

Monument to the Late Senior-Sergeant Wallings.

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WE are glad to find that the Government intend to mark their appreciation of the bravery exhibited by the late Senior-Sergeant Wallings, who was shot in the execution of his duty last September at Wonbobbie near Dubbo. Amongst the several incidents which have been quoted recently as evidence of the courage displayed by the New South Wales police force, the tragedy which deprived the Dubbo district of one of its oldest and most devoted officers seems to have been forgotten. On the 20th September, Sergeant Wallings, accompanied by two constables, visited Wonbobbie with the intention of capturing one Alexander Law, a notorious horse-stealer, and who escaped from custody. This man had been concealed somewhere about the premises of a bush public house, but finding the police approaching the place, he ran through some fences with the idea of escaping. The police rode in pursuit, and after calling upon the ruffian to surrender, they fired several shots. Closing upon him, the sergeant fired again, and then Law, taking deliberate aim, shot poor Wallings through the heart. The murderer was subsequently followed up by two constables, and traced to the wilds of the back country, where after an encounter, he was shot dead. In testimony of the gallant manner in which Sergeant Wallings behaved on the occasion referred to, the Government has ordered a handsome monument to be erected over him at the Dubbo cemetery, where his remains lie. The work was entrusted to Mr. Burns, stonemason, of this city. The monument which is approaching completion, is made of the best Pyrmont stone, and is in the form of an obelisk. It bears the following inscription:—'Thomas Wallings, senior-sergeant in the police. Many years a faithful public servant. He was shot dead whilst in the execution of his duty, at Wonbobbie, on 20th September, 1878, aged 40 years.—This memorial was erected by the Government of New South Wales.' As soon as it is finished, the monument is to be forwarded to Dubbo.—*Bathurst Times*.