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THE ROYAL VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE FORCE

FOR THE YEAR 1978

PART I

GENERAL REPORT AND SURVEY OF THE YEAR

Introduction

1. The situation with regard to crime was not as satisfactory during 1978 as in 1977. There was an overall increase of 17.45%. A contributory factor may be the considerable increase in all commercial fields throughout the Territory. There is also an indication that foreign criminal elements are beginning to influence this Territory, and this year there occurred the first Bank holdup in the history of the B.V.I.
2. There was no external threat to the Territory during the year.
3. As a result of the unpopular decision by the Governor to commute a death sentence, the Territory witnessed one of its infrequent civil disturbances. These disturbances were relatively minor but have caused a rift between the Government and the population which will be difficult to heal. This is especially noticeable in the law and order field where the public has ceased to demonstrate its law abiding qualities hitherto so apparent (vide first para of 1977 Report); and this may be another contributory factor in the rise in the crime rate.
4. There has been no aid from the Development Division during the year. All projects current in 1977 were completed in that year and no new ones were commenced.
5. Queen's Birthday Parade was held as usual on 11th June. The Force supplied a contingent to join the other organisations represented.

Command

6. The Force was commanded by Mr. Rex K. Jones, MVO, QPM, until 19th May, 1978 and on his resignation Mr. E.W. Warren, CPM, assumed command.

Visits

7. There were no visits of important persons nor inspections of the Force during the year.

Honours Awards and Commendation

8. Six members of the Force received commendation and monetary award for outstanding police work in 1978.

New Legislation Affecting The Police

9. There was no new legislation affecting the Force during the year.

Buildings

10. There has been no effective action with regard to the external drain at Force Headquarters and the roof of the building continues to leak. No funds have been supplied in answer to the application made under Capital Estimates in 1977 in respect of these matters. Minor maintenance was done on a self-help basis but the major problems remain. With regard to construction for the police, no representations were submitted during 1978.

Recruitment

11. Three Virgin Islanders were recruited into the Force during the year and five recruits joined from outside the Territory. At the end of the year there were eight vacancies out of a total establishment of 62, and 28 of the 54 serving members were Virgin Islanders or belongers, this being 51.8% of the Force. Intensive local recruiting has paid small dividends.

Training

12. In service and basic training has been provided by the Barbados and United Kingdom Governments. There was no training supplied by visiting H.M. Ships. The Regional Field Training Centre did not operate during the year.

Crime

13. The increase in total crime of 17.45% over the 1977 figures was far from satisfactory. There appears to be no immediate explanation for this rise. However, the preventative policing measures which had proved so effective in the past were difficult to implement due to the loss of a number of trained men and the resulting shortage of both manpower and experience. By the end of November only 46 police officers of all ranks were available for duty, and a month later after a "crash" recruiting programme, the figure had risen to 51. This massive shortage of manpower unfortunately coincided with the highest tourist activity ever experienced in the

Territory. Over 105,00 tourists visited B.V.I. , in the year an increase of over 24% on 1977 which itself had been a record year. The situation was further aggravated by a jail break near the end of the year in which a notorious burglar escaped. House breaking and related crimes showed an increase of 26.2% over 1977 figures.

PART IIORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION

14. The Royal Virgin Islands Police Force was established on the 26th February, 1967, as a result of constitutional changes in the Leeward Islands. Prior to that time Police in the Virgin Islands were part of the Antigua/Montserrat/Virgin Islands Police Force which in turn originated from the old Leeward Islands Police Force.

15. The Police Act 1961 (Cap 142 Laws of the Virgin Islands) provides for the establishment of the Force Section. 3(2) indicates the main duty of the Force as being "the prevention and detection of crime and the repression of internal disturbance". Under Section 4(1) the Force is also responsible for defending the Territory in the event of external aggression. The Act and associated Subsidiary legislation has rendered the Force responsible for the following services:-

The Fire Brigade

The examination, registration and licensing of motor vehicles

The licensing and registration of firearms

Special licensing and documentation

In order to carry out these duties, the Force had the following organisation at the end of 1978:-

Force Headquarters

Situated in Road Town and includes the following branches:

Headquarters Administration

Criminal Investigation Section

Special Branch

Traffic and Transport Section

Quartermaster

Marine

Police Station, West Tortola

Situated in West End area.

Police Station, Virgin Gorda

Situated in the Valley

Police Station, East Tortola

Situated at East End/Long Look

Establishment and Strength (1974 - 1978)

| 17. | 31.12.74 | | 31.12.75 | | 31.12.76 | | 31.12.77 | | 31.12.78 | |
|------------------------|----------|-----|----------|-----|----------|-----|----------|-----|----------|-----|
| | Est | Str | Est | Str | Est | Str | Est | Str | Est | Str |
| <u>Police</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chief of Police | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - |
| Deputy Chief of Police | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Inspector of Police | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Sergeants | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| Corporals | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 11 |
| Constables | 39 | 39 | 40 | 39 | 40 | 38 | 40 | 35 | 42 | 35 |
| W/Constables | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | - | - |
| | 61 | 60 | 61 | 60 | 61 | 58 | 61 | 56 | 62 | 54 |

18. One corporal was promoted to the post of supernumerary inspector. The 1978 figures include police of both sexes, indication of the number of female officers is shown elsewhere.

Distribution of Establishment 1978

| 19. | <u>C P</u> | <u>DCP</u> | <u>Insp</u> | <u>Sgt</u> | <u>M/Cpl</u> | <u>W/Cpl</u> | <u>M/Con</u> | <u>W/Con</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <u>Police Headquarters</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Administration | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 1 | 3 |
| CID | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 5 |
| SB | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | 2 |
| Traffic | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | 2 |
| Transport | | | | | 1 | | 4 | | 5 |
| Quartermaster | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Marine | | | | 1 | | | 2 | | 3 |
| Road Town | | | 1 | 1 | 4 | | 17 | 1 | 24 |
| West Tortola | | | | | 1 | | 2 | | 3 |
| East Tortola | | | | | 1 | | 3 | | 4 |
| Virgin Gorda | | | | 1 | | | 3 | | 4 |
| Leave & Courses Reserve | | | | | 1 | | 5 | | 6 |
| | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 1 | 40 | 2 | 62 |

Health

A total of 382 man-days were lost through sickness. Complaints were minor.

Casualties

20. The Chief of Police and eight constables resigned, and one constable transferred to Immigration Department during 1978.

Discipline

21. Disciplinary charges resulting in Orderly Room proceedings amounted to 22 for the year. A total of \$10.00 was collected in fines.

Racial Composition of the Force

22. (As at 31st December, 1978)

| | <u>G P</u> | <u>DCP</u> | <u>Insp</u> | <u>Sgt</u> | <u>M/Cpl</u> | <u>W/Cpl</u> | <u>M/Con</u> | <u>W/Con</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Antigua | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | | | | 5 |
| British Virgin Islands | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 20 | 2 | 25 |
| Barbados | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Dominica | | | 1 | | 2 | | 3 | | 6 |
| Grenada | | | | 1 | 3 | | 1 | | 5 |
| Montserrat | | | | | 1 | | 3 | | 4 |
| Nevis | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| St. Vincent | | | | | | | 4 | | 4 |
| Trinidad | | | | | 2 | | | | 2 |
| Jamaica | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| | | 1 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 1 | 33 | 2 | 54 |

Conditions of Service

23. There were no variation to conditions of service during the year.

Length of Service

| | <u>G O</u> | <u>Insp</u> | <u>Sgt</u> | <u>M/Cpl</u> | <u>W/Cpl</u> | <u>M/Con</u> | <u>W/Con</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 24. Less than 2 years | | | | 1 | | 12 | | 13 |
| Over 2 and less than 5 years | | | | | | 8 | | 8 |
| Over 5 and less than 10 years | | 1 | 1 | 7 | | 13 | 2 | 24 |
| Over 10 and less than 15 years | | | 2 | | 1 | | | 3 |
| Over 15 and less than 20 years | | 2 | 1 | 2 | | | | 5 |
| Over 20 years | 1 | | | | | | | 1 |
| | 1 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 1 | 33 | 2 | 54 |

Housing

25. Single barrack accommodation was available for junior ranks, and the Government provided subsidised accommodation for the sergeant incharge Virgin Gorda. No progress was made towards planning police barracks on the grounds of general financial restrictions.

Buildings (Other than housing)

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

27. Structural defects found in Police Headquarters and East End Station during 1975 still require attention. External drainage at Police Headquarters will have to be properly constructed if further flooding in heavy rains is to be avoided.

28. The dark room photographic facilities and scenes of crime equipment room have been completed on a self-help basis. It is hoped to convert an office into a photographic studio. There is still distinct need to improve storage facilities for exhibits and lost and found property and to establish an archives, but funds are difficult to obtain for this work at the present time.

Clerical Staff

29. One civilian clerk is included in the establishment at Force Headquarters.

Finance

30. Comparative figures for the years 1974 - 1978 are set out below

| | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Personal Emoluments | 263,802 | 254,326 | 275,764 | 288,151 | 317,315.10 |
| Other Charges | 60,683 | 67,242 | 86,968 | 71,624 | 59,874.86 |
| | <u>324,485</u> | <u>321,574</u> | <u>362,732</u> | <u>359,775</u> | <u>377,189.96</u> |

PART III

RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING

Qualifications for Enlistment

31. Section 13 of the Police Act states that no person shall be appointed as a constable unless:-

- (a) he has attained the age of nineteen years but has not reached the age of thirty;
- (b) he is of the required height and chest measurement according to the standard from time to time fixed by the Chief of Police. At present 5 feet 6 inches in height and 34 inches chest measurement;
- (c) he passes a medical examination as to his bodily fitness, to be held by a government medical officer;
- (d) he produces satisfactory proof of good character;
- (e) he satisfies the Chief of Police he has attained a reasonable standard of education, not less than standard 7.

Recruiting

32. Three British Virgin Islanders and five ex-police officers were recruited during 1978.

Refresher Training

33. There were no refresher course held during the year.

Promotions

34. One sergeant was promoted to inspector, one corporal to supernumerary inspector and one constable to corporal.

Weapon Training

35. There were no weapon training during the year.

Other Courses

36. Three new recruits attended the basic six month training course at the Regional Police Training Centre, Barbados, during the year. The only other course attended by a member of the Force was the F.B.I. National Academy Course, one of our inspectors attended. Regular training parades were held as and when possible at Road Town.

PART IVCRIME

37. The total number of crime reports investigated during the year 1978 amounted to 471 of which 357 were accepted as true. This reflects an increase of 17.45% against the 1977 figure (401).

38. Below is a comparison with 1977 figures under the various categories:

- (i) Offences Against Public Order, no increase.
- (ii) Offences Against Lawful Authority, 25% increase.
- (iii) Offences Injurious to the Public in General, 44.64% increase.
- (iv) Offences Against Public Morality, 50% increase.
- (v) Offences Against the Person, 22.2% decrease.
- (vi) Offences Against Property, 9.55% increase.
- (vii) Offences Against Local Laws, 6.56% increase.

39. Comparative figures for the main categories of crime for the period 1974 - 1978 are set out below:-

| | <u>1974</u> | <u>1975</u> | <u>1976</u> | <u>1977</u> | <u>1978</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <u>Cat 1. Offences Against Public Order</u> | | | | | |
| True | 4 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 2 |
| Convicted | 1 | 3 | 7 | - | 2 |
| Acquitted | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| Withdrawn | 2 | - | - | - | - |
| Undetected | - | - | - | - | - |
| Pending | - | 2 | - | 2 | - |
| <u>Cat 2 Offences Against Lawful Authority</u> | | | | | |
| True | 13 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 10 |
| Convicted | 11 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 4 |
| Acquitted | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 2 |
| Withdrawn | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Undetected | - | - | - | - | - |
| Pending | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| <u>Cat 3. Offences Injurious to the Public</u> | | | | | |
| True | 99 | 81 | 82 | 56 | 81 |
| Convicted | 65 | 37 | 55 | 24 | 41 |
| Acquitted | 8 | 11 | 5 | 13 | 8 |
| Withdrawn | 3 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 5 |
| Undetected | 3 | - | 1 | - | - |
| Pending | 20 | 29 | 15 | 15 | 27 |

| | <u>1974</u> | <u>1975</u> | <u>1976</u> | <u>1977</u> | <u>1978</u> |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <u>Cat 4. Offences Against Public Morality</u> | | | | | |
| True | 7 | 4 | - | 4 | 6 |
| Convicted | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| Acquitted | 1 | 1 | - | - | 3 |
| Withdrawn | 2 | 1 | - | 2 | 2 |
| Undetected | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Pending | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 |
| <u>Cat 5. Offences Against the Person</u> | | | | | |
| True | 101 | 89 | 73 | 81 | 63 |
| Convicted | 55 | 42 | 35 | 20 | 25 |
| Acquitted | 20 | 7 | 10 | 18 | 13 |
| Withdrawn | 4 | 14 | 10 | 3 | 5 |
| Undetected | 2 | - | - | - | - |
| Pending | 20 | 26 | 18 | 40 | 20 |
| <u>Cat 6. Offences Against Property</u> | | | | | |
| True | 276 | 211 | 229 | 178 | 195 |
| Convicted | 32 | 41 | 42 | 30 | 24 |
| Acquitted | 9 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 2 |
| Withdrawn | 3 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 10 |
| Undetected | 185 | 68 | 125 | 90 | 106 |
| Pending | 47 | 94 | 51 | 45 | 53 |
| <u>Local Laws</u> | | | | | |
| True | 352 | 327 | 363 | 244 | 260 |
| Convicted | 222 | 206 | 280 | 117 | 162 |
| Acquitted | 20 | 24 | 26 | 55 | 24 |
| Withdrawn | 13 | 29 | 25 | 5 | 19 |
| Undetected | 15 | 3 | - | 1 | 3 |
| Pending | 82 | 65 | 32 | 66 | 52 |
| 40. Comparative figures of true reports of offences against local laws for the period 1974 - 1978 are as follows: | | | | | |
| Vehicles and Road Traffic | 319 | 292 | 332 | 211 | 247 |
| Firearms | 6 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| Dangerous | 16 | 20 | 24 | 25 | 11 |
| Treasury | 8 | 8 | - | - | - |
| Protection of Animals | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |
| Immigration and Passport | 2 | 4 | - | 2 | - |
| Unspecified | - | - | 1 | 2 | - |

Juvenile Delinquency

41. Three (3) juveniles were convicted for offences during 1978 as compared with one (1) in 1977.

| | | |
|----------------|---|-----------|
| Simple Larceny | - | 2 females |
| House Breaking | - | 1 male |

42. No established probation service or approved school exists in the Territory. The Social Welfare Department assists whenever possible.

Criminal Investigation

43. Breaking offences increased from 61 in 1977 to 72 in 1978 - 18% increase. There was an overall increase of 13.75% in the following offences as compared to 1977 (160).

| | <u>1977</u> | | <u>1978</u> | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | <u>True Reports</u> | <u>Convictions</u> | <u>True Reports</u> | <u>Convictions</u> |
| Simple larcenies | 96 | 9 | 102 | 12 |
| Robberies | 1 | - | 7 | - |
| Breakings | 61 | 12 | 72 | 8 |
| Frauds | 1 | - | - | - |
| Receivings & Unlawful Possession | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>-</u> |
| | <u>160</u> | <u>22</u> | <u>182</u> | <u>20</u> |

44. Comparative figures of crimes involving dishonesty in 1978 are as follows:

| | <u>1977</u> | | <u>1978</u> | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | <u>True Reports</u> | <u>Cases to Court</u> | <u>True Reports</u> | <u>Cases to Court</u> |
| Simple larcenies | 96 | 16 | 102 | 21 |
| Robberies | 1 | - | 7 | 2 |
| Breakings | 61 | 18 | 72 | 12 |
| Frauds | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| Receiving & Unlawful Possession | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> |
| | <u>160</u> | <u>36</u> | <u>182</u> | <u>36</u> |

45. The total of 102 true reports of simple Larceny was made up of the following types of theft:-

| | |
|-----------------|------------|
| From Person | - |
| Dwelling House | 25 |
| Shop | 16 |
| Hotel | 20 |
| Other Buildings | 8 |
| Car | 4 |
| Boat | 9 |
| Beach | 12 |
| Others | <u>8</u> |
| | <u>102</u> |

46. This was an increase of 6.25% on the 1977 total.

47. Breakings showed a 26.2% increase in 1978 as compared with 1977 (61-72).
20.5% of all true reports resulted in court action. The types of property affected were as follows:-

| | |
|----------------|-----------|
| Dwelling House | 44 |
| Shop | 13 |
| Stores | 4 |
| Office | 7 |
| Others | <u>4</u> |
| | <u>72</u> |

Fingerprint Bureau

48. One detective corporal and one detective constable carry out basic classifications. The Force maintains its own Bureau and scenes of crime section. Lack of sophisticated fingerprint equipment hampered the progress of this important section in the past but the position has now improved as excellent equipment has been taken on charge. There are 470 sets of fingerprint filed.

Photographic Section

49. The acquisition of photographic equipment is beginning to assist criminal investigation.

50. The dark room facilities were found to be inadequate requiring structural alteration with the provision of storage and working areas. A new dark room based on the earlier facilities has now been completed by self-help. Studio facilities have now been established in existing office space.

Modus Operandi Index

51. No such index is maintained or considered necessary at the present time, but plans are in hand to establish one.

Criminal Records Office

52. Reorganisation of this office continued during the year and has now been completed. A centralised system of traffic and criminal statistics is now in existence.

Forensic Aids

53. No facilities are available in the Territory for chemical analysis or other forensic science examinations. However, the United States Virgin Islands has allowed the Force to make use of their Crime Laboratory on payment of fees and it is proper once again to record our appreciation of the assistance given by the Director, John A. Richards Jr. Appreciation is also due to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to the United States Customs Service who have helped in many sectors.

Courts

54. The West Indies Associated States Court sat at Road Town in its criminal jurisdiction in March and October, 1978.

55. The Territory's only subordinate court is that of the Magistrate, and the powers of the magistrate are still grossly inadequate.

Police Supervision

56. There were no cases requiring police supervision during 1978.

Law Enforcement Organisation - U.S. Virgin Islands

57. The Law Enforcement Organisation was not operative during the year, no meeting were held and due to the change of personnel both in the B.V.I., and U.S.V.I., the Organisation ceased to exist.

Crime Statistics

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

PART VTRAFFICRegistration & Licensing of Motor Vehicles

59. At the end of 1978 a total of 2126 motor vehicles were registered and licensed for use on the public roads of the Territory. This showed a decrease of 0.048% on the 1977 figure. Figures for 1974 - 1978 are as follows:-

| <u>1974</u> | <u>1975</u> | <u>1976</u> | <u>1977</u> | <u>1978</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1900 | 1927 | 2036 | 2127 | 2126 |

Road Accidents

60. A total of 178 road accidents occurred in 1978. There was one (1) fatality, and 44 persons were injured a decrease of 21.14% over the 1977 total.

61. A five year statistical comparison is:-

| | <u>1974</u> | <u>1975</u> | <u>1976</u> | <u>1977</u> | <u>1978</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Accidents | 146 | 198 | 170 | 169 | 178 |
| Deaths | 5 | - | 2 | - | 1 |
| Injured | 69 | 53 | 63 | 58 | 44 |

62. Accidents, mainly of a minor nature, increased by 5.32%. There was one (1) fatality, and the number of injured persons decreased by 24.14%.

63. Causes of road accidents during 1978 were as follows:-

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Dangerous Driving | 14 |
| Careless Driving | 57 |
| Speeding | 30 |
| Pedestrians Headless to Traffic | 8 |
| Skidding | 26 |
| Straying Animals | 15 |
| Mechanical Failure | 15 |
| Cause Not Established | <u>13</u> |
| | <u>178</u> |

Traffic Offences

64. 261 reports of traffic violations were dealt with during 1978, these are classified as follows:

| | |
|--|------------|
| Dangerous, Careless or Reckless Driving | 34 |
| Take Vehicle Without Owners Consent | 8 |
| Drive Without Drivers Licence | 36 |
| Drive Without Insurance | 54 |
| Speeding | 13 |
| Drive Without Lights | 32 |
| Drive With Defective Tyres | 5 |
| Drive an unlicensed vehicle | 23 |
| Drive Defective Vehicle | 16 |
| Learning To Drive Without Letter "L" | 4 |
| Parking Offences | 21 |
| Giving False Names | 1 |
| Failing To Report Accident | 3 |
| Driving Motor Cycle Without Crash Helmet | 1 |
| Bicycle Offences | <u>10</u> |
| | <u>261</u> |

65. 170 of these reports resulted in court action, 146 convictions were obtained 85.88% result.

Driving Tests

66. Police are responsible for the testing of drivers and 312 persons were tested during 1978. Comparative figures for 1974 to 1978 are as follows:-

| | <u>1974</u> | <u>1975</u> | <u>1976</u> | <u>1977</u> | <u>1978</u> |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Drivers Passed | 219 | 106 | 101 | 113 | 140 |
| Drivers Failed | <u>163</u> | <u>151</u> | <u>193</u> | <u>94</u> | <u>172</u> |
| Total Tested | <u>382</u> | <u>257</u> | <u>294</u> | <u>207</u> | <u>312</u> |

Examination of Motor Vehicles

67. The police specialist corporal examines motor vehicles and is responsible for the road worthiness of them before the issue of vehicle licences.

PART VIOTHER SPECIALISED BRANCHESFire Brigade

68. The Force has continued to be responsible for fire fighting throughout the Territory with the exception of the Beef Island Airport installation. Fire appliances are stationed at Road Town and Virgin Gorda.

69. At the end of 1978 police had the following operational fire appliances:-

| | |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Road Town | 1 Bedford 700 gallon fire tender |
| Virgin Gorda | 1 Land Rover fire tender |

70. In 1978 the Fire Brigade answered a total of 30 call outs of which 9 were false. There were no deaths and only one injury as a result of the fires.

Special Branch

71. A small Special Branch and registry is maintained in Police Headquarters.

Civil Disturbance Unit

72. No separate unit is maintained but all ranks receive in-service training. A 19 man tactical unit is trained, equipped and available on early call for these and other specialist duties.

Marine Section

73. The marine division is equipped with a 40 foot Brooke Marine Patrol Craft with a crew of four. It was not operational for part of the year because of engine overhaul. Although it is an essential police service the launch is used mainly for other departments and in a search and rescue role.

Women Police

74. One woman corporal and two women police constables were on strength at the end of 1978. They handle all cases involving women and children. One woman police constable is employed on finance duties, one woman corporal is on C.I.D. duties and the remaining woman police constable on general duties.

Auxiliary Unit

75. At the end of 1978 there were 17 Local Constables in the Territory, two of them were on duty at the Festival but otherwise their services were not used during the year. They appeared in a ceremonial parade at the Queen's Birthday. Special Constables have also been active with regard to the ceremony and at the Festival but, infact their appointments were no longer legally correct as they

were sworn in 1969 and such appointments are for a statutory maximum period of three years. The local constabulary is distributed as follows:-

| | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Baughers Bay | 1 |
| East End, Tortola | 2 |
| Frenchman's Cay | 1 |
| Brewers Bay | 1 |
| Jost Van Dyke | 2 |
| Chalwell | 1 |
| Salt Island | 1 |
| Anegada | 1 |
| Virgin Gorda | 4 |
| Carrot Bay | 1 |
| Road Town | <u>2</u> |
| | <u>17</u> |

Telecommunications

76. HF Transceivers are located at Police Headquarters, and are fitted on the Police Launch. These form part of the Eastern Caribbean Police HF network. Daily contacts are made with Territories.

77. Equipment for an internal Police FM/VHF system was made available by Cable & Wireless (W.I.) Ltd.

Transport

78. At the end of 1978, Police had the following vehicles at their disposal:-

| | |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| Road Town | 2 LWB Land Rovers |
| | 1 Jeep |
| | 1 Bedford 5 ton truck |
| | 1 Gurgel Command Car |
| East End | 1 Jeep |
| West End | 1 LWB Land Rover |
| Virgin Gorda | 1 LWB Land Rover |

79. The police patrol car though not yet boarded had to be taken off the road for the greater part of the year through need of spare parts. A replacement is now sought.

PART VIIWELFARE AND RECREATION

80. The Police Canteen and Recreation room continued to be popular and is well equipped and stocked. The Annual Police Ball held in December was attended by His Excellency the Governor, and other distinguished guests. It was a great success being regarded as the social event of the year in the community. It was held at Police Headquarters.

81. The Police Welfare Association continued as an active body during the year.

82. The Police Cricket and Football teams took part in league activities during the year.

PART VIIIOTHER POLICE DUTIESAlien's Registration

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

Revenue Collection

84. Police remained responsible for sale of Driving, Motor Vehicles and Firearm Licences. Revenue collected during 1977 - 1978 were as follows:-

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Drivers Licences | \$ 13,640.00 |
| Motor Vehicles Licences | 57,845.40 |
| Temporary Drivers Licences | 15,909.50 |
| Drivers Test Fees | 1,560.00 |
| Other Traffic Fees | 1,664.00 |
| Special Police Services and Documentation | 3,375.00 |
| Firearm Licences | <u>412.80</u> |
| | <u>\$ 94,406.70</u> |

85. Fines collected in respect of prosecutions brought by Police during 1978 amounted to \$15,118.00 of which \$6,323 was in respect of Traffic Offences.

86. The duties of revenue collection greatly restricted regular police traffic patrol duties during the year.

Weights and Measures

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

Film Censorship and Transport Commission

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

Control of Firearms

89. Permits to keep and carry firearms are issued by the Police, after approval by the Governor. At the end of 1978 the firearms licensed in the

Territory were as follows:-

| | |
|----------|-----------|
| Rifles | 15 |
| Shotguns | 36 |
| Pistols | <u>7</u> |
| | <u>58</u> |

Membership of Public Organisations

90. The Police hold membership in the Mental Health Association.

TERRITORY OF THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

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TERRITORY OF THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

DISPOSAL OF CASES

| CRIMINAL OFFENCES | REPORTS MADE DURING PERIOD TO STATIONS | | | | | | TOTAL REPORTS INVESTIGATED | | | | TOTAL INVESTIGATED | REPORTS REJECTED | | | | TOTAL TRUE REPORTS | DISPOSAL OF TRUE REPORTS | | | | RESULTS OF COURT CASES | | | | TOTAL PERSONS BEFORE COURT | |
|---------------------------------------|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|---|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|----------------------------|--|
| | Road Town | Virgin Gorda | East Tortola | West Tortola | | | Total made during period | Investigations b/f | Pending trial b/f | Inquiries re-opened | | Withdrawn by complainant | False report | Mistake of law or fact | Refused or warned | | Closed undetected | Accused not located | Investigations c/f | To court | Convicted | Acquitted | Withdrawn | Pending trial b/f | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | |
| 1. AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Offences | | | | | | | | | 2 | | 2 | | | | | 2 | | | | 2 | 2 | | | | 2 | |
| 2. AGAINST LAWFUL AUTHORITY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Relating to judicial proceedings | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Escape and Rescue | 3 | 1 | | 1 | | | 5 | | 2 | | 7 | | | | | 7 | | | | 7 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 8 | |
| Others | 2 | | | | | | 2 | | 1 | | 3 | | | | | 3 | | | | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | 3 | |
| 3. INJURIOUS TO THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Offences | 37 | 11 | 33 | 15 | | | 96 | 13 | 2 | | 111 | | | | 30 | 81 | | | 25 | 56 | 41 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 52 | |
| 4. AGAINST PUBLIC MORALITY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rape, Indecent Assault etc | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | 8 | 1 | | | 9 | | | | 3 | 6 | | | 2 | 4 | | 2 | 2 | | 4 | |
| Others | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5. AGAINST THE PERSON | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Murder, manslaughter etc | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Attempted murder | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Serious Assaults | 2 | | 1 | 1 | | | 4 | | 2 | | 6 | | | | 1 | 5 | | 1 | | 4 | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 8 | |
| Minor assaults | 39 | 22 | 9 | 9 | | | 79 | 34 | 2 | | 115 | 1 | | | 57 | 57 | | 1 | 15 | 41 | 23 | 11 | 3 | 4 | 35 | |
| Others | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | |
| 6. AGAINST PROPERTY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Simple larcenies | 43 | 27 | 16 | 6 | | | 92 | 20 | 1 | | 113 | 2 | 6 | | 3 | 102 | 64 | | 17 | 21 | 12 | | 5 | 4 | 14 | |
| Robbery etc | 4 | | 3 | | | | 7 | | | | 7 | | | | | 7 | 2 | | 3 | 2 | | | | 2 | 2 | |
| Breakings | 37 | 12 | 5 | 1 | | | 55 | 15 | 3 | | 73 | 1 | | | | 72 | 35 | | 25 | 12 | 8 | | 2 | 2 | 7 | |
| Frauds | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Receiving and unlawful possession | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | 2 | |
| Arson | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Malicious damages | 10 | 1 | 2 | | | | 13 | 6 | | | 19 | 3 | 1 | | 5 | 10 | 5 | | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | | | 5 | |
| Others | | 3 | | | | | 3 | | | | 3 | | | | | 3 | | | | 3 | 3 | | | | 3 | |
| 7. OTHER CRIMINAL OFFENCES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Forgery | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coinage | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Others | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 180 | 81 | 71 | 34 | | | 366 | 90 | 15 | | 471 | 7 | 7 | | 100 | 357 | 106 | 2 | 87 | 162 | 96 | 27 | 21 | 18 | 146 | |

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TERRITORY OF THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

DISPOSAL OF PERSONS

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DISPOSAL OF PERSONS

| CRIMINAL OFFENCES | | TOTAL PERSONS BEFORE COURT | DISPOSAL OF PERSONS BEFORE COURT - SENTENCES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | AGE GROUPS OF PERSONS CONVICTED | | | | | | | | | | | TOTAL PERSONS CONVICTED | | | | | |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-------|----|--------------|----|----------|----|---------------------|----|----------|----|-------|----|---------------------------------|----|-----------------|----|----------|----|-----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| | | | Acquitted | Withdrawn | Pending trial c/f | Convicted | Death | | Imprisonment | | | | Corporal punishment | | | | Fines | | | | Other penalties | | | | Males by age groups (years) | | | | | | Females by age groups (years) | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Adult | | Adult | | Juvenile | | Adult | | Juvenile | | Adult | | Juvenile | | Adult | | Juvenile | | 7 to 13 | 14 to 15 | 16 to 20 | 21 to 30 | 30 & over | | 7 to 13 | 14 to 15 | 16 to 20 | 21 to 30 | 30 & over |
| | | | | | | | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | |
| 1 | AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | All Offences | 2 | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | 2 | |
| 2 | AGAINST LAWFUL AUTHORITY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Relating to judicial proceedings | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Escape and rescue | 8 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | 2 | |
| | Others | 3 | 1 | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | 2 | |
| 3 | INJURIOUS TO THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | All Offences | 52 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 34 | | | 1 | | | 16 | | 1 | | 11 | | | | 2 | 3 | | | | | 4 | 19 | 8 | | | | 2 | 1 | 34 | |
| 4 | AGAINST PUBLIC MORALITY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Rape, Indecent Assault etc | 4 | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Others | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | AGAINST THE PERSON | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Murder, manslaughter etc | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Attempted murder | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Serious assaults | 8 | 6 | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | |
| | Minor Assaults | 35 | 10 | 3 | 6 | 16 | | | 3 | | | | | | | 5 | | | | 7 | 1 | | | | | 1 | 9 | 5 | | | | | 1 | 16 | |
| | Others | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | |
| 6 | AGAINST PROPERTY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Simple larcenies | 14 | | 4 | 2 | 8 | | | 3 | | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | 2 | | 1 | | | | 3 | 1 | | 2 | 2 | | | 8 | |
| | Robbery etc | 2 | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Breakings | 7 | | 2 | 3 | 2 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | 2 | |
| | Frauds | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Receiving and unlawful possession | 2 | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Arson | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Malicious damages | 5 | 2 | 2 | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | |
| | Others | 3 | | | | 3 | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 2 | 1 | | | | | | 3 | |
| 7 | OTHER CRIMINAL OFFENCES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Forgery | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Coinage | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Others | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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