

Officer's brother gone but not forgotten

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Sergeant Allan Seefeld was honouring more than fallen colleagues – he was paying tribute to his only brother when he marched before the dedication of the National Police Memorial.

His brother Constable Robin Seefeld was killed in a traffic incident 29 years ago but time has not dulled the pain.

“I think it was exceptionally good, very moving,” Sergeant Seefeld said of the dedication ceremony in Canberra.

“In parts I'm afraid I got a bit teary.

“All in all it was an absolutely moving opportunity to be there in the first place.”

Sergeant Seefeld was the only current serving Queensland police officer with a family member named on the memorial to take part in the march.

Set to retire in about 12 months, he said the march had been brilliant.

Having the opportunity to visit the memorial the next morning was also a highlight for the North

Brisbane District Traffic Branch member.

“There were six to eight civilians there who had been walking or jogging past and had stopped to



Photo by Senior Constable Deon Williams, QPS Photographic Section

ABOVE LEFT: Sergeant Allan Seefeld (left with glasses) marches before the dedication ceremony and (inset) on the right with his brother Constable Robin Seefeld. RIGHT: The march makes its way over the Kings Avenue Bridge.

have a look," Sergeant Seefeld said of his daylight visit to the memorial.

"One said 'It's about time they have done something for you blokes (police officers).'"

Sergeant Seefeld's brother Robin was just 24 when he died from injuries he sustained in a collision with a truck at the Port of Bundaberg on July 22, 1977.

Robin had joined the QPS five years earlier, and left behind a wife and two children.

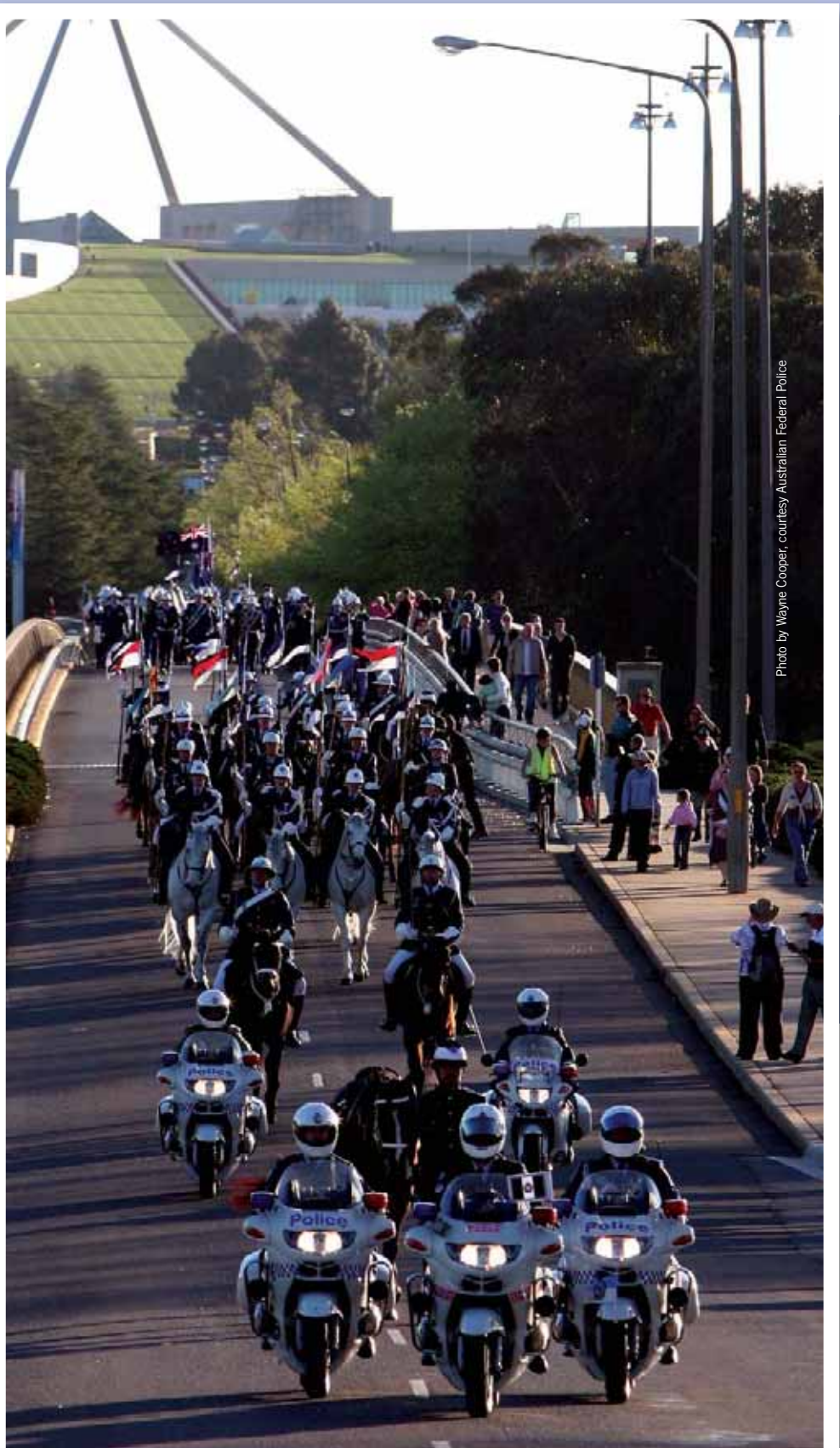


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Sergeant Seefeld remembers his brother as a talker who related to everyone he met.

"He (Robin) was a person who just got on so well with everybody and

did to the day he died."

On the morning of his death, Robin was called to the Port of Bundaberg where a man had died in his car from a heart attack.

Robin had been driving the car back to the man's family home when the collision happened.