

Stringybark Creek shooting of three Policemen

Police Muster Rolls 1878–79

The Police Muster Rolls record the Police stations and the names of those who were on duty in Victoria in 1878–79.

Constable Thomas Lonigan, Constable Michael Scanlon, Constable Thomas McIntyre and Sargent Michael Kennedy were all serving in Police Stations in North Eastern Victoria in 1878. They were sent on a search party to catch Ned Kelly and his gang in October. The Kelly gang surprised McIntyre and Lonigan at their Stringybark Creek camp. Lonigan tried to run away and was shot. Kennedy and Scanlon rode back into the camp and were shot as they tried to escape. Constable McIntyre escaped.

Lonigan, Scanlon, and Kennedy were killed by the gang.

It is the largest number of Victorian Police ever killed at one time.

There is a memorial to the three policemen in the main street of Mansfield.

The following is transcribed from the actual police muster rolls:

Monthly Muster Roll North Eastern District, Month of October 1878

Mansfield

2nd Segt. Kennedy Michael Killed whilst on duty 26/10/78

Violet Town

Const. Lonigan Thomas Killed whilst on duty 26/10/78

Benalla

Const. Scanlan Michael Killed whilst on duty 26/10/78

[Source: PROV, VPRS 55/P Police Muster Rolls, unit 8)

