

## ROCK FALL KILLS CAMDEN MAN

The sad news of the death of Kenneth Joseph Cleary, 21, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cleary, of Macquarie Grove Road, Camden, came through from Katoomba on Tuesday afternoon last.

He was killed instantly when two tons of overhanging rock fell and crushed him while he was making a road at Wentworth Falls.

Police believe the vibration of pneumatic drills which Ken and his companion were using caused the landslide.

Ken's workmate, Eric Ivor Pattison, 24, of Bringelly, narrowly escaped the falling rocks.

The men were employed by the Kedumba Pastoral Company and were working on the construction of a stock route which leads into the Kedumba Valley.

Hikers and bushmen know this route as the "goat track." It starts at the end of the King's Tableland and descends into the valley.

Ken and his mate were making the road around the side of a cliff, when the rock crashed.

Unable to make a lone rescue Eric drove a jeep over a treacherous road for nearly four miles and telephoned the police and ambulance from Queen Victoria Homes.

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### RISKY DESCENT

Constable H. White, of Lawson, and ambulance office, Harry Smith, travelled on foot with a stretcher.

Two doctors, Constable White, Eric, and two civilians lowered Smith on a rope down the cliff side to where the dead man was lying.

Smith took grave risks of being crushed by a fresh fall while he cleared rocks and earth away from the body.

With the body attached to the rope, the party above hauled it up, while Smith climbed behind to steady it.

The party then carried the body over rough road to where the jeep was waiting.

Eric Pattison drove the jeep for two miles over rough road, and Ken was transferred to the ambu-

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lance and taken to the morgue.

The funeral took place on Wednesday morning at the Luddenham Cemetery after a service at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, Camden.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Cleary, and to his brother and sisters, Bill, Dorothy and Denise.

Ken was well known in Camden, having been educated at the Convent School and later at St. Gregory's, Campbelltown. On leaving school he entered into contract work with his father.

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