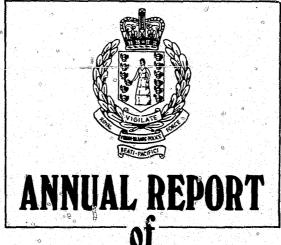
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OF

THE ROYAL VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE FORCE

FOR THE YEAR 1977

PART I GENERAL REPORT AND SURVEY OF THE YEAR

Introduction

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The Territorial crime level indicated a 26.6% fall compared to 1976. This is very satisfactory considering the high percentage increase in tourism during the same period. It demonstrates only too well the law abiding qualities of the population as a whole and must be regarded as an incentive to economic development.

- 2. The high light of the Silver Jubilee Year was the visit on 26th October, by Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh. The force provided a Guard of Honour and all aspects of crowd and traffic control. It was a memorable day.
- 3. There was no external threat to the Territory during the period under review .
- 4. During the year, the force was selected to run a Field Training School. It was very successful, and included 15 students from Dependencies and 10 from Associated States. Valuable and useful equipment was obtained for the benefit of the course by way of a generous grant from the United Kingdom Government through its Development Division in the Caribbean. The equipment has now been taken on charge.
- 5. The Development Aid programme has provided excellent buildings and equipment, the benefit of which must be felt in the years ahead. This force is conscious of its gratitude to the United Kingdom Government for its support and assistance.
- 6. The A/M communication system originally installed but which proved totally unsuited to the terrain was transferred at the request of the Development Division to the Government of St. Kitts.

- 7. A scenes of crime equipment room and photographic desk room were completed during the year on a self-help basis. Internal and external redecoration of Headquarters and outstations also continued by self-help as and when required.
- 8. The Queen's Birthday Parade was held on 11th June. The Police took part with civilian organisations.
- 9. The Legislative Council was opened with formal ceremony by Her Majesty the Queen on 26th October.
- 10. Although H.M. Prison is now a separate department of Government, the Police assisted in staffing the Prison as and when required.
- 11. Tribute is paid to the keen and efficient application to duty in all fields, to the high level of morale and discipline maintained by members of the Force during the year, and to the general public who supported their efforts.

Command

12. The Force was under command of Mr. Rex Jones MVO., QPM., until November when he left on vacation leave. Mr. W. Warren Deputy Chief of Police then assumed command.

Visits

13. There were several courtesy visits by naval units during the year, these included British, American and French vessels. The Police operated joint patrolling activity. On-shore discipline was in general excellent and reports minimal.

Inspections Of The Force

14. The Regional Police Adviser, M. Mackenzie Esq., visited the Force periodically during the year.

Honours and Awards

15. R.K.Jones Chief of Polices-

Member of the Royal Victorian Order IV Class
The Queens Police Medal for Distinguished Service

- W. Warren Deputy Chief of Police Colonial Police Good Conduct and Long Service Medal
- R. Blaize Inspector of Police Colonial Police Good Conduct and Long Service Medal
- D. Kellman Constable of Police Royal Victorian Medal

The above members of the Force were honoured to be invested with these awards by Hor Majesty the Queen during her visit.

16. Three members of the Force received commendations and monetary awards for outstanding Police work in 1977.

New Legislation Affecting The Force

- 17. S.R. & O. 8/1977 Drugs (Prevention of Misuse)Ordinance 1977
 - (a) A new and more comprehensive Ordinance for the control of drugs with increased penalties.

S.R. & O. 11/1977 Motor Vohicles Insurance (Third Party Risks (Amendment) Ordinance 1977

(b) Increased penalties for offences committed under the Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks)Ordinance Cap 219.

Explosives Ordinance 1977

(c) Control of explosives general.

Post Office Offences Act (Amendment)Ordinance 1977

(d) Increased penalties for offences committed under the principal ordinance.

Building Programme

- 18. External drainage in Police Headquarters and roof defects continue to present problems. Drainage in particular presents a continual flooding threat. Applications for funds under Capital Estimates to deal with the problems have been made to Government.
- 19. No further representations have been made on the proposed construction of institutional housing due to financial restrictions.

Recruitment

20. Five British Virgin Islanders were recruited into the Force in 1977. At the end of the year local recruitment formed 55.3% of the total strength. The standard of local recruitment is of average standard but continues to be very slow. Lectures are given to high school students on the advantages of a police career.

Training

21. Caribbean and United Kingdom centrop provided in-service training during the year. Weapon and specialist training is undertaken with Royal Marine units during naval visits to the Territory. A Chief Instructor was seconded from the Hong Kong Police during the year to assist in the running of the Regional Field Training School, held in the Territory. The Force continues to be grateful to the United Kingdom and Barbados Governments for training opportunities provided.

Crime

- 22. The fall in total crime of 26% in 1977 compared to 1976 was satisfactory and was mainly achieved through preventative policing consisting of a duty officer system, patrols in commercial areas and in areas favoured by the tourist element particularly beaches. Although there was a marginal increase in offences against the person of 9.8% (81-73) in 1977, most other heads indicated decreases Offences against property were significantly reduced by 22.2% compared with 1976 Breakings showed a 31.4% decrease (61-89) and Simple larceny the most prevelent offence involving property fell by 22.5% against 1976. The detection rate in simple larceny indicated that 16.6% of true reports resulted in cases to court. Breakings showed that 29.5% of true reports resulted in court proceedings during the year. Many cases of simple larceny consisted of the theft of unidentifiable currency notes carelessly left unattended. Police Advice to Visitors pamphlets are extensively distributed and tourists are now asked if they have seen this preventative advice whenever they make their complaints.
- 23. Scenes of crime and photographic equipment obtained through United Kingdom aid was used extensively in the first murder investigation in the Territory for five years. The case was successfully investigated and a conviction for this capital offence was subsequently recorded in the High Court.

24. The Griminal Records office has now reached a high standard in statistical data recording and towards the end of the year plans had been formulated to include traffic statistics.

25. There is still a need to extend the powers of the Magistrate which are at present limited to jurisdiction over offences where the value of property stolen is below \$100.00 and malicious damage cases to \$24.00. These are unrealistic figures in present day circumstances. Increased powers to the lower court would ensure a reduction in the number of preliminary enquiries and high court cases with a consequent reduction in expenditure and would certainly accelerate the administration of justice.

PART II ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- 26. The Royal Virgin Islands Police Force was established on the 26th February 1967, as a result of constitutional charges in the Leeward Islands. Prior to that time Police in the Virgin Islands were part of the Antigua/Montserrat/Virgin Islands Police Force which in turn originated from the old Leeward Islands Police Force.
- 27. The 1952 Police Act provides for the establishment of the Force and lays down the powers and duties of Police. The latter are described as "the prevention and detection of crime and the repression of internal disturbance". The Police are also responsible for defence of the Territory against external aggression. Additionally, the Police are responsible for the following services:-

The Fire Brigado
The examination, registration and licensing of motor vehicles
The licensing and registration of firearms
Special licensing and documentation

28. In order to carry out these duties, the Force had the following organisation at the end of 1977s=

Force Headquarters

Situated in Road Town and includes the following branchest-Headquarters Administration Criminal Investigation Section Special Branch Traffic and Transport Section Quartermaster

Police Station, West Tortola Situated in West End area

Police Station, East Tortola
Situated at East End/Long Look

Police Station, Virgin Gorde Situated in the Valley.

Establishment and Strength (1973 - 1977)										
29。	31.1	2.73	31.1	2.74	31.1	2.75	31.12	.76	31.1	2.77
	Est	Str	Dat	Str	Est	Str	Est	Star	Est	Star
Police										
Chief of Police	1	1	1		1	, 1	1	1	. 4	1
Deputy Chief of Police	9	9	1	1	1	1	1	===	4	1
Insp of Police	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
Sergeents	5	Ą	5	4	A.	4	Ą	A	4	5
Corporals	11	9	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
M/Constables	39	39	39	39	AO	39	40	38	40	35
W/Constables	2	2	2	2	2	. 2	_2_	2	_ 2	2
	61	58	61	60	61	60	61	<u>58</u>	61	<u>56</u>
Distribution of Establishme	nt 19	<u>77</u>		- 1						
30 <u>C P</u>	DCP	Ins	g Sa	g II/	Col	<u> w/col</u>	M/Co	m W	/Con	Total
Police Headquarters			*,							
Administration 7	7								1	3
CID		1				1	2			4
SB					1		1			2
Traffic					1		1			2
Transport					1		Ą			5
Quartermaster			1							1
Marine			1				2			3
Road Town		1	1		4		17		1	24
West Tortola					1		2			3
East Tortola					1		3			4
Virgin Gorda			1				3			4
Leave & Courses Reserve	g <u>e</u> manuspinger				1		5	-		6

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31. A total of 143 man-days were lost through sickness. Complaints were minor.

Casualties

32. One constable was discharged. One constable retired on medical grounds. One corporal and three constables left on expiration of contract.

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<u>Discipline</u>

33. Disciplinary charges resulting in Orderly Room proceedings amounted (to 35 for the year. A total of \$190.00 was collected in fines.

Racial Composition of the Force

34. (As at 31st December 1977)

		CP I	OP Insy	Sgt M/Col	W/Col M/Con	W/Con Total
United Kingdom		7				1
Barbados					y 1 0	
British Virgin	Islands			2	1 26	2 31
Dominica			o 1	2	2	5
Gronada				1 3	1	° 5
Montserrat				1		1
Nevis			3.	1		1
St. Vincent				Mark the second	4	4
Trinidad				1	1	2
Antiqua			1	3 1		5
	•	7	1 1	5 10	1 35	2 56

Conditions of Servico

35. There was no variation to conditions of service during the year.

Length of Service

36. (As at 31st December, 1977)

	GO Insp	Set M/Col	W/Cpl M/Con	V/Con Total
Less than 2 years			5	5
Over 2 and less than 5 years		1	17	18
Over 5 and less than 10 years		1 6	1 13	2 23
Over 10 and less than 15 years		4 2		6
Over 15 and less than 20 years	1	1		. 2
Over 20 years	2		Personal September 1	2
	2 1	5 10	1 35	<u>2 56</u>

Housing

37. Single barrack accommodation was available for junior ranks and Government provided subsidised accommodation for the Chief of Police and the S.P.Os incharge Virgin Gorda and East End. No progress was made towards planning police married quarters on the grounds of general financial restrictions.

Buildings (other than housing)

38. No building projects were undertaken during the year. Internal and external re-decoration of Headquarters and stations on a self-help basis continued throughout the year as required.

- 39. Structural defects found in Police Headquarters and East End Station during 1975 still require attention. External drainage at Police Headquarters will have to be properly constructed if further flooding in heavy rains is to be avoided. Capital Estimates have been submitted in this respect.
- 40. The dark room photographic facilities and scenes of crime equipment room have been completed on a self-help basis. It is hoped to convert an office into a photographic studio. There is still distinct need to improve storage facilities for exhibits and lost and found property and to establish an archives but funds are difficult to obtain for this work at the present time.

Clerical Staff

41. One civilian clerk is included in the ostablishment at Force Hoadquarters.

<u> Pinance</u>

42. Comparative figures for the years 1973 - 1977 are set out below-

	1973	1974	1975	<u> 1976</u>	1977
Personal Emoluments	194,432	264,987	264, 160	275,764	288,151
Other Charges	54.940	<u>_53,325</u>	64.287	84,881	<u>_66,615</u>
	8 249,372	318,312	328.447	360,645	354,766

PART III

RESULTAGINADO DESPUES

Qualifications for Enlisteent

- 43. Section 13 of the Police Ast Lays down that no relate when by appointed as a constable unless:
 - (a) he has attained the og. of) years but has new the or of) years except in special mass.
 - (b) his height is at Leat 3 foot 6 in these
 - (c) he has passed a medical enginetime
 - (d) he is of good character, and
 - (e) he has minimum education of standard 7.

Recruiting

44. Five British Virgin Islandors were recruited during 1977.

Refrosher Training

45. Three officers attended a Court Prosecutors Course at the Police Training Centre in Barbados in 1977.

Premotions

46. An Inspector was promoted to fill vacancy of Deputy Chief of Police, and promotions to the rank of Sergeant and Corporal were made to fill existing vacancies.

Weapon Training

47. Early in 1977 all members of the Force including women undertook annual weepon training including range practices, and additionally, officers and the S.P.O. cadre fired a pistol course. Additional weepon training took place during the Regional Field Training Course.

Other Courses

48. Two constables attended oversess courses in the United Kingdom during the year, on scenes of crime, fingerprints and photography. One corporal attended as an instructor and two constables attended the Regional Field Training Course as students. This course was held in the British Virgin Islands.

PART IV CRITE AND CIT

- 49. The total number of crime reports investigated during 1977 counted to 401 of which 330 were accepted as true. This reflects a significant decrease of 26.6% against the 1976 figure (547).
- 50. Decreases were noted in the following estegories of crime during 1977 in comparison to the 1976 figures:-
 - (a) Offences Against Public Order, reduced by 75%.
 - (b) Offences Injurious to Public in General, reduced by 32%.
 - (c) Offences Against Property, reduced by 22.2%.
 - (d) Offences Against Local Leve, reduced by 32.7%

 There was no variation in the figures for Offences Against
 Lawful Authority in 1977 compared with 1976.

Offences Against Public Novelity indicated 4 cases against all reports in 1976.

Offences Against the Person indicated a marginal increase of 9.8% over 1976 figures (8 -73).

51. Comparative figures for the main categories of crime for the period 1973 - 1977 are set out belows-

		1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	
Cot 1	Offences Against Public Order						
	True	1	e,	6	8	2	
	Convicted	1	1	3	7		
	Aegultted	es	1	1	1	.	
	Withdram	63	2	=		. .	
	Undetected	~	6	C29	⇔	=	
	Pending	ca	= 3	2	6	2	
Cat 2	Offences Against Lawful Authority						
	True	15	13	10	8	8	
	Convicted	8	11	5	7	Ą.	
	Acquitted	3	1	1	- 100	1	
	Withdram	4	c 3	co	(23		1
	Undetected	1	=	. .	ca ·	=	
	Pending	C 23	1	Ą	1	3	

	1973	<u> 1974</u>	1975	1976	1977
Cot 3 Offences Indurious to Public In General		-1 188			9.0
Tzuo	69	99	81	88	56
Convicted	61	65	37	· 55	24
Acquitica	7	8	11	5	13
Withdroma	7	3	4	6	4
Undo tested	2	3	=	9	~
Pending	12	20	29	15	15
Cet 4 Offences Against Public Novelity				n.	G .
Erac	3	7	Ą	ca	4
Convicted	1	" 1	1	623	9
Acquitica	æ	1	9	_	€
Withdreen	co	5	1	⇔	2
Undesceted	E	1	~	œ	c
Ponding	2	2	1	~	1
Cot 5 Office on Arainst The Pounces					
Ezuc	66	101	89	73	81
Convicted	40	55	42	35	20
Aequitted	10	20	7	10	18
Vithdreum	4	Q. 4.	14	10	3
Undetected	6	2	e	-	_
Pending	6	20	26	18	49
Cat 6 Offeneca Against Property	ė ė				
Truc	345	276	211	229	178
Convicted	45	32	41	42	30
Aequitted	6	9	5	6	7
Withdrawn	5	3	3	° 5	6
Undotected	278	185	68	125	90
Pending	11	47	94	51	45
Local Leve					
	264	352	327	363	244
Convicted	194	222	206	280	117
Acquitted	19	20	24	26	55
Withdram	10	13 -	29	25	5
Undetected	7	15	3	2010	1
Pending	34	ಿ82	65	32	66

92. Comparative figures of true reports of effences against local less for the period 1973 - 1977 are as follows:-

		1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Vehicles and Road Traffic		236	318	292	332	211
Firoma		б	6	3	6	Ą
Deugorous Drugs		12	16	20	24	25
Treasury		6	8	0	6	£33
Protection of Animals		9	1	្ន	0	6
lumigration and Pasaporta		4	2	4	co	8
Uneposifici		C			1	2
		269	351	<u> </u>	253_	244

Juvenilo Dolinguenev

53. One juvenile was convicted for an effence during 1977 compared with three convictions in 1976. Offence concerned was:-

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54. No established probation service or approved school enlars in the Territory. The Social Welfare Department assists thenever possible.

Criminol Inventigation

55. The incidence of brocking offences decreased from 89 in 1976 to 61 in 1977 31.4% decrease. There were three brocking eases pending trial of the year and. There was an everall decrease of 20% in the following offences, compared to 1976 (217):-

	True Reports	Convictions
Simple larconics	96	9
Robbery	1	ca;
Ereck inge	61	12
Feaudo		•
Receiving & Unlawful Possession	1	1
	160	<u> 22 </u>

56. Comparative figures of eximes involving dishenerty in 1977 and as follows:

		<u>1976</u> Timo	ර පයයේ මෙ	Terac	1977 Gedon to
		Roperta	Convi	Ropario	Correct
Simple lerconico		124	32	96	76
Robbertes		~	c	1	£339
Frockings		69	31	61	18
Brands			C7	1	9
Receiving & Unleaf	Mal Possossies	. <u>A</u>	<u>a</u> a	q	4
		217	67	100	36.4

57. The total of 96 true reports of cimple largery in 1977 was made up of the following types of thefts-

Bren percen	e de la companya de l	1
Doolling hone		24
Shop		5
Hotel		12
Other bulldings		15
GCE		10
Doct		7
Docah		13
Officero		9
		96

- 58. This was a 22.5% docrease on the 1976 total.
- 59. The majority of the victims of simple largery were visitors to the Territory particularly in eases of thefts from hotels, beaches and vehicles. A "Police Advice to Visitoro" purphlet has been extensively distributed as a preventative measure. Most offences involve the theft of unidentifiable currency.
- 60. Brockings should a 31.43 reduction in 1917 over the 1976 figure (89-61)
 24.5% of all true reports resulted in court action. The types of property
 affected were as follows:-

Dwolli	earon ga		27	o
Shop			17	
Stores			7	
Office			7	, in
Other		6	3 100	tel 61

64. Mass nero three treching cause ponding tried of the year cal.

Pinscopping Davogu

62. One detective officer consider the decided fleetischen. The Fore maintains its one Henry collection and secret of erims scotion. Lack of copilitiested fingesprint equipment herewood the projects of this important scotion in the peat but the position has not improved as exception to opigment has been taken on charges. There are 403 sots of fingesprints filed.

Photographic Roction

- 63. 'she esquinktion of photographie equipment ken notorially equipmed original.
- 64. The dest seem fastlities were found to be inclosed to taken and the state of the second of the s

Modeo Operandi Indon

65. No duck index is nainteduci or considered necessary of the profile time.

Griminal Records Office

66. Respendention of this office continued during the year, and industrial forther improvements to statistical data recording. A controlised during the statistical special controlised as being materials in addition to ariginal records.

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Courte

68. The West Indies Associated States Supremo Court set of Reed Town in 1833 eximinal jurisdiction in Nesch and October 1977.

69. The Territory's only subordinate court is that of the Magistrate.

Police Supervision

70. There were no cases requiring police supervision during 1977.

Law Enforcement Organisation - US Virgin Islands

71. Close links are maintained by the Force with the above Organisation which has representation of all US Law Enforcement Agencies in the area. This membership ensures mutual cooperation and exchange of information on major criminal activity affecting the two areas particularly in the field of narcotics. Regular meetings are held. The Force is represented in the Organisation by the Chief of Police.

Crime Statistics

72. Detailed crime statistics appear as Appendices to this report.

PART V

TRAFFIC

Registration & Licensing of Motor Vehicles

73. At the end of 1977 2127 motor vehicles were registered and licensed for use on the Territory's public roads. This was an increase of 4.2% on the 1976 figure. Comparative figures for the period 1973 to 1977 are as follows:-

1973 1974 1975 1976 1977 Total vehicles 1627 1900 1927 2036 2127

Road Accidents

74. Comparative figures for the period 1973 - 1977 are as follows:-

	1973	1974	1975	<u> 1976</u>	1977
Total accidents	101	146	198	170	169
Persons killed	1	5	, em	2	-
Persons injured	25	69	53	63	58

- 75. Accidents mainly of minor nature decreased by 0.58%. There were no fatalities and the number of injured persons decreased by 7.9%.
- 76. Causes of road accidents during 1977 were as follows:-

Dangerous driving	9
Careless driving	56
Speeding	38
Pedestrian heedless to traffic	14
Skidding	18
Straying animals	11
Mechanical failure	14
Causes not established	9
	<u>169</u>

Traffic Offences

77. 165 reports of traffic violations were dealt with during 1977. These are classified as follows:-

Careless, dangerous or reckless driving	34
Speeding	
pheerma	22
Obstruction & parking offences	14
Insurance offences	24
Drive without licence	20
Take vehicle without owners consent	4
Drive unlicensed & unregistered vehicle	10
Drive with defective tyre	1
Drive without lights	6
Drive without illumination lights	4
Drive without identification plate	1
Fail to stop at stop sign	14
Fail to report accident	1
Bicycle offences	12
	165

78. 148 of these reports resulted in court action, 77 convictions were obtained - 52% result.

Driving Tests

79. Police are responsible for the testing of drivers and 207 persons were tested during 1977. Comparative figures for 1973 to 1977 are as follows:-

	<u>1973 1974 1975 1976 1977</u>
Drivers passed	297 219 106 101 113
Drivers failed	<u>242 163 151 193 94</u>
Total tested	539 382 257 294 207

Examination of Motor Vehicles

80. Police are responsible for the examination of motor vehicles before annual licensing.

PART VI

OTHER SPECIALISED BRANCHES

Fire Brigade

- 81. In the absence of a separate department, Police are responsible for dealing with fires and the Chief of Police is the Chief Fire Officer for the Territory. Volunteer firemen receive regular training sessions. Tribute is paid to these persons and other members of the public who have assisted the Police in dealing with fires.
- 82. At the end of 1977 Police had the following operational fire appliances:-

Road Town

1 Bedford 700 gallon fire tender

East End/Long Look

1 Bedford 700 gallon fire tender

Virgin Gorda

1 Landrover fire tender

83. There were 17 fire reports in 1977. Four false reports were received. There were no deaths and no injuries resulted from these reports.

Special Branch

84. A small Special Eranch and registry is maintained in Police Headquarters.

Civil Disturbance Unit

85. No separate unit is maintained but all ranks receive in-service training. A 19 man tactical unit is trained, equipped and available on early call for these and other specialist duties. This unit was used for demonstrations during the Regional Field Training Course.

Marine Section

86. The Force has a 40 foot Brooke Marine Patrol Craft with a crew of four. It was used mainly for Police patrols, excise duties and to assist other government departments throughout the year. It is an essential part of island policing. This craft features as an entry in "Jane's Fighting Ships".

Women Police

87. One corporal and two constables were on strength at the end of 1977. They are employed on general administrative and CID duties involving women and young persons. All are stationed in Road Town.

Auxilliary Units

88. At the end of 1977 there were 19 Local Constables distributed throughout the Territory. Their duties are to preserve the peace and the prevention of offences against persons or property in areas where regular Police are not stationed. This constabulary is distributed as follows:
Baughers Bay

	Baughers Bay	1
	East End, Tortola	2
	Frenchman's Cay	1
	Ballast Bay	1.
	Brewers Bay	2
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Telecommunications

- 89. HF Transceivers are located at Police Headquarters, and are fitted on the Police Launch. These form part of the Eastern Caribbean Police HF network. Daily contacts are made with other Territories.
- 90. Equipment for an internal Police FM/VHF system was made available by Cable & Wireless (W.I.)Ltd. Generally this has proved satisfactory. The AM/VHF system which was replaced was sent to St. Kitts at the request of the Development Division.

Transport

91. At the end of 1977, Police had the following vehicles at their disposal:-

Road Town 2 LWB Landrover - 1 Austin 3 litre Patrol Car
2 Jeeps and 1 Bedford 5 ton truck

East End 1 Jeep

West End 1 LWB Landrover

Virgin Gorda 1 LWB Landrover

Two landrovers were boarded during the year and replacements were received in October.

PART VII WELFARE AND RECREATION

- 92. The Police Canteen and Recreation room continued to be popular and is well equipped and stocked. The annual Police Ball in December was attended by His Excellency the Governor, the Hon. Chief Minister and other distinguished guests. It was a great success being regarded as the social event of the year in the community. It was held at Police Headquarters.
- 93. The Police Welfare Association continued as an active body during the year.
- 94. The Police Cricket and Football teams took part in league activities with marked success. The Police Football team were runners up in the League Championship and won the Knock-Out Shield. The Police Cricket XI did well in the Cricket Shield matches. A Police constable scored the most goals during the league championship.



PART VIII

OTHER POLICE DUTIES

Alien's Registration

95. There is no legal requirement for the registration of aliens.

Revenue Collection

96.	Revenue collected by Police during 1977 was	s as follows:-
	Drivers Licences	\$ 25 ,1 38
	Motor Vehicles Licences	67,345
	Drivers Test Fees	565
	Other Traffic Fees	1,761
	Special Police Services And Documentation	4,889
	Firearm Licences	524
		\$100,222

- 97. Fines collected in respect of prosecutions brought by Police during 1977 amounted to \$10,538 of which \$1,740 was in respect of traffic offences.
- 98. Previously, revenue collection and vehicle inspections seriously curtailed regular police traffic duties during the early months of the year. A staggered form of licensing procedures introduced in 1977 has greatly helped to eliminate this problem.

Weights and Measures

99. Weights and measures are not checked in the Territory.

Film Censorship and Transport Commission

100. The Chief of Police is an ex-officio member of the Censorship
Board which is appointed by the Governor under the provisions of Section
4 of the Cinematographs Ordinance Cap 211, and is a member of the Public
Transport Commission under the provisions of Section 3 (1) Vehicles and
Road Traffic Ordinance Cap 198.

Control of Firearms

101. Permits to keep and carry firearms are issued by Police following approval of the Governor. At the end of 1977 the firearms registered and licensed in the Territory were as follows:-

Rifles		23
Shotguns		47
Handguns		9
Total		79

Membership of Public Organisations

102. The Police hold membership in the Mental Health Association and are represented on the Committee of the Tortola Humane Society.

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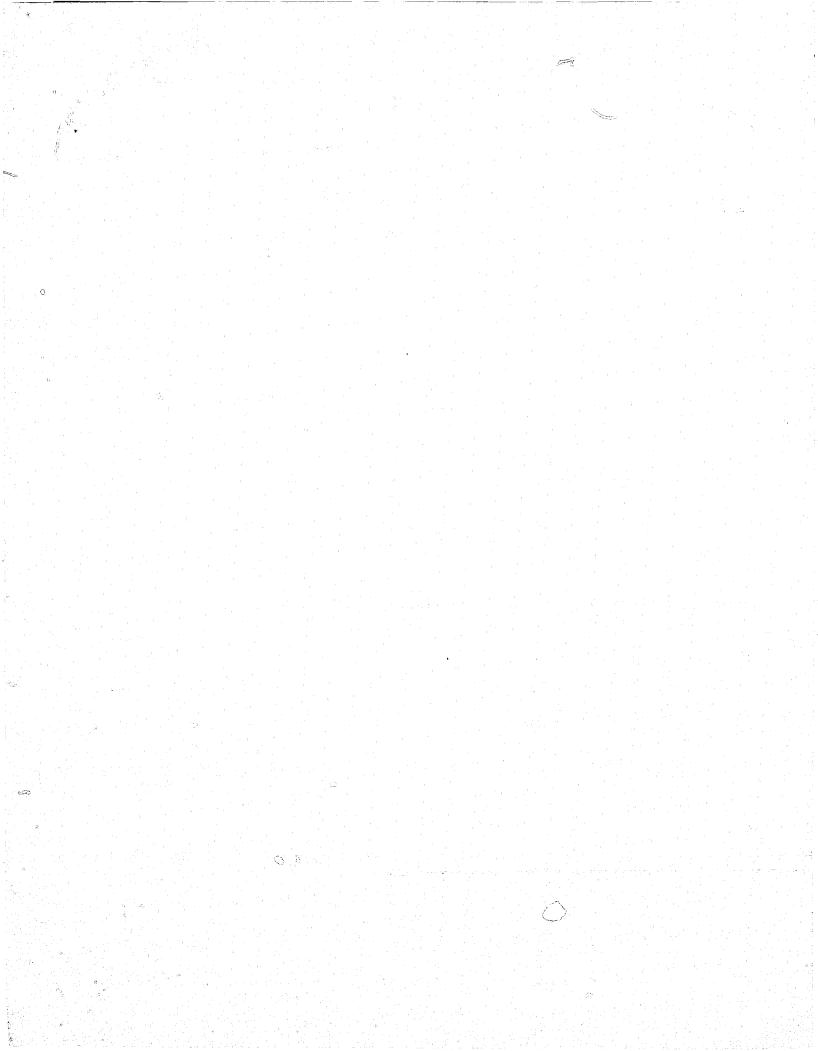
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