be to allow police officers—whether in uniform or plain clothes —to travel free-of-charge on the suburban train network. (Up to that time any police officer who travelled on a train had to pay his or her fare and there seemed to be few exceptions to this policy.)

It was soon after this telephone call—and probably the next day—that Cabinet decided to allow police officers this privilege, which still remains in place today. While most, if not all, police officers taking advantage of this privilege are not aware of its origin, it is hoped that there are not too many using it for other than the reasons intended by Cabinet.

The preceding three articles were provided by former Assistant Commissioner and FQPM Life Member Greg Early.

Hurtle "Roy" Shephard
1 November 1921 – 22 September 2022

The following account was recorded from an interview with Hurtle Roy Shephard, who at the time of interview was 89 years of age. He was known as Roy.

The conversation focused principally on Roy's war time experiences with the Australia Provost Corps (Military Police) both in New Guinea and in Australia.

Following his discharge from Australian Military Forces in 1946, Roy went back to South Australia and took up employment in the farming industry. In 1948 he and his wife moved to Queensland where he joined the Queensland Police Force.

He was sworn in on the 18 October 1948 serving at Roma Street Station and Hughenden. In 1952, Roy was appointed a plain clothes officer at the Rockhampton CIB followed by postings to Mackay CIB, Fortitude Valley and in 1965 Brisbane CIB (Detective Sergeant 2/c). In 1971, he was transferred to the City Station in uniform (Sergeant 1/c). In 1977, he was posted to Woolloongabba Station, on promotion to Senior Sergeant.

Roy retired from the Queensland Police Service on the 19 July 1980.

Following a lengthy retirement, passed away on Thursday the 22 September 2022 at Arcare at Caboolture. He was aged 100 years.

"I'll bet you're from South Australia!"

The grandly named Hurtle Roy Shephard was born on 1 November 1921. He lived and worked on his widowed mother's farm at Riverton South Australia (SA). He believed that his first Christian name is derived from that of an ex-Governor of SA and recalls that there is a Hurtle Street and Hurtle Square in Adelaide.

Contributor's Note: Sir James Hurtle Fisher (1790-1875) was actually the inaugural Mayor of Adelaide in 1840 and was first Residential Commissioner of South Australia under Governor Hindmarsh with whom he had many political and intellectual clashes.

At the age of almost 20 years in October 1941, Roy wanted to 'join up' but his mother had already had two sons 'taken' for service and who were serving in the AIF overseas and as a result of the enlistment regulations of the time he required her permission to join AIF. She was not very happy to give her consent, so Roy joined the 'Militia' as S54954 Pte Shephard and served from his home base in the 108th Anti-Tank Regiment. This fearsome unit only had two 'guns' which were made up of two car wheels each on an axle with a wooden 'gun' barrel and front piece. This was their anti-tank gun for training purposes.

He remained with this unit until he was 21 years of age and then no longer requiring his mother's consent, in early 1942 joined the AIF

and became SX32080 Pte Shephard of 108th Tank Attack Regiment in Adelaide. This unit had guns that fired three pound rounds and later upgraded to six pound round weapons. Roy recalls that "Those six pounders were a bloody good gun!"

His unit was then sent to a base near Geraldton in Western Australia as part of the 1st Armoured Division and the story got around within the unit that they were embarking for the Middle East conflict, however, Roy recalls "The war was changing over there in the Middle East and we started winning. They didn't want us anymore and we were sort of abandoned. The serious stuff was going on over here in New Guinea."

"Anybody want to be an MP?"

When the unit was 'abandoned' (as Roy calls it), they were stationed at a large camp up at Greta in New South Wales. The members didn't have any idea where they were going to be employed or what they would be doing, whether sent to infantry or wherever. Roy recalls, "Then one day some blokes turned up looking for men to join the Military Police. About ten of us from my old unit who were sick and tired of being pushed about from place to place for what seemed no reason, fronted up and paraded to join the MP's. All ten of us were picked and we were sent to the Provost Training Unit at Darley, near Bacchus Marsh in Victoria."

They went through a six-week course of about twenty men at Darley in the middle of 1943. During this course, there were serious bush fires in and around Bacchus Marsh. Again, Roy recalls, "We was lined up on parade and asked 'Do any of you jokers know anything about butchering?'. Some of us put our hand up and we got the job of collecting and stacking all the dead burned sheep from the bush fires." It seems that the method of obtaining volunteers hasn't changed much over the years.

When they 'passed out' from the course, the members were sent as 2nd Line of Command Provost Company and went on a troop train ending up at a camp just outside Charters Towers in North Queensland. They remained there a short time and then were sent by sea to Lae in New Guinea to reinforce the 9th Division Provost Company who had elements returning from the Middle East.

The unit then went on to Buna which had been the location of some serious fighting but had moved north at this time. The unit members were engaged in supervising and security of the loading docks at Buna. These were materials for the 18th Brigade who were still involved in the fighting. At this time, Roy and his colleagues

were armed with .38 Smith and Wesson revolvers and no other arms. They did not even carry batons.

The Aussie MP's had the old style BSA motor bikes and Willys' Jeeps during this time.

Another rather grim task for the MP's of Roy's unit, was to supervise and overview the exhumation of skeletal remains of US soldiers buried in a small cemetery, in preparation for return to America.

Although there were a large number of US soldiers at the Buna region at this time, Roy and his Aussie MP mates did not have anything to do with the US MP's, but he does recall that the vast majority of the US soldiers were Negroes. The only other task that was undertaken with the US MP's was to search for and eventually recover the body of a US MP who had apparently drowned in a tidal creek near Buna.

Roy recalls, "There was a 'picture night' put on every so often and there would be troops coming in from everywhere and that needed a bit of control. What with the traffic and getting them all home again afterwards. There were never any real troubles though."

Three or four months later, in 1944, Roy and his unit were sent back to Australia. Roy recalls the trip, "We were sent back on the USS *Lurline*. God! It was beautiful ship, we had ice creams and steak and the lot. We thought we were 'made' and we would have been happy to stay on board for the rest of the bloody war! It was marvelous! When we got back to Brisbane and we got off as the first load of Aussie War Brides were going on board to go to America".

Roy and his mates all got leave at this stage and he went back to Riverton to visit his mother on the farm. His mother's strong reaction to Roy's 'joining up' is a reflection of what her generation went through in the First World War where Roy's family lost many uncles, cousins and the like. On this occasion, Roy's eldest brother Harold was in North Africa with the 2/37th Infantry Battalion and his other older brother Norm was also in the 2/9 Infantry Battalion as a Sergeant in New Guinea. All three of the boys survived the war.

After a brief spell of leave of a few weeks, Roy was sent to Warwick in Queensland. He says, "We were in the School of Arts building and after the heat of New Guinea, Warwick was so bloody cold. We didn't take any clothes off at night, just laid on our palliasse in our greatcoats. I thought it was going to kill us it was so cold. We had only cold showers and it was awful. We didn't stay there long

before we were moved to Ipswich. Now that wasn't a bad posting. We were in Leggett's old tin garage near the old Winter Garden picture theatre just across the road. This was the military police office"

It was at Ipswich, close to Christmas in 1944 that Roy first came into real working contact with US MP's. "There was a lot of Yanks in the area and the Yank MP's were fond of using their big batons. I used to hate going out with them. They would go to a 'blue' and instead of going in and finding out what the problem was; they would go in with those bloody great batons and start hitting. They didn't give a 'bugger' who they hit. I didn't agree with that. There were a lot of troops close by and there were a lot of Yanks and Aussies in Ipswich on leave. There was always a lot of them."

Life was not all bad at Ipswich as Roy remembers, "I met this 'sheila' who was an usherette at the picture show and it was like home from home; she used to take me home to her place and give me meals and I had a fair time for a short while. Then General Morshead turns up asking where the 2/2 Line of Command Provost were. He wanted us up in Cairns. So that put us out of Ipswich."

The MPs were needed up in Cairns, as the troops were starting to come back to the large camps on the Atherton Tablelands. The 2 Division Provost Company, a militia unit in Cairns were having trouble controlling the large troop numbers. Roy sadly remembers, "There I was looking forward to Christmas in Ipswich and find myself on a troop train going to Cairns. It seems that the troops coming back were medal wearers and the 2 Division Provost Company being Militia didn't suit them and they couldn't handle them, so they sent us up there. I'll never forget going up there to Cairns. The place was all blacked out and there were no lights on of a night. We were in a Yank tent camp right in Sheridan Street. The troops would come down from the camps on the tablelands and that's when all the 'blues' started. There was fighting and carrying on every night. We had heaps of work every night. There was a Sergeant and two Corporals on street duty and the whole town was blacked out and you couldn't see anything until you got used to it. The pubs would be open but had blackout curtains on the doors and windows. We would patrol on foot and the 'divi' van which was blacked out with 'blackout slits' on its headlights would follow us with its wheels in the gutter. When we got into 'blues' and trouble we would quickly grab the soldiers and straight into the 'divi' van and away we'd go, before the crowd got too big and knew what was going on. It was the only way we could do it. It was tough up there, I can tell you. You could go to the pictures, but it was all

blacked out. It was bloody hot in there I can tell you. That was Cairns at Christmas and in the summer!"

Roy and his 2/2 Unit were to remain in Cairns for over twelve months. They were later relocated to a small hut in a park alongside a building that was owned by the electricity board. They worked twelve hour shifts whilst they were in Cairns.

Towards the end of 1945, as the troops were being moved out of the Atherton region and the war seemed to be in its final stages, Roy recalls his convoy escort duties, "I would be sitting on a Harley motor bike from 4am to 8pm at night. We moved a lot of troops out, 30 or 40 trucks in a packet at a time. I was stationed in Atherton and stayed at the show grounds in tents. I used to park the motor bike in one tent and slept in another. We used to refuel a lot and we would fill up at various refueling points. I got to know that road to Cairns pretty well. There was just a strip of bitumen down the middle, a different road to today, the other people used to get annoyed with us as they were always in a hurry to get somewhere and they had to sit behind the convoy. I was there for about six months."

Roy was in Atherton when the war was declared to be over, however, he recalls that there were several 'false starts' with rumours of the victory flowing several times which caused celebrations that had to be repeated several times. "They were dancing in the streets at Atherton and the war wasn't finished at all. We had several of these 'misfires'. I got the real message eventually and it was unbelievable. People dancing in the streets in huge numbers, it was unbelievable. It was really over. We had plenty of practices, didn't we?"

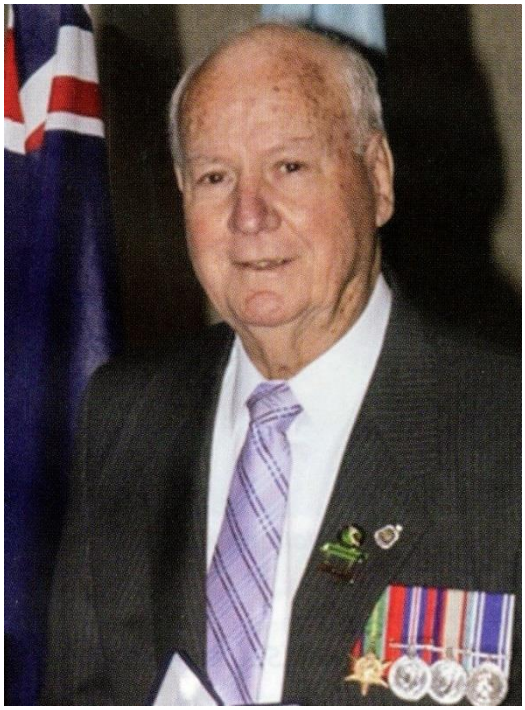
Late in 1945 and through to early 1946, the unit was moved to Kissing Point in Townsville. "This was just like a holiday by comparison to me. Just across the road from the swimming area that was shark meshed off. There were no Yanks there at this time. There was one load of prisoners of war came through that were being repatriated to Japan. We used to guard them for a couple of days. I wouldn't know how many there were but there were three or four huts full. We used to take them to the air base at Garbutt and handed them over. We didn't do anything further with them."

It is interesting to note that not all of Roy's colleagues we treated the same following their MP Course in Darley. Roy was not promoted to Corporal until he was in Buna and several of his mates remained in the unit but remained as privates. He recalls, "They

were told they were too small, but we kept them on as drivers through."

It was at Townsville that Roy got married. His wife was an 'air force girl' that he first met in Cairns at the dance hall some months previously. Norma was still a member of the air force medical team at Townsville. Roy had to get permission to get married from his CO and they had a week's honeymoon on Magnetic Island.

The fact that he was married had an effect on Roy's discharge procedure as the 'points system' that existed determined how and when the members received their discharge.



Hurtle Roy Shephard c2010

Roy was told that due to his marital status he would be 'high on the list' for discharge, but in the meantime he was sent to Brisbane and stationed at Kelvin Grove. There was still a large number of military personnel around and patrols were maintained. There was a strong deal of co-operation and mutual assistance between the MP's and the Queensland Police. Particularly at functions such as the speedway that took place at the 'Ekka' show grounds.

Roy remembers, "I was on foot patrol in Queen Street with a mate and we had these two WRAACS walking towards us. One of the sheilas said in a loud voice to her mate, "Can you smell something?" Indicating us, and she said it again, "Can you smell something?" I said to my offsider quietly, "Keep your mouth shut, I'll deal with this." I stopped the WRAAC with the mouth and said, "You know your trouble love is that your nose it too close to your bum."

Obviously, Roy had had a gutful of the years of derogatory comments about his chosen profession.

"Bloody hell, you should have heard her go off. She started to get really shirty, but I said, "You started it love!" and walked on."

On 17 May 1946 Roy was discharged in South Australia and together with his wife lived in Riverton on the farm. He 'played a

bit of football for Riverton and he went 'wheat lumping' (bagging wheat). He got a 'penny a bag' for hard graft. Roy worked it out that he "Got four pound three shillings and four pence for 1000 bags." "I thought, there has got to be a better job than this and an easier way to make a living and my wife talked me into coming back to Queensland and in 1948 I joined the Queensland Police Force.

Roy was posted to Hughenden and received certificates of commendation for his good work and eventually joined the CIB. It was an unusual charge which set Roy on good terms with his superiors. The charge was against a landowner for 'unlawful use of 112 head of sheep'. It appears that the sheep went through the fence; the landowner rounded them up, sheared them and kept the wool. The sheep eventually wandered back home and the owner got the shock of seeing his 'shorn sheep'. He called the police. Roy's investigation took him to the offender.

In 1952, he moved down to Rockhampton and had several postings within the Queensland Police until his retirement after thirty-two years in July 1980, as a respected Detective Senior Sergeant.

Roy finally recalls that he met a bloke some years later whilst serving as a police officer in Rockhampton who gave his name as Hurtle Scott. Roy says, "I'll bet you're from South Australia", the bloke says, "Well how would you know that?" and Roy replied, "Well I've got the same name and I know you must come from South Australia with a name like Hurtle."

FQPM Annual General Meeting 5 October 2022

This year's FQPM Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held in the Queensland Police Museum Seminar Room on Wednesday 5 October 2022.

The election of officers was conducted and the following financial members were appointed unopposed to the Management Committee:

President	Bob Burns
Vice President	Geoff Sheldon
Treasurer	Wayne Coyne
Secretary	Ian Townsley
Committee Members	Kevin Darch
	Robert Cochrane (Website Administrator)
	John McCormack
	Rob McCall
	Gerry Stevens

Additionally, the following appointments were accepted and extended during 2022:

Honorary Auditor	Wayne Osborne
Website IT Consultant	Open Web Design (Karen Lily)

FQPM Merchandising

FQPM challenge coin

The FQPM has produced a standard 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 $15.00 each. As usual, all proceeds will go towards the purchase of collectable items for the Queensland Police Museum.

The obverse of FQPM challenge coins and reverse of the standard coin

FQPM 'Women in Policing' challenge coin

Additionally, the FQPM has developed a challenge coin commemorating 'Women in Policing' in the Queensland Police. The dimensions are the same as the standard challenge coin. The obverse image is that of the FQPM badge and the reverse is a female officer working a traffic point.

The price is $15.00 and can be obtained under the same arrangements as the other FQPM merchandise.

Reverse of Women in Policing challenge coin

See below for ordering details for all FQPM products.

Note:

A member discount on challenge coins applies for members of the FQPM. Contact the FQPM Secretary or Melissa Kirkpatrick for details. For contact numbers see page 15.

Forensic Crash Unit - 50 Year challenge coin

The limited edition Forensic Crash Unit challenge coins is 42mm across and beautifully finished in silver cupro nickel. The coin comes in a clear protective cover. The obverse depicts the badge of the FQPM which is based on the Queensland Police helmet badge in use from 1906 – 1960. The reverse side depicts a silver raised 3D image of an Accident Investigation Squad vehicle from the 1980s and two investigators.

Details on how to order or obtain one of these desirable challenge coins can be found at the end of the merchandising section of this newsletter.

Commemorating Horses in Policing from 1864

This challenge coin commemorates and celebrates the value of the horse in policing from 1964 to the present.

The obverse of the coin shows the badges and motto of the Friends of the Queensland Police Museum and the reverse an image of a mounted trooper.

QPM 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 your 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.

$7 each

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

FQPM merchandise and a range of other Queensland Police Service memorabilia can be purchased directly from the QSHOP which is conveniently located next to the Queensland Police Museum on the ground floor of QPS Headquarters, 200 Roma Street, Brisbane.

QShop is open to the public each Wednesday and Thursday from 10 am – 2 pm.

QShop can be contacted at hello@qphra.com

Or alternatively

Orders for all FQPM merchandise can also be placed by contacting Melissa Kirkpatrick. Orders can be posted or picked up from Queensland Police Headquarters, 200 Roma Street, Brisbane 4000. Ph. +61 7 3364 3042. Email: Kirkpatrick.MelissaA@police.qld.gov.au

Any queries regarding FQPM merchandise can be made to secretary@friendsqpmuseum.com.au

FQPM Members – when purchasing FQPM merchandising, please ask for your "Member's discount"!

Membership

Membership to the FQPM assists the Association to continue with its goals in 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.

New Members

The President and Management Committee extend congratulations and welcome to the following new FQPM members:

194 Margaret Williams – Buderim
195 Peter Coyle – The Gap

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR!

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

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

Camp Canzonettes (1891); and
Blood Stains (1919). (This publication is mentioned in the

entry for F C Urquhart in the Australian Dictionary of Biography).

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

For Information:

The Curator, QPM has advised that Frederick Urquhart's 'Camp Canzonettes' is now available online via the State Library Queensland website (File Size = 51.4MB)

http://onesearch.slq.qld.gov.au/primo-explore/fulldisplay?docid=slq_alma21235181990002061&context=L&vid=SLQ&search_scope=SLQ&tab=slq&lang=en_US

Newsletter (Gazette) Articles

We endeavour to keep the Newsletter (the Friends' Gazette) interesting and relevant to our members and in doing so, we require (preferably) unpublished short stories, articles relating to former QP officers or staff members, incident or events of historical police significance.

Should you feel that you could contribute, please contact the Secretary FQPM.

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 by the FQPM Website Administrator.

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

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FQPM Management Committee Meetings 2023

The FQPM Management Committee meets every two months on a Wednesday, commencing with the first Wednesday in February of each year. The meeting place for all meetings, unless advised differently, is held in the Seminar Room of the Queensland Police Museum.

The FQPM meeting dates for next year (2023) are as follows:

Wednesday 1000 hours 1 February 2023
Wednesday 1000 hours 5 April 2023
Wednesday 1000 hours 7 June 2023
Wednesday 1000 hours 2 August 2023
Wednesday 0900 hours 4 October 2023
Wednesday 1100 hours 4 October 2023 (AGM)
Wednesday 1000 hours 7 December 2023.

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