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# DORSET POLICE ANNUAL REPORT 1977

**Police Headquarters  
WINFRITH**



**ANNUAL REPORT  
of  
THE CHIEF CONSTABLE  
DORSET POLICE  
1977**

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DORSET POLICE COMMITTEE

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County Treasurer  
County Architect  
Principal Prosecuting Solicitor

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M J Davies Esq

# SENIOR OFFICERS



**DEPUTY  
CHIEF CONSTABLE**



**CHIEF CONSTABLE**



**ASSISTANT  
CHIEF CONSTABLE**



**ASSISTANT  
CHIEF CONSTABLE  
(SECONDED)**



**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
OFFICER**



**CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT  
(DISCIPLINE AND  
COMPLAINTS)**



**WESTERN DIVISION  
COMMANDER**



**SPECIAL  
CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT**



**EASTERN DIVISION  
COMMANDER**

SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE  
DORSET POLICE ON  
31 DECEMBER 1977

Chief Constable	— Arthur Hambleton CBE MC QPM
Deputy Chief Constable	— John Over
Assistant Chief Constable	— Robert Kenneth Brown LLB (seconded) Leonard Burt

DIVISIONAL OFFICERS AND OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF  
HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENTS

Headquarters

Chief Administrative Officer	— G Baker ACIS
Discipline and Complaints	— Chief Superintendent D Reed
Organisation and Planning	— Superintendent L Chick
Personnel	— Superintendent W Clist
CID	— Superintendent D Barry
Traffic	— Superintendent W Stephenson

Eastern Division

Divisional Commander	— Chief Superintendent K Arthurs
Operations	— Chief Superintendent H Swatridge
Uniform	— Superintendent R Scott
CID	— D/Superintendent F Whitby
Traffic	— Superintendent H Rodgers
Staff	— Superintendent P Southey

Sub Divisions

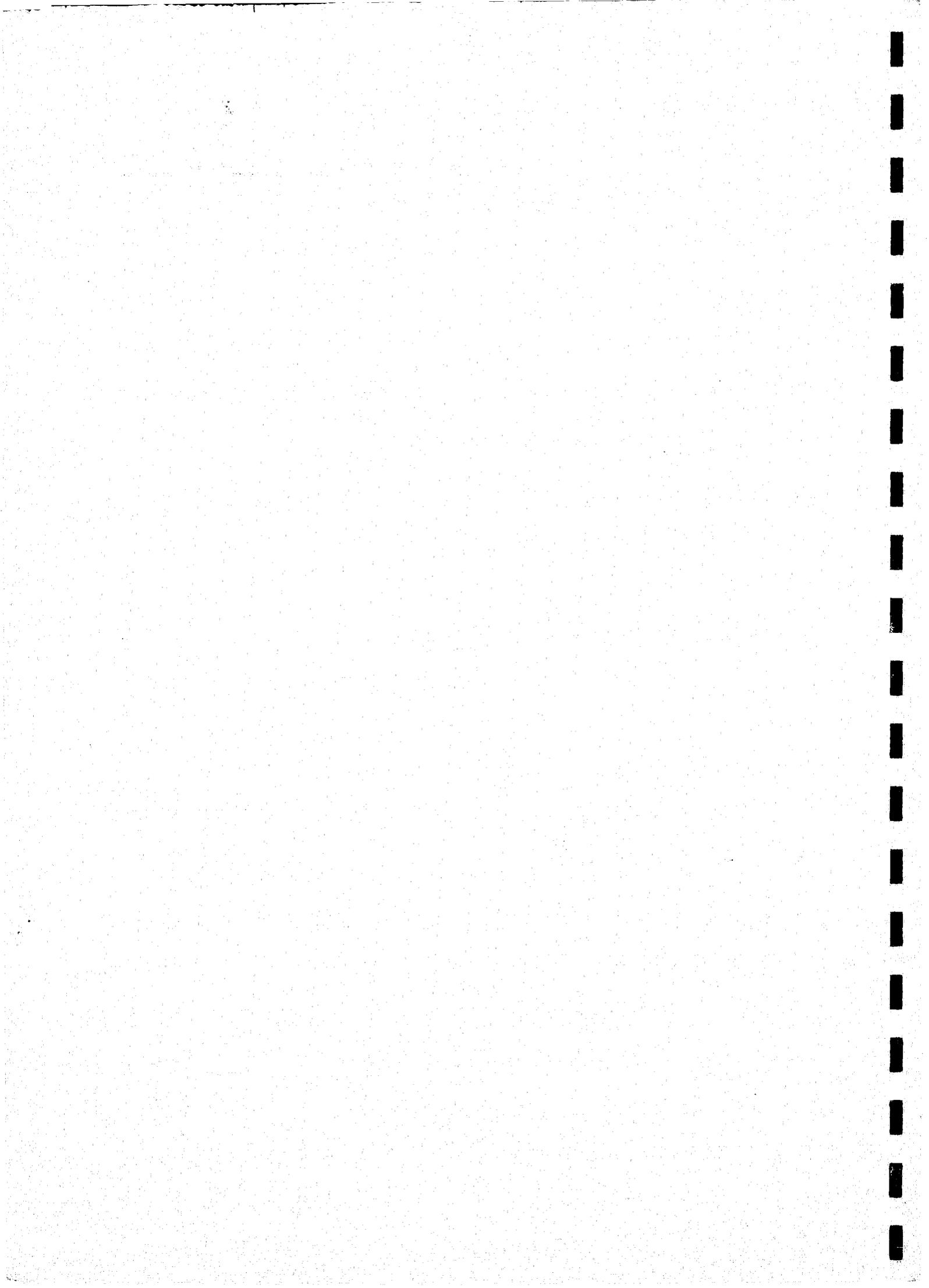
Bournemouth	— Superintendent A Rose
Poole	— Superintendent P Hoper
Christchurch	— Superintendent C Bosley
Canford	— Chief Inspector G Elliott

Western Division

Divisional Commander	— Chief Superintendent D Self
Uniform	— Superintendent S Gospel
CID	— D/Superintendent A Caddy
Traffic	— Superintendent A Sheldon LLB
Staff	— Chief Inspector N Dewey

Sub Divisions

Weymouth	— Superintendent R Daubney
Blandford	— Chief Inspector G Peach
Wareham	— Chief Inspector D Trickey
Bridport	— Chief Inspector A Stone
Dorchester	— Chief Inspector H Russell
Sherborne	— Inspector A Day





To:                   The Chairman and Members of the Police Committee

Mr Chairman, My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen

The most notable and disappointing feature for the Dorset Police in 1977 were the strength figures. In spite of having appointed 121 recruits, the Force ended with the same strength as it commenced the year, as there was an equal wastage of 121. There is no shortage of suitable applicants and those who have been appointed are of very good quality and in many cases of superior education. My great worry is the loss of trained officers. Each officer who resigns is asked to complete a pro forma giving his reasons for resigning and his comments on the working conditions within the Police Force.

It would appear that policemen have been subjected to such a tremendous amount of propaganda about their pay and also about the provisions of the new Police Act which established the Complaints Board, that many of them leave with little reason other than that they have been convinced the Police Force is not the good job it formerly was and that the prospects for advancement are reduced. These fears are groundless; the 10 per cent pay rise from 1 September with the promise of improved pay and conditions resulting from the review by Lord Edmund Davies and his Committee should be sufficient to keep officers in the Police Service. The apprehension about the Complaints Board has not been justified and insofar as

prospects of advancement are concerned, in the Dorset Police in 1977, a total of 55 promotions were made. The reasons, therefore, for the loss of strength are not easy to establish and it may be that a thorough enquiry and deep research is required to pinpoint the cause so that a remedy may be found.

The crime statistics for 1977 reveal a larger increase over the 1976 figures than was experienced in the two previous years, but the figure of 7.6% is much smaller than the crime increases in the neighbouring and surrounding Forces. A figure which gives cause for concern is the reducing detection rate and the reason for this is not apparent. It is correct to report that the uniformed policemen are overwhelmed with other duties and enquiries and have less time to spend on dealing with crime enquiries. Within the pages of this report it will also be seen that the case load for detectives of the Dorset Police is considerably above the normal. I am certain if the strength could be improved and the contents of the Establishment Report which the Authority accepted during the year were to be implemented, detections would increase and crime could be reduced.

The containment of crime is dependent upon several factors, not just the strength or efficiency of the Police Force. I am convinced that the Magistrates in Dorset have played their part in holding crime down to its present figure because of the manner in which they deal with criminal offenders.

Towards the end of the year the move to the new Police Headquarters at Winfrith was completed. The transfer from Dorchester to Winfrith brought a host of problems, some major and some minor but, with goodwill and co-operation from all concerned, Headquarters is now well established in the former "Dragon" building on the Atomic Energy site at Winfrith and all personnel are now happy, contented and are working efficiently.

Once again throughout the year, all officers of the Dorset Police and the civilian support staff have done their best and given a first rate service to the people of Dorset and, as is usual and as we have come to expect, the Clerk of the Police Authority and the other officers have given the fullest support throughout the year. This is especially true in the negotiations for the acquisition of the new Headquarters and I am very grateful.

My thanks are also due to the Chairman and members of the Police Authority who supported the purchase of the new building, encouraged me throughout the year and gave me confidence to tackle the very many and varied problems with which your Police Force was faced.

*A. Hambleton,*

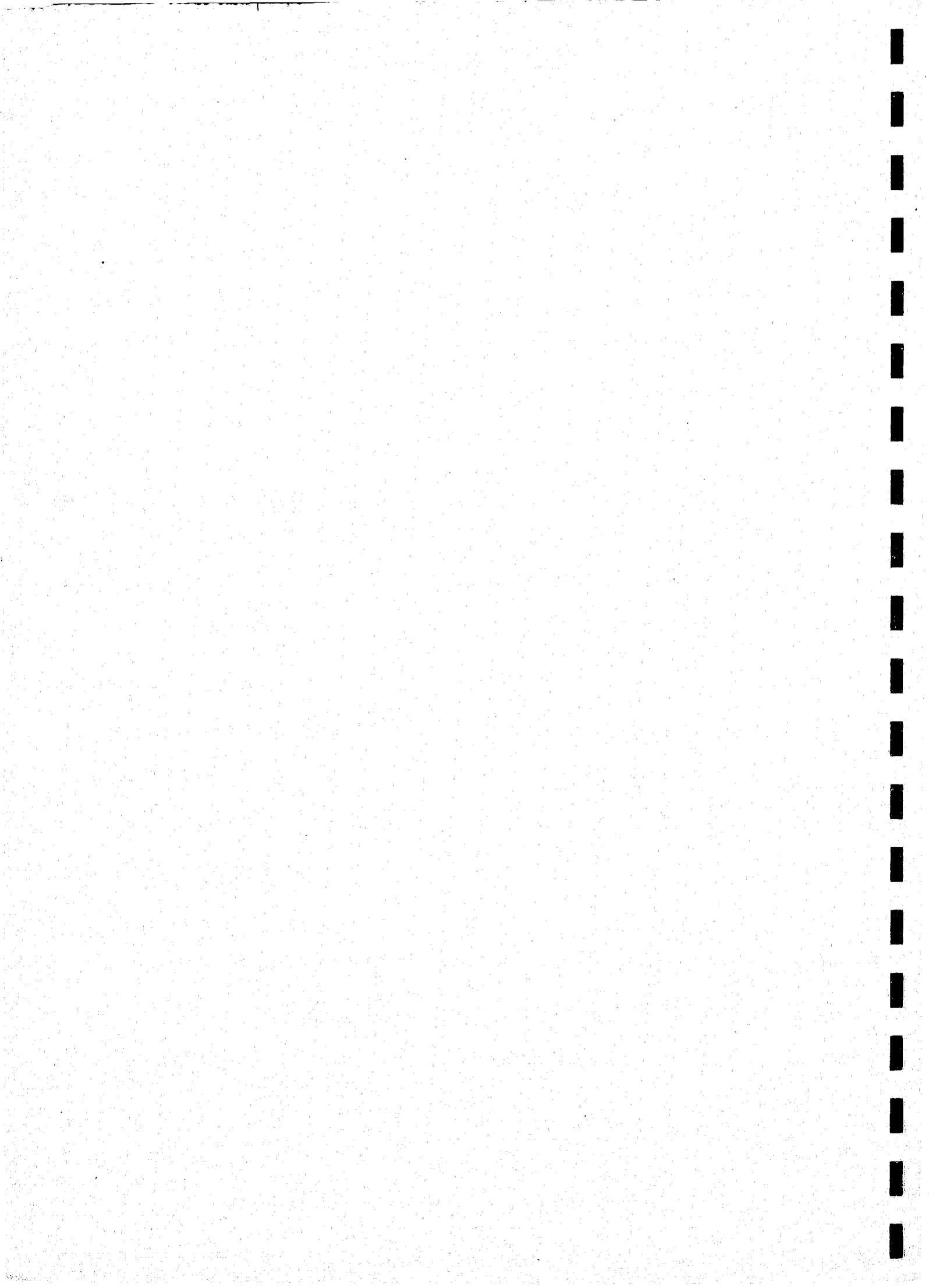
Chief Constable of Dorset

Police Headquarters  
Winfrith  
DORCHESTER  
Dorset

February 1978

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**ADMINISTRATION  
AND  
ORGANISATION**



## ESTABLISHMENT

The authorised establishment of the Force on 31 December 1977 was as follows:—

Chief Constable	1
Deputy Chief Constable	1
Assistant Chief Constable	1
Chief Superintendents	4
Superintendents	15
Chief Inspectors	22
Inspectors	53
Sergeants	170
Constables	847
Total Establishment	1114

At the end of the year the actual strength of the Force was 1092:—

Chief Constable	1
Deputy Chief Constable	1
Assistant Chief Constable	1
Chief Superintendents	4
Superintendents	15 (1)
Chief Inspectors	22 (3)
Inspectors	58
Sergeants	168 (5)
Constables	822 (77)

Total Actual Strength 1092 (86)

The figures in brackets indicate the number of female officers included in the ranks shown.

The following officers were seconded to Central Service as at 31 December 1977:—

R K Brown Esq LLB (Assistant Chief Constable)	) Assistant to HM ) Chief Inspector of ) Constabulary at ) the Home Office
Superintendent B Palmer	) Directing Staff - ) Police College
Inspector D Smith Sergeant 405 Toomer Sergeant 479 Vince Sergeant 1033 Peek	) Police Training ) Centre ) (Chantmarle)
W/Sergeant 39 Heather	) Police Training ) Centre ) (Cwmbran)

Inspector A Baldwin	)	
W/Sergeant 16 Savage	)	
Sergeant 1059 Chubb	)	Regional Crime
Sergeant 1164 Morris	)	Squad
W/Constable 19 Mills	)	(Bournemouth)
Constable 423 Jones	)	
Constable 713 Claughton	)	
Constable 980 Hatchard	)	
Inspector G Lumbard	)	
Sergeant 829 Hawkins	)	Regional Crime
Constable 349 Udall	)	Squad (Yeovil)
Constable 460 Edwards	)	
Sergeant 464 Lewis	)	Regional Driving
Sergeant 700 Tinkler	)	School (Devizes)

## CIVILIAN STAFF

Civilian manpower continues to decline steadily to accord with the restrictions imposed by the Secretary of State. The position as at 31 December 1977 was as follows:—

	Authorised Establishment
APT & C	242
Manual F/Time	34
P/Time	29
*Traffic Wardens	69
Cadets	50
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	Actual Strength 1.12.77
APT & C	228
Manual F/Time	31
P/Time	27
*Traffic Wardens	55
Cadets	14
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	355

\*Not including 26 seasonal Wardens

Home Office Circular No. 138/1975 restricted the employment of civilian staff to 1% above the actual strength as at 30 September 1974. On 28 December 1977 Home Office Circular No. 234/1977 was issued advising police authorities that additional resources were now sufficient to provide for an increase in civilian staff, other than traffic wardens and cadets, of 6% above the strength as at 30 September 1974. This will enable a further seven posts which have been held to be released.

During the year 33 civilians resigned from the service, one was dismissed, 11 retired on pension and two died. A small proportion of the resignations can be directly attributed to the move of Force Headquarters from Dorchester to Winfrith but this was considerably less than the 20-25% which was envisaged.

## TRAFFIC WARDENS

Restrictions on the employment of traffic wardens continue and a reduction of 20% in the strength as at 30 September will again be applied and no seasonal appointments made in 1978.

## RECRUITING

A total of 100 male and 21 female recruits joined the Force during the year. Of this figure 32 men and 7 women made their applications during 1976, and the remaining 68 men and 14 women selected from enquiries received during 1977.

The total number of appointments of 121 was 6 more than the 1976 figure and included 28 officers who transferred from other Forces. Wastage during 1977 totalled 121, an increase of 13 compared with 1976. The 1977 recruiting effort therefore only just managed to maintain the strength over the year.

Four graduates were recruited to the Force during 1977, but none through the Graduate Entrance Scheme. Two Constables holding

Degrees resigned during the year, one having completed 2 years service, the other 2 years 8 months service. There are at present 6 officers serving in the Dorset Police who are holders of Degrees.

The total number of applications during 1977 was 1127 compared with 1125 in 1976. There were 776 male applications during 1977 (915 the previous year) however there was a marked increase in female applications in that 351 applied in 1977 and there were 210 in 1976.

Once again, 1977 faced the problem of a tremendously high rate of wastage. Although there were a large number of retirements, the alarming factor is that more than half of the wastage was attributed to resignations.

Considering the National Recruiting figures are far below that of wastage, it is satisfying to reflect that our own recruiting effort maintained a balance.

## POLICE CADETS

The strength of the Dorset Police Cadets on 1 January 1977, was 2 females and 15 male cadets.

This number decreased throughout the year as the cadets joined the force as regular officers. In September 1977, a new intake was recruited, consisting of 4 females and 7 males and brought the overall figure on 31 December 1977 to 5 females and 9 males. 468 cadet enquiries - 279 males and 189 females were received during 1977.

## WASTAGE

### Resignations, Retirements and Transfers

Retired on ordinary pension:—

(i) On completion of 30 years' service	9
(ii) Under 30 years' service	29

Retired with ill-health award	7
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Resigned — Probationers	35
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Resigned — Others:—	between		
	2 — 5 years		14
	5 — 10 years		10
	10 — 15 years		6
	15 — 20 years		3
	20 — 25 years		Nil

Dismissed	Nil
Died	1
Transferred to other Forces	7
	<u>121</u>
Recruitment during the year	121
Wastage	121
	<u>Nil</u>
	Total gain

#### Health of the Force

The number of days lost through sickness:— :

Sickness supported by Medical Certificates	6450
Uncertificated sick leave	3001
Resulting from injury on duty	538
	<u>9989</u>
	Total

The following table shows the average number of days lost by each member of the Force through illness or injury compared with previous years:—

	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
Sickness	4.39	7.18	8.97	9.54	8.45
Injury	0.39	0.41	0.26	0.50	0.49

Fifteen officers were off duty for periods of more than two months.

#### PROMOTIONS

During the year the following substantive promotions were announced:—

DATE	RANK AND NAME	SERVICE ON PROMOTION (COMPLETED YEARS)
17 October	TO CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT T/Chief Superintendent K Arthurs	21
7 November	Superintendent D Self	23

	<b>TO SUPERINTENDENT</b>	
4 April	Chief Inspector L Chick	25
1 May	Chief Inspector A Caddy	26
29 June	T/Superintendent W Clist	20
22 August	Chief Inspector W Stevenson	24
1 September	Chief Inspector R Daubeney	16
17 October	Chief Inspector B Palmer	21
7 November	Chief Inspector A Sheldon	17
	<b>TO CHIEF INSPECTOR</b>	
2 April	Inspector M Woods	20
4 April	T/Chief Inspector G Bartlett	19
	Inspector D Trickey	12
1 May	T/Chief Inspector A Stone	20
29 June	T/Chief Inspector W Stevenson	23
12 August	T/Chief Inspector H Russell	21
22 August	T/W/Chief Inspector J Lunn	15
1 September	T/Chief Inspector T Conway	23
1 November	Inspector J Bacon	17
7 November	T/Chief Inspector R Meaden	19
	<b>TO INSPECTOR</b>	
2 April	T/Inspector W Oliver	21
4 April	T/Inspector P Burge	22
	T/Inspector A Rankine	22
1 May	T/Inspector C Fagg	21
13 June	T/Inspector D Baker	16
29 June	T/Inspector A Day	11
1 September	T/Inspector R Thomas	13
	T/Inspector B Chubb	9
	T/Inspector J Steel	15
	T/Inspector H Patch	16
21 October	T/Inspector R Parnell	13
1 November	T/Inspector D Rogers	17
7 November	T/Inspector K Baxter	24

TO SERGEANT		
14 February	T/Sergeant 488 Campbell	5
22 March	T/Sergeant 439 Arnold	11
4 April	T/Sergeant 427 Blackman	10
	T/Sergeant 863 Bishop	7
1 May	T/Sergeant 444 Hickman	12
30 May	T/Sergeant 352 Dowell	12
	T/Sergeant 470 Innell	19
	T/Sergeant 499 Maidment	9
	T/Sergeant 503 Whitehouse	15
	T/Sergeant 860 Whiting	10
13 June	T/Sergeant 303 Lewis	8
27 June	T/Sergeant 536 Carter	10
29 June	T/Sergeant 359 Seabright	17
1 July	T/Sergeant 386 Moore	12
1 September	T/Sergeant 725 Creswell	14
	T/Sergeant 800 Thomas	7
	T/Sergeant 502 Walsh	6
21 October	T/Sergeant 316 Stroud	16
7 November	T/Sergeant 624 Ireland	12
14 November	T/Sergeant 383 Pidgeon	12
	T/Sergeant 387 Skilleter	15
	T/Sergeant 801 Jolly	15
24 November	T/Sergeant 803 Golds	10

#### PROMOTION EXAMINATION RESULTS

To Sergeant		To Inspector			
Number of Candidates	Number Passed	Constable		Sergeant	
		Number of Candidates	Number Passed	Number of Candidates	Number Passed
116	13	42	4	43	7

Including the officers who were successful in the above examination, 82 Constables are now qualified by examination for promotion to Sergeant, and 20 of these Constables are additionally qualified for promotion to Inspector. There are also 69 Sergeants qualified by examination for promotion to Inspector.

## SUPERINTENDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Officials of the Association:—

Chairman — Chief Superintendent D C Reed  
Secretary — Chief Superintendent H Swatridge

During 1977 the Superintendents' Association was consulted by the Chief Constable on various subjects of welfare and conditions of service. Two Branch Meetings were held at Wareham and representatives attended the three District Conferences and the Annual Meeting of Districts at Torquay. During the year the Secretary was appointed Secretary and Treasurer of the District and became a member of the National Executive of the Superintendents' Association of England and Wales.

## POLICE FEDERATION

The Officials of the Joint Branch Board for the year 1977 were:

Chairman — Chief Inspector J Webley  
Secretary — Sergeant P Rook  
Treasurer — W/Sergeant J De Pledge  
(retired 30 June 1977)  
W/Chief Inspector J Talbot  
(from 30 June 1977)

Joint consultation between the Board and the Chief Constable included the following subjects:—

Crewing of police vehicles  
Payment of overtime, rest day and bank holiday working  
Transfers and removals — advertising of vacancies  
Rabies — equipment and instruction  
Annual leave — recall  
Telex messages — volume  
Collator's broadcast  
Sex Discrimination Act  
Financial assistance for studies  
Police Federation office  
Force expenditure  
Staff appraisal  
Travelling expenses — new Police Headquarters

Resolutions were also submitted to the Chief Constable on the following:—

Children and young person's unit  
Payment of overtime, rest day and bank holiday working

## CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION

A total of forty claims to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board were submitted by the Joint Branch Board on behalf of members of the Force who were criminally assaulted whilst on duty. This represents an increase of four. Only three of these claims have been settled so far with the total sum of £475.00 having been awarded. During the year there was an important change with effect from the 1 March with the result that awards are now only made if they are in excess of £150.00, the previous figure being £50.00.

Of the claims submitted during the year one has been rejected on the grounds that compensation would amount to less than £150.00 and in another case the member has decided not to pursue the matter.

## DISCIPLINE AND COMPLAINTS

### 1. Discipline

Six officers appeared before the Chief Constable charged with a total of thirteen disciplinary offences, which were dealt with as follows:—

Required to resign	1
Fined and Reprimanded	3
Fined	1
Reprimanded	1

Three of these cases resulted from reports originating within the Force and three were as a result of complaints from members of the public.

### 2. Complaints against Police

During 1977, a total of 255 complaints were made by members of the public against officers of this Force, compared with 171 during

the previous year. These complaints were investigated in accordance with the provisions of Section 49 of the Police Act, with the following results:—

Disciplinary proceedings	3
Substantiated and advice given in each case	7
Unsubstantiated	65
Withdrawn	86
Cases pending at 31 December 1977	94
Total	255

Of the 94 cases pending, 57 are still under investigation, 30 are awaiting the conclusion of criminal proceedings against the complainants or their associates, and 7 are awaiting a decision by the Police Complaints Board.

It will be seen that there has been an increase of 49.1% in complaints against police. This relates to the increase in the number of actual complaints but not the number of complainants, 171 in 1976 and 160 in 1977, shows a decrease of 11. It is also significant that there has been a considerable increase in the number of complaints since the 1 June 1977, when the Police Complaints Board came into operation.

Eight complaints were investigated by senior officers from other Forces.

As in previous years, the vast majority of complaints made were in some way related to the arrest and prosecution of complainants.

During the year, 7 reports were submitted to the Director of Public Prosecutions in connection with complaints from members of the public and in one of these cases the Director advised a criminal prosecution.

Although there were 255 complaints made by members of the public, in only 4 cases did the complainant express any dissatisfaction concerning the result of the investigation.

The introduction of the Police Complaints Board has meant a considerable increase in the administrative work involved in the preparation of files and submission of them to the Board,

but there has been no criticism of the way in which the investigations have been conducted.

#### COMPLIMENTARY LETTERS

Three hundred and eleven letters were received expressing appreciation for courtesy shown and assistance given by officers of the Force during 1977.

#### HONOURS AND AWARDS

Her Majesty The Queen was graciously pleased to appoint, in the 1977 New Year Honours List, the Chief Constable, Mr Arthur Hambleton, OBE MC QPM, a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

Twenty-three officers qualified for the Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

#### POLICE BUILDINGS

The Capital Estimates for 1977/78 originally made provision for the following work to be carried out:—

	Estimated Cost £
Police Housing — 5 Units	72,000
Installation of central heating	26,000
	98,000

The Secretary of State in a letter dated 4 March 1977 reduced the estimate to £65,000.

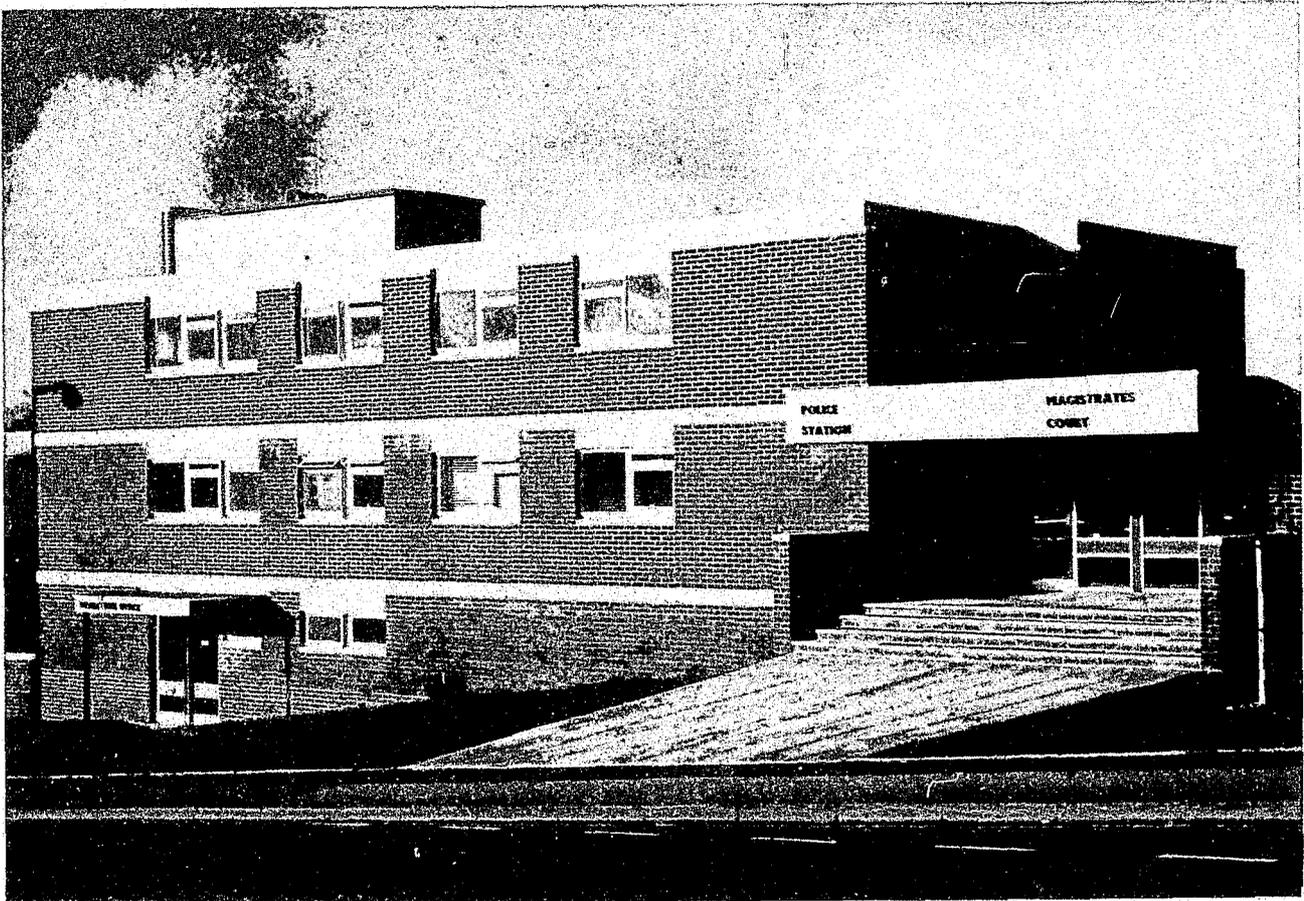
#### Force Headquarters

The purchase and adaptation of the new Force Headquarters at Winfrith was completed at an estimated cost of £320,000. This expenditure was financed from capital receipts. The building which was occupied on 22 November 1977 provides greatly improved accommodation for staff and visitors and for the first time since 1967 all Headquarters staff can be accommodated in the same building. The former Headquarters buildings will be taken into use as the Western Division Headquarters on 1 February 1978 and Weymouth Police Station will revert to a sub-divisional station.

It is hoped that the second phase of the new police headquarters, which will comprise of residential training and amenity accommodation, can be included in the "starts" Building Programme for 1981/82.

### Wimborne Police Station

The scheme for a new police station, court and probation offices was completed in December and the station is now in use.



*The new Police Station – Wimborne*

### Bournemouth Central Police Station

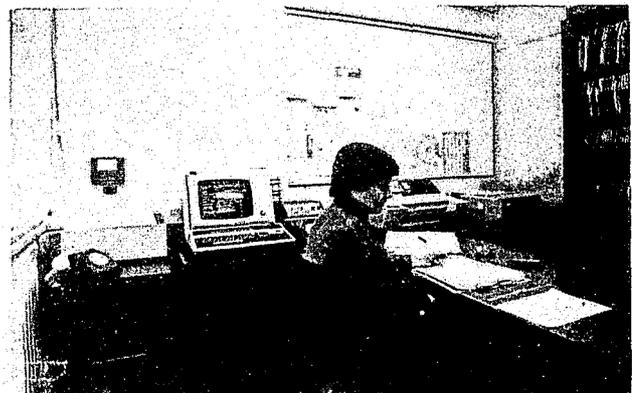
The cell improvement scheme at this station has unfortunately not been completed and is well behind schedule. It is hoped that completion can be effected early in 1978.

### PERSONNEL RECORDS

The scheme to place the personal records of members of the Force on the computer has now been completed and brought into use.

The system provides for rapid retrieval of information to be used for manpower planning, deployment and to satisfy the increasing demands for statistics and detailed returns to the Home Office and other bodies.

*The Communications Centre, Winfrith*



When the system has been fully implemented, information will be accessible in a more detailed form than was possible manually and at the same time speed and ease of production will be enhanced.

**POLICE HOUSING AS AT  
31 DECEMBER 1977**

Police Authority	EAST	WEST	TOTAL
Owned	175	222	397
Rented	4	1	5
Total	<u>179</u>	<u>223</u>	<u>402</u>

Provided by Officers	EAST	WEST	TOTAL
Owned	444	172	616
Rented	4	5	9
Total	<u>448</u>	<u>177</u>	<u>625</u>

**OWNER/OCCUPIER SCHEME**

During the year 117 members of the Force were given approval to enter the Force Owner/Occupier Scheme and, of these, 42 had moved into their own accommodation by the end of the year.

A total of 78 serving officers took up occupation of their own property during the year, and a further 12 officers were living in their own premises when they joined the Force.

**ORGANISATION AND PLANNING**

During the year the Organisation and Planning Department were engaged in the

following activities:-

**Reviews — Completed**

Process Departments — Bournemouth and Poole — assessment of staffing levels  
Major Incident Procedures — revision in respect of Hazardous Substances in Transit; Emergencies Involving Radio Activity at AEA Winfrith and general updating of arrangements

Fixed Penalty Office — revision of arrangements for obtaining statutory statements from registered owners and implementation of amended process procedures

**Matters affecting Operational Activities**

Completion of production of display maps for police vehicles in accordance with MIS requirements

Revision as necessary of Force forms procedures and standing orders including (a) preparatory work in connection with a major revision of statistical procedures to be introduced by the Department of Transport in respect of Road Traffic Accidents and (b) continued preparation of forms procedures to complement MIS sub-systems.

**Other Activities**

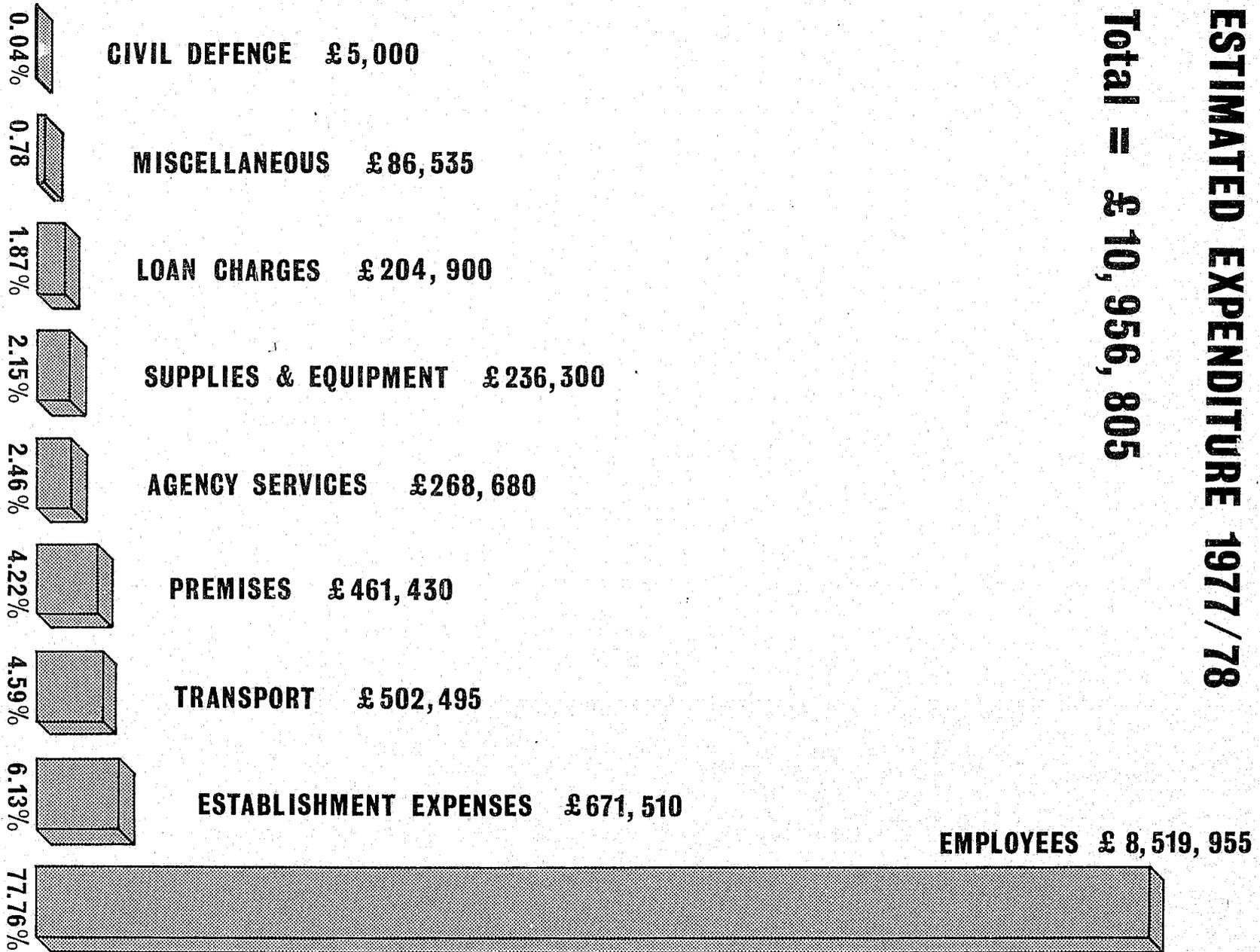
Liaison with news media in respect of Force Policy and the issue of formal press notices

The continued production of the Force Newspaper "Blueprint".

The design of material for publicity campaigns e.g. Cliff Warning notices and the Drink/Driving at Christmas Posters.

# BREAKDOWN OF REVISED GROSS ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE 1977/78

**Total = £10,956,805**



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**WELFARE**

## WELFARE

The Force Welfare Officer continues to provide a most valuable service and it is encouraging to report that communication between him and members of the Force have improved considerably. This is illustrated by the readiness with which members of the Force contact him resulting in problems being identified and resolved informally at an early stage.

Once again a substantial amount of his time has been spent with pensioners and widows and it is pleasing to note that help given in this area is much appreciated. A total of £1,720 was awarded by the Police Dependants' Trust to those registered with them in the Force area and one of the functions of the Welfare Officer is to ensure that the grants are passed to the recipients and that any undue hardship is reported back to the Trust.

## WELFARE FUND

A new Welfare Fund was established in the latter part of the year to which the large majority

*Mrs Ann Kempthorne, a widow of a Metropolitan Police Officer being presented with a bouquet of flowers on the occasion of her 101st birthday at the Sidney Gale Nursing Home, Bridport.*



of regular Force and civilians will be subscribing members. The Fund will be for the benefit of all ranks including civilians and members of the Special Constabulary and it is intended that it will extend the excellent work already being carried out by the Benevolent Fund.

## DORSET POLICE BENEVOLENT FUND

The following deaths were recorded during 1977:—

- One serving member
- One serving member's wife
- Seven pensioner members
- Eight widows
- Four pensioners' wives

In each of the above mentioned cases the appropriate benefit was paid to the next of kin. The number of widows receiving benefit as at 31 December 1977 totalled 99.

The Fund has continued to show a steady financial gain, mainly due to the income from investments. It is pleasing to note that during the year amounts paid to beneficiaries were increased for the second time in two years.

## GURNEY FUND

Chief Inspector J Webley continued throughout the year as Trustee of the Fund which provides regular grants to children of Police widows. At 31 December 1977 there were 3 children in benefit with the Fund and 24 with the Benevolent Fund with the result that all 27 children received a small monetary gift at Christmas.

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS DORSET AND BOURNEMOUTH BRANCHES

Both branches continued to hold periodic

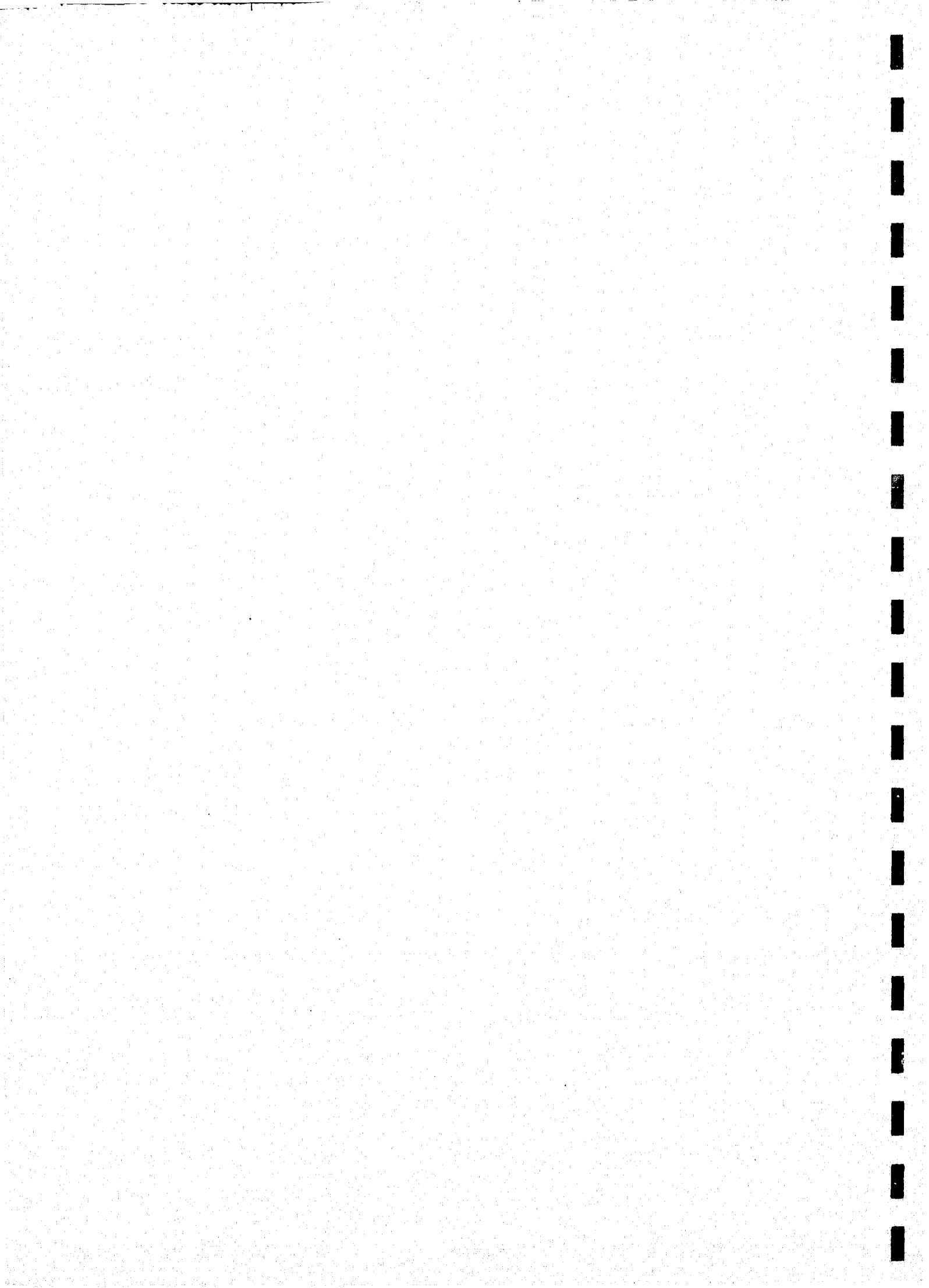
meetings which were well attended throughout the year. They also maintain a close liaison with the Force Welfare Officer in connection with any problems concerning retired officers.

## POLICE CONVALESCENT HOME — HOVE

The Convalescent Home has continued to receive regular contributions from members of the Force, the collection and payment to the Home being the responsibility of the Joint Branch Board. The problems concerning the replacement of the lift which were of prime importance last year have fortunately been resolved. During the year two members of the Force spent periods of recuperative rest at the Home.

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**TRAFFIC**



## VEHICLES

The authorised establishment of vehicles for 1977 was 158 cars, vans and estates and 40 motorcycles, a total of 198 units.

Despite vehicle replacements being ordered in good time it was found that delivery of specialised vehicles was not satisfactory.

Manufacturers' prices continued to rise on both vehicles and spares throughout the year.

Due to financial strictures a considerable effort was made to reduce costs and a reduction of 16.3% in the overall mileage for the year, was achieved.

## VEHICLE COSTING

Monthly information from the vehicle costing scheme continues to prove a valuable aid to the efficient fleet management.

## ACCOMMODATION

The facilities available at Piddlehinton Camp proved to be an asset and 136 vehicles were stored in police custody pending enquiries or by order of a Court.

## ROAD SAFETY DAY

A successful innovation was the Road Safety Day held at Bournemouth in October when, with the support of motoring clubs, the County Road Safety Department and commercial organisations, over 100 drivers took part in a observed drive and driving manoeuvrability tests, resulting in prizes being awarded to the various categories of winning entrants.

During the day exhibitions were staged by the Road Safety Department and spectators were invited to test their eyesight and experience the effects of seat belt use.

Demonstrations of proficient cycling and motor cycling were given by young people trained under the Cycle Proficiency or RAC/ACU training schemes.

## ROAD SAFETY QUIZ

The annual Adult Inter-Counties Road Safety Quiz contest was held in all areas of the county and the events were attended by approximately 1,000 people.

## SAFE DRIVING AND ADULT LECTURES

During the year 54 periods of instruction with talks and films were given to adult organisations with additional talks to Learner Drivers' Courses, Parents' Associations and Works Apprentices. Officers assisted with the Dorset Federation of Women's Institutes new Road Safety and Better Driving Day at Bovington Camp, which proved to be very successful.

Similarly the Police Advanced Traffic Motorcycle Instructors gave instruction at courses for the motorcycling public with the intention that the people attending should pass on the knowledge gained to members of their motorcycling organisations. Considerable public interest is already being shown towards similar courses planned for 1978. These courses bring together the police and the public in a common interest in improving motorcycling technique with the consequent benefit of the enhancement of safety on the roads.

## SCHOOLS AND ORGANISATIONS

264 talks were given to some 28,000 children in the 5 to 13 years age group at schools and an additional 3,000 children were shown films and given talks at pre-school groups, Tufty Clubs, etc.

## CYCLE PROFICIENCY SCHEME

Some 3,700 young people were successful in passing the tests of the National Cycle Proficiency Training Scheme and members of the Special Constabulary and other volunteers are to be congratulated for the continued success of this scheme.

## EXAMINATION OF PEDAL CYCLES

Secondary and Middle Schools were visited and some 4,000 pedal cycles examined for road-worthiness. The largest number of faults related to defective brakes and it is pleasing to note that these were quickly corrected.

## EXHIBITIONS

The Force static road safety exhibition/display caravan visited the major towns, Agricultural Shows, Fetes and Rallies throughout the county. The Keystone Vision Tester was used by 1,930 persons, 248 of whom were advised to consult their optician. Some 5,000 persons availed themselves of the opportunity to use the brake reaction meters.

## ABNORMAL LOADS

There was an increase in the notified abnormal load movements by 1,178 to 6,341, but a decrease in those requiring escort by 40 to 582.

## OFFENCES

A total of 26,620 persons were reported for traffic offences in 1977, a decrease of 1,175 from the previous year. Of this number 4,120 were dealt with by means of written cautions and 22,500 cases were heard by the Courts. Only 4 persons were prosecuted for causing death by dangerous driving, an identical figure to the previous year but there were 17 fewer prosecutions for cases of reckless or dangerous driving, a total of 149.

The reduction in the numbers of "drinking and driving" offences continued in 1977 when during the year, of 474 drivers charged, 425 were convicted with 24 cases withdrawn or dismissed and 25 awaiting trial. This reduction of 11.27% in persons convicted gives one some small measure of encouragement that more stringent penalties imposed by the courts, together with our not inconsiderable anti-drink and drive publicity is having an effect on the drinking motorist. The chart on page 15 illustrates the trend over the past five years.

## ENFORCEMENT OF SPEED LIMITS

The temporary speed limits brought about by petrol rationing, ended during this year. However, despite the new limits of 60mph on single carriageway roads and 70mph on dual carriageways, the incidence of excessive speed continues to rise and is combated by the use of VASCAR, RADAR and following police cars and motor-cycles. 5,271 motorists were detected exceeding speed limits by VASCAR and RADAR.

The use of RADAR (PETA) meters is now coming to an end and replacement meters will be needed when a suitable one becomes available.

## ROADSIDE CHECKS

Roadside checks into the mechanical aspects of traffic law were carried out at several locations in the county when police vehicle examiners stopped vehicles and submitted them to a thorough examination. Each check resulted in many offences being discovered, and considerable advice given regarding potentially dangerous wear to parts and accessories. A number of drivers were advised to immediately discontinue use of their vehicle.

## VEHICLE EXCISE ENFORCEMENT

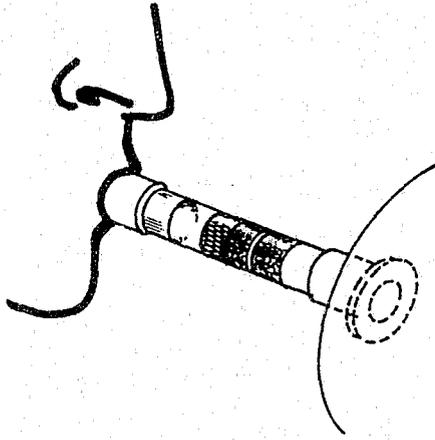
In connection with vehicle excise offences 5,716 persons were reported. Payment of mitigated penalties together with Court Orders and fines resulted in £50,443 being collected.

## FIXED PENALTY TICKETS

The number of Fixed Penalty Tickets issued continued to decrease, a total of 25,002 being issued which is 1,444 fewer than last year.

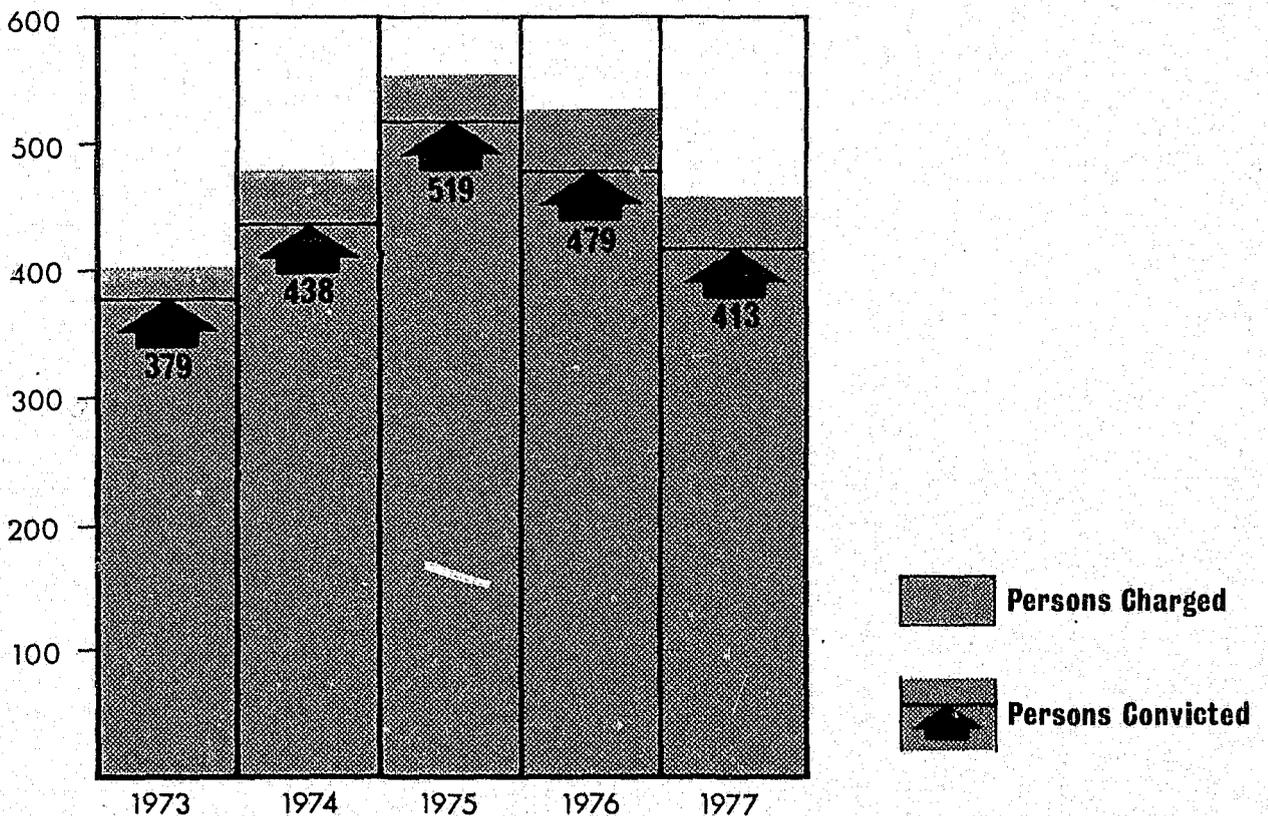
## TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

The chart on page 16 indicates the number of traffic accidents involving injury over the five years' period ending 31 December 1977. It is gratifying to note that the number of fatalities



Driving, attempting to drive or being in charge of a motor vehicle whilst having blood/alcohol or urine/alcohol concentration in excess of prescribed limits.

**In 1977 there were 453 persons charged..  
... 413 were convicted.**





*Preparation of a detailed plan to support findings*



*An Accident Investigation commences*

in 1977 reduced by 10 to 56. Nevertheless the overall trend is an increase, as an additional 122 persons were seriously injured and 256 persons slightly injured, showing totals of 1,204 and 2,748 respectively. There was a total of 573 pedestrian casualties, this being an increase of 16 more than in 1976. Of these 15 were killed, 214 seriously injured and 344 slightly injured. Non-injury accidents also increased by 345 to 5,998.

## ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

Sixteen officers are now qualified in this field. The results obtained from their investigations have proved beneficial to coroners and juries at inquests on victims of fatal traffic accidents and have assisted in correctly determining the cause of serious accidents. Talks and demonstrations on this type of investigation have been given to magistrates and their clerks throughout the Force area.

### INVESTIGATION OF AN ACCIDENT

Just after midnight a motorist discovered a badly damaged pedal cycle on the side of a dual carriageway, nearby he found the body of a youth. Police were called. A thorough search of the scene was made and small flakes of paint and part of a motorcar headlight cowl were found. Initial enquiries established that the cowl was from a particular make and type of car.

The materials found at the scene together with the pedal cycle were taken to the Forensic Science Laboratory at Bristol where scientists were able to establish exactly the make, type, colour and period of manufacture of the vehicle involved.

An incident room was set up and officers examined vehicle records of 646 vehicles similar

to the description established by the scientists. Numerous enquiries were made at vehicle body repair shops and scrap yards. Eventually after ten days of painstaking enquiries during which a considerable degree of co-operation was given by many people police were nearby when the vehicle for which they had been searching was seen at a scrap yard. The driver was interviewed and enquiries relating to a hit and run fatal traffic accident, where there had been no witnesses, were completed.

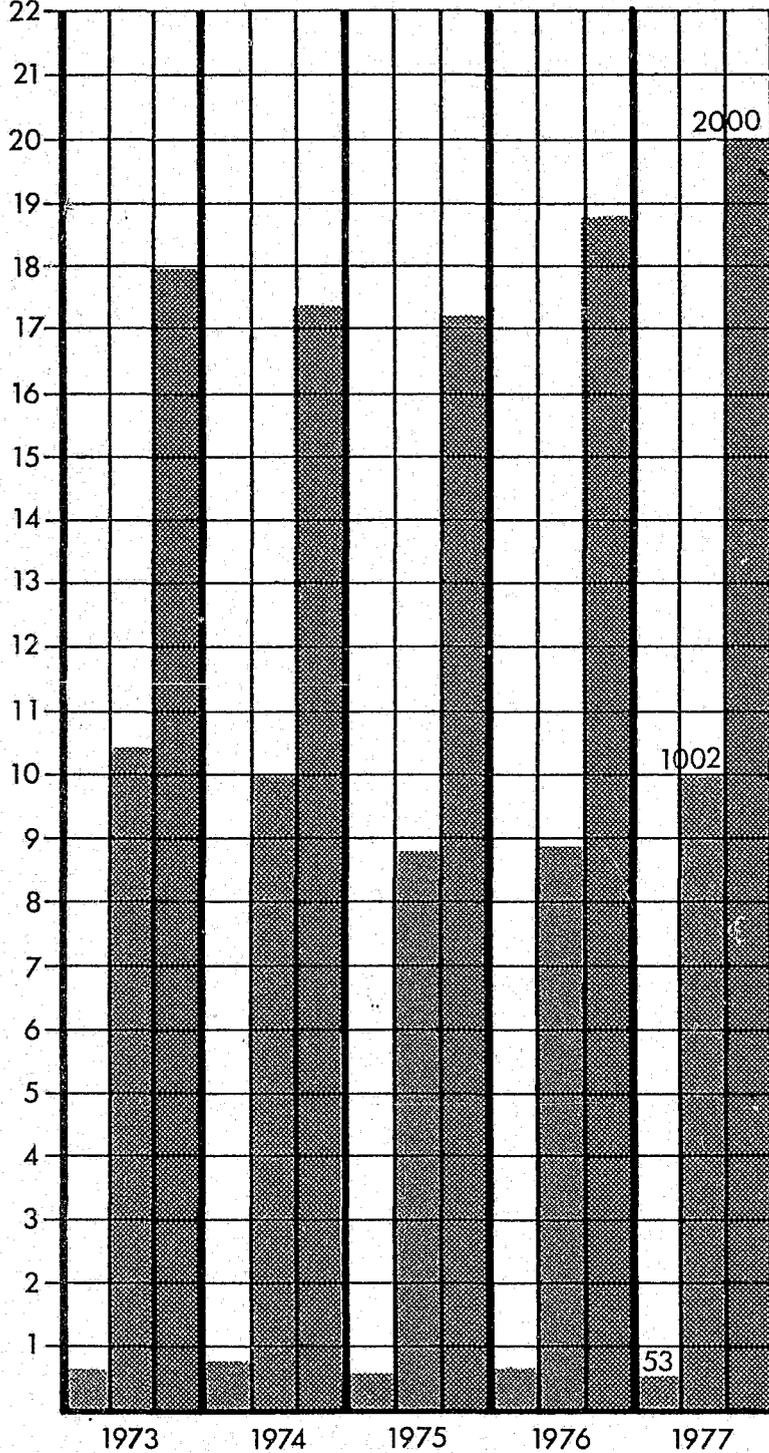
## TRAFFIC/CRIME

In addition to normal patrol duties and enforcement of Traffic Laws, officers of the Traffic Department are always alert to criminals travelling within the county, for example:—

(a) A patrol on duty in the north of the county in the early hours of the morning, stopped a motor car on a routine check. This resulted in the occupants of the car being arrested and a considerable sum of money and a number of Post Office Savings Books being recovered from the car. Enquiries revealed that the property was the proceeds of burglary in a neighbouring Force area. As a result of these arrests several cases of burglary were detected and the culprits were sentenced to terms of imprisonment.

(b) Again in the early hours of the morning two officers were on patrol in the Dorchester area when a motor car aroused their interest. They followed and arranged for a checkpoint to be set up ahead. The suspect vehicle was driven straight through the checkpoint, chase was given during which gas bottles and other objects were thrown from the car into the path of the pursuing police vehicle. The pursued vehicle eventually crashed and two of the three occupants arrested.

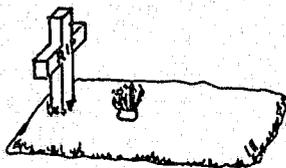
Hundreds 22



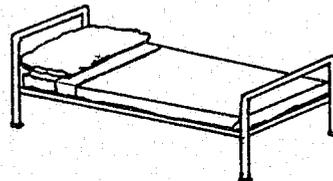
## ROAD TRAFFIC INJURY ACCIDENTS 1973 - 1977

 FATAL  
 SERIOUS  
 SLIGHT

NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED IN THE ABOVE 1977 ACCIDENTS :-



56  
KILLED



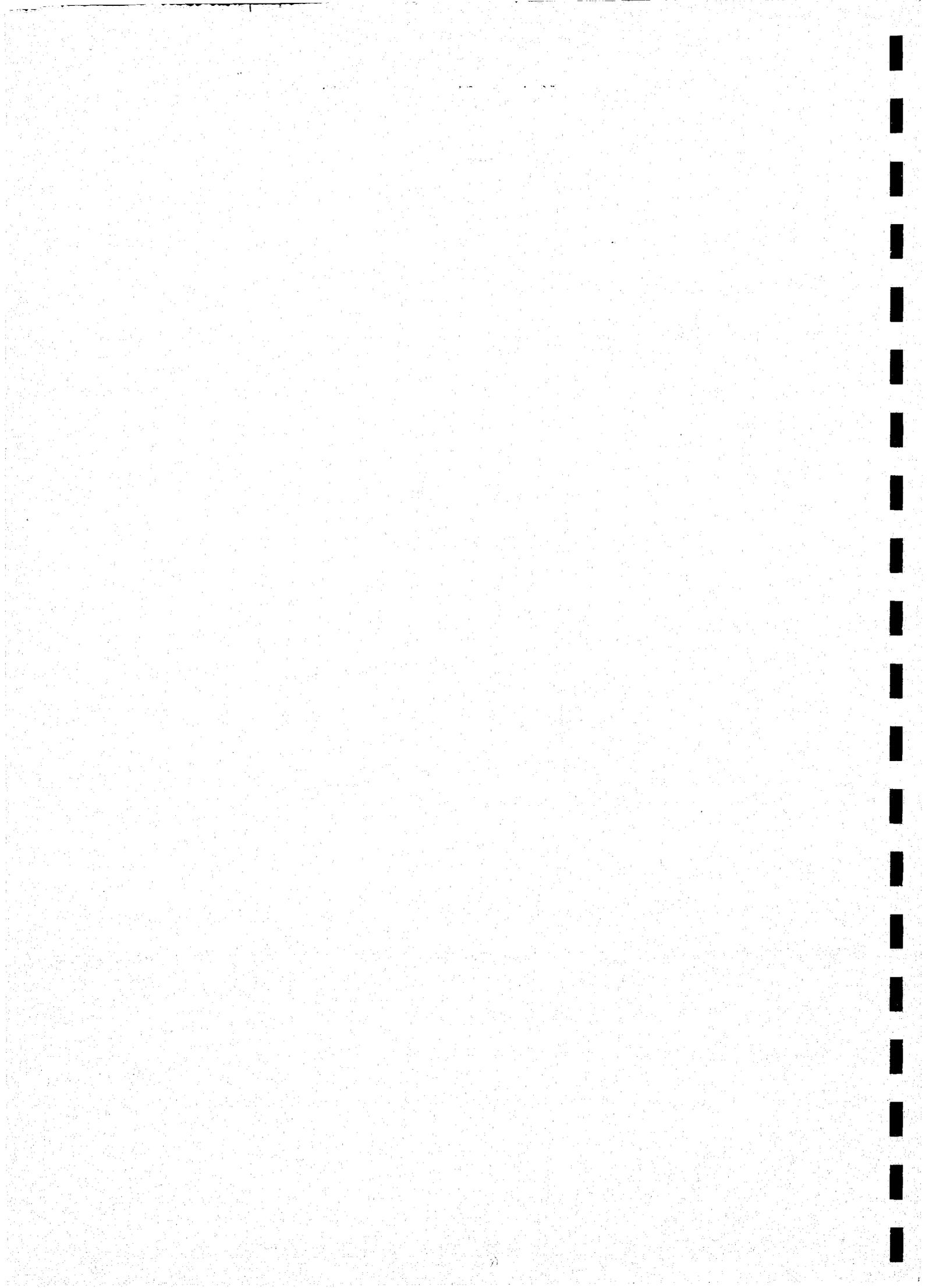
1204  
SERIOUSLY INJURED



2748  
SLIGHTLY INJURED

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**CRIME**



## CRIME SYNOPSIS

During 1977 reported indictable crimes numbered 26,109 and of these 923 proved to be without foundation, leaving a true crime figure of 25,186, an increase of 7.6% over 1976. The number of crimes detected fell slightly at 10,304 compared with 10,690 last year.

Violence against the person showed a welcome decrease of 13.8% from 614 to 529. The detection rate for this type of offence rose by 4.61% to 79.2%. Burglaries increased by 15.33% to 5,153, whilst the detection rate showed a reduction of 7.59%. Sexual offences again decreased significantly, this time by 22% to 163 compared with 209 the previous year. The detection rate fell by the same amount.

The crime classification 'Other Malicious Damages' which includes criminal damage of over £20 again gives cause for concern and during the year there was a 39.41% increase to 960 offences.

Theft from vehicles again rose, the figure being 3,211 as against 2,924 which represents an increase of 9.8%. The theft and unauthorised taking of motor vehicles continues to rise, there being 2,159 offences, an increase of 14.49%. Theft from shop and stalls, the shoplifting classification, rose by 25.88% to 2,894.

The average crime caseload for 1977 of all operational detective sergeants and detective constables (excluding Crime Intelligence Officers) was to the nearest whole number:

Force	253
Eastern Division	269
Western Division	210

The caseload suggested by the Home Office is 150.

Two murders were recorded in the Force area, both of which were detected, together with one outstanding for last year.

## CASES OF SPECIAL INTEREST

### Murder at Bournemouth

During March, a man walked into Christ-

church Police Station and confessed to murdering his girlfriend in a flat at Bournemouth. On visiting the scene officers found the girl's body face down on a bed, death was by suffocation. At Winchester Crown Court the man was sentenced to three years imprisonment for manslaughter.

### Murder at Bridport

In May a woman called at neighbour's house and said she had shot her husband. On their arrival at the marital home the police found the body of the husband lying in the hall with a shotgun beside him. The shooting followed an argument over another woman.

At Winchester Crown Court a plea of guilty to manslaughter was accepted and the woman was sentenced to two years imprisonment suspended for two years, with a supervision order.

### Series of Night Attacks at Poole

Between mid-January and mid-February four attacks took place at night on elderly women living alone in the Poole area. In each case violence was used; coupled in three cases with a sexual assault; in the other case the offender assaulted the woman in an attempt to enter the house, but failed to gain entry. None of the women could identify the offender, but intensive police enquiries produced a suspect whose fingerprints were identified with marks found at the scene of one offence. He was arrested and admitted all four offences and at the Winchester Crown Court he was sentenced to 7 years' imprisonment.

### Decomposed Body - Poole

In July an unclothed and decomposed male body was found on the heath at Canford. Enquiries indicated that the body was that of a local man who was missing. Due to decomposition no prints could be obtained from the fingers by normal means, but the skin was removed and at the South Western Fingerprint Bureau, Bristol, prints were obtained from the reverse side of the fingers which proved the identity.

## OPERATION SHORELINE - 28 JULY - 10 AUGUST 1977

During the period 28 July - 10 August 1977, static observations, foot patrols and boat



*The Dory used for patrolling shallow water*

patrols were concentrated on the Hamworthy shoreline from Poole Yacht Club to Lake Road, Hamworthy by members of the Marine Section, Support Unit and Dog Section during the hours 1800 – 0200 daily; this area having been the target for most of the crime in Poole Harbour over a similar period the previous year. Patrols were carried out in the dory and another boat loaned for the period of the operation was used for static observation.

There was no crime at all reported in the area under observation during the period of the operation and it was found that movement on the water after dark was negligible.

Of the persons checked, one was found to be wanted on warrant and was arrested; but this was not connected with marine crime.

During the period of the operation there were five crimes reported on the water in other parts of the harbour, one of which has been cleared up.

Good use was made of the night binoculars loaned from the Royal Marines and the night vision intensifier loaned from the Special Air Service was found to be excellent. This operation

showed once again that positive policing can and does give the necessary return for the time and effort invested.

#### TROLLEY DROPPING



*The trolley thrown from the top of a multi-storey car park*

On Sunday, 23 October 1977 a lady was walking to church and whilst passing the rear of the multi-storey car park in Avenue Road, was struck by a supermarket trolley weighing 50lbs which had been thrown from the top of the car park - a height of 64 feet. The lady was seriously hurt and initial reports were that she was not expected to live, but fortunately the trolley struck a tree breaking its fall and the lady is now making a good recovery. Information is still being received by the police and enquiries are continuing.

There have been a number of incidents of stones being thrown from buildings and bridges in the area, all constituting a danger to the public.

## DRUGS

There was a 5.9% decrease in the number of persons detected for offences in connection with the abuse of controlled drugs, 157 as against 167 in 1976. Of the offenders, 127 were male, 36 being under the age of 21, 45 between 21 and 24 years, 36 between 25 and 30 years, and 10 over 30 years.

Of the 30 females detected 13 were under the age of 21, 9 between 21 and 24, 7 were between 25 and 30 years and 1 was over 30 years. The cultivation of Cannabis plants by addicts has become popular, though it is believed this is for personal consumption as opposed to distribution on the drug market. There have been several large seizures of growing plants during the year.

Twenty pounds of cannabis resin valued at £8,000 was found concealed in an oil drum carried in a motor car being driven from London to Bournemouth, which was stopped by Drug Squad officers at St Leonards. At the Bournemouth Crown Court the driver of the car, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

In July 1977 a local man was arrested at Weymouth, on return from London when Cannabis Resin to the value of £2,500 was found

in his car. At the Crown Court he was sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

## SCENES OF CRIME

The Force Scenes of Crime officers attended a total of 8,728 incidents in 1977, which was an increase of 519 on the previous year. Photographs were taken on 2,015 occasions compared with 2,162 in 1976, and these ranged from fatal and serious road accidents to suspicious deaths.

There was an increase of 9 in the number of persons identified by finger impressions over the previous year, the total being 204. There was also an increase of 48 in the number of scene of crime marks submitted for identification purposes. In 63 cases arrests were made, solely as a result of fingerprint identifications, following the finding of impressions left at the scene of the crime. In a further 78 cases, identification of the suspect was made following suggestions from operational officers. In the remaining 63 cases, evidence of fingerprints conclusively established that offenders already in custody were responsible for the crimes for which they had been arrested.

## FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORY

During 1977 the services of the Home Office Forensic Laboratory at Bristol were used on 1,043 occasions, compared with a total of 1,015 in 1976.

## CRIME INTELLIGENCE UNIT

The unit continues to work as indicated in my last report, despite the operational necessity to redeploy the constables stationed in the Western Division.

Working with divisional officers and crime squad personnel the unit has been involved in a number of operations in respect of persistent criminals who merit frequent attention.

The liaison with the prisons and borstal institutions has continued, with mutual benefit being derived.

## CRIME PREVENTION

Despite the ever increasing numbers of reported crime police officers and civilian crime prevention officers still strive to educate the public on matters of crime prevention.

More private organisations are being addressed by the crime prevention officers and it is pleasing to note that from these rather informal gatherings further advice is sought on matters of security. These officers have also extended their scope into the larger departmental stores where they have assisted management in staff training in order to detect and prevent offences of shoplifting.

Further campaigns were mounted throughout the year as additional methods of soliciting the attention of the public. A cycle campaign was mounted in which all schools were visited and pupils invited to affix to their cycles prepared identity labels and complete a record card. This campaign received such favourable reports that it will be repeated this year.

The sharp increase in the number of burglaries in dwellinghouses over the Christmas period prompted a campaign with press and television coverage. This department continues to liaise with the commercial alarm companies and conferences have been held between the Dorset Police and representatives of the industry on mutual problems. One particular matter of concern highlighted in recent months is security in respect of the rapidly expanding fish farm industry and consultations are in progress with the alarm industry in an effort to tackle the problem.

The Department will continue to consider and implement any means whatsoever in an effort to educate the public to be more vigilant.

The Force Exhibition Caravan was used for Crime Prevention displays on 40 days and on ten other occasions similar exhibitions were provided. The Crime Prevention officers carried out a total of 1,379 surveys of property during 1977.

The officers also gave 156 talks to various organisations during the year on topics which covered the whole range of crime prevention.

During 1977 the number of alarm installations in the Force area increased by 5.5% to 1,435 and a total of 5,424 false activations were recorded. This figure shows an average activation of 3.7 per installation the same as for 1976. The number of genuine activations recorded was 105 compared with 90 for the previous year.

The security companies have been notified that all alarm installations which terminate in the police control rooms will be removed by 1 January 1979 and the various companies are making arrangements for their removal, either to a central station manned by their staff or to their own premises.

## VICE SQUAD

The squad which is based at Bournemouth comprises one sergeant, one female and three male constables.

### Prostitution

Thirty-five prostitutes were dealt with by vice squad officers, a decrease of nine from 1976. Nineteen were prosecuted and sixteen cautioned for either first or second offences. The decrease is due to a fall in the number of prostitutes visiting Bournemouth from nearby Southampton.

### Obscene Publications

Eleven warrants under the Obscene Publications Act were executed in the Eastern Division and magazines to the value of £4,000 were ordered to be destroyed by the courts.

The proposed amendments to the law, to clarify the term "obscenity" which it was hoped would remove the ambiguity and inconsistency surrounding pornography, in 1977 are still awaited.

### Other Offences

Various other offences, detected by the officers of the squad, include; indecent exposure (four), indecent assault (one), insulting behaviour (six), importuning for immoral purposes (fourteen), buggery (one), gross indecency (seven), dangerous driving (two), street trading (six),

drunk and disorderly (two), grievous bodily harm (two).

#### Liquor Licensing Offences

Observations carried out by officers of the vice squad again resulted in numerous offences under the Liquor Licensing Acts being detected, following raids on club premises.

#### Gaming and Casinos

The local casinos were well conducted and officers of the squad were engaged in enquiries respecting the employment of croupiers at the establishments.

#### Support Squad

The one sergeant and six constables forming this squad provide a permanent, well trained, specialist unit for use anywhere within the Force Area. During the year they have assisted both Divisions and the Regional Crime Squad in many diverse enquiries. The squad has been responsible for 107 arrests and assisted in many others.

#### ATTENDANCE CENTRE

The number of juvenile courts served by the Bournemouth Attendance Centre is now eight, an increase of two during the year. Blandford and Wareham Courts were added but as yet have made no order for any boy to attend the Centre.

The centre continues to function satisfactorily with a staff of five police officers and one civilian handicraft instructor who dealt with an increase of ten boys, ninety-three orders being made in 1977 as opposed to eighty-three in 1976. Fifty-six orders have been completed, twenty-nine of which were without any absence. Discipline remains strict with the result that there have been only relatively minor offences against the rules. However, it was necessary to take one boy back to court for failing to attend regularly and another was sent to a Detention Centre for an offence committed prior to the Attendance Centre Order being made.

The main activity of the centre remains physical education and handicraft, but talks and films on road safety, first aid and cycle/car maintenance have been introduced.

There have been visits during the year from magistrates, social workers and probation officers, giving opportunity for problems to be discussed between these visitors and members of the staff.

The continued assistance and co-operation received from the magistrates and clerks of the juvenile courts, the probation officers, the staff of the Social Work Services of the Department of Health and Social Security and the staff at the Winton Boys' School is acknowledged and appreciated.

#### ESCAPES FROM CUSTODY

HM Prison, Dorchester

Nil

HM Prison, The Verne, Portland

Two (absconded from working party away from Portland Island)

Arrested outside Portland Island 2

HM Borstal, Portland

Five (involving nine inmates)

Arrested in Portland Island 7

Arrested in Force area 1

Arrested outside Force area 1

HM Borstal, Guys Marsh, Shaftesbury

Thirty-seven escapes (involving sixty-three inmates)

Arrested within Force area 25

Arrested outside Force area 34

Returned of own accord 4

ANALYSIS OF CRIME

C = True Crime  
D = Detection

VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON	1976		1977	
	C	D	C	D
Murder	4	5	2	3
Attempts to Murder	-	2	-	-
Threats or Conspiracy to Murder	-	-	-	-
Manslaughter	1	1	1	1
Infanticide	-	-	-	-
Death by Dangerous Driving	4	6	4	4
Woundings and Assaults	604	444	522	411
Procuring Abortion	-	-	-	-
Concealment of Birth	1	-	-	-
Child Stealing	-	-	-	-
	614	458	529	419
Robbery	53	23	66	21

SEXUAL OFFENCES	1976		1977	
	C	D	C	D
Buggery	15	14	9	6
Attempts to Commit Buggery Etc.	23	28	22	7
Indecency Between Males	10	8	6	8
Rape	9	5	17	14
Indecent Assault on Females	92	53	82	37
Unlawful Sexual Intercourse - Girls Under 13 Years	3	2	1	2
Unlawful Sexual Intercourse - Girls Between 13-16 Years	54	57	21	21
Incest	-	-	2	-
Procuration	-	2	-	-
Abduction	2	2	3	2
Bigamy	1	-	-	-
	209	171	163	97

BURGLARY	1976		1977	
	C	D	C	D
Burglary in a Dwelling	1717	437	2424	457
Burglary Other Than in a Dwelling	2694	838	2661	619
Going Equipped for Stealing Etc.	42	41	56	48
Aggravated Burglary Other Than in a Dwelling	11	4	6	9
Aggravated Burglary in a Dwelling	4	3	6	2
	4468	1323	5153	1135

FRAUDS	1976		1977	
	C	D	C	D
Frauds by Company Directors	1	1	1	-
False Accounting	67	86	94	85
Other Frauds	1586	1393	1528	1361
	1654	1480	1623	1446

THEFT	1976		1977	
	C	D	C	D
Stealing from the Person of Another	108	32	133	29
Stealing Mail Bags Etc.	28	16	27	15
Other Stealings and Unauthorised Takings	4351	1366	4046	1003
Stealing From a Dwelling	799	238	789	265
Stealing By an Employee	258	241	291	243
Stealing Pedal Cycles	1048	119	1060	126
Stealing From Vehicles	2924	671	3211	599
Stealing From Shops and Stalls	2299	1987	2894	2289
Stealing From Machines and Meters	434	162	412	167
Stealing and Unauthorised Taking of Motor Vehicles	1981	725	2159	632
	14230	5557	15022	5368
Handling Stolen Goods	488	451	654	616

OTHER OFFENCES	1976		1977	
	C	D	C	D
Blackmail	10	8	8	6
Arson	82	21	72	31
Other Malicious Damages	685	312	960	285
Forgery and Uttering and Uttering Counterfeit Coins	815	806	832	790
Causing Affray	1	1	5	3
Perjury	1	2	6	6
Threat with Intent to Commit Criminal Damage	-	-	1	-
Miscellaneous	90	77	88	79
Suicide (Aid and Abet)	-	-	4	2
	1684	1227	1976	1202

## SUMMARY OF CRIME

CLASSIFICATION	1976		1977	
	C	D	C	D
Violence Against Persons	614	458	529	419
Robbery	53	23	66	21
Sexual Offences	209	171	163	97
Burglary	4468	1323	5153	1135
Theft	14230	5557	15022	5368
Handling Stolen Goods	488	451	654	616
Frauds	1654	1480	1623	1446
Other Offences	1684	1227	1976	1202
	23400	10690	25186	10304

## INDICTABLE CRIME

DISPOSAL AT LOWER COURTS	1976	1977
Imprisonment	193	182
Suspended Sentence of Imprisonment	164	159
Detention Centre	77	81
Attendance Centre	68	73
Fine	1606	1557
Probation	239	263
Conditional Discharge	310	361
Recognisances	5	42
Absolute Discharge	16	14
Crown Court for Sentence	61	26
Hospital Order	2	1
Crown Court for Borstal	31	19
Supervision Order	109	112
Returned to Borstal	3	3
Adjourned Sine Die	4	8
Died Before Adjudication	1	4
Withdrawn or Dismissed	323	326
Committed for Trial	600	705
One Day's Imprisonment	-	1
Care Order	47	33
Deferred Sentence	32	26
Committed Suicide	1	-
Handed Over to Service Escort	2	-
Community Service	89	56
Police Cells	-	4
Not Separately Dealt With	-	1
	3983	4057

METHOD OF DISPOSAL (NON-INDICTABLE, NON-TRAFFIC)

(A) By Magistrates/Juvenile Courts	1976	1977
Imprisonment	15	17
Suspended Sentence of Imprisonment	18	27
Detention Centre	5	2
Community Service	8	7
Attendance Centre	2	4
Fine	2043	1981
Probation	26	25
Conditional Discharge	61	68
Recognisances	2	66
Absolute Discharge	33	25
Hospital Order	-	1
Crown Court for Sentence	-	2
One Day's Imprisonment	3	3
Handed Over to Service Escort	1	-
Adjourned Sine Die	32	28
Withdrawn or Dismissed	175	181
Committed for Trial	18	20
Supervision Order	5	5
Care Order	-	-
Deferred Sentence	2	6
Crown Court for Borstal	1	1
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(B) Other Than By Process		
Cautioned	423	413
Dealt With By Service Authorities	-	-
	423	413

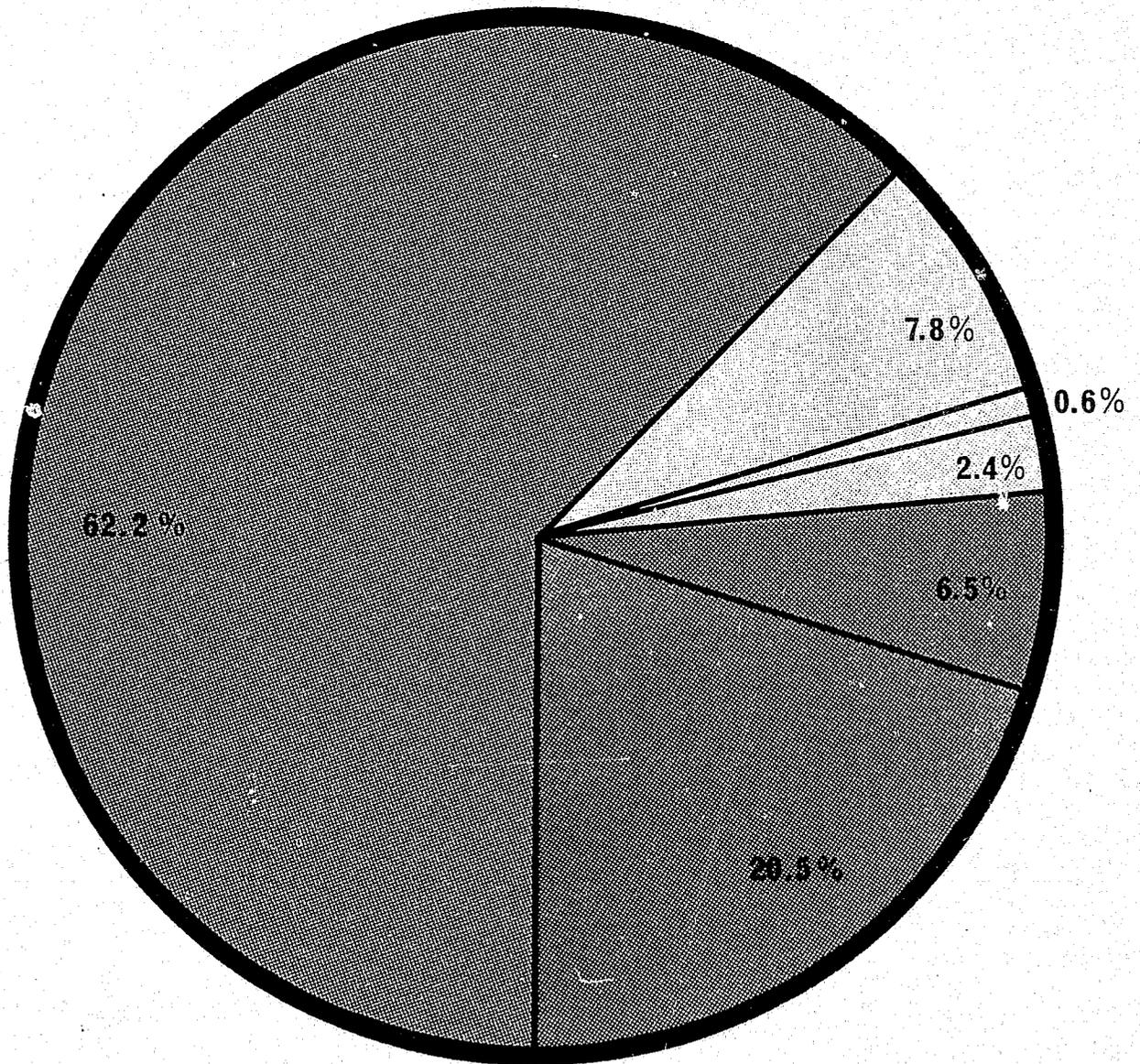
SUMMARY OF DISPOSAL OF INDICTABLE CRIME	1976	1977
Persons Arrested	2962	2947
Persons Summoned	1021	1110
Persons Cautioned	1352	1356
Dealt with by Service Authorities	3	5

## INDICTABLE CRIME BY CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS UNDER 17 YEARS

JUVENILE	MALE		FEMALE		TOTAL	
	1976	1977	1976	1977	1976	1977
Under 14 Years	495	462	136	181	631	643
14-16 Years	805	817	185	194	990	1011
Total	1300	1279	321	375	1621	1654

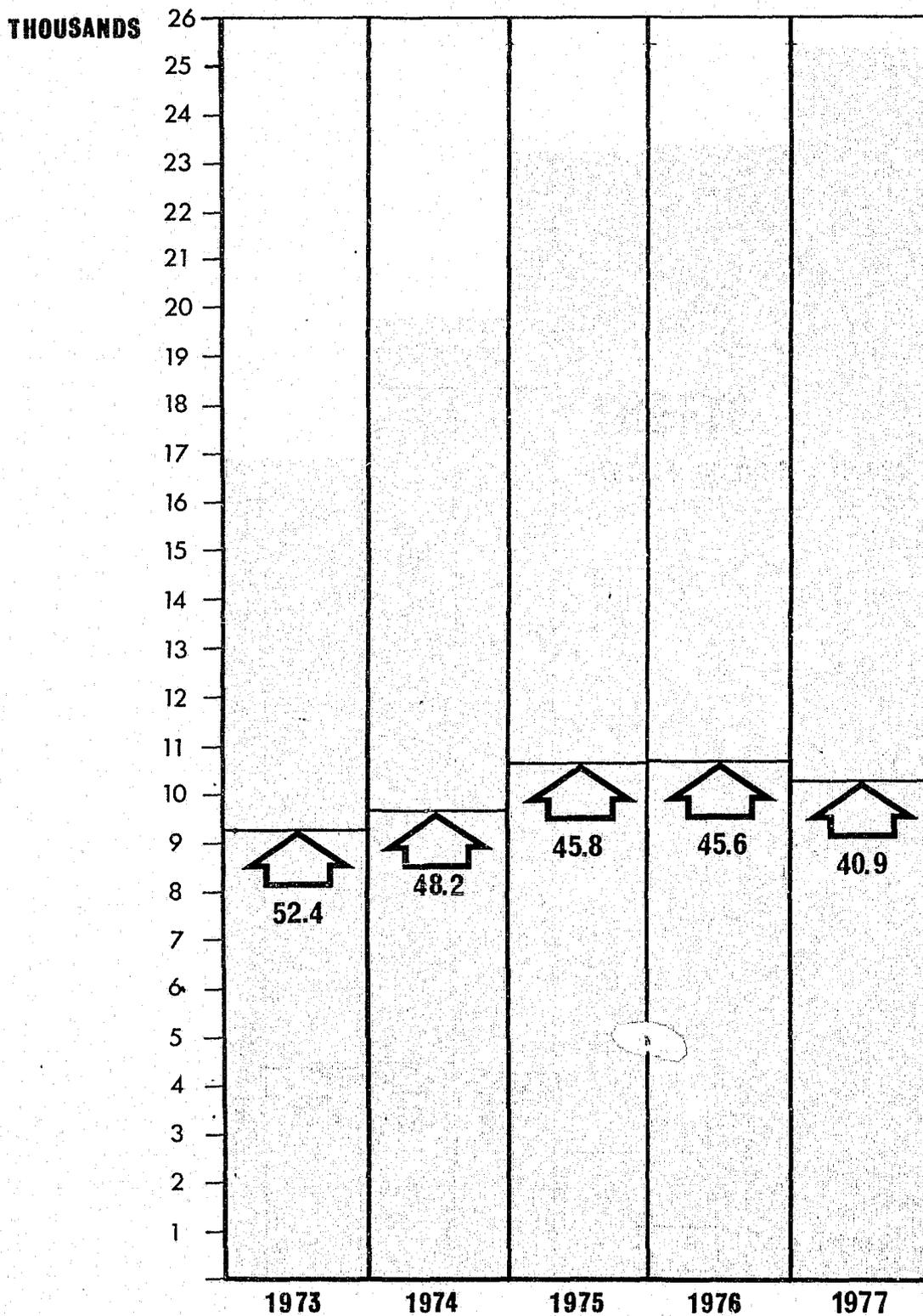
MANNER IN WHICH JUVENILES WERE DEALT WITH	1976	1977
Cautioned by Police Officer	983	1008
Detention Centre	35	39
Attendance Centre	68	73
Fine	199	181
Deferred Sentence	3	2
Conditional Discharge	112	122
Crown Court for Borstal	14	14
Supervision Order	109	112
Care Order	47	33
Adjourned Sine Die	1	-
Returned to Borstal	1	-
Withdrawn or Dismissed	40	65
Committed for Trial	9	5
	1621	1654

# TOTAL TRUE CRIME 1977



-  **THEFTS & UNAUTHORISED TAKINGS (including Handling Offences)**
-  **BURGLARIES**
-  **FRAUDS**
-  **VIOLENCE OFFENCES (including Robbery)**
-  **SEXUAL OFFENCES**
-  **OTHER OFFENCES**

# TOTAL TRUE CRIMES DETECTIONS

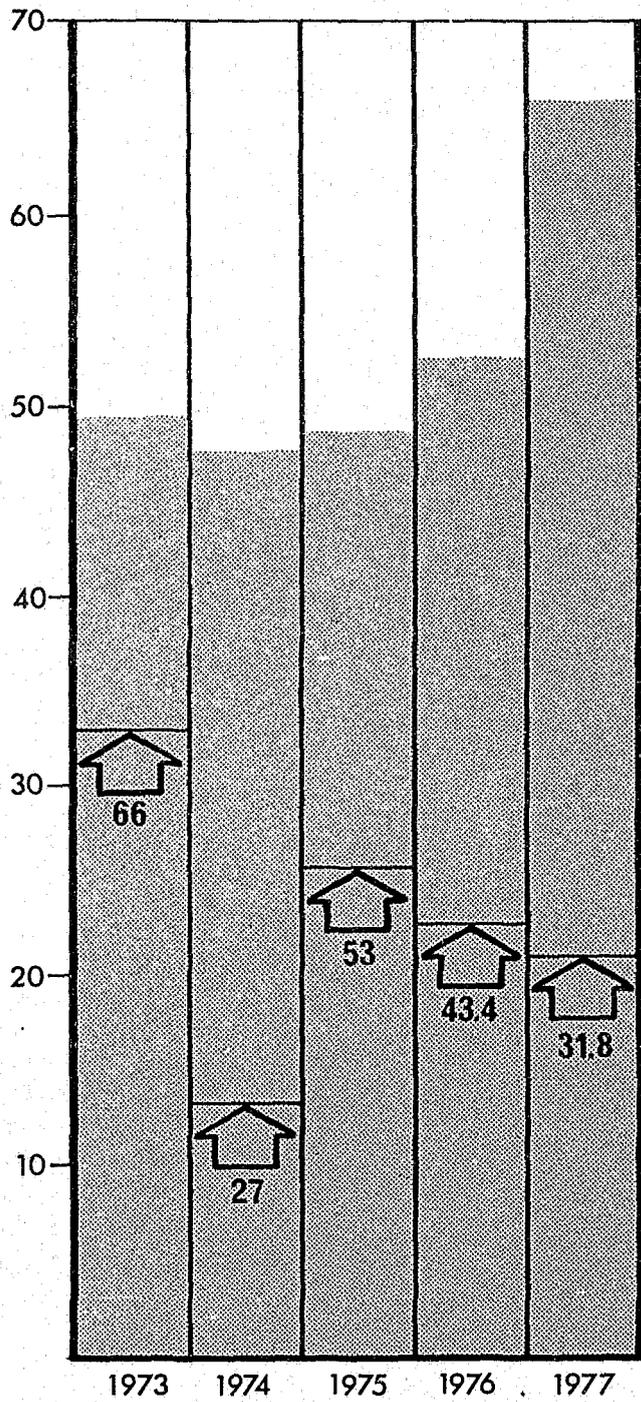


 TRUE CRIMES

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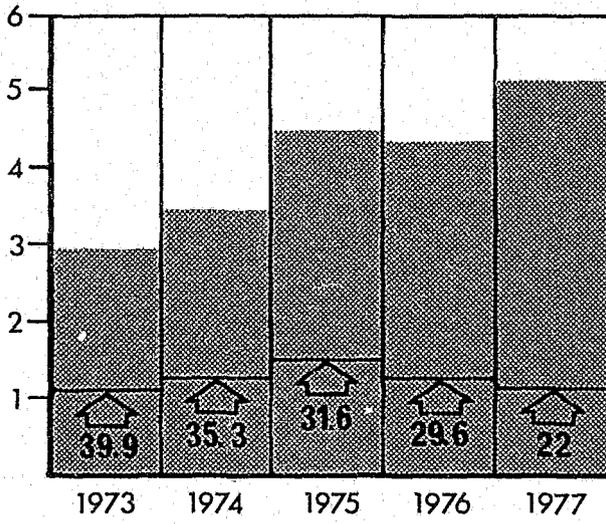
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ROBBERIES IN 1977 - 66



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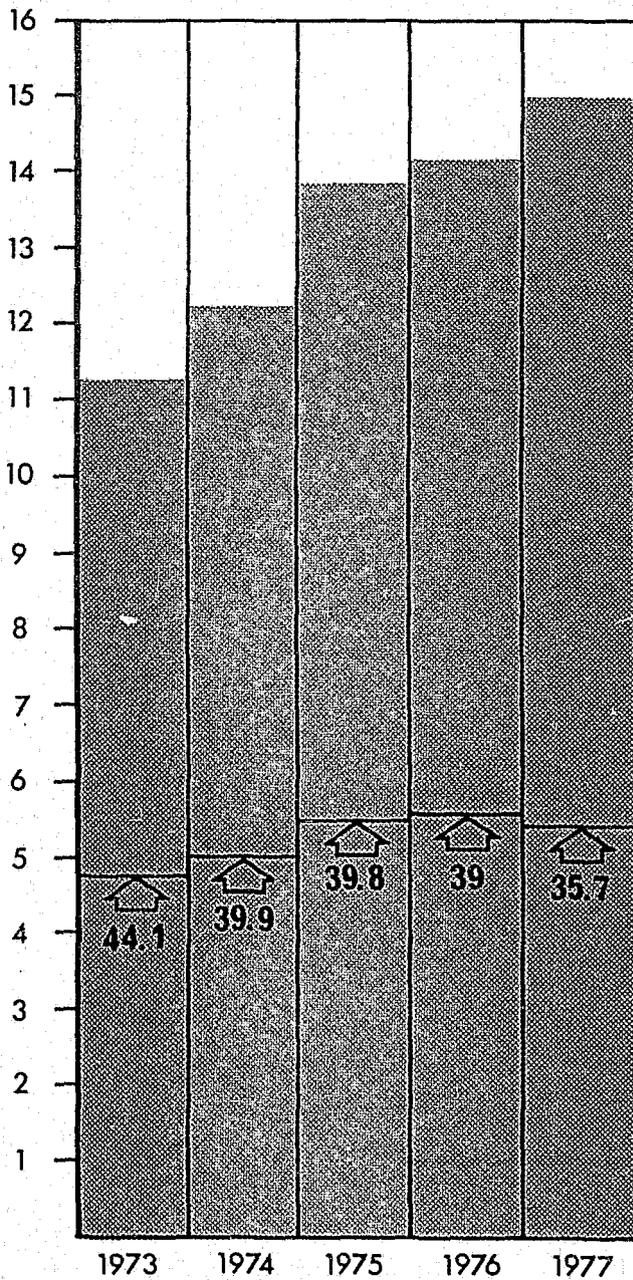
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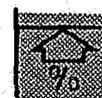


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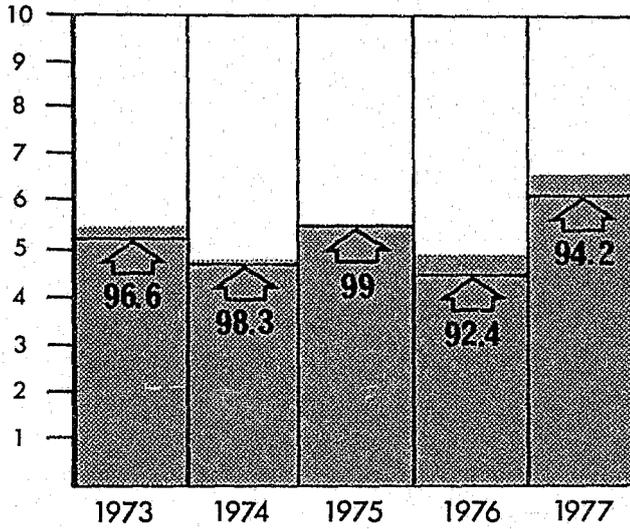


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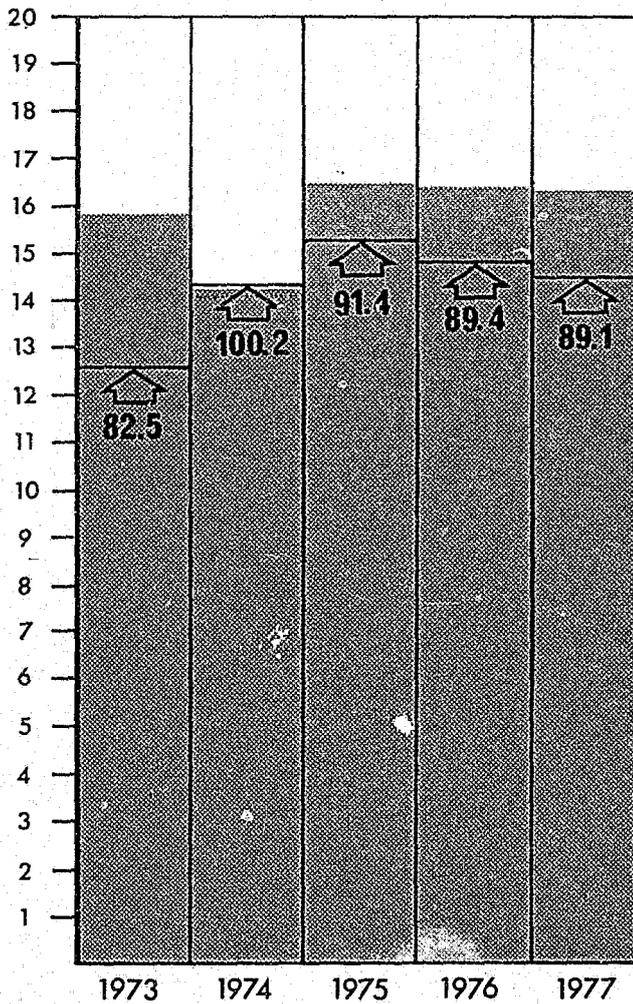
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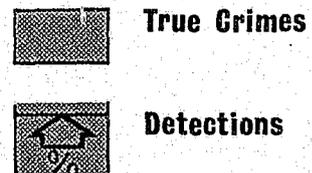
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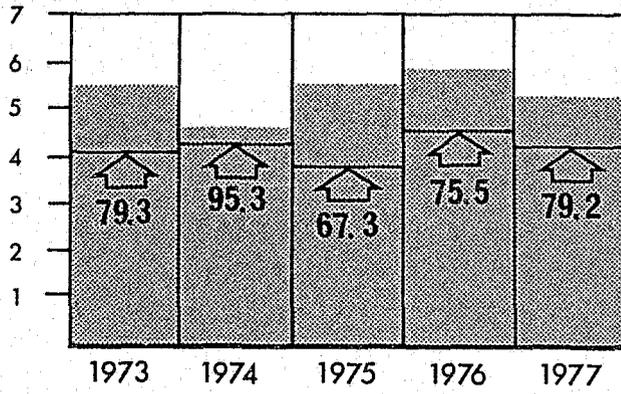


## FRAUDS

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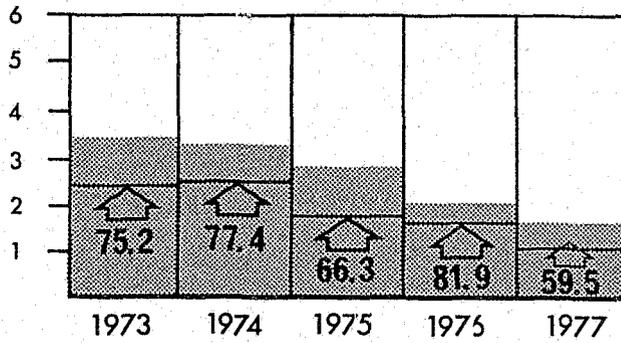
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# VIOLENCE

VIOLENCE OFFENCES IN 1977 - 529

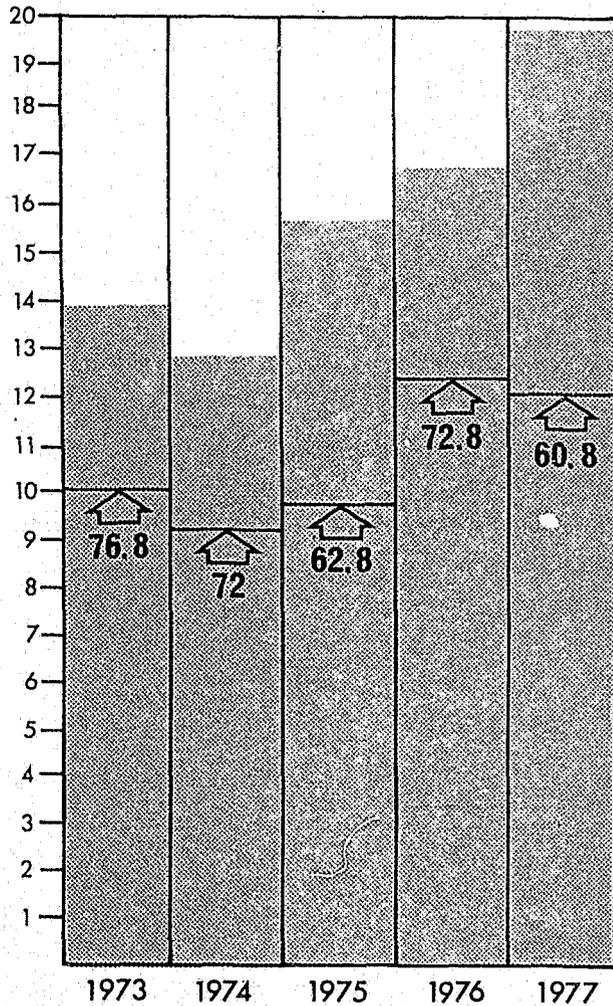
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# SEXUAL

SEXUAL OFFENCES IN 1977 - 163

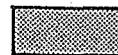
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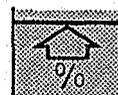


# OTHER

(e.g. ARSON, BLACKMAIL, etc.)

OTHER OFFENCES IN 1977 - 1,976

 True Crimes

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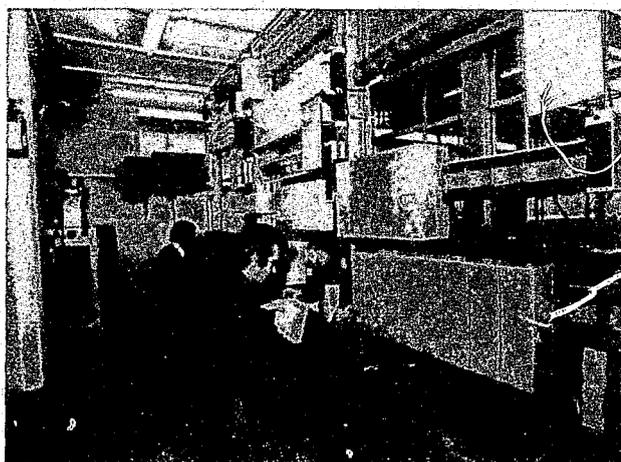
**COMMUNICATIONS**



## COMMUNICATIONS

During 1977 the two major projects of the Communications Department have been the provision of the communications network in and to the new Headquarters at Winfrith and the continuance of provisioning the various means of accessing the computer.

At Winfrith a Private Automatic Branch Exchange No. 3 has been installed, and, with the extension of six wideband lines from Dorchester this now allows for direct dialling into the switchboard extensions of the majority of the Eastern divisional and sub-divisional stations and also the County Council network. This latter network will also allow for alternative access to the Eastern Division stations during periods of heavy traffic or breakdown. Due to the switchboards at both Dorchester (Western Division Headquarters) and Weymouth Police Station being of the obsolete manual type, access to the extensions of these and the Western Sub-divisional stations can at present only be obtained through the Dorchester and Weymouth switchboard operators.



*The Installation of the New Telephone Exchange at Force Headquarters, Winfrith*

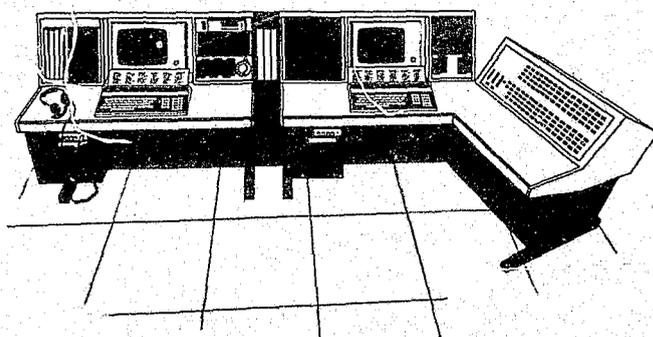
Preliminary work is in hand to provide an automatic switchboard at Dorchester coupled to a satellite exchange at Weymouth. This will allow for direct dialling to and from all police stations in the Force down to sub-divisional level. This integration of the telephone system will undoubtedly increase efficiency, allow for greater flexibility in the event of either a breakdown or a major incident situation and permit a reduction

in the number of full time telephone operators with a resulting financial saving.

An independent system for "hands off" intercommunication within the building at Winfrith has been installed and is already proving its worth as a very valuable time saver. The building has also been wired for visual display units accessing the computer from six stations plus a hard copy printer. The VDUs in Personnel Records and Statistics are already in operation. A teleprinter 15 connects the building into the Message Switching System and there is facsimile reproduction available between Headquarters and both Divisional stations. These two facilities can be extended to any other force so equipped. There is also a VHF radio link to both control rooms or, by the use of talk-thru and/or bridging, to any mobile or personal radio unit in the Force or in adjoining forces.

In conjunction with the MIS project the following work was completed during 1977:—

1. A complete rebuild of the Eastern Control Room which involved the resiting and rewiring of all communications units into the new consoles. The room has been wired for visual display units at each console position and two additional positions have been equipped with tape recorders which automatically record all 999 calls.



*New type consoles now in use in Eastern Control Room*

Although the Eastern Control Room is fully operational in the new configuration, builders work is still in progress in the associated Enquiry Office, Enquiry Unit and Collators Office. This work, and the subsequent alterations to the communications system terminating in these sections, will be completed early in 1978.

2. Modifications to the Western Control Room to allow for the installation of Mascot control units and Visual Display Units, have been completed and all console positions are operational.

3. The Force teleprinter network has been converted to Mark 15, 75 BAUD machines throughout, additional terminals installed and all have been connected into the Message Switching Centre at Bournemouth.

4. By the end of the year 63 vehicles had been equipped with Mark 5 Coded Tone Generators and this work proceeds with a target date of mid-February 1978 for 100 vehicles. Decoding of the data input from mobiles has been achieved on both VHF channels although, for technical reasons, it was necessary to break new ground in the transfer of the Western channel data signals between Dorchester and Bournemouth.

## WIRELESS

Installation of equipment to allow for the Eastern VHF channel to operate through the Eggardon hilltop site was completed in the middle of the year. The need for this addition in a major incident situation was detailed in the 1976 Report.

The last remaining planned UHF (Personal Radio) Scheme at Swanage also became operational during the year.

Replacement of the ageing PF1 personal radios with Rank three channel units continues as these newer sets become available from the Directorate of Telecommunications, Home Office. It is hoped that the changeover will be complete by the Spring of 1978.

Surveys to improve personal radio coverage, notably in Weymouth and the Winton and Kinson areas of Eastern Division, by the resiting of base stations have been undertaken and the findings of these has resulted in a requirement for a 100ft tower to be built at Winton Police Station to replace the mast at Maxwell Road which is now in a serious state of dilapidation. This will be built during 1978. In Weymouth there appears to be a need for a third base station but the results from another series of tests using two

other alternative sites are still awaited before a final decision is made.

Preliminary work is in hand to replace the equipment house at the Bulbarrow Hill VHF site. The existing hut, which is ex-wartime RAF, has become a serious security risk and falls well below the Directorate of Telecommunications specification for such buildings.

## COMPUTERISED MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

Whilst considerable progress was made during the year it quickly became evident that the entire system could not be brought into full operational use as originally anticipated. This was by no means due to lack of dedication or effort by members of the project team, the staff of the Dorset County Council Computer Section or the various contractors involved but was mainly because of the unexpected complexity of the software programs necessary to provide the reliability essential for an operational project of this nature.

This project is regarded nationally and internationally as one of the most sophisticated and ambitious undertaken by any UK Police Force and accordingly many of the sub-systems included are without precedent.

During the year four sub-systems were taken into operational use namely, Personnel Records, Message Switching, Incident Logging and Resource Availability. Although the delayed implementation caused general disappointment throughout the Force there were distinct advantages derived from the phased introduction of the sub-systems in that personnel who were initially very apprehensive of the project were not only trained but given greater facilities for familiarization and proficiency than would have otherwise been possible.

To enable the prime contractor, Plessey Radar Limited, to develop the software programs as quickly as possible, use of the Police mini-computers operationally has so far been restricted to the night periods Monday-Thursday with full 24 hour facilities at weekends and during holiday periods. This is not satisfactory as it involves different procedures being applied on each

change-over, but it is necessary if the system is to be fully operational as quickly as possible. Initially a single processor supported the system but latterly the dual processor configuration has been taken into use and it is hoped facilities for full 24 hour operational running will be available during the first half of 1978.

#### Personnel Records (Personal)

The computerisation of the personal record of each member of the Force was completed and these very comprehensive records are now held on the Dorset County Council mainframe computer for access and updating by designated staff of the Personnel Department at Force Headquarters using a direct link through the police mini-computer into the County machine. The preparation of programs and implementation of this sub-system was undertaken very successfully by the staff of Police Headquarters and the Computer Section.

A wide range of factors are available for interrogation such as qualifications and specialist skills thus providing an aid to the long term training and career development of personnel. Basic information for the duty states sub-system (currently being prepared) is also derived from Personnel Records and it is also used to schedule training of police officers.

#### Message Switching (MSS)

The introduction of the computerised message switching sub-system was enthusiastically received by the Force. Messages can now be routed automatically between visual display units and teleprinter terminals throughout the Force area and message assurance, editing and recovery facilities are also provided together with full network monitoring and supervision. It is further used to circulate operational information eg. crime and stolen property details and to provide each police station with access to the MIS files.

#### Incident Logging (INCELOG) and Resource Availability (RESORS)

The incident log forms the basis of the Command and Control part of the system as by this means controllers record, using visual display terminals, details of incidents reported to the

Police, resources despatched and action taken. During incident logging automatic displays of resources available are produced to assist controllers in despatching units to incidents.

Once recorded in the computer data-base, incident logs may be recalled by a number of retrieval keys. Subsequently incidents can be analysed by parameters such as areas of the Force, to provide guidance and assistance in planning the allocation of resources.

The Resource Availability sub-system involves the recording of duties performed by individual officers and includes the display and monitoring of availability of officers for deployment of controllers. Resource updating information enters the system either from control room visual display terminals or from vehicle status and location devices (VSL) currently being fitted into operational vehicles. By use of the VSL operational officers in vehicles equipped with VHF radio will be able to send data into the computer by means of a coded tone message thereby providing security and avoidance of dialogue.

Automatic reminders will be generated if specified duty times are exceeded and similarly available resources will be monitored and exception reports produced if these fall below agreed minimum levels.

Incident log and resource details are transferred daily to the County mainframe computer where they will be analysed and reports generated for the guidance and assistance of management in planning the allocation of resources.

#### System Configuration

The system is based on a flexible distributed computer configuration consisting of two police-dedicated DEC 11/35 mini-computers in tandem connected to the County computer complex by high speed data links. In the event of failure of either of the police processors, the system can be quickly restored as a single processor in order to provide the continuity essential for operational police requirements. The County mainframe computer is used for long term data storage and retrieval and for the production of various management reports.

The system supports a network of 25 teleprinters, 33 visual display terminals and 4 hard copy printers. As already indicated operational police vehicles are being equipped with semi automatic status and location devices by means of which officers in these vehicles can transmit as audio tones over the VHF radio system data as to their location and duty without dialogue with the control room radio operator. The VSL device also incorporates an emergency facility and an 'arrival' button to indicate arrival at an incident.

### Training

Appropriate training courses have been held at the MIS Training Wing at Poole prior to implementation of the various facilities to ensure that all personnel have received detailed instruction dependent upon their individual involvement and responsibilities. Instructors have subsequently visited work stations to assess the effect of training methods and ascertain and advise upon

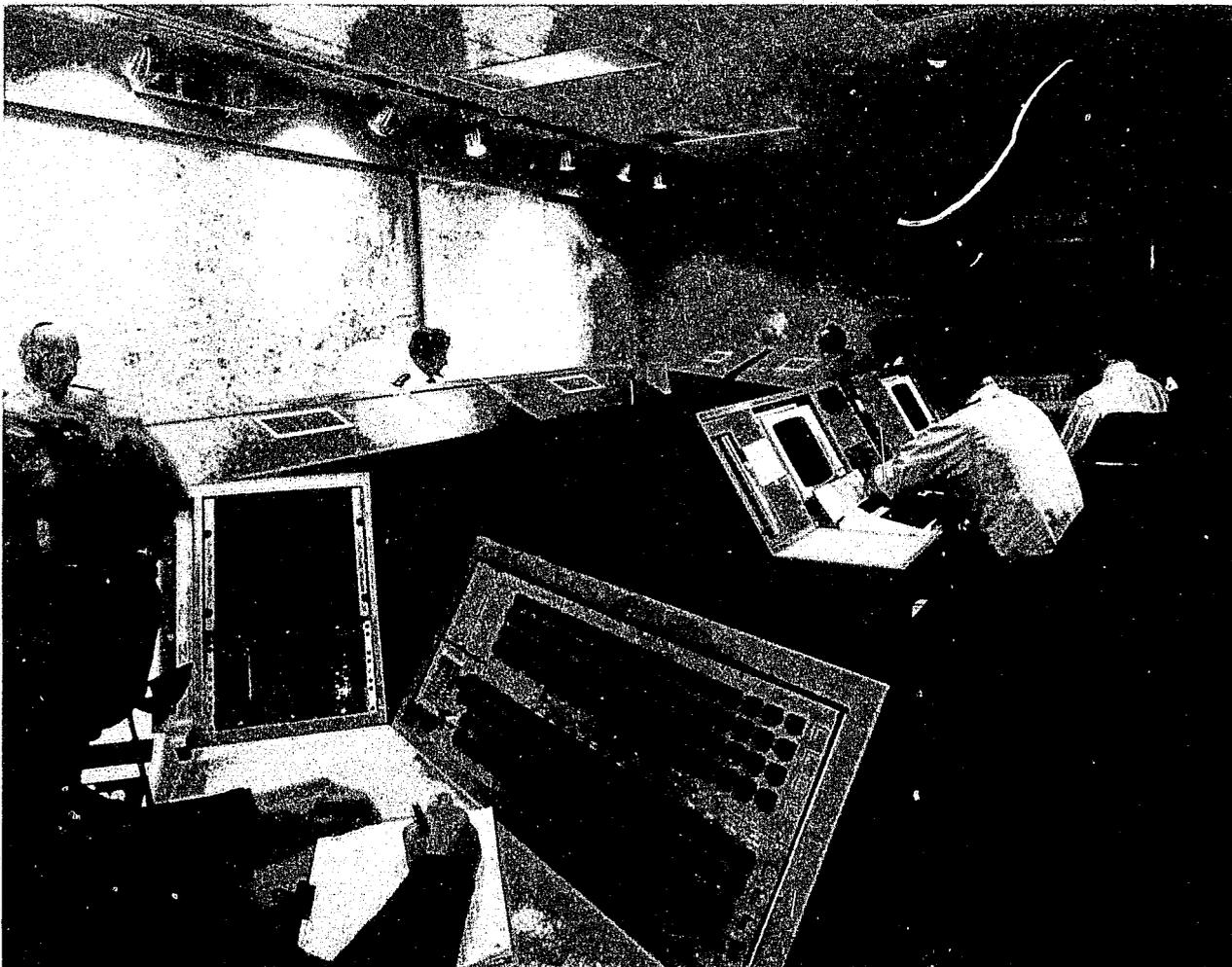
problems encountered in operational use. The quality of training facilities available coupled with the high standard of expertise and proficiency achieved by the instructors have been the subject of compliments from the many visitors to the complex - even to the extent of one Force arranging for six officers selected as instructors for its own project to undergo a weeks training course at Poole.

Adequate training of personnel is vital if the system is to be successful.

### Other Enhancements

To accommodate the equipment necessary to implement the system it was essential to carry out a number of alterations in and associated with the two control rooms. These unfortunately had to take place whilst the control rooms remained operational and it is a credit to

*Bournemouth Control Room showing new consoles*



all concerned especially the control room personnel, that despite much inconvenience and many frustrations, the operational efficiency was maintained.

As part of a Home Office study on console design, a consultant and staff of the Police Scientific Development Branch in liaison with members of the Force, designed new consoles which are now installed in the Eastern Control Room. It is hoped to install similar equipment in the Western Control Room in due course. The design has attracted considerable interest from national and international visitors to the Force and detailed plans have been supplied when requested.

New books of maps with grid reference facilities based upon Ordnance Survey editions have been produced to form standard reference material for operational use throughout the Force. A street/landmark index for areas with over 2,000 population is incorporated and this has been derived from the computerised Street Index sub-system which will be implemented in due course.

A Monitoring Committee under the Chairmanship of the Assistant Chief Constable was established during the year and is responsible for reviewing the introduction and performance of the system.

#### Visitors to the Force

The project has continued to attract an increasing flow of visitors from home and overseas. It has been noticeable that more recently many are from UK Forces who have embarked upon or are contemplating similar systems and are seeking advice and assistance.

Visitors have included senior officers of HM Forces, and police and government representatives from many overseas countries including Belgium, Holland, Kenya, Malawi, New Mexico and Nigeria.

#### Visits by Force Members

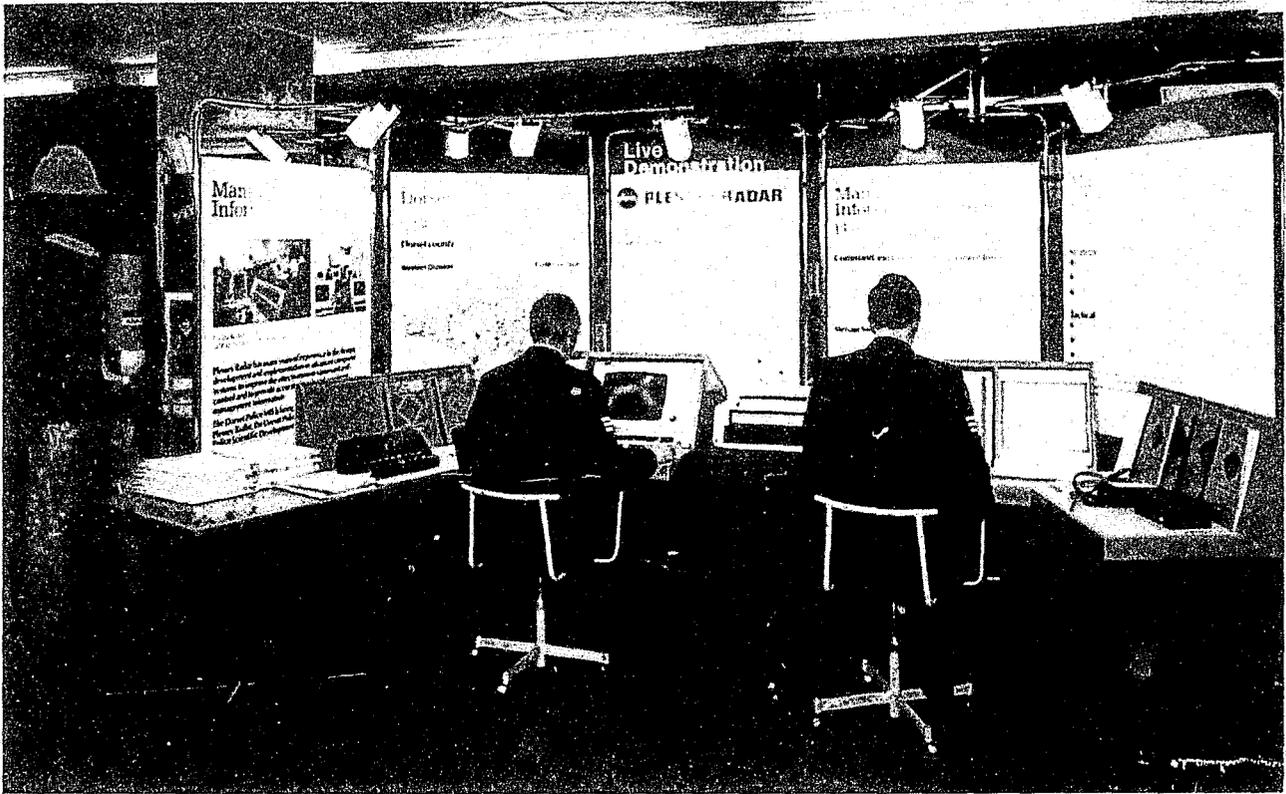
In April 1977 Mr Victor Wilcox who prior to his retirement from the Force was the Superintendent responsible for the project was invited

to present a paper on the Dorset System to the Carnahan Conference on Crime Countermeasures held at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, USA. The audience comprising representatives of law enforcement agencies from many parts of the world showed considerable interest in the many aspects of the project being undertaken. It is perhaps indicative of the importance now being attached internationally to the objectives which this Force hope to achieve that our project was selected by the Conference Executive Committee for presentation.

A live demonstration of existing facilities of the system was given to UK Chief Officers and overseas delegates attending a two day International Symposium on Police Technology staged at the Wembley Conference Centre in November 1977. The stand of the Plessey Company included two visual display terminals (installed in our new type consoles) and a hard copy printer directly linked into the mini-computers at Bournemouth. The exhibition terminals were manned by Sergeants of the Force and delegates were thus able to see live incident logging and other facilities. Considerable interest was shown by many delegates as this was the only system on display providing a live link into an operational system. It was an outstanding success and as a result a number of overseas delegates subsequently visited the Force to obtain further details.

#### Export Potential

It is interesting to learn that two former members of the Force are now involved with commercial undertakings seeking overseas markets for equipment and systems developed in the Force. Mr H Green who when Temporary Assistant Chief Constable of the Force was responsible for the development of the semi-automatic vehicle status and location devices now in use by a number of police forces in addition to Dorset is currently associated with the manufacturers of that equipment, Digital Systems Limited, a company heavily engaged in marketing complete systems overseas. Likewise, Mr V Wilcox who figured prominently in the development of the present system prior to his retirement, is now engaged with the Plessey Company, our prime contractor, and will be seeking overseas markets for similar systems.



*Live Link at Wembley Exhibition*

## Future

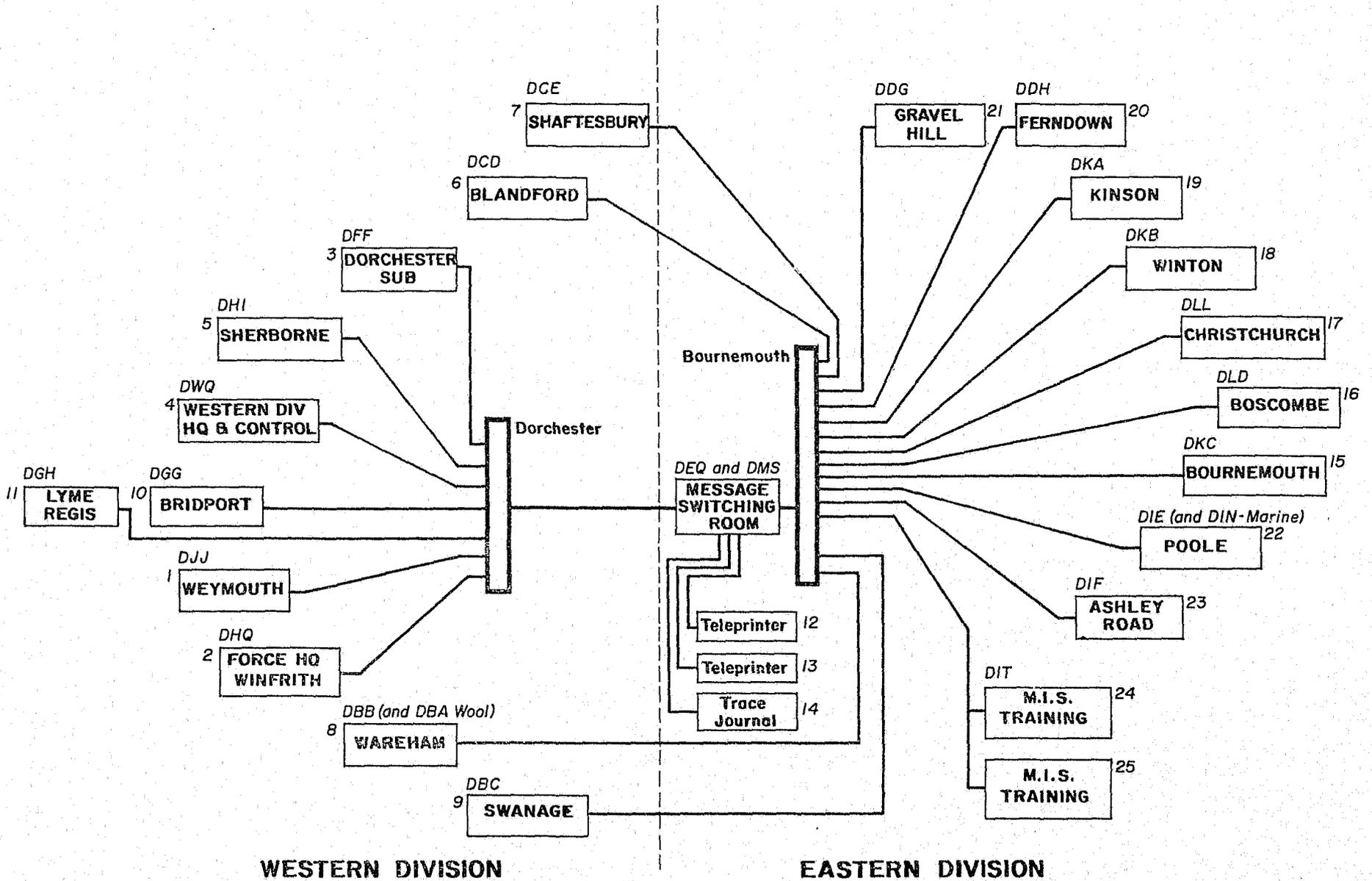
Development and implementation of the remaining sub-systems will continue during 1978 but the full benefits and potential of the project are not likely to be evident until all sub-systems are operational and their effects monitored and evaluated.



CODES ALLOCATED TO SECTIONS AND TERMINALS TO INCORPORATE POSSIBLE LOCATION CHANGES

TOTAL 25 TELEPRINTERS

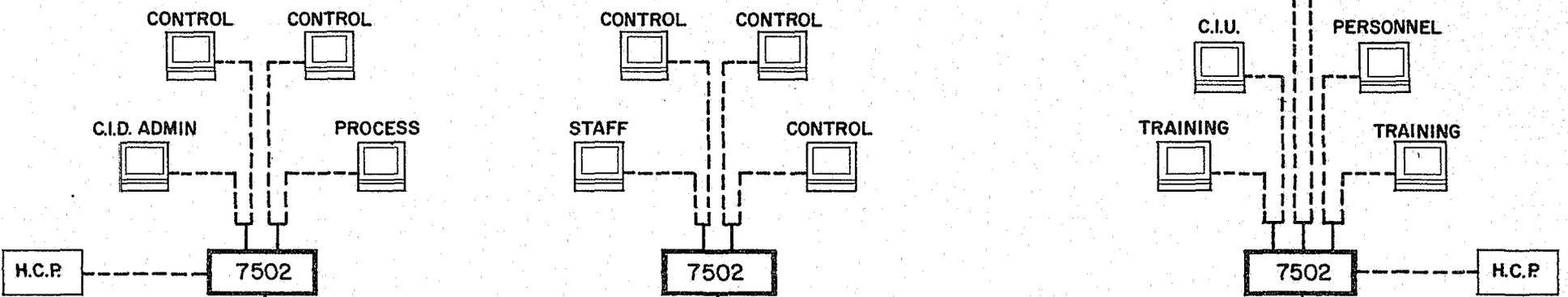
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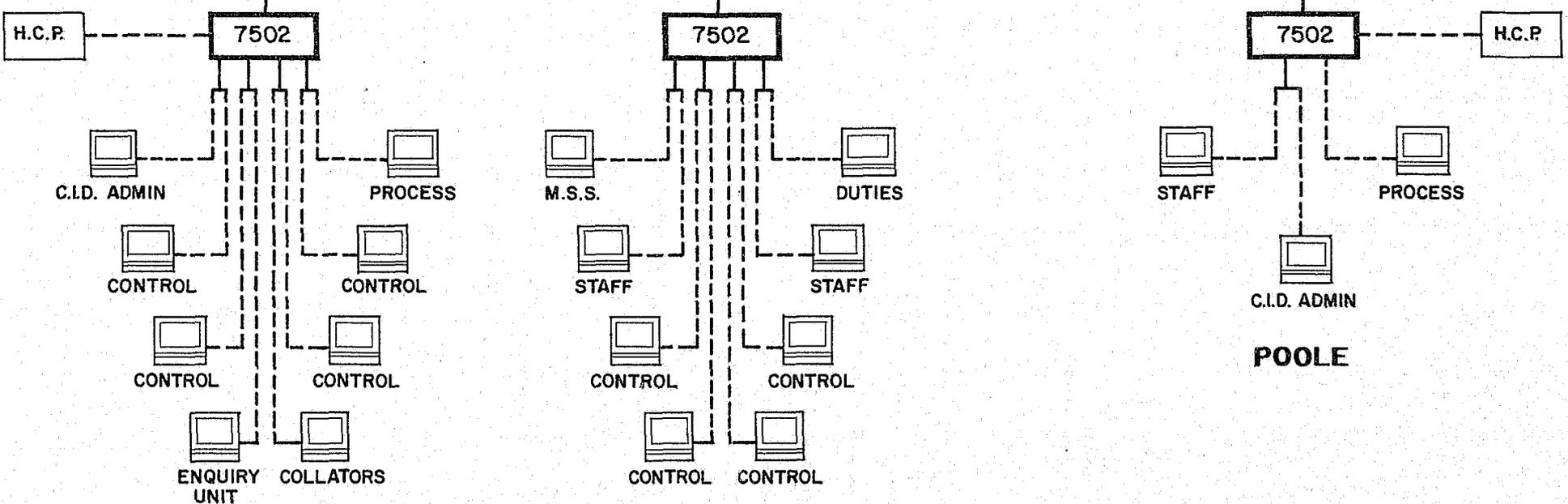
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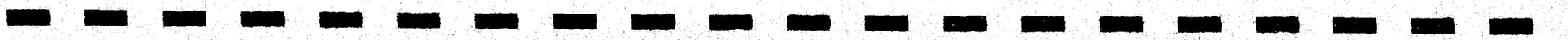


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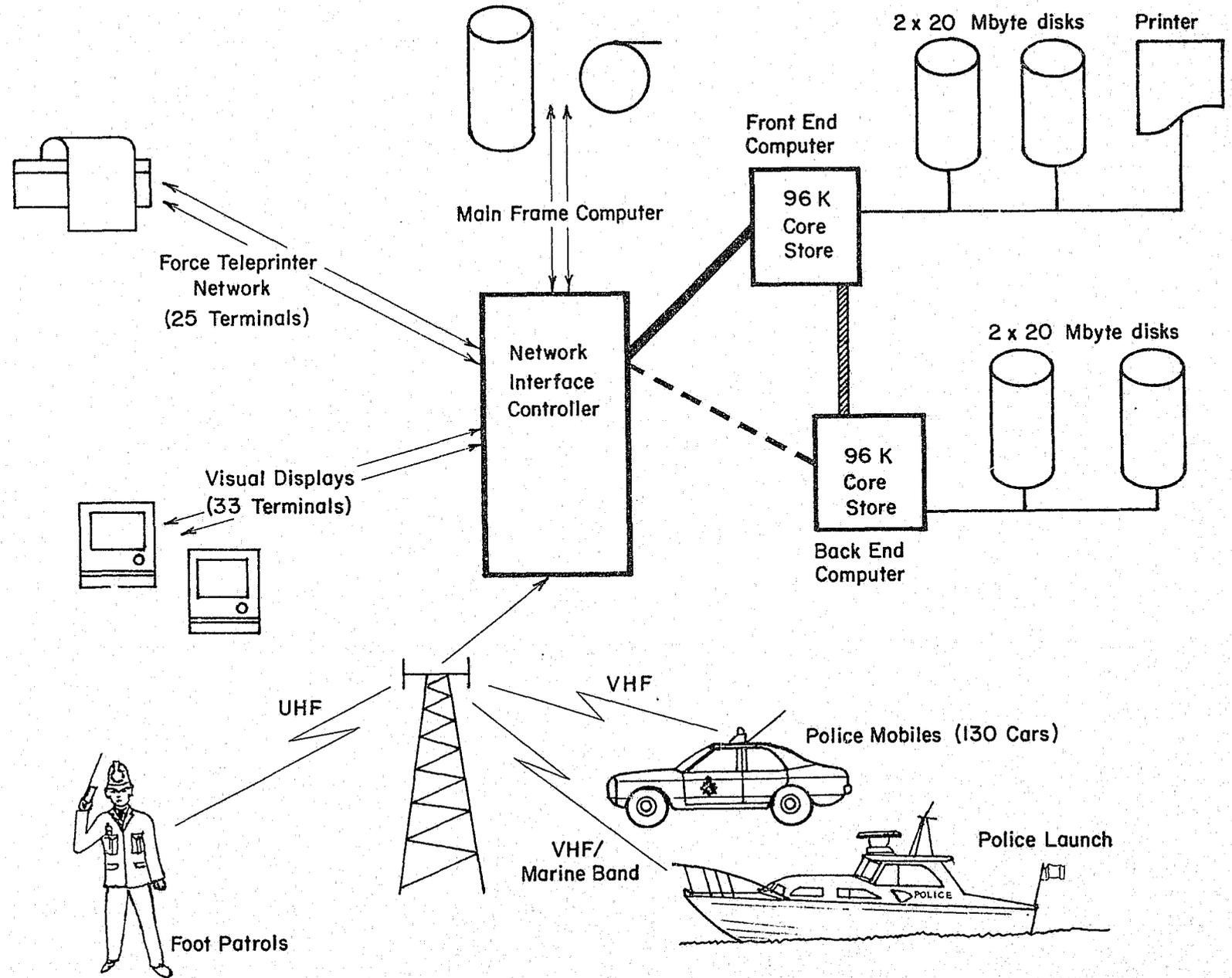


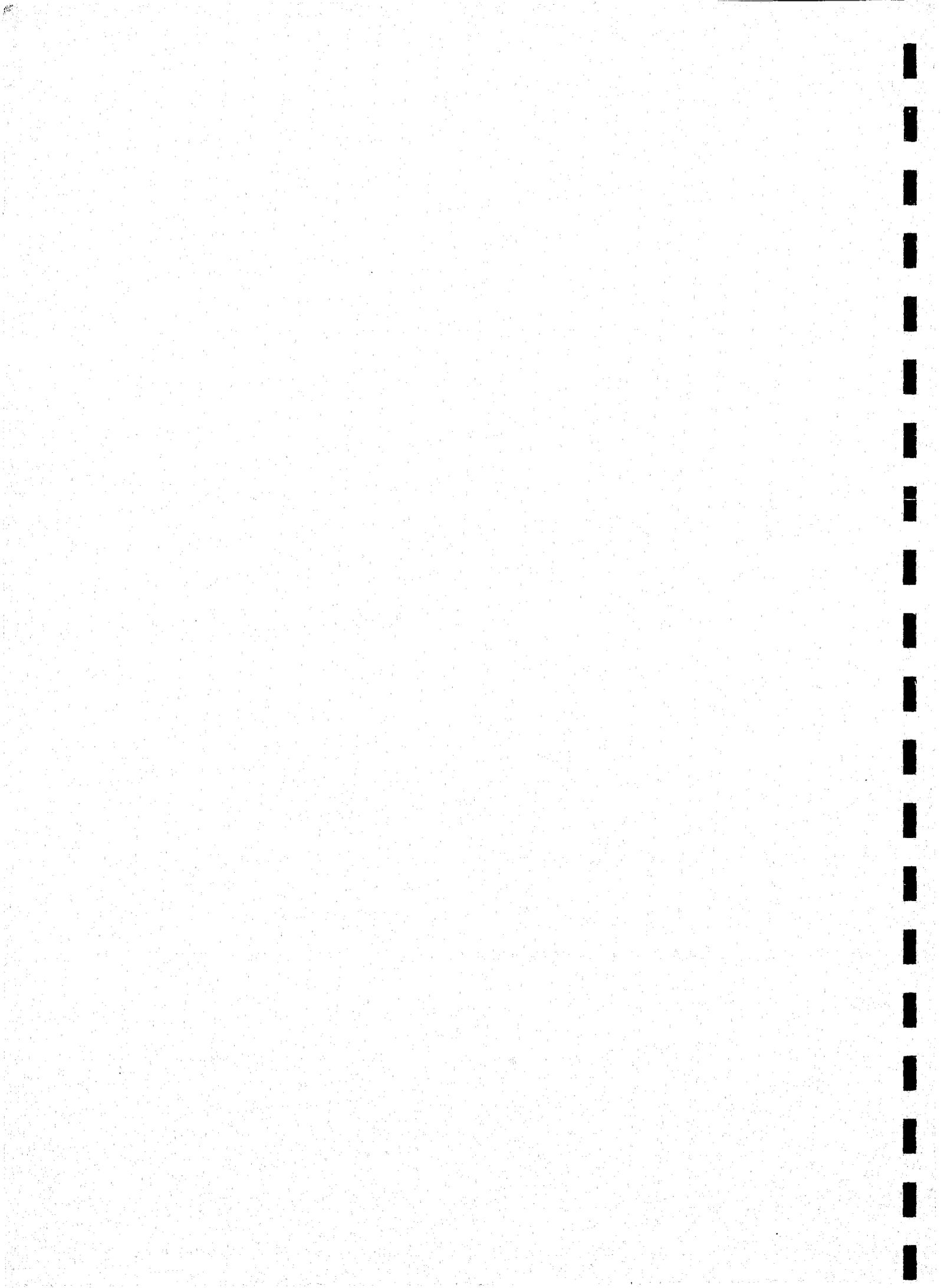
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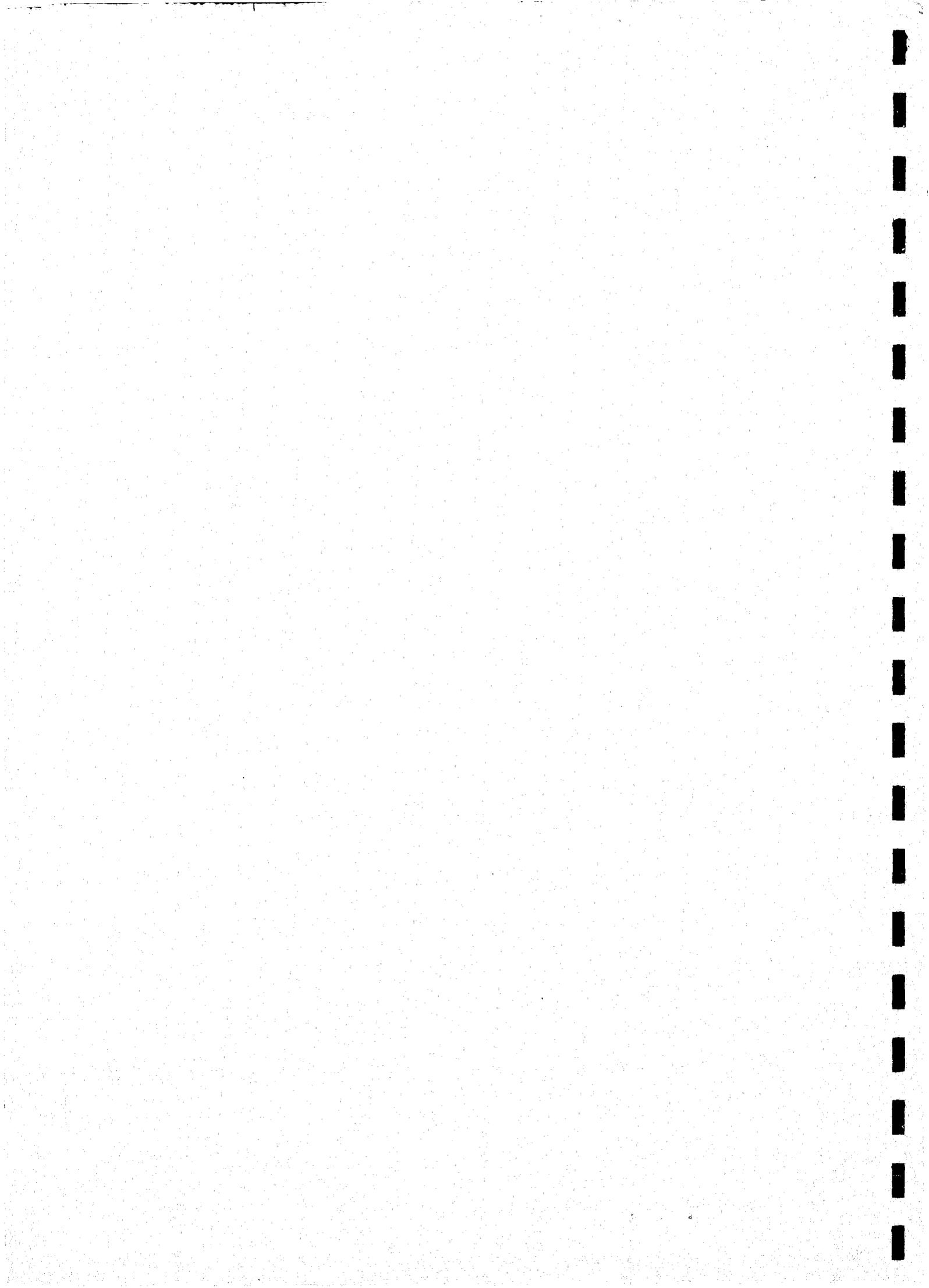
**SYSTEM CONFIGURATION**





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**SPORT  
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## SPORT

The Force Sports Club continues to promote and encourage participation in a wide range of sports and as illustrated below there were some encouraging results.

### Angling

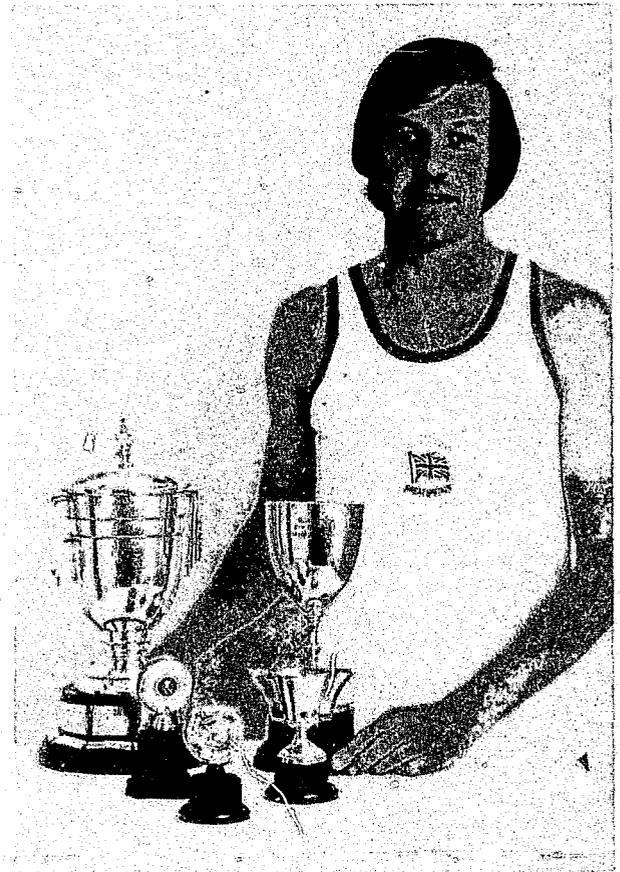
The Freshwater Angling Section brought great credit to the Force in winning the 17th Police National Championships on the River Severn at Bridgnorth from a record entry of 45 teams. The team qualified for the Nationals by winning the Regional Championships at Blandford in August which saw Constable R Durham and Sergeant R Dowell take first and joint second respectively in the individual event. The team capped a most successful season which saw them unbeaten for six matches when they won the Regional mini league for the third year in succession.

### Athletics

One of the most notable sporting achievements of the year was by Sergeant J Rosewarn who excelled himself at Hendon on 11 August in winning the 800 metres at the PAA Championships. This capped a most successful season in which he also won the Dorset AAA's, South West

Region PAA and Bournemouth Athletic Club's 800 metres titles as well as representing the British Police in a match against the Army and the British Polytechnics.

*Sergeant J Rosewarn*



*The Chief Constable with the successful Dorset Police Angling Team*



## Hockey

The Policewomen's Hockey Team continued their success of last season in the defence of their National Title by beating Cambridgeshire by two goals to one at Bournemouth on 13 January. However, they were defeated in the Southern Zone Final losing three goals to nil to the powerful Metropolitan Policewomen's Team. W/Constable T Cowdray was selected for the Dorset County Women's Hockey Team who have been enjoying a successful season in Regional competitions.

## Table Tennis

W/Sergeant A Oldfield and Constable D Grant became the No. 6 Regional PAA Mixed Doubles Table Tennis champions at Taunton in March following which they represented the Region in the National Competition and although they were unsuccessful in obtaining any honours they acquitted themselves well.

## Weightlifting

In the PAA National Weightlifting Championships which were held at Stafford on 26 March the Force was represented successfully for the very first time. Constable R Thornley was placed second in the Middleweight Division and Constable J Wakefield took third place in the Mid-Heavyweight Division. It is hoped that

*A competitor rescues a casualty from the River Stour during the Alderman McInnes Life Saving Competition*



this success will generate increased interest in this sport throughout the Force.

## Life Saving

The Force organised once again the Alderman McInnes Life Saving Competition at Christchurch which was contested by 17 teams throughout the Country. The winners were the Hampshire Constabulary Men's Team and Dorset Men's and Women's Teams were placed sixth and twelfth respectively.

In the Police Baton National Life Saving Competition the Dorset Police were placed eighth in the final and in the similar Alington Cup the Women were placed eleventh.

Constable Howes who is the Chief Examiner of the Wessex Branch of the Royal Life Saving Society was awarded the coveted "Service Cross" for services rendered over many years.

Qualified personnel of the Force continued to give instructional and examination assistance to many organisations within the Force area.

## Tennis

The 1977 PAA National Tennis Championships were hosted by the Force and were held at the excellent West Hampshire Lawn Tennis Club, Bournemouth on 5 and 6 September when competitors throughout the country competed. Unfortunately there were no local competitors this

year as W/Sergeant Gracie and W/Constable Spooner were unable to defend their Ladies Title due to the imminent birth of Mrs Gracie's first child.



*The Chief Constable with WPC's S Wrench and M Dover from Bedfordshire who won the Tennis Doubles Event*

#### Association Football

The Force Football Team defending the Falfield Trophy which they won last year, were narrowly defeated in the semi-final two-one by Devon and Cornwall.

The team enjoyed considerable success in the Bournemouth Mid-Week League by winning both the League and the League Challenge Cup.

#### Golf

This is becoming an increasingly popular sport within the Force and the Section has some 60 participants. A total of 22 fixtures were played against other Forces and Golf Clubs which included a new home and away one against Surrey Constabulary.

#### Badminton

W/Sergeant A Gracie won the ladies singles title in the Regional Competition at Exeter and

together with W/Chief Inspector J Todd took the Regional Ladies Doubles Title.

#### Squash

The emergence of Squash as the fastest growing sport in the country has enabled the Force Squash Section to flourish. Regular club nights are well patronised and friendly matches as well as those in the Bournemouth and District League have stimulated the interest. W/Constable K Chubb won the Ladies title in the Regional Competition and proceeded to the National Finals where she was runner-up.

#### Cricket

As Regional Representatives, the Force played Nottinghamshire Constabulary at Nottingham and in a closely fought match eventually lost by four wickets. Notts subsequently reached the National Final before being beaten. In the 1977 Regional Competition the Force once again reached the final by beating Wiltshire and Devon and Cornwall before losing to Gloucestershire at Frome.

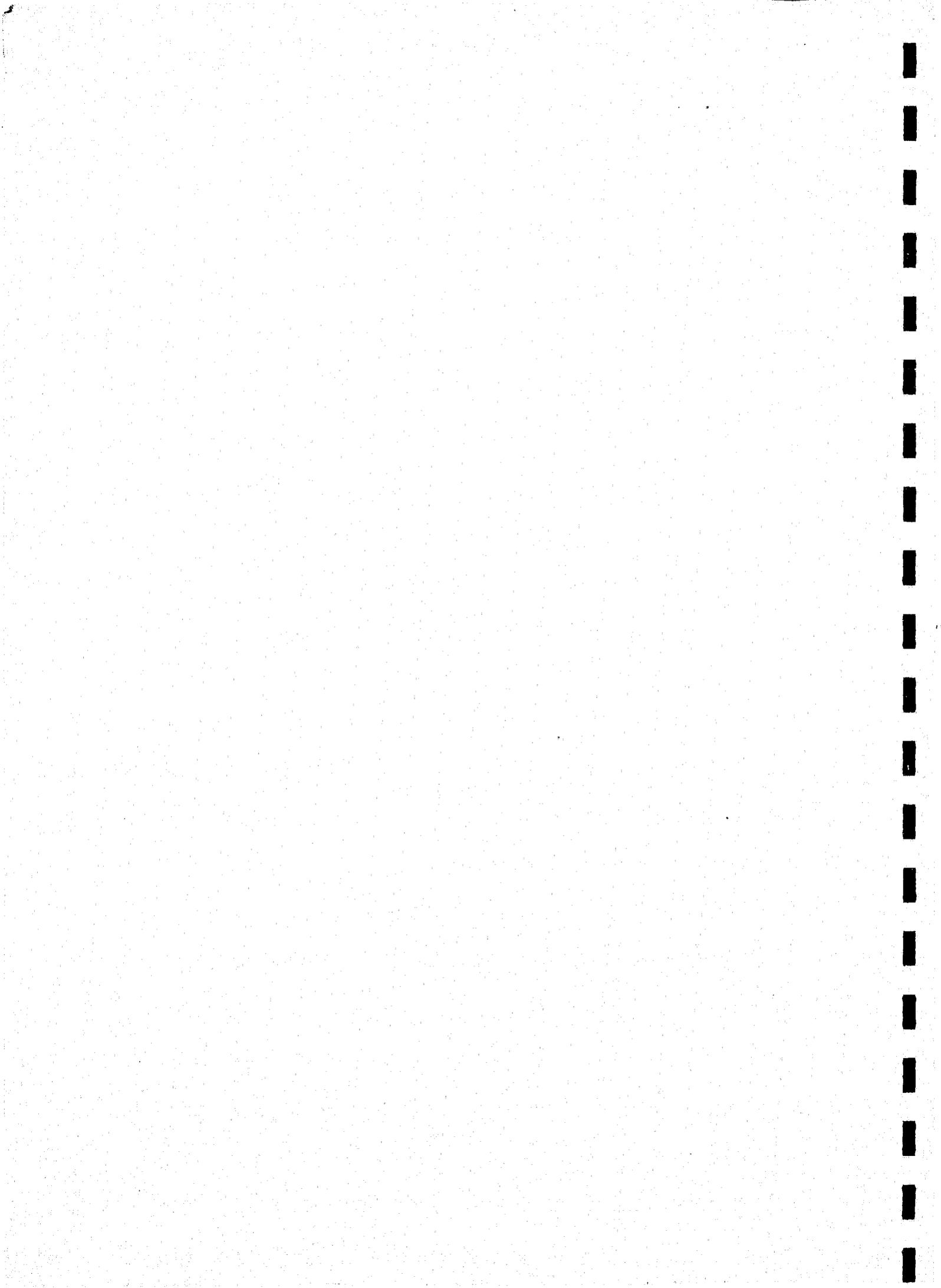
Constables W Kempton, M Roberts and R Pritchard represented the Regional Team.

The Team also entered the Poole and District Evening Knock-out Cup and were successful in reaching the final before being beaten by Poole Old Grammarians.

#### INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION

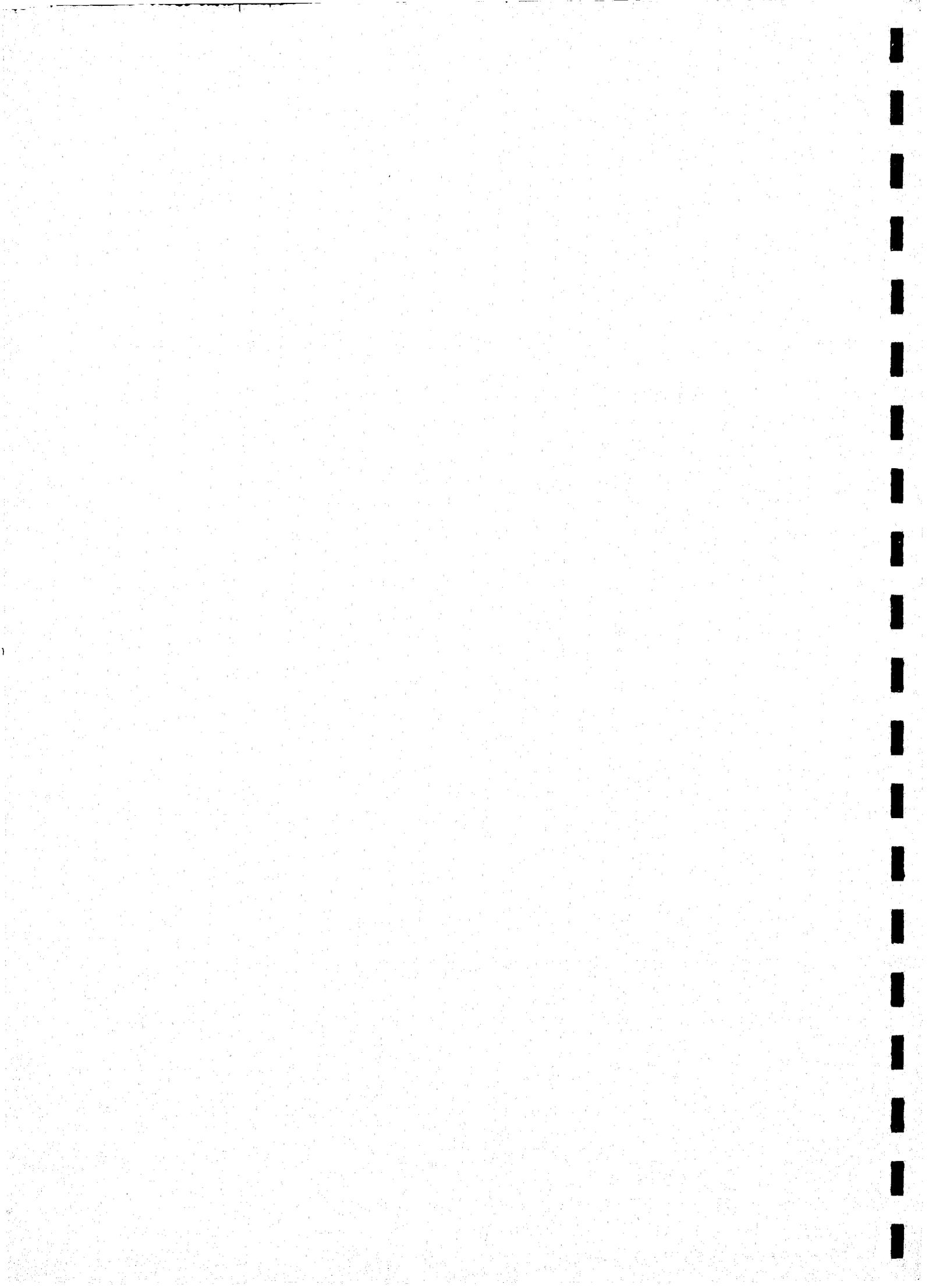
The two Divisional Branches were again active in organising several social functions throughout the year.

In addition many IPA members from other branches in the United Kingdom and overseas visited Bournemouth where they were hosted by the Bournemouth Branch.



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**TRAINING**



## TRAINING

It is estimated that each day 80 officers were involved in one of the 80 Training Courses undertaken by the Force last year.

This inevitably means a loss to the operational strength of the Force, but this is unavoidable if the high standard of professionalism is to be maintained.

The Courses themselves are a very clear indication of the scope and complexity of modern policing.

## COURSES

Selected officers attended the following courses:—

### ADVANCED TRAINING

	Duration	
Command Course — Part I — Police College	10 weeks	2 Superintendents
Command Course — Part II — Police College	24 weeks	1 Superintendent
Inspectors — Police College	11 weeks	5 Inspectors
Inspectors — Hutton Hall	12 weeks	4 Inspectors
Inspectors — Initial — Exeter	5 weeks	12 Inspectors
Chief Inspectors and Inspectors Refresher	3 weeks	6 Inspectors
Home Defence	1 week	1 Chief Superintendent 2 Chief Inspectors

### OTHER COURSES CONDUCTED OUTSIDE THE FORCE

Driving — Car, Standard	5 weeks	48 Constables
Driving — Car, Advanced	4 weeks	11 Constables
Driving — Car, Advanced Refresher	2 weeks	15 Constables
Driving — Motor Cycle, Standard	2 weeks	6 Constables
Driving — Motor Cycle, Advanced	3 weeks	3 Constables
Driving — Motor Cycle, Advanced Refresher	2 weeks	2 Constables
Driving — Motor Cycle, Instructor	5 weeks	1 Constable
Traffic Patrol Officers	4 weeks	2 Sergeants ) 9 Constables )
Traffic Management	2 weeks	2 Chief Inspectors
Traffic Accident Investigation	3 weeks	1 Sergeant ) 7 Constables )
Surveillance (Special Branch and Drugs)	1 week	5 Sergeants ) 3 Constables )
Drugs	1 week	1 Sergeant ) 4 Constables )
Dog Training — Initial	13 weeks	2 Constables
Dog Training — Refresher	2 weeks	5 Constables
Dog Training — Drug Detection	2 weeks	1 Constable
Criminal Law — Junior	10 weeks	14 Constables
Criminal Law — Junior Refresher	3 weeks	5 Constables
Criminal Law — Advanced	6 weeks	5 Sergeants
Fingerprints	3 weeks	1 Constable ) 6 weeks ) 2 Constables )
Photographic	6 weeks	3 Constables

Scenes of Crime	6 weeks	3 Constables
Scenes of Crime – Refresher	2 days	2 Constables
Antiques Study	1 week	2 Constables
Crime Prevention	4 weeks	1 Inspector
Regional Sergeants Initial	3 weeks	31 Sergeants
Regional Sergeants Refresher	2 weeks	9 Sergeants
Student Instructors	8 weeks	1 Sergeant ) 2 Constables )
Investigation of stolen motor vehicles	2 weeks	1 Sergeant ) 1 Constable )
Ambulance Training Seminar	1 day	2 Chief Inspectors ) 2 Inspectors ) 4 Sergeants ) 1 Constable )
CID Familiarisation	4 weeks	9 Sergeants
Pre-College Language course	2 weeks	1 Superintendent
Transport of Hazardous Chemicals	1 week	1 Chief Inspector ) 1 Inspector )
Senior Officers Course – Lincolnshire	4 weeks	2 Chief Inspectors
Traffic/Road Safety	1 week	1 Superintendent
Special Branch	3 weeks	1 Sergeant ) 1 Constable )
Special Branch – Advanced	2 weeks	1 Sergeant
Special Branch (Port Training)	2 weeks	1 Sergeant ) 3 Constables )
Special Branch (Port Training)	1 week	1 Sergeant
Initial Training	10 weeks	95 Constables
Continuation Course	2 weeks	111 Constables
PNC Terminal Operators Training	1 week	1 Inspector ) 1 Sergeant ) 13 Constables )
PNC Terminal Operators (Supervisors)	1 week	1 Inspector ) 2 Sergeants ) 4 Constables )
Aircraft Crash Drill	1 week	1 Superintendent ) 1 Chief Inspector ) 2 Inspectors )
RAF Observer	3 days	1 Inspector
Inter-Service Instructor Training	2 days	2 Inspectors
<b>LOCAL TRAINING COURSES</b>		
Driving Instruction	5 weeks	19 Constables
	2 weeks	47 Constables
	1 week	49 Constables
First Aid Re-Examination	½ day	1 Inspector ) 26 Sergeants ) 99 Constables )
	1 day	13 Sergeants ) 47 Constables )
Pre-Retirement	3 days	16 All Ranks
Tutor Constables	1 day	15 Constables

Pre-Promotion (Constable—Sergeant) Commenced		115 Constables
Pre-Promotion (Sergeant—Inspector 1976/77) Commenced		33 Sergeants ) 10 Constables )
Pre-Promotion (Sergeant—Inspector 1977/78) Commenced		21 Sergeants ) 3 Constables )
Pre-Promotion (Constable—Sergeant) Completed	6 days	37 Constables
Pre-Promotion (Sergeant—Inspector) Completed	6 days	27 Sergeants ) 10 Constables )
Induction Course	1 week	95 Constables
Local Procedure	8 days	100 Constables
	4 days	28 Constables
Probationary In-Force Training	2 weeks	88 Constables
	1 week	79 Constables
Constables Refresher	2 weeks	34 Constables
Major Incident Seminar	1 day	30 All Ranks
Rabies Contingency Plan	1 day	100 All Ranks
Goods Vehicles, Drivers Hours/Records	½ day	7 Inspectors ) 13 Sergeants ) 98 Constables )
Statement Taking Instruction	½ day	36 Sergeants
Foreign Goods Vehicles	½ day	3 Inspectors 15 Sergeants ) 65 Constables )
Small Boat Handling	1 week	1 Constable
Navigation and Seamanship	1 week	1 Constable
Terrorist Activities	½ day	35 Senior Officers
Policewomen Courses	5 days	41 Constables
MIS In-Force Training	1 day	127 Constables
MIS — Teleprinter	2 days	253 All Ranks
	1 day	15 All Ranks
MIS — VDU Operators	5 days	130 All Ranks
	4 days	40 All Ranks
Firearms — Rifle Refresher	½ day	1 Chief Inspector ) 3 Inspectors ) 2 Sergeants ) 5 Constables )
Firearms — Pistol Refresher	½ day	3 Superintendents 6 Chief Inspectors ) 18 Inspectors ) 57 Sergeants ) 104 Constables )
Firearms Tactics — Senior Officers	2 days	28 Officers

In addition to courses for Police Officers, the Training Department has continued to arrange several courses for schools and youth organisations in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, including for the first time a Gold Award Course. These were in the Service section of the Award and are designed to give young people an appreciation of the role of Police in the Community and of the problems presented to and methods used by the Service.

## Policewomen's Courses

Due to the integration of female officers within the Service, it was found there was a need to introduce specialist courses for these officers, as this type of training was no longer given at District Police Training Centres.

Five courses have been arranged during 1977 and a total of 41 officers, with an average of 15 months service have attended and further courses are planned.

Apart from comprehensive instruction on the taking of statements in Sexual matters, subjects covered have included Non-accidental Injury to Children, Forensic Science Exhibits and Searching Techniques.

### *The Casualty Bureau at Poole Police Station*

## CASUALTY BUREAU, POOLE POLICE STATION

In the event of a Major Disaster, one of the main responsibilities of the Police is to identify casualties and notify relatives and friends of the dead and injured.

At Poole Police Station, a Casualty Bureau has been set up, on a permanent basis and can be operational with the minimum of delay.

The Bureau is the responsibility of the Force Training Officer and instruction on its function is continually being given to Officers from the Training, Staff and CID Admin departments and Policewomen who, when required, will man the Bureau.



## FIREARMS TRAINING

Regular training was continued throughout the year in order to maintain the high standard of proficiency in the use of weapons.

### Supervising Officers' Courses

Two courses each of 2 days' duration were given to senior officers of the Force.

### Basic Courses

The Force has now reached the Home Office recommendation of 10% trained men and women.

### Shotgun Courses

Sufficient numbers of personnel are now trained in this field.

### Refresher Training

The refresher training of officers of the Force and Regional Crime Squads who have previously qualified in the use of weapons was carried out at regular intervals during the year.

### Future Training

The Force Range has now been granted a safety certificate which will greatly facilitate refresher training in the Eastern Division and will overcome the problems that have been experienced in obtaining the use of suitable military ranges for refresher training.

### Lectures to Probationers Etc.

Regular lectures to probationers and senior constables were carried out during the year at Eastern and Western Divisions by the Force Firearms Instructors.

## CADET TRAINING

The Cadet Training Department is situated in the new Training complex at Police Headquarters, Winfrith.

Due to the low number of Cadets in the department during 1977, the staff was reduced and Police Constable 562 Howes was the Officer

with responsibility for their everyday duties.

In respect of the Cadet intake in September 1977, a new policy was created, when only cadet recruits of 17 years and upwards were accepted, thereby obviating the necessity of the Phase 1 system of college attendance.

## CADET PHASING SYSTEM

The same phasing system was adopted, with the exception of Phase I, this being the 12 month college attachment. As a result no cadets achieved any additional 'O' level academic qualifications during 1977.

### Phase II — (17 years — 18 years)

Cadets in this phase carried out departmental duties within the force, thereby getting a comprehensive study of the administrative running of the force. They also engaged in Adventure Training activities in preparation for the 'Fun Fair' competition, and as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Gold Standard. They undertook day walks in the New Forest area with map and compass exercises as preliminary training. Four male cadets and one member of staff attended a three-week Adventure Course organised by the Junior Leaders Regiment, RAC Bovington. This was held in North Wales and Anglesey.

### Phase III (18 years to entry — 18½ years)

Phase III is taken up with vocational training to prepare them for entry to the regular force, by community service attachments to such places as Shaftesbury House (Muscular Dystrophy Centre), Cheshire Homes, Dorset Social Services Day Centres for Mentally and Physically Handicapped People, and various other community service attachments. Leadership attachments are also undertaken by all Phase III cadets to such places as Flight Refuelling, (Industrial Attachments) of Wimborne, the Poole and Dorset Adventure Centre, and Local Authority Youth Centres such as Ferndown Youth Centre, and the Henry Brown Centre. They also had monthly attachments to the Coroners Office, Children and Young Persons Department, and the Rural Van at Gravel Hill or Dorchester. Their final attachment in this Phase is to Outside Duties in

the Eastern or Western Division, when they undertake a 2 month attachment to a regular officer engaged on outside uniform patrol duties.

### Group Training

Normally one day a week is set aside for general group training, but due to the minimal number of cadets, these days have been very limited, as cadets presence has been required elsewhere. This has also been due to the fact that Phase III cadets do not attend these training days. As a result First Aid and Life Saving was undertaken on a decreased scale compared with other years.

### Outdoor Activities

Due to the cutbacks and the reduced number of cadets, very little Outdoor Activities were undertaken in 1977. No Outward Bound courses or Outdoor Activity courses were undertaken with the exception of 4 cadets attending the Adventure Course organised by the RAC Junior Leader Regiment, Bovington, and the Induction course for the new intake of cadets in September 1977, at the Poole and Dorset Adventure Centre.

One team was entered for the 'Fun Fair' competition 55 mile route and this team was successful. This took place at the Dartmoor National Park, over a period of 36 hours in May.

The outdoor activity undertaken by cadets though reduced was undoubtedly a valuable experience, helping to develop their initiative, integrity, character and determination.

### Life Saving

Life Saving and swimming instruction was given to the new intake for the last three months of the year but no awards were gained. Existing cadets hold awards up to and including the Bronze Cross of the Royal Life Saving Society.

### First Aid

All cadets are either the holders of the Adult Certificate in First Aid or under training for the award. One cadet team was entered for the Eliminating Round of the National Cadet First Aid Competition and was placed second. Unfortunately only the first team went forward to the National Finals.

### Sporting Activities

Various individual and small team sports were participated in and good results achieved.

### Cadet of the Year

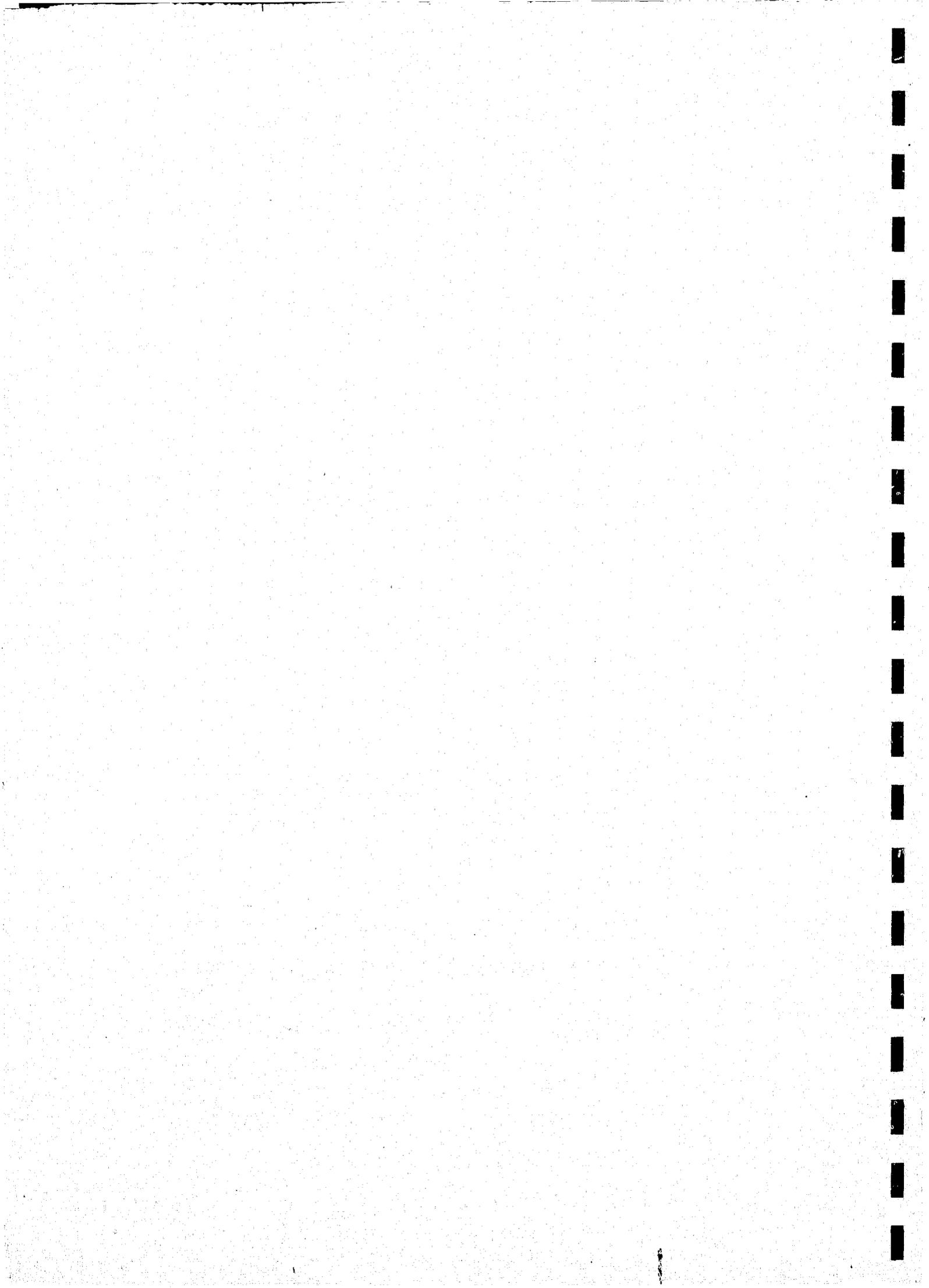
The Alderman William Collins trophy was awarded to Cadet Timothy Stuckes who is now a serving Police Officer.

### Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

New entrants were not introduced to the Award Scheme due to the age of cadet entrants. Existing cadets were participating but no one achieved the award during 1977, as it takes approximately 2½ years to achieve the Gold Standard.

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**GENERAL  
POLICE  
DUTIES**



## LICENSED PREMISES AND REGISTERED CLUBS

The following licences were in operation in the Force area during 1977:

Publicans' licences	739
Publicans' licences (provisional)	4
Publicans' licences in suspense	2
Beerhouse on-licences	2
Beerhouse on-licences in suspense	2
Off-licences	450
Clubs' Justices' licences	61
Residential and Restaurant Licences	761
Theatre Licences	4
Ballroom Licences	1
Railway Refreshment Room	1
Pier Licence	1
Registered Clubs	305
Conditional On-licences	31

### Proceedings

	1976	1977
Selling without a licence	10	-
Selling to or purchasing by persons under 18 years of age	18	18
Consuming in non-permitted hours	-	1
Selling to non-members of a club	-	2

### Drunkenness

A total of 567 cases involving drunkenness (other than drink/drive cases) were dealt with as compared with 649 in 1976.

## FIREARMS

Details of firearms surrendered to the police for destruction at the Central Ordnance Depot (together with a quantity of ammunition) were as follows:—

Rifles	72
Revolvers and pistols	82
Shotguns	36
Miscellaneous	10
Total	<u>200</u>

## Statistics

	Firearms	Shotguns
Applications for grants of new certificates	280	900
Transfers in from other Forces	103	315
Granted	372	1213
Refused	11	2
Applications for renewal of certificates	802	4455
Refused	2	Nil
Certificates revoked	3	2
Certificates cancelled	295	704
Transferred to other Forces	50	245
Appeals against revocation or refusal	Nil	Nil
Offences under the Firearms Act 1968		
Prosecuted	66	10
Cautioned	33	131
Certificates in force at 31 December 1977	2986	13603

### Firearms Dealers

During the year six dealers ceased business and one new registration was effected, the present number being forty.

## EXPLOSIVES

### Storage of Explosives

Five licences were issued for the purchase of explosives for industrial purposes by the owners of stores licensed by the Trading Standards Department of the County Council

### Licences to Purchase High Explosives

Eleven licences were issued for quarrying, land clearance and the salvage of wrecks.

## Licences to Purchase Gunpowder

Sixty licences were issued for the purchase of black powder for use with muzzle-loading firearms for vermin destruction or use on approved ranges.

## ALIENS

At the end of the year the number of registered aliens resident in the county was 1618, a decrease of 456. This total included 152 from EEC countries, a decrease of one. The principal reason for the large decrease in the student population was the departure of about 200 Saudi Arabians from Bournemouth to another language school at Bath. The total included 356 Iranians, which far outnumbered any other nationality, the next greatest category being 101 Libyans.

During the year 28 naturalisations were dealt with as well as 77 other alien enquiries on behalf of the Home Office.

Seven deportations and four supervised departures were effected.

## DOGS

The two Dog Sections have an establishment of two sergeants and 10 constables and a complement of 12 dogs.

One dog was replaced due to unsuitability and three puppies were added to the complement. One of these is operational and two are under training to replace the two older dogs which it is anticipated will be retired in 1978/79.

A total of 2,105 operational calls were undertaken which included 566 crimes, 61 escapes from custody and 117 missing persons. A total of 155 persons were apprehended or traced and 54 items of property recovered.

Constable Bird and Police Dog "Charlie" gained 1st place in the "Utility Dog Stake" at the British Alsatian Association Open Working Trials held at Barnstaple and received the Certificate of Merit. Four dogs and handlers competed in the Regional Dog Trials at Carmarthen where three gained qualifying certificates.

The Force Internal Dog Trials were held in the Tarrant Rushton and Dorchester areas, the overall winner being Constable Glenister with Police Dog Rebel, (Western Division).

A total of ten demonstrations were given at a variety of functions and talks were given to a number of local organisations as well as to visitors to the Force.

## MARINE SECTION

The Police Launch "Alarm" was used on patrol for a total of 582 engine hours. 90 crimes were investigated, 79 of which were on the water. This decrease from last year is due to the policy implemented from 1 May that this section would only deal with crimes occurring on the water and those on the shore-line would be dealt with by the territorial sub-divisions. 14 crimes were detected and one cancelled, 8 persons were arrested and 9 reported for these offences. Three other persons were arrested for crimes not of a marine nature. The total value of property stolen was £51,060 (one item being a boat valued at £35,000) of which £3,451 was recovered. In April the section took delivery of a 14ft steel dory, this enables patrol in areas of Poole Harbour which it is not possible to reach with the "Alarm".

Close liaison continues with HM Coastguard, the Southern Sea Fisheries Officer, the RNLI and the Royal Marines at Hamworthy. In addition to patrol and enquiry duties "Alarm" attended one fire on a boat, undertook 26 searches, assisted 33 boats in difficulties and in the rescue of 21 persons.

## CLIFF RESCUE

In February three persons died following a sudden cliff fall at Lulworth Cove. A party of 7 children and a mistress from a school in Surrey were on the beach engaged in a geological field study when large amounts of rock, limestone and clay slipped from the cliff face, and fell on the party, all of whom were injured. The mistress and two children were partially buried, the remaining children despite their injuries courageously worked to free the seriously injured mistress and children. They were joined by police officers, ambulancemen, a doctor from London on holiday in the area, and an unknown

holidaymaker. Despite further rock falls work continued to free the seriously injured. Regrettably the mistress and one of the children were found to be dead. Two helicopters arrived from the Royal Navy Search and Rescue Squadron at Lee on Solent and under extreme difficulties airlifted the injured to hospital, where despite every care the second child who had been trapped died.

At the inquest, HM Deputy Coroner for East Dorset praised the police and other rescuers for the considerable risks taken when digging out the children and described the two helicopter pilots as acting in the true tradition of the Naval Air Arm in difficult and dangerous conditions.

On 7 June two French youths climbing at Ballard Down were rescued from the cliff face.

The cliff rescue team was disbanded in September 1977 after a period of 13 years. During this period, the team took part in many rescues in the Swanage, Lulworth, Portland and Bridport areas. Many people were saved, if not from death certainly from the risk of serious injury, the risk to the team at times being greater than that to the persons rescued. One member, ex Sergeant K Pearce, was awarded the BEM for his part in the rescue of a man at Worbarrow Tout during 1965.

In recent years, however, HM Coastguard have taken an increasing and now permanent part in cliff rescue, and there is no longer a need to maintain our own team.

#### PORT OFFICES

The Port Offices at Weymouth Quay, Hurn Airport and Poole Quay continue to prove of value in operational police duty. Close co-operation has been maintained with both HM Customs and Excise and HM Immigration in supervising the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers and motor vehicles. This has led to the apprehension of a number of persons for various criminal offences during 1977 as follows:—

Weymouth Quay	—	49
Hurn Airport	—	0
Poole Quay	—	6

Nineteen of these arrests related to criminal offences committed in Dorset and the remainder for other police forces within the United Kingdom. In relation to the Port of Poole, there is every indication that the numbers of vehicles and container traffic using the port to cross the English Channel to and from Cherbourg is increasing and by 1980 will reach the 40,000 figure per year.

#### ROYAL VISITS

On 15 December 1977, His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester visited Bovington Camp for the purpose of inspecting the Junior Leaders' Regiment.

#### INSPECTION AND VISITS

Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary, Mr J W D Crane, visited the Force on 28 and 29 June and 6 and 7 July 1977 for the purpose of carrying out the Annual Inspection.

Once again there was a large number of visits to the Force by police officers from abroad including officers from India, Belize, Jamaica, Sweden and Malawi. These visits were primarily concerned with the Command and Control System in the Eastern Divisional Control Room and the Management Information System Training Complex at Poole.

In addition there were many visitors from other British police forces to examine the Command and Control System.

#### HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE VISIT TO THE POLICE SERVICE — METROPOLITAN POLICE TRAINING CENTRE, HENDON

Over 3,000 police officers, traffic wardens, police cadets, civilian staff, special constables, members of police authorities and their wives attended the Metropolitan Police Training Centre at Hendon on 6 May for the Jubilee visit to the Police Service by Her Majesty the Queen.

The 24 representatives of the Dorset Force were headed by the Assistant Chief Constable and Constable A Crabb represented the Force in the Guard of Honour.



*The Chief Constable of Surrey, Mr P J Matthews, OBE  
QPM presenting Assistant Chief Constable, Mr Leonard  
Burt to Her Majesty*

*Colin Ingleby-MacKenzie accompanied by the immortal  
Godfrey Evans, leads the Lord Lieutenant's team onto  
the field.*



## SILVER JUBILEE MEDALS

A total of 48 members of the Force were awarded Silver Jubilee Medals by Her Majesty the Queen and personnel receiving them included serving and recently retired members of the Regular Force, Special Constabulary and civilian administrative and support staff.

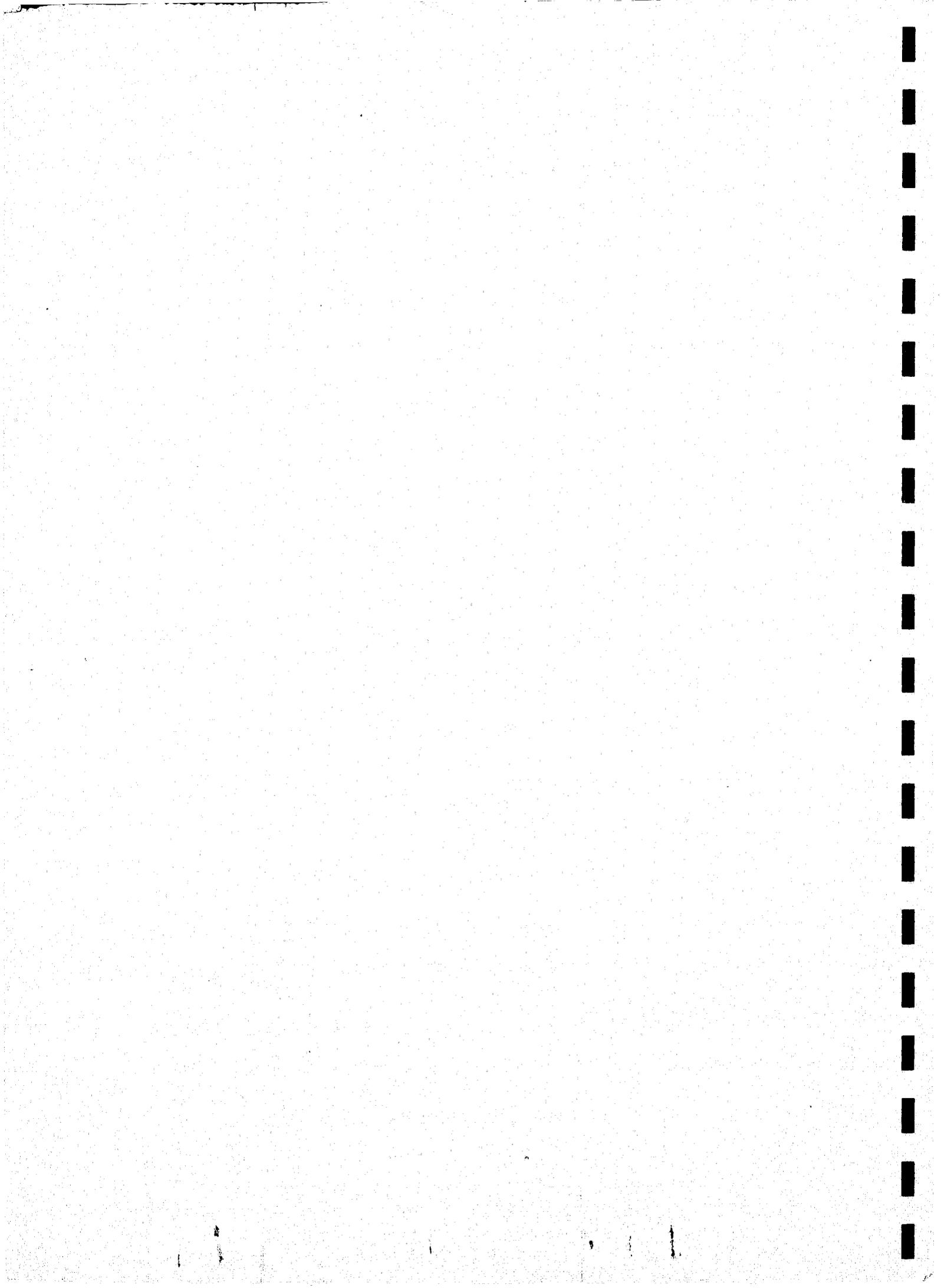
## QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE APPEAL FUND — CELEBRITY CRICKET MATCH

A Celebrity Cricket Match was organised by the Force in support of the Lord Lieutenant's efforts to raise money for the Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal Fund. The match was held at Dean Park, Bournemouth by kind permission of the Hampshire County Cricket Club on 7 August and the teams representing the Lord Lieutenant

and the Chief Constable contained a great number of star names in the cricket world many of whom had travelled long distances to play.

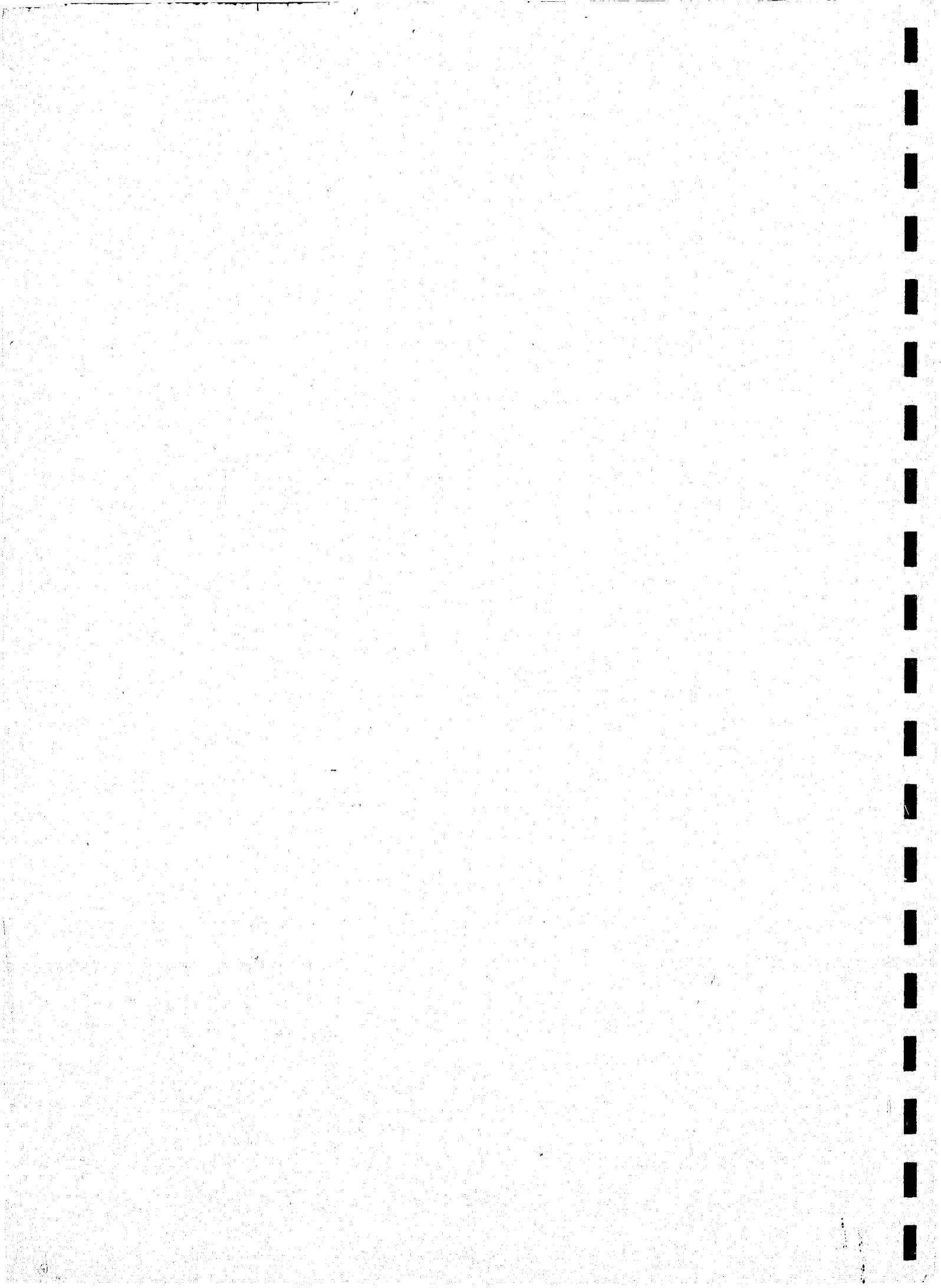
The event was a resounding success and the large crowd at the event were supplemented by a number of famous personalities from the world of show business. 5,000 copies of a fully illustrated Silver Jubilee Souvenir Brochure were produced for the event and all copies were sold with the exception of one which was bound in leather and presented to Her Majesty as a loyal tribute from the officers and men of the Force.

The event which included a Grand Jubilee Draw with some 300 prizes produced a net profit of £2,250 which has been divided equally between various youth activities in the county and the National Jubilee Appeal Fund.



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**SPECIAL  
CONSTABULARY**



## SPECIAL CONSTABULARY

Eighteen applicants were accepted during 1977, compared with forty seven the previous year. Total wastage was 55 compared with 71 in 1976, resulting in an overall loss of 37 over the year.

## PROMOTIONS

The following promotions took place:-

Date	Rank and Name
16 June	To Special Superintendent S/Chief Inspector L Allen
9 February	To Special Chief Inspector S/W/Inspector M Rendell
22 July	S/Inspector G Squibb
9 February	To Special Inspector S/Sergeant 263 T Reid S/Sergeant 9 H Bartlett
19 April	S/Sergeant 17 I Winkup
24 June	S/Sergeant 135 F Williams
20 September	S/Sergeant 62 G Baylie
9 February	To Special Sergeant S/Constable 106 B Duchesne S/Constable 188 L Nield
5 April	S/W/Constable 198 L Holland

## DUTIES

A total of 25,334 hours of duty was performed by the Special Constabulary during 1977, an increase of 3,719 over the previous year.

## AWARDS

During the year members of the Special Constabulary qualified for the following Long Service Awards:-

Long Service Medals (9 years)	9
1st Bar (19 years)	1
3rd Bar (39 years)	1

## COMMENDATION

Special Inspector J Williams was commended by the Chief Constable for his actions which led to the arrest on 16 June of a man wanted for assault occasioning actual bodily harm in Manchester.

## THE WORK OF THE SPECIAL CONSTABULARY

The members of the Dorset Police Special Constabulary once again showed their value by providing staunch backing for their regular colleagues throughout the Force area. They continue to provide invaluable assistance to the Cycle Proficiency Scheme for school children of all ages and are therefore instrumental in them achieving a high standard of road efficiency. Their availability for all occasions was again illustrated by regular attendances at numerous events throughout the area including the Road Safety Day at Bournemouth.

Members have devoted many hours at weekends as well as night duty to supplement regular patrols and the pre-Christmas Crime Prevention Patrol in the Westbourne area of Bournemouth between 5 and 10 December was an outstanding success. The policing of this area on foot by Special Constables between 7pm and 10pm nightly resulted in no crimes being reported in the area during that period and led to many favourable comments from the general public.

