TIME LINE

Lest We Forget

Photo of the Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial.

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From the Editor's Desk

Dear Members, Judy Spencer, our librarian has been working all year on our acquisitions. Judy has done a wonderful job and has written a detailed report for this journal. She has prepared a list of the updated categories as well, see pages 10 and 11.

The Royal Australian Air Force, is celebrating their Centenary, 1921-2021 and this issue has one article honouring Thomas Henry Keen, R.A.A.F. Number 9351 and all those who served in the R.A.A.F.

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We are open at our usual times. If there is anything we can help you with please contact us.

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Lest We Forget
Thomas Henry KEEN, RAAF, No. 9351
and his fellow crew members of Catalina flying boat A24-9

Thomas Henry KEEN was born in Townsville in 1915 but was living in Gladstone when he enlisted in the RAAF in 1940. In Jan 1942, he was serving on Royal Australian Air Force Catalina Number A24-9. These were flying boats. They were lightly armed with vintage World War I Lewis guns, they had no fighter protection and were at the mercy of the agile Japanese Zeros.

The captain was U.S. Navy pilot Lt. George Leland HUTCHISON. They were operating from Port Moresby, New Guinea and Catalina A24-9 was brought down by Zeros near Lae about noon on 21 January, 1942. Their skipper, had managed to obtain nine parachutes for this trip. Previous missions had not carried any parachutes. Only one man survived, thanks to his parachute, Thomas Henry KEEN.

The crew was LAC MEADOW, the wireless operator, on the bow gun, Lt. HUTCHISON at the controls. LAC DOWNES and Sgt. COOTE on the radio, MURPHY up in the engineer's seat under the fuel tanks, LAC CRAIGIE on the twin guns portside and Pilot Officer Tommy ROWE, the second pilot, between the Perspex blisters to act as fire-controller. Cpl. Tom KEEN was with the twin Lewis guns on the starboard side and newly arrived Sgt. Jack WYCHE on the single gun in the rear tunnel compartment.

That day their mission was to deliver radio gear to Salamaua on the north coast of New Guinea. They took off at 0735 hours and at about midday the klaxon horn blew "action stations" .The wireless operator hurried through and reported, "We've been recalled to base, the Japanese are attacking Lae and Bulolo so we're getting out of danger."

While they were retracing their course along the coastline only this time closer inshore. The intercom announced: "Thirteen or more enemy aircraft on the port bow about five miles." Soon all hell broke loose as explosions burst very close. Flames and smoke were everywhere and it was impossible to see overhead. The plane was alight with a third of it's wing gone.

The Captain told Tom on the intercom that everyone up front was dead and Tom told him, everyone else in the rear was also dead. Tom then realised everyone else was dead when the Captain's voice cut off after another clatter of bullets and the plane went into a steep dive. They were about 4000 feet above the coastal range. Tom saw the parachute and harness jammed between the seat and hull where he'd stowed it earlier. He slammed it on.

Tom was leaning out of the hatch when he was suddenly sucked through and the parachute pack tore loose from the harness as he fell. He panicked when he thought the chute was gone, then he saw it above him still in its envelope. The webbing straps had been ripped out of their press clipped tabs and the parachute was streaming above him.

Tom climbed up the straps hand over hand until he got his chin over the pack, then he grabbed the ripcord and pulled. It was a fall of some 1,500 feet before there was a flash of white silk and the chute finally opened. Looking down he saw Catalina A24-9 in flames, with the engines still at full throttle, smash at a steep angle into the mountains below. It was followed by a sudden blast and updraft which tore at his body and skin.

Several of the Zeros were circling above with the leader diving directly at him. Tom pretended to be dead and the zeros roared past not firing. Tom noticed a hole in the canopy below him and aimed for it, he ended up hanging about 15 feet above the ground. He turned the release lever and dropped out of the harness, hit the soft ground with a thump and rolled down a slope until he collided with a small tree trunk.

Tom realised his shirt and revolver had been left back in the Catalina. His boots were gone, probably lost in the jump. He tried to head to the wreckage but the slopes were too steep. He then decided to follow the gully down, hoping that it would eventually reach the sea. The ground flattened out and Tom crossed a small swamp at high speed to avoid crocodiles. He also had to crawl through pig tunnels, which ran through the thick undergrowth in order to get through it.

Tom climbed trees to study the lie of the land and eventually, he reached the coast. He had a swim in the beautiful cool sea and washed off the caked mud and blood, and discovered his wrist watch was still functioning and reading 1420 hours.

The area wasn't yet occupied by the enemy so Tom hoped to find a coastal village as soon as possible. He made for a rocky headland where he'd seen two small figures moving off in the distance. He was constantly thirsty as here there were only small salt water creeks.

A heavy passing shower helped and he found he could suck drops of moisture off the wet leaves.

Suddenly the path became a little village but it was as quiet as a tomb. People shyly emerged from hiding and Tom managed to explain in rough Pidgin English how he had arrived there. They understood and indicated that they had seen the battle overhead and seen the "umbrella" descend with the man attached. One of the villagers had once been given basic medical training and tended Tom's wounds.

The people promised to help the injured airman and assisted him from village to village. As the sun set they came towards a huge white man in a pith helmet, khaki shorts and shirt. It was a Mr. Lehner, the German Lutheran 'missionary' at Hopoi. He put his arms around Tom and hugged him like a hurt child.

Lehner had seen the whole action from his house and told Tom that seventeen fighters had been involved. Later, from his verandah. he pointed to a thin column of smoke about five miles away in a direct line. It was drifting up from the last resting place of Catalina A24-9.

The kindly old missionary saw that the Australian was bathed, fed and placed in a comfortable bed. Several times during the night Tom awoke screaming about flames and each time his host was beside him to reassure the airman through to the dawn.

The day after the escape Tom went down the coast by canoe to Malahang. He went by a battered Chevrolet utility to Lae where he saw the havoc and destruction wreaked by the same Japanese fighters he had encountered. He fled inland with a group of civilians, government officers and businessmen from Lae. They all feared eminent invasion after the air raid. After a week of walking with them he was evacuated from a place called Nadzab. The rescue aircraft was a tiny Fox Moth and the flight back between steep and towering mountains was one never to be forgotten. They went first via Wau and Bulolo, which had also seen a Japanese raid. After ten days absence he arrived back in Port Moresby by sleek Lockheed 14.

Tom Keen survived the war and was discharged medically unfit in May 1945. Bad health had plagued him through the years, mainly spinal problems, and he retired in 1976 on a war disability pension. Tom lived in Gladstone Qld, with the majority of his working life, some twenty years, as a wharf superintendent with Dalgety. Tom was a major contributor to this story in 1984 and much of its graphic detail still remained vivid in his memory.

Thomas died, aged 70 years on 5 Nov 1985 and was buried in the Old Gladstone Cemetery. His father, Samuel James KEEN died 23 Sep 1943 aged 54 years and his mother Florence Ann KEEN (nee DOWLING) died 1 Apr 1976 aged 85 years. They are also buried in the Old Gladstone Cemetery.

The crash site of Catalina A24-9 was visited shortly after it came down by Captain ORMSBY of ANGAU (Australia New Guinea Administrative Unit). Although broken in two by the impact, the rear section was still relatively intact. Villagers buried the three bodies they found, marking the positions with tin hats and live bombs!

In May of 1944 the remains were recovered and now permanently rest at the Lae War Cemetery in New Guinea.

Name	Rank	Number	D of D	Age	Service	Grave	Memorial
COOTE, Douglas Charles,	Sergeant,	407763	21/01/1942,	29	RAAF	D. D. 5.	Lae War Cemetery
CRAIGIE, John Edward Bruce	Leading Aircraftman	22050	21/01/1942,	29	RAAF	Panel 7	Lae Memorial
DOWNES, Alan	Leading Aircraftman	16809	21/01/1942,	27	RAAF	Panel 7	Lae Memorial
MEADOW, Arthur Drohen	Leading Aircraftman	9034	21/01/1942,	21	RAAF	Panel 7	Lae Memorial
MURPHY, Kenneth Laurence	Aircraftman 1st Class	15165	**21/01/1942,**	20	RAAF	D. D. 1.	Lae War Cemetery
ROWE, Thomas Nicoll	Flying Officer	400293	**21/01/1942,**	22	RAAF	D. D. 4.	Lae War Cemetery
WYCHE, Jack Raymond	Corporal	12217	21/01/1942,	24	RAAF	Panel 7	Lae Memorial
HUTCHINSON, George Leland	Lieutenant				US Navy	Site 139	Section B, Golden Gate National Cemetery

Catalina A24-9 had the dubious honour of being the first Catalina and allied reconnaissance aircraft to be shot down in the New Guinea area during World War II and Tom was the sole survivor. A copy of the full article is available in our library.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission http://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead.aspx

USA records http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/index.html

Abridged, from 'The Sole Survivor' by Robert Kendall Piper, RAAF Wings Magazine Summer 1984, by the editor, Yvonne Cooper. Email: yvonne.coper@live.com.au

Abbreviations used in the First World War medal index cards

These are available from https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

These abbreviations are taken from The Collector and Researcher's Guide to the Great War
by Howard Williamson, with kind permission of the author.

You can download the entire list **abbreviations-in-world-war-one-medal-index-cards-unit.pdf**

Information transcribed from the medal index cards includes every unit or corps listed on an individual's card. On the card this may be given in an abbreviated form, but there may be a number of different abbreviations for the same unit. To make it easier to search, we have expanded these abbreviations to their full form. The following list gives the abbreviation and full unit name as well as country.

This is a list of <u>some</u> of the Australian Units

Abbreviations	Unit	Country
A & N.Z. SIG. SQUN. AIF	Australia & New Zealand Signal Squadron AIF	AUS
A. EMP. COY. A.I.F.	Army Employment Company	AUS
A. PROV. C.A.I.F.	Army Provost Corps AIF	AUS
A.A.H.A.I.F.	Australian Auxiliary Hospital AIF	AUS
A.A.N.S.	Australian Army Nursing Service	AUS
A.C. SECT. A.I.F.	Armoured Car Section A.I.F.	AUS
A.D.H.	Australian Dermatalogical Hospital	AUS
A.F.A.A.I.F.	Australian Field Artillery AIF	AUS
A.F.C.	Australian Flying Corps	AUS
A.G'S OFFICE M.E.F.	Adjutants Generals Office M.E.F.	AUS
A.G.H.A.I.F.	Australian General Hospital AIF	AUS
A.I.F.	Australian Imperial Force	AUS
A.L. RY. A.I.F.	Australian Light Railway AIF	AUS
A.M.C.A.I.F.	Army Medical Corps AIF	AUS
A.M.T.S.A.I.F.	Australian Mechanical Transport Service AIF	AUS
A.N. & M. E. F.	Australian Naval & Military Expeditionary Force	AUS
A.O.C.A.I.F.	Army Ordnance Corps AIF	AUS
R.A.N.B.T.	Royal Australian Naval Bridging Train	AUS
A.R.C.S.	Australian Red Cross Society	AUS
A.R.U.A.I.F.	Australian Remount Unit	AUS
A.S.C.A.I.F.	Army Service Corps AIF	AUS
A.S.H.A.I.F.	Australian Stationary Hospital AIF	AUS
A.T.C. ENG. A.I.F.	Army Tunnelling Engineers AIF	AUS
A.V.E.S.A.I.F.	Australian Veterinary Evacuating Station AIF	AUS
A.V.H.A.I.F.	Australian Veterinary Hospital AIF	AUS
AUS. VOL. HOSP	Australian Volunteer Hospital	AUS
B.G. RYS. A.I.F.	Broad Gauge Railway AIF	AUS
B.G.R.O.C.A.I.F.	Broad Gauge Railway Operating Company AIF	AUS
BN A.I.F.	Battalion (Infantry) AIF	AUS
C.C.S.A.I.F.	Casualty Clearing Station AIF	AUS
C.T. COY. A.I.F.	Camel Transport Company AIF	AUS
CML. CPS. A.I.F.	Camel Corps A.I.F.	AUS
CON. DEP. A.I.F.	Convalescent Depot AIF	AUS
CUSTOMS DEPT. M.E.F.	Customs Department Mediterranean Expeditionary Force	AUS
CYC.BN. A.I.F.	Cyclist Battalion A.I.F.	AUS
CYC. COY. A.I.F.	Cyclist Company AIF	AUS

https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/british-army-medal-index-cards-1914-1920/

The 1st Royal Australian Naval Bridging Train
R.A.N.B.T.

https://www.navy.gov.au/history/feature-histories/1st-royal-australian-naval-bridging-train

Recently, a friend who I had worked with in Gladstone in the 1980's, told me about his grandfather and his great Uncle who served together in the last Australian unit to leave Gallipoli and they were <u>sailors</u>.

The 1st Royal Australian Naval Bridging Train (1st RANBT) was formed in Melbourne on 28 February 1915 and was intended to be a horse drawn engineering unit attached to the Royal Naval Division (RND), then serving as infantry on the Western Front. The term 'train', in its title, was a direct reference to the horse drawn wagons that would, in theory, form and move 'in train' to carry the unit's heavy lumber, building materials and engineering equipment to the front.

The unit was manned by members of the Royal Australian Naval Reserve for whom there were no available billets in seagoing RAN ships. Many of the sailors serving in the 1st RANBT were rated 'drivers', and again, this refers to wagon drivers as opposed to motor vehicle drivers. Other seamen were rated as 'artificers' or 'sappers', the latter being a military term traditionally used to describe army engineers.

Three hundred naval reservists, including 50 men who had recently served in New Guinea, were selected for the 1st RANBT and they began their training in horsemanship, engineering and pontoon bridging at the Domain in Melbourne.

Due to the nature of their work ashore, the men of the 1st RANBT were dressed in the khaki uniform worn by soldiers of the Australian Imperial Force (AIF). Special badges were adopted to distinguish them as a naval unit which included oxidised brass anchors that were worn on the hats, caps, sleeves and collars of ratings' tunics.

On 4 June 1915 the 1st RANBT sailed from Melbourne in the troopship *Port Macquarie* bound for active service. In July 1915 they arrived on Mudros, on the Greek island of Lemnos and learned that they were to provide engineering support in connection with the British landings at Suvla Bay to the north of Anzac Cove on the Gallipoli Peninsula. During that time they were to be under British command and control. From Mudros the 1st RANBT transferred to the Greek Island of Imbros which was used as a staging area for the landings at Suvla Bay.

The 1st RANBT set up its camp at what became known as Kangaroo Beach. It was responsible for a wide variety of tasks including: building and maintaining wharves and piers, unloading stores from lighters, controlling the supply of fresh water to front line troops, stock-piling engineering equipment, building a light railway for stores movements and carrying out repairs in an open-air workshop.

These activities took place under frequent enemy artillery fire and occasional air raids which, during their five months at Suvla Bay, killed two and wounded over 30 of its number. Two more men succumbed to disease and many others became sick or were injured in the course of their duties. Despite the regular arrival of reinforcements from Australia the unit was always under strength due to illness or casualties.

In December 1915 the decision to abandon the Gallipoli Peninsula was made and Allied troops were soon being evacuated from the beaches under the cover of darkness. The operation required the wharves to be in constant use and the men of the 1st RANBT were kept busy repairing damage caused by enemy artillery, the elements, normal use and through accident.

The bulk of the men of the 1st RANBT were evacuated from Suvla Bay on the nights of 16 and 17 December 1915, but a small group of 50, under the command of Sub Lieutenant Charles William Hicks, remained behind at Lala Baba Beach, in the southern part of Suvla Bay, to maintain the wharf over which the British rearguard would leave from. These men were kept busy maintaining the wharf, often damaged by shell fire, and were not evacuated until 04:30 on the morning of 20 December 1915;

thus the sailors of the 1st RANBT became the last Australian's to leave the Gallipoli Peninsula. The last AIF troops having left Anzac Cove at 04:10 the same day.

The Australian War Memorial lists the details of 268 men in this unit.

Two of them were brothers, who enlisted at the same time, my friend's grandfather, **Sidney Easton Percy No.231** and his great Uncle, **David Easton Percy No.230**. They both returned to Australia in 1917. Sidney was living in Gladstone, Queensland in 1934 and 1936 and he was a "Scenic Artist".

Eight of the 1st RANBT's number died while serving overseas on active service .

Rank	Name	Fate	Date
Lieutenant	Thomas Addis-Black	DOD	07 Apr 1916
Chief Petty Officer	Edward Perkins	KIA	06 Sep 1915
Petty Officer	Phillip Le Sueur	DOD	16 Aug 1915
Able Seaman	Robert Armstrong	Drowned	01 Jan 1917
Able Seaman	John Barry	DOD	07 Aug 1916
Able Seaman	Keith Jarvis	DOD	30 Dec 1916
Able Seaman	Thomas McDonnell	DOD	27 Aug 1915
Able Seaman	Charles Schenke	DOW	08 Sep 1915

Most of this information has come from the excellent Australian Navy webpage. See link below where there is even more details.
Submitted by Yvonne Cooper, Journal Editor.

https://www.navy.gov.au/history/feature-histories/1st-royal-australian-naval-bridging-train

M.U.I.O.O.F. District Meeting – Longreach 1934

[Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows]

M.U.I.O.O.F. District Meeting–Longreach, 1934

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<u>**This photograph is from Shaneen Carter – McAuliffe.**</u> **It is a photo from the M.U.I.O.O.F. Annual General Meeting of all the Central Queensland Grandmasters, in 1934 in Longreach. These meetings were held in a different town each year.**

Her grandfather, Bro. Oswald Stanley Carter, was the Grand Master of M.U.I.O.O.F. in Wowan 1934.

Shaneen's father, Hilton Carter, was well known in Gladstone.

<u>Library Report</u>

For most of this year I have been sorting all of our Library's physical resources into what I think will make looking for information on a particular place, event or person a lot easier.

Our holding is categorised into alphabetical order, A – England, B Ireland, C Europe etc., and items receive an accession number in order of acquisition.

I have worked my way through our entire holding and found many items accessioned into the wrong category, this has now been rectified.

Books were placed onto the shelves in their category and in numerical acquisition.

On occasions when more volumes of a series were produced at a later date, these new books were not housed with their mates but in numerical order.

In the main, acquisition numbers have remained the same but in the case of sets or series have given them all the same acquisition number as volume one and numbered them individually e.g. (i),(ii),(iii) etc.

Another change I made was to combine Categories H- General Research, I – Research Aids, and J- Research Agents into H – General Research. We had a double up of some items and these had been placed into two categories. There was so much overlap of information in all these resources it seemed more practical to just have the one category.

In each category I have broken it down into areas or topics and placed on the shelf accordingly. There are markers at the start of each section which should help library users find their area of research and hopefully, are returned to the correct position.

On the top shelf above each category section is an information list of the breakdown topics held in that category. This should further assist in finding a particular item.

I have attached a complete list of the break - down of each category for your information.

Some of our books are in need of repairs and new coverings. If any members have some spare time it would be great to have some assistance. A stock take needs to done as well so some assistance from members for this would be appreciated.

We have received quite a number of donations to our library over the last few months covering all sections for which we are very grateful

We have just received all the family and local history research from our past member Ruth Crosson who sadly lost her fight for life on 1st December 2019. There is a huge amount of information and I have started sorting, but it is going to take a considerable amount of time to complete.

Thanks to Paulette Flint for the recent donation of maps.

A list of the updated Library Categories appears on page 11 of this journal.

Judy Spencer

Librarian

Updated Library Categories

A	**England and Wales**	**K**	**Australia**	**M1**	**NSW General**	**U**	**Local**
A1	England General	K1	Australian History	M2	Sydney District	U1	General
A2	London Middlesex	K2	Australian People	M3	Newcastle District	U2	Gladstone District
A3	Southern England	K3	Military	M4	Blue Mountains & west	U3	Calliope District
A4	Midlands	K4	Mining	M5	Southern NSW	U4	Miriam Vale/ Agnes District
A5	Northern England	K5	Family Histories	M6	Northern NSW	U5	Mt Larcom/ Yarwun
A6	Wales	K6	Pacific Islands	M7	Western NSW	U6	Tannum/Boyne Island
				M8	People	U7	Boyne Valley
B	**Ireland**	**L**	**Queensland**			U8	Monto District
B1	All Ireland	L1	General	**N**	**Other States**	U9	Harbour & Islands
B2	Northern Ireland	L2	Brisbane Ipswich Gold Coast	N1	Victoria	U10	Schools
B3	Republic	**L3**	**Southern**	N2	South Australia	U11	People/ Electoral Rolls
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C	**Europe**	L3b	North Burnett	N4	West Australia	UX13	Cemeteries
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C3	Scandinavia	L3e	Sunshine Coast			**V**	**Maps**
C4	Netherlands	**L4**	**Central**	**P**	**Family Histories/ Celebrations**	V1	Australia
		L4a	Rockhampton District	P1	General Family Histories	V2	Overseas
D	**Scotland**	L4b	Capricorn Coast	P2	Individual Family Histories	V3	Military
D1	Scotland General	L4c	Mt Morgan Gracemere Bajool	P3	Celebrations Reunions		
D2	Edinburgh region	L4d	Callide Valley			**W**	**Asia**
D3	Southern Lowlands	L4e	Central Western	**R**	**Shipping Migration**	W1	Asia General
D4	Highlands	**L5**	**Northern**	R1	General Research		
		L5a	Cairns District	R2	Immigration	**X**	**Cemeteries**
E	**South America General**	L5b	Townsville District	R3	Shipping General	X1	Queensland
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		L5e	Far North West	**S**	**Members Interest**		
H	**General Research**	**L6**	**South West**	**T**	**Convicts**	**Z**	**New Zealand**
H1	General Research	L6a	Toowoomba Darling Downs			Z1	General
H2	QLD Research	L6b	South-west Corner			Z2	North Island
H3	Australian Research	L7	Mining			Z3	South Island
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Dan Dan Provisional School

This school was on Tableland Road, on the way to Kroombit Tops, 31 km from Calliope

This small bush school only operated for a short time to accommodate the growing number of children of the local area property owners. The school was erected on land donated to the Education Department by Edward Streeter. The school stood about one mile from the Fairy Springs homestead and around a mile in the other direction from the property "Palmvale" owned by the Walker family. This list of enrollments to the school from 1920 to 1931 was found in Ruth Crosson's (Bennedick) research. When the school closed the Mackay family moved the building to their property "Callemondah".

Submitted by Judy Spencer.

Enrolled	Surname	Given Names	age	DOB	Father	Mother	Rel
24/01/1921	Barrett	Jessie Viviane	12y10m	28/03/1908	Percy John	Eliza Jane Keitley	Pres
"	Barrett	Percy Frank	11y5m	17/08/1909		Grazier Tablelands	
25/07/1922	Bennedick	Elsie Isabella	10y8m	11/11/1911	Joseph	Emma Featherston Lee	EC
17/11/1924	Bennedick	Clarice Dulcie	8y	14/03/1917		Employee" Galloway	
"	Bennedick	Ernest William	5y11m	19/12/2018		Plains Calliope	
26/08/1931	Bennedick	Gordon Clarence	10y	2/09/1920			
25/09/1922	Cameron	Clara Margaret Jean	6y5m	26/04/1916	Archibald Donald	Gladys Jean McGuil Grazier "Abbotsford"	EC
6/02/1928	Cameron	Ewan Archibald Donald	6y5m	14/08/1921		"Braeside"	Pres
27/01/1925	Chapman	Dorothy May	6y9m	13/04/1918	William Charles	Amelia Ida Dahtler	EC
"	Chapman	Robert John	5y4m	24/10/1919		Selector "Bindawalla"	
3/09/1928	Chapman	Gladys Muriel	5y9m				
9/08/1929	Chapman	William Charles	5y5m				
11/05/1925	Draper	Minnie de Main	7y		Alfred	Motor Mechanic	EC
14/01/1921	Farmer	Sydney	10y6m		Edward	Labourer Tableland	EC
9/04/1930	Hickson	Keith Lionel	6y11m		Francis Mark	Grazier "Greenhills"	
22/05/1922	Jackson	Katherine Rose	13y11m	28/06/1908	Joseph	Mary Jane Bennedick Stockman "Fairview"	EC
6/03/1922	Lee	Florence Gladys	14y	6/03/1908	Joseph	Janet Rebecca Streeter	EC
7/03/1922	Lee	Mary Enid	5y4m	19/11/1916		Dairyman Littlemore	
17/08/1922	McFarlane	William Claude	7y6m		William	Labourer Calliope	EC
4/10/1920	Mylne	Dorothea Philomena	5y9m		James Fleming	Elizabeth Mary Baker Selector "Riverdale"	RC
"	Mylne	Leslie Martin	10y3m				
6/11/1922	Mylne	Eleanor May	5y1m	8/10/1917			
15/10/1928	Mylne	Dorothy May	7y	28/10/1921	Arthur Vincent	Elizabeth Dahtler Labourer	RC
4/10/1920	Robertson	Nellie	12y3m		William	Mary Cain	Pres
"	Robertson	Flora	16y2m			Farmer "The Glen"	
"	Robertson	Hilda	13y11m				
"	Robertson	Isabell	10y7m				
"	Robertson	Edith	8y4m				
"	Robertson	Hazel Ena	6y7m				
21/02/1927	Robertson	Doreen Eva	6y11m	24/03/1920			
16/04/1930	Robinson	Joan Ethel Frances	11y3m	18/03/1919	Hadrow Marner	Ethel Blackman Manager	
4/10/1920	Streeter	Mary Ellen	5y2m		Edward Duncan	Rose Anna Bennedick	EC
"	Streeter	Phobe Rose	13y4m	16/05/1907		Grazier "Fairy Springs"	
11/10/1920	Streeter	Vera Beatrice	8y10m	5/12/2011			
"	Streeter	Lorna Ruby	5y8m	10/02/1915			
31/07/1922	Streeter	Daisy Isobel	5y3m	3/05/1917			
6/02/1928	Streeter	Iris Evelyn	6y5m	2/05/1921			
9/09/1930	Streeter	Percival Francis					
14/08/1922	Walker	Florence Margaret	5y8m	9/12/1916	Arthur Kennedy	Clara Matilda Cameron Grazier "Palm Vale"	Pres
6/02/1928	Walker	Glady Annie	6y	Walker			

Robert Payne

(1830 –1882)

Convict-Exile and Pioneer of Gladstone, Queensland

This article has come about through a happy co-incidence. When our secretary, who is a War Widow, received a request for research about this family, the name seemed familiar to her. She realised Belinda, a Legatee, i.e. a volunteer who helps War Widows, was also researching this family for the Gladstone Army Reserve 41/42nd Battalion. The Battalion wished to name a building in honour of a local member of the 42nd Battalion who had died in World War 1.

The photo of the "Roll of Honour Town of Gladstone and the Shire of Calliope"
was kindly provided by the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and Museum.

Belinda researched John Payne No.2860, (and his family) who enlisted 27 Oct 1917. He lived in the Boyne Valley, Calliope. He said he was a widower with no children and was 44 years old. He was killed in action 4 Oct 1917 and has no known grave.

His name is on the "Roll of Honour for the Town of Gladstone and the Shire of Calliope", in the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and Museum and on the Cenotaph in Calliope. His name is on Panel 136 of the Roll of Honour at The Australian War Memorial and on Panel 27 at the Menin Gate Memorial at Ypres, Belgium.

Belinda and Yvonne checked the cemetery records and plans of the Gladstone Cemetery and discovered that the father of John Payne was buried in an unmarked grave. With help from the Gladstone Regional Council and some very long tape measures they were able to determine where the gravesite was and marked it with a book and some white paint on the grass to take a photo– see page 16. Details are: Burial ID 96A, Position 1, Row 13, Section G, Gladstone Cemetery. We were able to contact the family and exchange information. They were delighted and so were we.

Robert Payne

Robert Payne was born in Crosshaven, County Cork, Ireland around 1830 to Robert Payne and Margaret Connor. Between 1830 and 1848 the family moved to Youghal (pronounced 'Yawl') which is 52 km from Cork and 65 km from Crosshaven.

At the age of 18, Robert was charged with 'robbery of firearms' and committed on 18 June 1848 to stand trial. He was tried at the July court sessions held in Youghal. Robert was found guilty and convicted on 3 July 1848 and sentenced to seven years imprisonment.

The extract below from the *Irish Prison Register*
Name: **Robert Payne**
Age: **18**
Crimes as stated in the committal: **Robbery of firearms**
When committed: **18 June 1848**
By whom committed: **Mayor of Cork**
If tried, when, **Youghal Session July**
and before whom: **W Berwick**
Verdict and sentence, or other order: **7 years transportation**
When discharged: **14 Sept 1848**
Education: **R W**
If in custody, or how disposed of: **Delivered to constabulary**
Robert's accomplice - the 17-year-old Jeremiah Scannell (or Scanlon) – received the same sentence.

The Havering

Robert was one of 336 Irish convict exiles on the *Havering*. It was the 2nd last ship to transport convicts to New South Wales.

About Convict Exiles

In 1848, British Secretary of State, Earl Grey, devised a scheme to continue to send convicts to New South Wales, although convict transportation had effectively ceased 1842. They were to be 'convict exiles' and supposedly not been sentenced to transportation but were to have already served part of their sentence in a penitentiary prior to transportation. Upon arrival in the colony, they were to be granted a conditional pardon or a ticket of leave.

Despite intense public outcry, the scheme went ahead. The *Havering* and five other ships brought approximately 1650 convict exiles to NSW between 1849 and 1850.

More about Robert Payne

Towards the end of June 1849, after nearly twelve months in prison, Robert and 168 other prisoners in Cork County Gaol were about to be taken aboard the *Havering* convict ship for transportation to NSW. The *Havering* was a new ship of 700 tons but a delay in the departure of the *Havering* meant that Robert spent nearly a month more in prison. It eventually left Dublin on 4 August 1849 with 167 prisoners on board. A further 169 prisoners (presumably including Robert Payne) were then taken aboard at Cobh. Cobh is the deep-water port of Cork It was known as Queenstown from 1850-1922. All the Irish exiles on the *Havering* had been tried and sentenced in Ireland in the period 1846-48.

The *Havering* arrived in Sydney on 8 Nov 1849, after a 96-day voyage. The ship was not allowed to disembark the convicts. Given the strong public opposition to exiles, the prisoners from the *Havering* were hastily dispatched in groups of around thirty to areas outside Sydney including Bathurst, Maitland, Moreton Bay, Port Macquarie, Scone, Mudgee and Singleton districts.

Robert Payne was one of the thirty-two *Havering* convict exiles sent to Moreton Bay, twelve of whom came from County Cork. He was one of eight prisoners from the *Havering* transferred to the steamer *Eagle* which left Sydney on 20 Nov for Moreton Bay and arrived on 24 Nov 1849.

1850s view of Queen St Brisbane

The *Eagle* was a 244 tons (gross) 80 horsepower wooden paddle steamer built in 1848 by Thomas Chowne, Pyrmont, Sydney. It had two side lever engines from the old paddle steamer *James Watt*. As a passenger and cargo vessel, it plied the Hunter River to Moreton Bay and Sydney routes. At the time of its launch at Pyrmont in August 1848 it was the largest steamer then built in the colony.

Robert was granted a ticket of leave, number 49/970, on 30 Nov 1849, he was allowed to stay in Moreton Bay and to work for Mr Foster. Robert completed his seven-year sentence in July 1855 and would have been issued with a certificate of freedom.

In 1861 Robert Payne was in Gladstone and married Elizabeth Haycock (nee Cooling) at the Gladstone courthouse on 6 February. The ceremony was conducted by an Anglican minister, John Sutton. The marriage certificate describes Robert as a labourer and Elizabeth as a widow and a domestic servant .The witnesses were William Hay and Elizabeth Hay.

Elizabeth Cooling was born in Marston Oxfordshire to Thomas Couling and Eliza Farris. She was christened at St Nicholas' on 25 Dec 1837. Elizabeth's parents Thomas (agricultural labourer) and Eliza were married in the Church of St Thomas the Martyr, Oxford, on 2 Sept 1832. Neither of them could sign the register.

Elizabeth Cooling married Joseph Haycock in a civil ceremony at the registry office in Oxford on 1 January 1857. Elizabeth and Joseph Haycock migrated to Australia the year after their marriage, departing London on the *Grand Trianon* on 12 April 1858.

The marriage of Elizabeth and Joseph did not last long because in October 1860, Elizabeth inserted this small notice in the Morton Bay Courier: 23 Oct 1860 (p 3)

My Husband, Joseph HAYCOCK, having left me for two years, and I have not received information of his death, and if he should be living, I give public notice if I do not hear from him in three months I intend to get married. ELIZABETH HAYCOCK, Calliope, October15, 1860.

Robert and Elizabeth had ten children over a period of eighteen years but it appears two died at birth or soon after and were not registered.

William Henry b 14 April 1862 Gladstone, George Edward b 17 April 1864 Kroombit, Thomas b 15 Dec 1867 Kroombit, Eliza Agnes b 12 Oct 1868 Gladstone, John b 2 March 1871 Saltwater Creek, Robert James b 31 Aug 1873, Charles b 11 Oct 1876, Emma Ellen b 16 March 1880 Saltwater Creek Gladstone.

Robert and Elizabeth were at Kroombit from at least April 1864 (birth of George Edward) to possibly late 1870 or early 1871. The Qld Electoral Roll has Robert Payne (on a salary) at Kroombit in 1867 and Robert Payne is in the 1868 Gladstone PO Directory as being an overseer at Kroombit. The Qld Electoral Roll has Robert at Kroombit in 1871.

At this time Robert and Elizabeth would have had four children of school age: William 12, George 10, Thomas 7 and Eliza 6. Robert began working at the Calliope Saw Mills around October 1870. It appears that the family moved from Kroombit to Saltwater Creek just before their fifth surviving child - John – was born in March 1871 at Saltwater Creek.

The 1871 Queensland Census (taken on Sept 1) noted that Saltwater Creek had a population of 26 people living in six houses. The Payne family (Robert, Elizabeth and their five children) made up 27% of the total.

On 21 September 1872, Robert was witness to a fatal industrial accident at the Calliope Saw Mills, the report in the *Rockhampton Bulletin* (24 Sept 1872 p 2) indicated that the mill was situated on the south bank of the Calliope River eight miles upstream from Gladstone. In 1872, Robert was working on the vertical saws at the Calliope Saw Mills and gave evidence to an enquiry into the death of a fellow workman (foreman John Groves) and severe injury to others resulting from a boiler explosion. Robert stated in his deposition that he had been at the mill for nearly two years. Although Robert was working at the Calliope Saw Mills in 1872, by 1874 he was, as indicated in the school's admission registers, a puntsman, responsible for transporting logs to the sawmill.

Robert was in the news in August 1874 in connection with the official opening of the Calliope River State School No. 165 which opened on 11 August 1874 and closed in December 1881.

He was elected to the committee of the new school, no doubt due to his efforts in lobbying for a school in the area. All eight Payne children attended Calliope River State School, with five of them in the school's first intake. William, George and Thomas were enrolled on the day of the of the school's 'opening for business' on 10 August 1874. Eliza Agnes was enrolled as Agnes a week later on 17 August 1874. John was enrolled on 7 September 1874. Robert James was enrolled as James on 20 Feb 1877, and Charles on 22 March 1881.

In November 1882 a new Provisional School Calliope River No.7 was opened and closed again in 1893. Calliope Provisional School No.781 was open from 1897 until 1905. Calliope River State School No 1340 opened on 27 May 1912. It was renamed Beecher State School in 1919. Beecher State School closed on 4 July 1943.

William left school in July 1878, George in Sept 1880, Thomas in April 1879 and Agnes in Nov 1881. Saltwater Creek is given as the birthplace of Emma Ellen and it is the address on the school admission registers. It is also the place given for Robert's place of death aged 52 of a liver complaint on 29 July 1882.

He is buried in the Gladstone Cemetery Burial ID 96A, Position 1, Row 13, Section G, Church of England section. His death certificate, with details certified by son William Henry (of Saltwater Creek), says he was 30 at the time of his marriage. His death certificate also states that Robert had been in Australia for 30 years (actually 32 years).

Robert's death left Elizabeth a widow with children ranging from their youngest daughter, Emma Ellen (2) to their firstborn William Henry (20). In addition to Emma at home, at least two of the children would still have been at school. It certainly would not have been an easy time for Elizabeth.

Robert had purchased land at Saltwater creek, Portion 102, Parish of Auckland (County of Clinton - Gladstone Land Agent's District - Port Curtis). The Payne property fronted a mangrove swamp and Clyde Creek. It was directly across the road from Calliope River State School which later became Beecher State School, Portion 101 in the Parish of Auckland.

He wrote his will on 19th July and left the land to his wife, Elizabeth, and passed away on 29th July 1882. He was a labourer. He had been suffering with a liver complaint for seven months. He last saw his Doctor on 7th May, 1882.

Elizabeth stayed in Saltwater Creek for nearly two years after the death of her husband Robert then after April 1884 she moved with her children to Rockhampton. John left school in March 1883. The three children still at Calliope River State School (James, Charles and Ellen) were taken off the rolls in April 1884.

Her daughter Eliza Agnes married in Rockhampton in 1887 at the age of 19. Elizabeth was by then living in Rockhampton probably with Eliza and her other younger children Charles, Robert, John and Nellie (Emma Ellen) and possibly Thomas.

Rockhampton Central Boys State School was attended by three of the Payne children: John (Oct 1884 – June 1885), Robert James (June 1884 – July 1885) ,Charles (May 1884 to May 1889).

Three different addresses were given for the three enrolments: Depot Hill, Kent St and Boldon St respectively.

John who left school in March 1883, re-enrolled eighteen months later in Rockhampton.

Marriages of Robert and Elizabeth's children.

1884, 8th January, son, William Henry Payne married Louisa **Worthington.**

1887, 28th July, George Edward, son, married Georgina Grace **McLennan.**

1887, 26th December, daughter, Eliza Agnes Payne married John Thomas **Fell** at Rockhampton.

1887, 26th December, son, Thomas Payne married "Kate" **Rogerson**.

1898, 25 June, daughter, Emma Ellen Payne married Charles Robert **Spencer**.

1900, 23rd May, Charles, son, married Esther **Allen**

1907, Robert James, son, married Elizabeth Florence Patterson **Niven** in New Zealand

Death of Elizabeth.

Elizabeth Payne (previously Haycock) nee Cooling, Elizabeth passed away on the 12th May 1902 at the Rockhampton Hospital aged 64 years. She had Morbus Cordis and Heart Failure. She had seen her Doctor that day. The informant was her daughter, Eliza Agnes Fell of Nobbs Street, Rockhampton. She was buried on 13th May at the Rockhampton Cemetery. She had spent the last 43 years in Queensland, Australia.
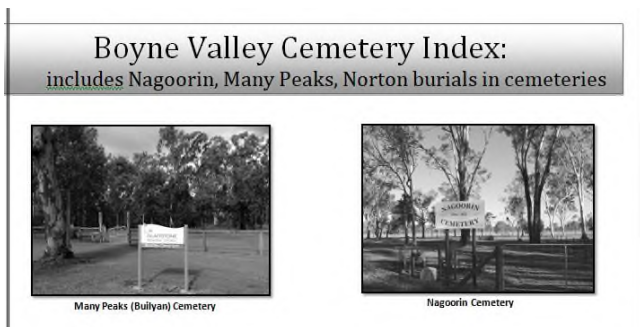

The unmarked grave of Robert Payne in the Gladstone Cemetery
(left looking downhill towards Dawson Highway-right looking uphill)

** NEW PUBLICATION **
BOYNE VALLEY CEMETERY INDEX
Burial Records

Boyne Valley Cemetery Index:
includes Nagoorin, Many Peaks, Norton burials in cemeteries

Many Peaks (Builyan) Cemetery   Nagoorin Cemetery

Launched at the 35th birthday celebrations of the Genealogical Society Gladstone District on Saturday 22 September 2019, the Boyne Valley Cemetery Index is a new publication for the Society put together over the last twelve months by member, Paulette Flint, from death records originally compiled by Life Member, Melva Bensted.

This index incorporates burial records for the three cemeteries in the Boyne Valley district of Gladstone Regional Council, Nagoorin Cemetery, Norton Cemetery and Many Peaks/Builyan Cemetery. All these cemeteries are now closed for burial. Nagoorin Cemetery received a facelift in 2018 with new fences and a plaque listing burials placed in the cemetery. The Norton Cemetery is not maintained by Gladstone Regional Council.

The Many Peaks Cemetery is erroneously entitled Builyan Cemetery both on the signage at the cemetery and on the Gladstone Regional Council website. Originally, It was the Many Peaks Cemetery, although some burial records in the index state Builyan Cemetery. It should be more correctly named, Builyan/Many Peaks Cemetery, or Many Peaks/Builyan Cemetery. It is situated in the Builyan locality.

Some 186 burials are listed in the index which was taken from the original death records of the Gladstone District Court.

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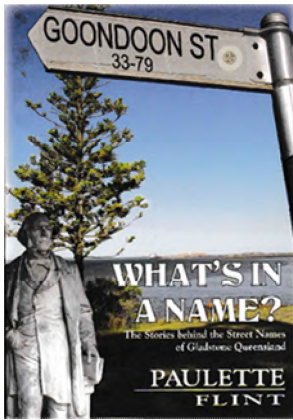
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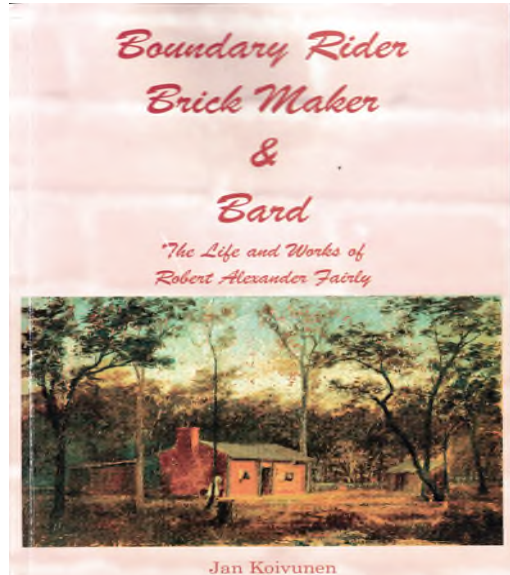
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