

## **Police Memorial – Arrest Creek.**

On April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1902 a party led by Constable Doyle attempted to arrest Patrick and James Kenniff at Lethbridge Pocket, approximately 150 miles north of Mitchell on a charge of horse theft.

Constable Doyle and station manager A.C. Dahlke were killed in the encounter and a massive police search began for the murderers.

On Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, J.B. Eaton who owned a farm half a mile east of here reported a bag of wheat stolen and as it was known that the Kenniff brothers were in the area a plan of capture laid down by Chief Inspector Douglas was commenced.

Early on the morning of the following day a police party led by First Class Constable William Tasker accompanied by Constable Arthur Scanlan, Constable William Meston and Constable Samuel Cramb followed the tracks of two unshod horses and at sunrise came upon the camp which was on the ridge 500 yards behind this memorial.

Patrick Kenniff unarmed was chased and captured by Constable Cramb while Jim Kenniff armed with two loaded rifles was located close to the grid between here and Mitchell where he surrendered.

The arrest is usually regarded as the last episode in the century long struggle between police and bushrangers.