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POLICE DEPARTMENT For 1968

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For the Year 1968

POLICE ESTABLISHMENT

Scope and Area of Operation

Area of the State—309,433 square miles.

Population as at 31st December, 1968-4,430,200.

Personnel

The strength of the Police Force and of the Ancillary Staff of the Police Department as at the 31st December, 1968, was as follows:

									Authorized Strength	Actual Strength	Vacancies then Existing
Male Police Police Women		·· ··	::	::	·· ··	 	··· ••		7,027 85	6,877 70	150 15
Ancillary Staff (Clerical of Special Co Trackers.)	fficers	s, gener bles, M	al staff	, Polic Bandr	 Cade naster,	ts, Par Choir	king Po master,	olice, and	7,112 1,041	6,947 *1,031	165 22

* Includes 16 clerical supernumeraries, but does not include 4 clerical officers on National Service training.

Ratio of Police to population based upon authorized strength-1 to 630.

Distribution in Ranks and Duties of Police

The distribution of Police in the various ranks, and classes of duty on which they were respectively engaged as at the 31st December, 1968, are as shown in the following table:

Table of Police Strength as at 31st December, 1968

			Assistant Commissioners	Metropolitan Superintendent	Superintendent 1st Class	Superintendent 2nd Class	Superintendent 3rd Class	Acting Superintendent	Inspector 1st, Class	Inspector 2nd Class	Inspector 3rd Class	Sergeant 1st Class	Sergeant 2nd Class	Sergeant 3rd Class	Senior Constables	Constables 1st Class	Constables	Probationary Constables	Trainces	Total
Commissioner of Police		1																		1
Assistant Commissioners of Police General	• •	•••	3	°.	i i	iö	15		żi	35	60	223	200	624	715	599	1,178	453	••	4,23
Criminal Investigation Branch			1		1 ĭ	1	1		3	35	4	223 38	299 32	68	95	100	80	1		427
Other Detective and Plain Clothes	Police																			
employed on Detective work						1 .:			1			30	51	127	147	237	78			671 120
Licensing Police		••			1	1	1		1	2	6	10 14	16 46	32	32 187	14 310	12 452	89	••	1,22
TTTTTTTTTTTTT		•••			1		1		1	1	2	17	3	110	11	15	10			50
Droseouting Dronch			1 ::	1		1				2		12	9	34	34	54	1			50 146
Total Strength		1	3		2	12	17		28	43	72	329	456	1010		1,329	1,811	543		6,87
Police Women			-		-					1		1	2	7	15	15	21	9		70

Variations in Strength of the Police Force

During 1968 the overall authorized strength of the Police Force was increased by 223. This figure included 139 male Police for general duty, which was the balance of the increase of 1,000 in the authorized strength of the Force approved by the Premier to take effect over a period of 3 years from May, 1965, and 15 Police Women.

On the 1st January, 1968, there were 128 vacancies in the authorized strength of male members of the Police Force.

During the year the following additional vacancies occurred in the strength of male members of the Force:

Discha	rged or	n pensio	n or g	ratuity	• •	 	 	98
Dismiss	sed		••			 	 	25
Resigne	ed					 	 	188
Died			••			 	 	11
Trainee	es disch	arged		••		 	 	21

These made an overall total number of vacancies during the year of 471, to which figure there is to be added a further 208 vacancies brought about by an increase in the authorized strength of male Police. The total number of vacancies during the year was, therefore, 679. Against this figure there were 529 appointments of male Police, leaving 150 vacancies unfilled as at the 31st December, 1968.

Recruiting

During the year 2,092 males applied for appointment to the Police Force. Those who satisfied all requirements and were appointed to the Force numbered 529.

There were eight vacancies for Women Police in 1968 and these were promptly filled by applicants of high standard.

Applications for appointment to the Police Cadet Corps were received from 977 youths between the ages of 15 and 17 years. Of these, 529 failed to satisfy the prescribed physical standards or were not accepted for other reasons. The balance of 448 were examined by the Police Medical Officers and of these 198 satisfied medical requirements. Subsequently 107 were appointed.

Seven Special Constables, blue uniform, and fifteen Special Constables, Parking Police, were appointed to fill vacancies which existed.

Recruiting Campaigns

With a view to attracting recruits to the Police Force and the Police Cadet Corps I approved of Recruiting Campaigns being conducted in the Newcastle, Northern, and North Coast Districts of the State. A Recruiting Team under the direction of the Inspector in Charge, Police Training Centre, together with the Officer in Charge of the Recruiting Office, the Police Medical Officer, and the Public Relations Officer visited central points in the districts where the campaigns were conducted. Extensive publicity through the news media of press, radio, and television was given in each district prior to the visit of the Recruiting Team.

In addition, the Superintendents of Police in the districts were advised by memorandum from my office of the campaigns and were directed to arrange for the matter to be brought to the notice of all Police in their charge with a view to all possible assistance being rendered the Recruiting Team.

It has been reported to me that the assistance from responsible sectors of the public, and from members of the Police Force in the various districts was excellent. A total of 218 applicants from the districts visited were considered but only 80 were found suitable in all respects for employment in the Police Force. Of 172 youths from the same districts who applied for appointment to the Police Cadet Corps only 21 were recruited.

Resignations

For the year 1968 there were 188 resignations from the Police Force and withdrawals by 21 Trainees, making a total of 209 as compared with 153 for the year 1967, these figures representing 2.94 per cent and 2.22 per cent, respectively, of the authorized strength.

The resignations during 1968 were for the following reasons:

Disciplinary		 	 	 	52
Other employment		 	 	 	107
Unsuitability		 	 	 	8
Personal reasons		 	 	 	12
Join Army		 	 	 	4
Join other Police For	ces	 	 	 	6
Medical grounds		 	 	 	7
Domestic reasons		 	 • •	 	7
Travelling overseas		 	 	 	6
				-	

Deaths of Police from Injuries Sustained in the Execution of their Duties

On the 8th October, 1968, Sergeant 2nd Class Adam Boland Schell of No. 16 Division, Hornsby, suffered fatal gunshot wounds to the head while investigating a robbery in premises at Bobbin Head, Hawkesbury River, near Horsnby.

On the 30th October, 1968, Probationary Constable Warren Dennis Burns of No. 6 Division (North Sydney) was fatally injured when the Police motor cycle he was riding while undergoing instruction, collided with a tree stump in the Royal National Park.

Police on Sick Report

Following are details of absences of Police from duty during 1968 through sickness or injury:

					Number of	Number of	Average nur absent in re	nber of days elation to—
					Police	days	Police on sick report	Strength of Police Force
	- .:	••	••		552 5	12,533 87		x
D 1' 177	-		••		557 4,275 43	12,620 53,812 1,358	22.66	1.82
				-	4,318	55,170	12.78	7.94

Ancillary Staff

As at the 31st December, 1968, the total number of persons employed by the Police Department, other than members of the Police Force were:

Clerical staff en	nployed	und	er the P	ublic S	Service	Act:				
Males			•••			****		-	329	
Females							•.•		288	
										617
General staff mechanics,	farrier	, gro								
and night	watchm	an	• •	••	••	• •	••	••		33
Police Cadets		••	••	•••	•••		•••		201	
Special Parking	g Police		• •	• • •		.=		-	141	
Special Constal	bles	••	••		•.•	•=•			29	
Matrons			• •						4	
Bandmaster		••	• •	• •	•-•				1	
Choirmaster				• •					1	
Aboriginal Tra	ckers	••	••		••			***	4	381
Т	otal	••	••	••	••			•=•		1,031

POLICE STATIONS

During the year the temporary Police Station situated in the private residence of a member of the Police Force at Avalon was closed because of his resignation. A new site was obtaind in the main business area of Avalon for the erection of a modern Sub-Station which is expected to be available for occupation by June, 1969.

The Belfield Police Station, which was located in the private residence of a member of the Force, was closed following a review of Police arrangements in the area and the Belfield Patrol incorporated in the Campsie Patrol.

Because of the closure of Island Bend township by the Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Authority, the Police Station established at that centre was closed and the Island Bend Police Patrol included in the Jindabyne Patrol.

As at the 31st December, 1968, there were 474 Police Stations and 16 manned Call Boxes operational throughout the State.

CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE OF POLICE AND POLICE CADETS

Members of the Police Force and of the Police Cadet Corps maintained a high standard of conduct and discipline throughout the year.

Departmental disciplinary action was taken for breaches of the Police Rules and Instructions against 172 members of the Force and court proceedings were taken against 20 Police for various breaches and offences against the State laws.

APPEALS TO THE CROWN EMPLOYEES APPEAL BOARD AGAINST PUNISHMENT

Fifteen members of the Police Force who were dealt with departmentally lodged appeals to the Crown Employees Appeal Board against the punishments imposed. In two cases the appeals were dismissed, the decision in respect to punishment being upheld. In two other cases the Board decided it had no jurisdiction. Seven appeals were withdrawn and four were still pending at the end of the year.

BUILDINGS

The following major Police building projects were completed during 1968:

Carinda-New Police Station and Court House.

Moulamein-New Police Station and Court House.

Bathurst-Official residence erected for occupation by the Officer in Charge of Police.

Urana-Official residence erected for occupation by the Officer in Charge of Police.

- Police Driver Training School, St Ives-Official residence erected for occupation by the Officer in Charge of the Police Driver Training School.
- Campbelltown—Official residence erected for occupation by Officer in Charge of Police, Campbelltown, by the Campbelltown City Council in exchange for the former official residence and site which were purchased by the council.
- Brewarrina—Residence constructed by the Housing Commission of New South Wales under Police Force Special Accommodation Scheme.
- Junee—Residence constructed by the Housing Commission of New South Wales under Police Force Special Accommodation Scheme.
- Forbes-Residence constructed by the Housing Commission of New South Wales under Police Force Special Accommodation Scheme.
- Narrabri—Residence constructed by the Housing Commission of New South Wales under Police Force Special Accommodation Scheme.
- Orange—Residence constructed by the Housing Commission of New South Wales under Police Force Special Accommodation Scheme.
- Grafton—Residence constructed by the Housing Commission of New South Wales under Police Force Special Accommodation Scheme.
- Muswellbrook—Residence constructed by the Housing Commission of New South Wales under Police Force Special Accommodation Scheme.

In addition to the completed projects mentioned above, arrangements are being made by the Housing Commission of New South Wales for the construction of houses for Police at Armidale, Gundagai, Inverell, Queanbeyan, Walgett (2), Deniliquin, Maitland, and Moree.

The projects listed below were still in progress at the end of the year:

Police Training Centre—Renovations and provision of additional Class Rooms and teaching facilities.

Waverley-New Police Station and Court House.

Green Valley-New Sub-Station.



Police Mobile Field Radio Unit

POLICE COMMUNICATIONS

Expansion of the Department's communication system was continued throughout the year and nine additional Radio Base Stations were installed increasing the total throughout the State to 85, 14 of which are located in the Metropolitan Police District and 71 in Country Police Districts.

The number of motor vehicles used by the Department in which two-way radio equipment is installed was increased by 51 to a total of 611 of which 356 operate in the Metropolitan Police District and 255 in Country Police Districts. Included in the 51 additional vehicles so equipped were 20 assigned for use by Police attached to the Breath Analysis Section.

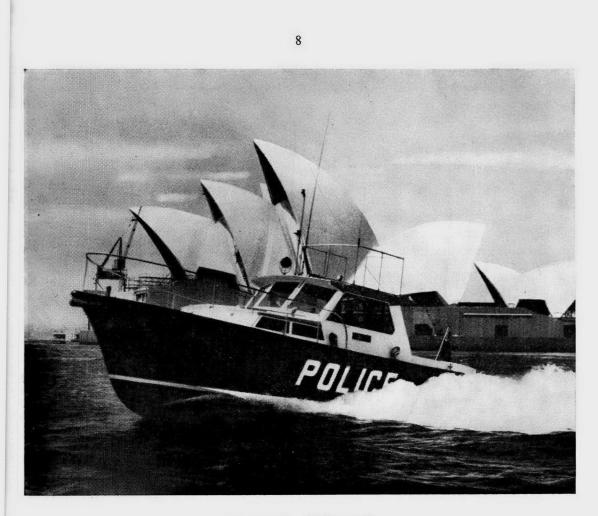
The Inner City Teleprinter Service to Police Stations, which was introduced in 1964, has been progressively extended to include other Metropolitan Police Stations. All Metropolitan Divisional Head Stations are now equipped, with the exception of No. 23 Division, Penrith. During 1968 services were installed at Fairfield, Merrylands, Blacktown, Petersham, Daceyville, and Chatswood.

A valuable addition to Police Communications which was made during the year was a Mobile Field Radio Unit. This Unit will be used in conjunction with the Mobile Field Control Unit to which I referred in my report for the year 1967.

POLICE TRANSPORT

Details of motor vehicles in use by the Department during 1968 are as follows:

					Number of vehicles at 31-12-68	Additional vehicles obtained during 1968	Replacements during 1968
Motor cars			 	 	1,252	41	894
Patrol vans			 	 	3		
Panel vans			 	 	21		9
Lorries and utility			 	 	99	1	75
Trailers			 	 	10	. 1	
Mobile Field Cont	rol Un	it	 	 	1		••.
Mobile Field Radi	o Unit		 	 	1	1	
Four-wheel drive v	ehicles		 	 	37		·i6
Station sedans			 	 	56	20	32
Tow Truck			 	 	1		
Omnibuses			 	 	2 18		
Motor Scooters			 	 	18		6
Solo motor cycles:							
Ordinary patr			 	 	97	59	32
High speed			 	 	284		193
				-	1,882	123	1,257



New Police Launch "Nemesis"

At the 31st December, 1968, 16 watercraft of various types were in operation on waterways throughout the State.

Construction was completed of two seagoing launches which were taken into use at the Water Police Stations at Sydney and Newcastle to replace similar vessels which had become unserviceable. An aluminium skiff fitted with outboard motor was attached to the Wentworth Police Station.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH

Re-organization of squads and increases in strength at the Criminal Investigation Branch were approved during the year, and a Detective-Sergeant 1st Class was appointed as Assistant to each of the six Sub-District Detective Inspectors.

Following a review by a Police Departmental Committee of the training procedures in respect of Police selected for criminal investigation duty I directed that a Detectives' Course be introduced, designed to provide comprehensive training for Police in criminal investigation procedures. Each course is of 12 weeks' duration. The first commenced at the Police Training Centre, Redfern, in February, 1968.

FINGERPRINT SECTION WHICH INCORPORATES THE CENTRAL FINGERPRINT BUREAU FOR ALL POLICE FORCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

The volume and scope of the work undertaken in this section during 1968 are illustrated by the particulars set out hereunder:

Total number of sets of fingerprints received			within	New	
South Wales and classified	••	• •	• •	• •	57,304
Total number of sets of fingerprints received fr	om oth	ner Polic	e Forc	es in	
Australia and classified					23,017
Number of sets of fingerprints identified					39,343
Number of articles submitted to section for exa	minatio	on			1,285
Fingerprints identified from scenes of crimes					730
Fingerprints taken to establish identity of decea	ased pe	rsons			75
"Names Check" against fingerprint records in	n respec	ct of ap	plicant	s for	
various types of licences and other m	iscellar	eous pu	rposes		225,430

MODUS OPERANDI SECTION—RECORD OF KNOWN METHODS OF OPERATING FOLLOWED BY CRIMINALS

In 1968, 48,267 Modus Operandi Forms were submitted by Police in which was furnished detailed information as to the methods in which criminals coming under their notice were operating.

In 2,402 instances Police throughout New South Wales were advised of information recorded at the Modus Operandi Section, resulting in 1,504 charges being preferred against offenders.

During the year 22,500 photographs were added to the Classified Photographs Index maintained in the section. Six "Identi-Kit" sketches were prepared in the section to assist in the identification of offenders believed to have been concerned in the commission of serious crime.

PROPERTY TRACING SECTION

Through the painstaking efforts of Police attached to the Property Tracing Section, 3,919 articles of property with an aggregate value of \$151,659.00 were traced to the rightful owners. In addition, the identification of this property resulted in the preferment of 277 criminal charges.

SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION BUREAU

Included in this Bureau are the General Scientific, Forensic Ballistic, and Hand Writing Sections of the Police Medico-Legal Library.

A brief outline of some of the major activities of the sections within the bureau is set out hereunder.

General Scientific Section

Number of photographs taken of persons in Police custody	5,500
Number of photographs printed at the section and circulated to the Police Forces within the Commonwealth of Australia and the Dominion of New Zealand	2,100
Number of photographs taken of motor vehicles, cheques, documents, fingerprint exhibits, fingerprint forms, and general exhibits	
Number of visits made to scenes of crimes and of accidents to assist by forensic examination and photography	3,483

The services rendered by this section continued to be maintained at a high standard of efficiency and contributed materially to the successful investigation of serious crime.

Forensic Ballistics Section

Total number of firearms received in this section which had either been found, surrendered to Police or ordered by courts to be confiscated	1,660
Total number of firearms examined in the investigation of crimes	369
Total number of bullets and cartridge cases submitted for examination	335

In the investigation of crimes involving the use of firearms this section again gave valuable assistance throughout the year.

Handwriting Section

3,929 documents were examined for the purpose of obtaining evidence to support court proceedings.

The Index of Handwriting Specimens was increased by the addition of 21,891 specimens, the total now filed being 251,262.

Police Medico-Legal Library

I referred in my last report to the importance of the library to the work of the Scientific Investigation Bureau and again emphasize its value to Police concerned in the scientific and medicolegal aspects of the investigation of crime. During the year 60 text books were added to the library which now contains a total of 937 volumes.

CRIME PREVENTION SECTION

This section which was established at the Criminal Investigation Branch in March, 1967, was described in some detail in my report for that year. The section contains a well presented display of modern electrical, electronic, and mechanical devices, including a closed circuit television camera and receiver. All of this equipment is used by the staff to illustrate the best possible methods of protecting persons and property against criminal acts. The public interest in the section increased considerably during 1968 and the services of members of the staff were in demand to deliver lectures on crime prevention to members of associations, clubs, and other groups.

There were 152 requests for security surveys of homes and business premises during the year.

At every opportunity action is taken to publicize crime prevention through the news media of television, radio, press, and trade journals. During the year members of the staff of the section made two appearances on television, gave 220 broadcasts, and made 250 press releases.

SQUADS

There are established within the Criminal Investigation Branch as part of its operational personnel the following squads:

- I. Special Breaking Squad,
- II. Fraud Squad,
- III. Vice Squad,
- IV. Pillage Squad,
- V. Consorting Squad,
- VI. No. 21 Special Squad,
- VII. Motor Squad,
- VIII. Drug Squad,
- IX. Pawnbroking Squad,
- X. Stealing from Cars and Observation Squad, and
- XI. Armed Hold-Up Squad.

These squads perform a valuable function in the overall plan to combat and detect crime and it would not be possible in this report to quote in detail the specific activities of each. However, it is proper to say that they are highly efficient groups of selected Police who concentrate on the investigation of serious crimes.

In my report for 1967, I referred in some detail to the activities of the Police Department in detecting and prosecuting breaches of the drug laws. I was at that stage unable to report upon the effect of the then newly enacted Poisons Act No. 31 of 1966, in relation to Police investigations. However, I can now say that the new Act has materially assisted Police in their efforts to combat drug offences and this is illustrated in the increase in the number of persons arrested by the Drug Squad. These rose from 382 in 1967 to 547 in 1968, included in which were 32 drug offenders who were charged with offences relating to breaking, entering, and stealing drugs from pharmacies, doctors' surgeries, and hospital dispensaries.

One particular case which I feel should be specially mentioned related to the sale to young persons of the drug L.S.D. (D. Lysergic Acid Diethylamide Tartrate) from a cellar, operated as a "club" at Paddington. The detection and subsequent arrest of the person responsible required skilful and painstaking planning over a long period. He was subsequently convicted of selling and being in possession of the drug L.S.D. and was sentenced to a lengthy term of imprisonment with hard labour. It was suspected that this offender was making a profit of up to \$1,000 weekly from his unlawful activities.

A registered pharmacist arrested and charged with the unlawful sale of drugs was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment, suspended upon his entering into a recognizance to be of good behaviour for a period of 2 years. This person was subsequently de-registered by the New South Wales Pharmacy Board. The offender restricted his activities to a selected clientele but under the skilful direction of the Officer in Charge of the Drug Squad two Police Women succeeded in establishing contact and purchased heroin and other drugs of an approximate total value of \$600.

Another example of the efficiency of the Drug Squad was the arrest of a Norwegian seaman in possession of a large quantity of Indian Hemp which he had smuggled into this country in the false bottom of a suitcase. He was peddling the drug in Sydney and at the time of his arrest had in his possession the sum of \$672, the proceeds of his sales. He was sentenced to $2\frac{1}{2}$ years' imprisonment with hard labour and will be deported upon the completion of his sentence.

Members of the Drug Squad work in close co-operation with officers of the State Department of Public Health and the Commonwealth Department of Customs and Excise in their efforts to prevent and detect illegal trafficking in narcotics and drug abuse generally.

CRIME

Appendix "A" to this report shows the number of crimes of a serious nature reported to Police during 1968 and the number cleared up during the year.

The following table shows the comparison between the total number of serious crimes reported to Police and the number of those cleared up for the years 1963 to 1968:

Year	No. of serious crimes reported	No. of serious crimes cleared up	Percentage
1963	35,103	27,778	70
10/4	36 044	27,067	75
10/5	41 302	29,151	71
1066	41,714	28,265	68
1067	45,697	29,118	64
1068		32,849	56

Although the percentage of crimes cleared up fell to 56 per cent during 1968 this should not be regarded as unsatisfactory but measured against the fact that there were more crimes cleared up during the year than in the preceding 5 years.

The total value of property reported stolen to the Police during 1968 was \$11,178,028. Property to the value of \$4,482,519 was accounted for as a result of Police investigations and the value of property recovered was \$965,058.

During 1968, 11,485 motor cars, 980 motor lorries, and 543 motor cycles were reported stolen, a total of 13,008 vehicles. Of this number 11,672 or 90 per cent were recovered. Persons arrested and charged with either stealing or illegally using motor vehicles numbered 1,472.

Murders

During the year 67 murders were committed. In 60 cases the identity of the person or persons responsible was established. Those which remain unsolved as at the 31st December, 1968, were:

- (1) GLADYS RULE, aged 44 years, who was attacked by an unknown man in Redfern Street, Redfern, on the 8th February, 1968.
- (2) ARCHIE ANTHONY FENTON, 52 years of age, whose body was found in an office at Kings Cross on the 13th March, 1968.
- (3) HELEN MARY HARRISON, 17 years of age, who disappeared while riding her bicycle from her place of employment at Pitt Town to her home at Maralya on the 16th March, 1968. Her body was located in a shallow grave at East Kurrajong on the 23rd March, 1968.
- (4) SIMON BROOK, 3¹/₂ years of age, who disappeared from the vicinity of his home at Glebe on the 18th May, 1968, and whose mutilated body was found in a yard at the rear of a building under construction at Glebe on the following day.
- (5) JOHN GERRARD MELLON, 42 years of age, whose body was found in scrub land off Henry Lawson Drive on the 21st July, 1968.
- (6) STEFAN WOLSKYJ, 43 years of age, whose body was found on the footpath in Dover Street, Summer Hill, on the 26th September, 1968.
- (7) ROBERT JOHN HENDRY, 47 years of age, whose body was found in the hallway of his home at Ryde on the 14th October, 1968.

The following murders listed as unsolved in my report for 1967, were cleared up during 1968:

GERTRUDE DELUCCA—Three men were arrested and charged with this crime and one man and one woman with being accessories after the fact of murder.

CLAUDE HENRY ELDRIDGE and RICHARD GABRIEL REILLY—Two men were arrested and charged with conspiracy to murder Eldridge and Reilly, the actual shooting allegedly having been carried out by a criminal who subsequently committed suicide.

LIONEL ERIC DAVIS-A man was arrested and charged with this murder.

BRUCE WILLIAM FLOCKHART—Two men were arrested and charged with this crime and a third offender is still being sought.

Reported Losses of Livestock, Wheat, and Wool

Appended is a table setting out details of reported losses of cattle, sheep, horses, wheat, and wool, the number determined as thefts, the number cleared up by the arrest of the offender or offenders, and those determined as thefts which remained outstanding at the end of the year.

	Cattle			Horses			Sheep			Wheat			Wool		
	Number of Cases	Number of Stock	Value of Stock	Number of Cases	Number of Stock	Value of Stock	Number of Cases	Number of Stock	Value of Stock	Number of Cases	Number of Bags	Value of Wheat	Number of Cases	Number of Bales	Value of Wool
Reported losses (investigated by Police) Determined as Thefts		1,425 221	\$ 96,738 18,082	165 12	214 12	\$ 34,705 1,023	183 44	17,141 1,576	\$ 94,052 9,502	11 2	$150\frac{1}{2}$	\$ 627 115	65 45	80‡ 54	\$ 9,545 5,442
Cleared by Arrest (Number of Arrests shown in brackets)	43 (35)	124 97	9,564 8,518	9 (12) 3	9 3	803 220	29 (48) 15	990 586	4,192 5,310	2	ż5	115	27 (6) 18	$ \begin{array}{r} 17\frac{1}{2} \\ 36\frac{1}{2} \end{array} $	1,772 3,670

RETURN OF STOCK, WHEAT AND WOOL THEFTS FOR THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES-1968

Suppression of Vice

The powers of Police to deal with offences relating to unlawful prostitution were considerably strengthened by amendments to the Vagrancy Act, which were assented to on the 22nd October, 1968. In addition to other useful provisions the new legislation made it an offence to loiter in, or in view of, any public street, thoroughfare or place, for the purpose of prostitution. It is hoped that this prohibition will aid Police to combat the incidence of soliciting by prostitutes in streets and adjoining areas.

Another statutory amendment which is seen as strengthening the hand of Police in suppressing vice is that which was made to the Disorderly Houses Act to provide that an application for the declaration of premises as a disorderly house may be presented if such premises are habitually used for the purpose of prostitution.

A total of 4,682 persons were arrested in the Metropolitan Police District by members of the Vice Squad during 1968. These include 2,247 females for offensive behaviour which had reference to the stopping of men in the streets for an immoral purpose, 119 for loitering for purposes of prostitution, 412 for other offences relating to prostitution and 1,204 for offences of a homosexual nature.

Breaches of the Gaming, Betting and Wagering Laws

As I have advised in previous reports, the detecting and combating breaches of the Gaming and Betting Act is primarily the responsibility of No. 21 Special Squad, Criminal Investigation Branch, which now has members stationed at Newcastle and Wollongong Police Stations.

During 1968, 1,135 persons were arrested by members of No. 21 Special Squad and other Police for illegal betting. The total amount of fines imposed upon those convicted was \$54,715. The sum of \$185.18 was seized and ordered to be forfeited.

2,437 persons were arrested for gaming offences and the total amount of fines imposed upon those convicted was \$25,591. The sum of \$892.95 was seized and ordered to be forfeited.

Applications were made to the Supreme Court for the declaration of five premises as common gaming houses. One application was granted and the hearings of the remaining four were pending at the 31st December, 1968.

Extradition of Fugitives

The extradition of three male fugitive offenders was sought during the year. Two of these were extradited from New Zealand on charges of armed robbery and the other from England on charges of conspiracy, fraudulent destruction of books, and misapplication of moneys as a director.

CASES DEALT WITH BY COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS

Appendix "B" of this report sets out in detail the number of cases which came to Police notice and were dealt with before Courts of Petty Sessions throughout the State during 1968.

CORONIAL INQUESTS AND INQUIRIES

During 1968 there were 2,282 inquests into deaths and 28 inquiries into fires.

POLICE TRAFFIC BRANCH

The Police Traffic Branch, under the supervision of the Superintendent of Traffic, is charged with the responsibility of enforcement of the traffic laws. I am satisfied that the strict enforcement of these laws and the intensive patrolling of the State highways and roads has done much to control the irresponsible road user and to protect citizens from death or injury.

Despite diligent Police action during 1968 there were 76,288 motor vehicle collisions on roads throughout the State, resulting in the deaths of 1,211 men, women, and children, and injury to 30,919, an increase in deaths and injuries compared to the year 1967 of 94 and 1,418, respectively.

Breaches of the traffic laws detected and reported during 1968 were:

(a) Driving offences	••	••	••	••		••		315,915
(b) Equipment offences	• •	••	••	• •	••	• •	• •	100,312
(c) Parking offences		• •						417,372
(d) Miscellaneous offences	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	558
							Total:	834,157

645,919 Infringement Notices were issued, 431,066 of which were satisfied by payment of prescribed penalties, amounting in all to \$5,419,239.91. The balance of 214,853, were dealt with either by court action, caution or attendance at Traffic Laws Observance Discussions conducted at the Department of Motor Transport, Rosebery, and at Parramatta, Wollongong, and Newcastle by selected experienced Police.

The Motor Traffic (Amendment) Act, No. 64 of 1968, authorized Police to obtain breath tests from persons driving motor vehicles who were suspected of being affected by intoxicating liquor. These provisions are currently being enforced in the Metropolitan, North Eastern, and South Coast Police Administrative Districts. All general duty and Special Traffic Patrol vehicles operating in these districts are carrying "Alcotest" kits with which Police may make on-the-spot breath tests.

The "breath test" provisions of the Motor Traffic Act came into force on the 16th December, 1968, and at the 31st December, 1968, breathalyser tests were made in suspected cases of which 196 proved "positive", i.e., they revealed in the blood of the persons tested a concentration of alcohol of 0.08 grammes or more, in each 100 millimetres of blood.

Improvements Effected in Traffic Control Procedures

The Police Traffic Signals Operation Section, TV camera observation, now covers 111 inner City intersections and Police who are patrolling the City on motor cycles can be promptly directed by radio to attend any of the locations covered to deal with traffic congestions or other problems.

Special Traffic Patrol Police

Special Traffic Patrol Police are attached to the Police Traffic Branch and Police Stations throughout the State. The strength of the Patrol was increased during 1968 by 24 Police, the balance of an increase of 50 units approved by the Premier during the financial year 1967/68. The total number of Police now engaged on this duty throughout the State is 665. In the Metropolitan Police District there are 331 and 334 in Country Districts. During the year 77 Morris Mini Cooper Special sedan cars replaced high speed solo motor cycles and large high speed sedan cars in certain parts of the State. At the 31st December, 1968, there were 284 high speed solo motor cycles, 19 Rambler sedan cars, and 171 Mini Cooper Special sedan cars in use on Special Traffic Patrol work.

Police engaged on Special Traffic Patrol duties are specially selected and trained for this hazardous phase of Police duty and they continue to render service to the public of a very high standard. In 1968 in the Metropolitan District these Police detected and reported 197,802 breaches of the traffic laws, and arrested 4,100 persons for serious traffic and other offences.



New style uniform for Police Women

School Lecturing Section

The staff of the School Lecturing Section, with 67 uniformed Police, including 35 Police Women, play an important role in the education of school children in Safety First principles. Fifty-three members of the staff are attached to the Police Traffic Branch, Sydney, and 14 are stationed in country districts.

They are assisted by a variety of visual aids, including movie and strip film projectors, flannelgraphs, picture posters, puppetry, and project books.

Members of the section, during the year, visited 1,352 schools in the Metropolitan Police District on 2,075 occasions and delivered 24,226 addresses. In addition they visited 80 schools for handicapped and retarded children on 167 occasions and gave 762 talks.

Tours of country districts were also undertaken in conjunction with officers of the Road Safety Council of New South Wales. During these tours, 60 schools were visited and 439 lectures delivered to 20,549 pupils. In addition public meetings were arranged at the various centres visited with the co-operation of the local authorities for the purpose of addressing citizens on various aspects of road safety.

In addition, members of the section delivered 319 lectures to adult groups on road safety principles, made 47 television appearances and gave 73 radio broadcasts.

The activities of the section in Country Police Districts were supplemented by local Police, who visited 2,316 schools and delivered 10,772 lectures; addressed adult community groups on 150 occasions; gave 553 radio broadcasts and made 81 television appearances. They also contributed 9 articles on road safety to various country newspapers.

Co-operation with Government Departments, Associations and other bodies

One aspect of the work of members of the Police Traffic Branch, to which I have referred in previous reports, and to which I attach particular importance is their co-operation at all times in matters of common interest with the Commissioners for Motor and Government Transport, the Commissioner for Main Roads, the State Planning Advisory Committee and with public and private bodies, associations and organizations who have responsibilities relating to road traffic.

The branch has representatives for the Department on the Australian Motor Vehicles Standards Committee, the Australian Road Traffic Code Committee, the Road Safety Council of New South Wales, Parking Advisory Committees, the Opera House Committee, the Cumberland Passenger Transport Committee, the Heights of Buildings Committee, Traffic Signals Priority Committee and the Speed Revision Committee.

Parking Police

This ancillary to the Police Force consists of 141 Special Constables, mainly disabled ex-servicemen appointed for the purpose of enforcing the Parking Regulations in selected areas within the Metropolitan and Country Police Districts. At the 31st December, 1968, this Unit was five below its authorized strength.

The men who make up the Parking Police Unit perform all their duties on foot and render valued service of a high standard of efficiency. They play an important role in aiding regular Police in traffic law enforcement.

POLICE LICENSING BRANCH

It is one of the responsibilities of Police engaged in licensing duties to investigate the fitness of applicants for licenses under a number of State Acts which require a Police certification as to character. They are also responsible for the enforcement of these Acts. The principal statute with which they are concerned is the Liquor Act and the undermentioned statistics give some indication of their activities in this regard.

Licenses, Certificates, and Permits issued:

Publicans Licenses	••	••	••	••	••	••	1,966
Australian Wine Licenses			••				338
Spirit Merchants Licenses							647
Brewers Licenses	••	••		• •	••	••	6
Packet Licenses	• •		••			••	15
Certificates of Registration	n for Clu	bs				• •	1,443
Restaurant Permits		••	• •	••	••	••	462
Canteen Permits	••	•••	•••		•••	• •	8

There was a total of 325 objections lodged by Police to applications made to Licensing Courts throughout the State for the grant, transfer, renewal, or removal of licenses under the Liquor Act. In 86 cases the license sought was granted. In 58 it was refused; in 181 cases the application was either withdrawn or adjourned generally.

During the year Police launched 151 successful prosecutions against holders of licenses under the Liquor Act for breaches of the Liquor Act and against 21 for breaches of the Pure Food Act.

Proceedings were instituted against 260 persons for selling liquor without a license, and against 128 for being on premises where liquor was unlawfully sold. Fifteen persons were charged with illegal betting in hotels and 102 with being found on other premises where unlawful gaming was being conducted.

The Special Duties Section of the Licensing Branch which was formed in 1967, and to which I referred in my report for that year, with assistance as required from No. 21 Special Squad, was responsible for the majority of the prosecutions mentioned above.

Liquor seized following arrests consisted:

Beer	••	•••	•••		• •	•••	2,863	bottles.
							1,907	cans.
Wine	•••			••		•·•	197	bottles.
							216	gallons in bulk.
Assorted	spirits	••				•••	178	bottles.

ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH BRANCH

On the 15th January, 1968, I approved the establishment of the Administration and Management Research Branch whose function is to review methods and procedures operating throughout the Police Department and submit such recommendations to me for innovations considered necessary to improve overall Police efficiency.

The staff of the branch comprises Police and senior Public Service officers all of whom were trained at the Public Service Board's Methods Division and at the Treasury in Automatic Data Processing procedures. Seven Police and one Public Service officer are currently engaged in investigating sections of the Police Department to which Automatic Data Processing may be applied. They are assisted by an Inspector of the Treasury who has been seconded to the Police Department as a full-time consultant.

The Organisation and Methods Section of the branch consists of four Police and two Public Service officers, and they are assisted by a Senior Inspector of the Public Service Board's Methods Division as a consultant.

Up to the present the branch has investigated procedures relating to reporting by Police of motor vehicle collisions, charging of persons arrested, crime reporting and handling of Warrants of Commitment and Warrants in the First Instance. Clerical procedures in certain sections of the Police Traffic Branch, the Criminal Investigation Branch, and the Police Transport Branch have been examined and a Feasibility Study was conducted at the Traffic Penalties Section of the Traffic Branch to assess the need to introduce Automatic Data Processing of all Traffic, Parking, and Pedestrian Infringement Notices. These examinations and studies have resulted in the adoption of greatly improved procedures with resultant increases in staff efficiency.

There is unlimited work with the administration and operational sectors of the Department for the Administration and Management Research Branch whose recommendations have already earned for it admiration, respect, and acceptance as a highly skilled unit indispensable to a modern Police Force.

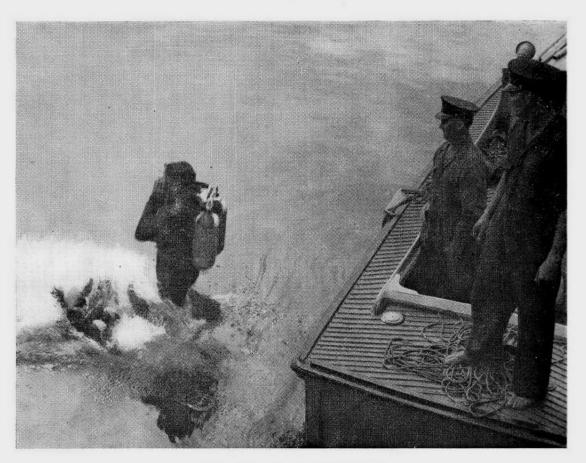
POLICE RESCUE SQUAD

General Unit

Many calls were made throughout the year on the services of the General Unit of the Rescue Squad whose members again distinguished themselves by their high standard of courage, devotion to duty, skill, and efficiency.

Flood Rescue Unit

There were no flood emergencies in New South Wales during 1968 which required the services of the Flood Rescue Unit. However, the unit maintained its efficiency by following a strict training programme and by engaging in a number of exercises with the State Civil Defence Organisation.



Police Shallow (Aqualung) Diving Unit

Shallow (Aqualung) Diving Unit

Members of this unit carried out 64 diving operations in the waters of Port Jackson, Botany Bay, the Pacific Ocean, coastal estuaries, and inland waters during 1968.

They recovered five bodies from the waters of Sydney Harbour, Lake Parramatta, the Lane Cove, Grose, and Williams Rivers. In addition they located many articles which had been thrown into rivers and other waterways and which were later used as exhibits in criminal trials.

The overall operations of this unit throughout the year were again carried out with the usual high standard of skill and efficiency for which it is recognized.

WATER POLICE

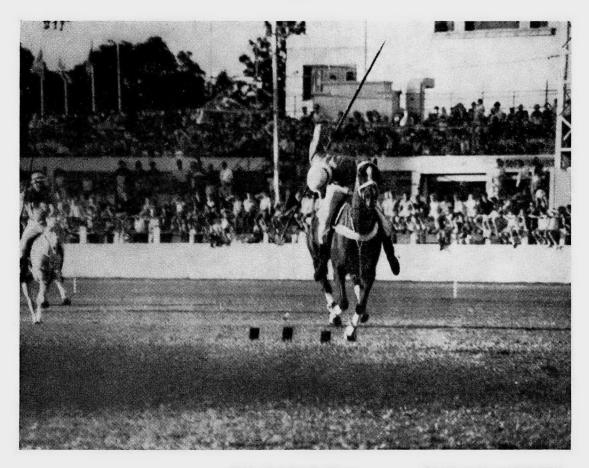
In September, 1968, the Water Police Section, Sydney, which previously formed part of No. 4 Division (Phillip Street) was created No. 28 Division under the charge of an Inspector. During the year Water Police performed their many duties in a manner reflecting credit upon themselves and their Department. These included the recovery of 16 bodies from the waters of Port Jackson and the Pacific Ocean in the vicinity of Sydney Heads, and the rescue of 102 persons from vessels in distress at sea, 912 from craft which had capsized, broken down, or become otherwise disabled in the waters of Port Jackson.

MOUNTED TROOP

The Mounted Troop by its fine horsemanship and splendid bearing continued during 1968 to uphold the reputation it has established over the years as an outstanding unit of the Police Force with great public appeal. Members of the troop again performed their famous Musical Ride at the Royal Agricultural Society's Show at the Sydney Showground to a highly appreciative audience. In addition they formed a Tent Pegging Team which successfully competed in contests at Royal Shows held in Sydney, Brisbane, and Melbourne. They also gave Tent Pegging displays at three country centres in New South Wales.

Individual members of the troop control vehicular and pedestrian traffic at selected intersections during morning and afternoon peak periods and also patrolled Centennial Park.

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Police Tent Pegging Team

(Photo by courtesy of "Studio 504".)

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

The Public Relations Branch is a section of the Department to which I attach particular importance representing as it does a vital communications link between the Police Force and the general public.

Every opportunity was taken by the branch to acquaint the public with the many and varied duties and functions performed by members of the Force during the year. In their work they were afforded considerable assistance and co-operation by the television, radio, and newspaper organizations throughout the State.

THE FEDERATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE-CITIZENS BOYS' CLUBS

The total membership of Police-Citizens Boys' Clubs at the 31st December, 1968, was 86,500 boys and youths. There were 37 clubs fully operative, 17 in the Metropolitan Police District and 20 in Country Police Districts. Approval has been given for the establishment of an additional 5 clubs and these are at the fund-raising stage.

The value of assets of the Federation of Police-Citizens Boys' Clubs at the end of the year was \$4,750,000.00. Generous financial assistance, without which the movement could not function, was again received from numerous business and industrial undertakings and members of the public. The State Government contributed the sum of \$40,000.00 towards capital expenditure for the clubs. To the Government and citizens I express sincere appreciation for the help in this worthy cause.

Construction of new premises for the Hornsby Kuringai Police-Citizens Boys' Club, the Police-Citizens Boys' Surf Life Saving Club at Elouera Beach, near Cronulla, and the remodelling of the Orange Police-Citizens Boys' Club, to which I referred in my report for 1967, were completed and all buildings were officially opened during June, 1968.

In addition, construction was commenced of modern club premises at Sutherland. At Singleton, Western Suburbs, and Parramatta existing club buildings were improved. Sites were obtained at Blacktown for a Police-Citizens Boys' Club, and at Rockdale for the construction of new premises for the St George Police-Citizens Boys' Club.

The Federation's holiday resort, Camp MacKay, Kurrajong, continued to provide excellent holiday accommodation for boys from Boys' Clubs throughout the State and during the year some 7,000 boys stayed there throughout school vacations, and at weekends. As well as many other attractions the camp now has a sporting centre, complete with oval for field events, archery and rifle ranges and tennis and basketball courts.

The attaining of the objects of the movement is the constant aim of Police and citizens who are involved in the activities of the clubs and the success so far achieved at all levels of administration and operations is a tribute to their untiring efforts and devotion.

POLICE TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION

Police training and instruction at the initial, secondary, and extra-curricular levels is conducted principally at the New South Wales Police Training Centre, Bourke Street, Redfern, and the Australian Police College, Manly.

During 1968, 507 recruits for the Police Force received their initial training at the Police Training Centre.

Four classes for secondary training were conducted which were attended by a total of 597 Probationary Constables.

One Course for Officers, of 7 weeks duration, was held which provided training in a number of subjects including Administration and Leadership. This was attended by 28 senior non-Commissioned Officers who were maturing for appointment to Commissioned rank.

A Sergeants Course was introduced for members of the Force following their promotion to non-Commissioned rank which provides instruction and training in the subjects of organization, management, supervision, effective communication, and public relations. Two of these courses were held during 1968 and 52 non-Commissioned Officers were in attendance.

Another advance in the Police training programme was the introduction during 1968 of the Detectives Course. There were three of these courses held during the year and 84 selected Police who were engaged on criminal investigation duties throughout the State attended.

To maintain the high standard of efficiency of the Instructional Corps, Police Training Centre, two of its members participated in the Basic In-Service Teacher Training Course held at the Sydney Technical College. The number of members of the corps who have undertaken this course is now 14. A Supervision (Human Relations) Course was also held at the Sydney Technical College and two members of the Instructional Corps attended. There are now 12 Police Instructors who have completed this course.

By kind permission of the Dean of the Faculty of Law, the University of Sydney, Professor K. O. Shatwell, two Police Instructors attended lectures and seminars for First Year Law undergraduates at University Law School.

Extra Curricular Training

The Sixth Officer Training Course for Commissioned Police Officers was conducted at the Australian Police College, Manly, from the 19th February, 1968, to the 7th June, 1968, at which four Inspectors and two senior non-Commissioned Officers maturing for appointment to Commissioned rank, attended.

The Police Driver Training School

Equipped with modern facilities which include a driver training track of world standard, the Police Driver Training School at St Ives provided driver/rider training and testing for Police on all types of four-wheeled vehicles, and motor cycles which are used by the Department in all phases of Police duty.

Five hundred and forty-one Police were trained at the school to drive or ride departmental motor vehicles to the required standard of efficiency and 1,648 Police were tested for competency to become authorized riders or drivers of Police vehicles.

Public interest in the school increased during the year and a number of "open days" were held at which members of the public are afforded the opportunity of inspecting the facilities of the school and given demonstrations of driving proficiency by Police Instructors. In addition, selected Instructors addressed a number of clubs and other organizations on the purpose of the school and its activities.

ROYAL AND SPECIAL AWARDS PRESENTED TO POLICE

The undermentioned members of the Police Force were recipients of Royal or Special Awards during the year 1968:

British Empire Medal

Detective-Sergeant 3rd Class E. R. Nixon, Sergeant 3rd Class L. T. Dolan, Detective-Senior Constable F. A. Day.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct

Sergeant 2nd Class C. E. Mortimer, Sergeant 2nd Class T. C. Reid, Detective-Senior Constable M. P. Cooper, Constable 1st Class B. S. Fitzpatrick, Constable 1st Class N. F. Jones, Constable 1st Class W. A. Shute, Constable T. G. Fitzgerald, Constable K. J. McKnight, Constable R. J. Myatt.

Queen's Police Medal for Dinstinguished Service

Assistant Commissioner L. F. Newman, Detective-Superintendent 1st Class M. S. Small, Ex-Superintendent 2nd Class O. Maher, Ex-Superintendent 3rd Class J. Healy, Ex-Superintendent 3rd Class W. F. Jenkins.

Queen's Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal

This medal was awarded to 174 Police.

George Lewis Memorial Trophy

This trophy which is for the most courageous act by a member of the New South Wales Police Force, was awarded to Sergeant 3rd Class L. T. Dolan for his bravery in the course of duty in 1967, for which he also received the British Empire Medal and the Peter Mitchell Trust Award.

Alfred Edward Award

The award of this trophy for the most courageous act by a Traffic Constable during 1967 was made to Constable A. J. Thomson.

Peter Mitchell Trust Awards

Most Courageous Act-Sergeant 3rd Class L. T. Dolan.

Most Outstanding Performance of any Phase of Police Duty-Detective-Sergeant 1st Class J. McNeill.

Most Outstanding Police Sportsman of the Year-Constable 1st Class L. J. Mitchelson.

Most Outstanding Cultural Achievement-Detective-Sergeant 2nd Class D. B. Toohey.

Members of the Police Force obtaining Highest Marks in Qualifying Examinations:

Examination for Confirmation of Appointment—Police Woman Constable J. Holbourn. Examination for Constable 1st Class—Constable N. J. Stoves.

Examination for Sergeant 3rd Class-Detective Senior-Constable J. T. Anderson.

Examination for Sergeant 1st Class-Detective-Sergeant 1st Class N. R. Stevenson.

Examination for Inspector-Sergeant 1st Class M. T. Wood.

Examination for the Designation of Detective-Constable 1st Class J. G. Hill.

Abrahams-Stirling Trophy

The award of this trophy for the most consistent Police Mounted Trooper, which embraces horsemanship, care and attention to saddlery, neatness, stability, punctuality, attention to duty, discipline, and general conduct for the year 1967/68 was made to Constable C. J. Perkins.

T. A. Field Trophy

The award of this trophy for the most outstanding Police Mounted Trooper which is determined upon the standard of horsemanship was made for the year 1968 to Constable G. X. Clough.

John Dynon and Sons Award

The award of this trophy for the most outstanding Policeman or Police Cadet athlete or sportsman participating in organized Police sport or representing the Police Force in competition was made for the year 1967 to Sergeant 3rd Class F. J. Hyland.

Superintendent J. H. Milne Trophy

The award of this trophy for the annual prepared speech competition among members of the Police Prosecuting Branch and Court Staff for the year 1968 was made to Constable 1st Class R. P. Greenhill.

Professor Shatwell Award

The award of this trophy for the Probationary Constable obtaining the highest marks in the examination subject of Law at Secondary Training Courses conducted at the Police Training Centre during the year 1968 was made to Constable R. A. Baker.

Brigadier Hinton Cavalry Trophy

The award of this trophy for the most improved Mounted Trooper with less than 2 years' service with the Police Mounted Troop was made for the year 1968 to Constable R. B. Freund.

ACTS OF BRAVERY BY POLICE

The facts, briefly, of acts of bravery by members of the Police Force during the year 1968, were:

1. On the 22nd January, 1968, Detective-Constable 1st Class Barry Clyde Nelson arrested a man at Stanmore who was armed with a loaded .22 calibre rifle with which he had threatened to shoot any person who approached the premises.

2. On the 19th February, 1968, Sergeant 3rd Class William Bruce Moore and Constable Kenneth Raymond Stevens rescued a man from a rock ledge 30 ft below the cliff top at The Gap, Watsons Bay.

3. On the 11th March, 1968, Sergeant 3rd Class Gerard Joseph Connolly arrested a man at Hillston who was armed with a shotgun and sheath knife.

4. On the 28th March, 1968, Senior-Constable Eric Hopton, driving a Police car pursued a vehicle containing two men who had broken into a shop at Gulgong and stolen goods and money. After a chase extending for 14 miles at highspeeds during which the occupants of the vehicle threw various articles into the path of the Police car, the fugitives' vehicle crashed and the Senior-Constable arrested them.

5. On 29th March, 1968, Constable 1st Class Karl Heinz Hofer, after a chase grappled with and arrested a man in Crown Street, Sydney, who was carrying gelignite and detonators which he threatened to explode.

6. On the 10th April, 1968, Constable 1st Class James Winston Lutherborrow grappled with a man at Alexandria who was armed with a sawn off shotgun with which he had threatened the Constable. With the assistance of Detective-Sergeant 1st Class James Vincent Petith and Detective-Sergeant 3rd Class Robson Lacey Bradbury, the offender, who had a short time before held up employees of a bank and stolen a large sum of money, was disarmed and arrested.

7. On the 16th April, 1968, Probationary Constable Harry Edwin Coxell arrested a man at Petersham who was armed with a shotgun with which he had shortly before shot and killed two persons.

8. On the 27th June, 1968, Sergeant 3rd Class John Roxby Vickers, after a struggle, arrested a man at Five Dock who was armed with a loaded .25 calibre pistol with which he had earlier held up employees of the Totalizator Agency Board.

9. On the 2nd July, 1968, a man whom Detectives desired to interview in connection with criminal offences locked himself in a house at Glenfield with a 19-year-old girl and her 11-weeks-old baby boy. He was armed, and after firing a shot at the Detectives said he would shoot the girl and the baby if they tried to enter the house. Medical advice was that the mental condition of the man, who had a history of pyschiatric disorders, was such that there was every likelihood he would carry out his threat. The house was kept under close Police surveillance 24 hours a day until the afternoon of the 9th July, 1968, when the man came from the house with the girl and the baby who were unharmed. He was later admitted to the maximum security ward, Morisset Hospital. The fundamental principle underlying the decision not to use arms or tear gas against the man was that the lives of the girl and her baby whom he was holding hostage should in no circumstances be endangered. As an alternative to force personal contacts were made with the man by the Rev. Paton, Detective-Superintendent Fergusson, and the Commissioner of Police in an effort to persuade him to surrender. Because of the mental state of the man and the fact that he was armed these contacts were attended with danger.

10. On the 11th July, 1968, Constable 1st Class Desmond Sydney Brown arrested three men travelling in a stolen motor vehicle at Mudgee, one of whom was armed with a .22 calibre rifle, with which he had threatened the Constable.

11. On the 27th July, 1968, a man after shooting and fatally injuring a woman at Revesby forced her daughter with her young baby to accompany him to a nearby house and when the premises were surrounded by Police, he fired a number of shots at them. A large squad of Police kept the house under observation throughout the night and at about 1.30 p.m. the following day several tear gas projectiles were fired into the house by members of the Police Emergency Squad. The man then released the woman and her baby. A short time later he came from the house and was arrested.

12. On the 3rd August, 1968, Detective Senior-Constable Leslie Thomas Zahn, Constable Donald Kenneth Willoughby, and Probationary-Constable Gary Joseph Wiggens rescued a mentally disturbed man from a gantry outside the safety fence of the Sydney Harbour Bridge after he had threatened to jump to the roadway 170 ft below.

13. On the 18th August, 1968, Constable 1st Class Allan Noel Neate arrested a man at Sylvania who was armed with a rifle with which he fired on the Constable in an effort to avoid arrest.

14. On the 25th August, 1968, Detective-Sergeant 3rd Class John Kenneth Ellis arrested a man near Griffith who was armed with a loaded .303 rifle.

15. On the 8th October, 1968, Constable Richard Phillip Donovan Letchford arrested two men who had been involved in the fatal shooting of Sergeant 2nd Class Adam Boland Schell and Mr Frederick William Marshall, a nightwatchman, at Bobbin Head. Two other men concerned in the shooting were arrested on a launch at sea off Sydney Heads early on the morning of the 12th October, 1968, by Sergeant 3rd Class William Joseph Cooper, Senior-Constable Charles Richard Rothwell, and Constable Anthony Joseph Small.

16. On the 22nd October, 1968, Constable Paul Max Fuller arrested a man at Campbelltown who was armed with an axe and a tomahawk with which he attempted to strike the Constable.

17. On the 18th November, 1968, Constable Peter William Frew and Constable Desmond Anthony Mussing arrested a man at Vaucluse who was armed with a .25 calibre pistol.

18. On the 30th November, 1968, Senior-Constable Robert Donaldson Robertson and Constable 1st Class Allan Eric Sheppeard arrested a man at Young who was armed with a loaded rifle with which he had threatened to shoot them.

19. On the 1st December, 1968, Senior-Constable Donald Marshall Clive Hollier arrested a man north of Goulburn who was armed with a pistol.

20. On the 8th December, 1968, Sergeant 1st Class Thomas Charles Reid and Sergeant 3rd Class Gordon James Talbot grappled with and overpowered a mentally disturbed man who was armed with a carving knife with which he had threatened a woman and attacked the Police.

21. On the 21st December, 1968, Detective Senior-Constable Ian Maxwell Lane grappled with and, with the assistance of other Police, arrested a man at Stockton who was armed with a loaded rifle with which he had a short time before shot and seriously wounded a neighbour.

22. On the 22nd December, 1968, Constable John James King chased and confronted a man at Rockdale who was armed with a sawn off .22 calibre rifle with which he fired at the Constable at short range. Constable 1st Class William John Walton who had joined in the pursuit after hearing the shots found the fugitive hiding in an adjacent yard. After a short struggle the offender was arrested.

23. On the 30th December, 1968, Sergeant 3rd Class Neville Bowd and Sergeant 3rd Class John Maxwell Young, arrested a man at Homebush who was armed with a sawn off shortgun with which he had threatened Sergeant Bowd.

POLICE AND POLICE CADET SPORTING AND RECREATION ACTIVITY

Sporting and recreation activity by Police and Police Cadets was maintained during the year with a measure of success in a number of fields of competitive sport, brief particulars of which are as follow:

Bowling

The Australian Police Bowling Championships were held in Brisbane between the 1st and 5th April, 1968, in which teams from New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria, and Queensland competed. The New South Wales Police won the Triples Championship. Throughout the year the New South Wales team played against many other clubs in the Metropolitan and Country Districts.

Tennis

The Police Tennis Club competed in the Inter-Government Services Tennis Tournament during the year and was narrowly defeated in the final.

Golf

The New South Wales Police Golf Club again competed in the Australian Police Golf Carnival which on this occasion was held at Canberra during March, 1968. The Australian Police Golf Championship was won by Senior-Constable M. Ball and the runner-up was Senior-Constable J. Newton, both of the New South Wales Police Force. The Interstate Shield was retained by Victoria.

The finals of the New South Wales Police Golf Championships were held on the 8th August, 1968, at Manly Golf Club. The Club Championship was won by Senior Constable B. Warwick and the runner-up was Senior-Constable J. Newton. The "B" Grade Championship was won by Detective-Sergeant R. McKell and the "C" Grade by Sergeant A. Martin.

Football

During the 1968 season the Police Rugby Union Football Club did not participate in any organized competition but played ten matches against teams from the Military and Naval Forces, six of which they won. A match was also played against a visiting First Grade Team from New Zealand, "The Invercargill Blues". Winning honours in this game went to the New Zealand Team.

The Police Force did not field a Rugby League or Soccer Team.

The New South Wales Police Australian Rules Team participated in a competition conducted by the Armed Services and finished the season in fifth place.

Pistol Shooting

Members of the New South Wales Police Pistol Club competed in the Australian Police Combat Pistol Championships for the Dunlop Shield which were conducted in Brisbane in May, 1968. The team gained third place.

In competitions held within the New South Wales Police Pistol Club during the year, Sergeant 1st Class Sutherland won the Noguchi Shield for "Free Pistol" and the Hynes Plaque for "Centre Fire". The Hynes Plaque for "Rapid Fire" was won by Constable 1st Class Raymond.

The annual competition for the E. B. Richardson Trophy between the Commonwealth Banking Corporation Pistol Club and the New South Wales Police Pistol Club was won by the former for the second successive year.

Rifle Shooting

Members of the Police Rifle Club competed in the Metropolitan District Rifle Clubs Union Grade Shoot and succeeded in gaining third place in "C" Grade.

Seven members of the club participated in the "Queen's Shoot" at Long Bay Rifle Range, which was won by Sergeant 3rd Class Kennedy.

Cricket

The New South Wales Police Cricket Club is participating in an "A" Grade Competition conducted by the Moore Park Cricket Association and have taken part in games with the Armed Services.

Modern Pentathlon

Constable P. N. Macken won the Australian Modern Pentathlon Championship and Constable 1st Class L. J. Mitchelson gained third place. Each was selected to represent Australia in Modern Pentathlon events at the Olympic Games held at Mexico City during October, 1968.

Police Cadet Corps

The Police Cadet Corps fielded teams in Basketball, Rugby League, Soccer, Australian Rules Football, Squash, and Swimming.

The Basketball and Rugby League Football teams competed in New South Wales Public Service Competitions. The Basketball team reached the semi-final in the first series and filled fifth position in the second series. The Rugby League team was defeated in the first semi-final of the "A" Grade series.

During the 1967–68 swimming season, nineteen members of the Swimming team received their Bronze Medallions and three the Royal Life Saving Society Life Saving Certificates.

POLICE BAND

The Police Band again performed with distinction at many important public functions during the year. The band entertained patients in a number of hospitals, and performed at selected functions conducted to raise money for charitable organizations. It also participated in funerals of members of the Force.

Musical instruction was given by approved members of the band at a number of Police-Citizens Boys' Clubs in the Metropolitan Police District and their efforts made a valuable contribution to improving the quality of club bands.

POLICE PIPE AND DRUM BAND

This fine and popular band performed at a number of important public functions, and some of a charitable nature. The high standard of performance, discipline, and appearance of all members of the band was maintained throughout the year.

POLICE CHOIR

During the year the Police Choir gave 34 public performances, visited hospitals, and participated in concerts organized for charitable purposes. It also took part in the Remembrance Day Service at the Sydney Cenotaph.

The high standard of performance of the choir was maintained and it remains a valuable public relation.

CHURCH PARADES

Annual Police Church Parades were held in the Metropolitan and Country Police Districts on Sunday, the 20th October, 1968. They were well attended by Police of all ranks.

The Services in Sydney were held at St Andrew's and St Mary's Cathedrals to which Police attending marched in Park Street, in parade formation from an assembly point between Elizabeth and College Streets. They were led by the Police Bands.

INCREASES IN POLICE STRENGTH AND IMPROVEMENTS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT APPROVED BY THE PREMIER

In the interest of increased efficiency and to improve service conditions the Premier approved the following:

- (i) Increase in allowance paid to Police not in occupation of Government Quarters from \$54 to \$65 per annum for single men and from \$92 to \$110 per annum for married men, effective from the 1st January, 1968.
- (ii) Increase in Police motor vehicle fleet by 67 four-wheeled vehicles.
- (iii) Extension to members of the Police Force and Ministerial employees of the Police Department of the approval, given by the Public Service Board in respect of officers employed under the Public Service Act who retire on or after having attained the age of 60 years, for payment to be made of the monetary value of untaken annual leave as a gratuity with superannuation pension commencing on the following day.
- (iv) Increase in allowance in lieu of quarters paid to Commissioned Officers from \$260 per annum to \$312 per annum for Superintendents and \$200 to \$240 per annum for Inspectors, effective from the 1st January, 1968.
- (v) Increase in the authorized strength of the Police Force by 180 Police, including 15 Police Women, during the financial year 1968/69 on the basis of an intake of 60 recruits in each of the three training classes commencing in November, 1968, and February and May, 1969.
- (vi) The establishment of a scholarship scheme for Police undertaking the Diploma Course in Criminology at the University of Sydney. Four scholarships have been allotted, commencing in 1969.
- (vii) Amendment of the Police Rules to permit of Constables 1st Class with at least 2 years' service, in lieu of 3 years, on that rank sitting for the examination to qualify for promotion to the rank of Sergeant 3rd Class, and Sergeants 3rd Class with at least 2 years service, in lieu of 3 years, on that rank sitting for the examination to qualify for promotion to the rank of Sergeant 1st Class.

EVENTS OF SPECIAL PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Members of the Police Force performed duty on the occasion of the:

- (1) Visit in February, 1968, of His Highness Prince Norodom Phurissara, Foreign Minister for Cambodia, and Princess Norodom Phurissara.
- (2) Visit in May, 1968, of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh. Visit of Her Excellency, the Prime Minister of India, Mrs Indira Gandhi.
- (3) Visit in August, 1968, of Mr E. Heath, Leader of the United Kingdom Parliamentary Opposition.
- (4) Visit in September, 1968, of His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Korea and Madame Park Chung Hee.
- (5) Visit in October, 1968, of His Eminence Cardinal Joseph Slipyi, Archbishop Major and Primate of Ukrane.

In addition they performed escort and other duties when visits were made to this State by His Excellency the Governor-General of Australia, and when His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales attended important public functions throughout the State.

DEATH, DAMAGE AND LOSS BY FIRE, STORM AND TEMPEST

No serious floods occurred during the year but due to the particularly dry weather which was experienced serious bushfires occurred in many areas of the State.

In the North Coast Police Administrative District there were numerous fires which resulted in damage estimated at \$2,080,000 to approximately 100,000 acres of Crown and privately owned lands. In the Conglomerate State Forest, near Glenreagh, fires claimed the lives of three people.

During November serious fires, the worst in many years, occurred in various parts of the North Eastern Police Administrative District with extensive damage to property but fortunately no loss of life.

In the Northern Police Administrative District during November/December, extensive fires occurred in the Narrabri and Tenterfield areas. In Narrabri there was damage estimated at \$500,000 and in Tenterfield approximately 200 square miles of rough country and grazing land was burnt out. There was damage to fencing but there was no loss of stock or buildings. At Ghooli, near Mullaley, two men sustained serious burns while fighting a fire in a wheat paddock, one of them later died.

Bushfires occurred in most portions of the South Coast Police Administrative District during September/November causing widespread devastation. In a fire in the Candelo area an employee of the Forestry Commission lost his life. In the Moruya area during late September, fires were particularly serious. During October, major bush fires occurred throughout the whole of the area between Stanwell Park and Milton. A state of emergency within the City of Greater Wollongong was declared. An Emergency Fire Controller was appointed and a Fire Control Centre was brought into operation. Police and Army Units from Sydney and from the Royal Australian Naval Establishment at Nowra were brought in to assist local Fire, Police, and volunteer groups. Fortunately, there was no loss of life but the fire damage was considerable.

Between September and November extensive bushfires also occurred in many areas in the Metropolitan District. The most serious outbreaks were at Springwood, Valley Heights, and Warrimoo. While fighting the fires at North Springwood three Volunteer Fire Fighters lost their lives.

A fire which was burning in the Springwood area spread rapidly to Warrimoo, Blaxland, Glenbrook, Lapstone, and Emu Plains. At Regentville, near Emu Plains, it jumped the Nepean River and burned into the Orchard Hills and Mulgoa Districts. In this fire two men and a woman lost their lives. Property damage was estimated at \$1,059,000.

During the latter part of October extensive bushfires occurred in the Sutherland, Engadine, and Helensburgh areas, which spread to the Royal National Park. Six homes were destroyed, and other homes and buildings were damaged. There was no loss of life.

FIRES IN FACTORIES, BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS

Factories and Buildings

1. Plastics factory in Regent Street, Redfern, on the 28th February, 1968. Extensive damage was caused to the building, estimated at \$10,000 and stock valued at \$30,000 was destroyed.

2. Unoccupied building in Oxford Street, Darlinghurst, in course of demolition, formerly used as retail store, on 25th April, 1968. Damage was caused to adjacent buildings.

3. Office building in Rawson Place, Sydney, on 10th July, 1968. Damage estimated at \$1,000,000 was caused.

4. Retail store in George Street, Parramatta, on the 4th August, 1968. Damage to the building and contents was estimated at \$300,000.

5. Factory at Alexandria on the 25th November, 1968. The building, including machinery, and stock consisting of floor coverings of various kinds, were completely destroyed. Total cost of damage was estimated at \$3,000,000.

Dwellings

1. Dwelling, containing three flats, at Waverton on the 12th March, 1968, in which a young man died from burns.

2. Residence at Tahmoor, completely destroyed on the 2nd May, 1968, in which a man was burned to death.

3. Residence at Marrickville completely destroyed on the 6th June, 1968, in which a three-months-old baby was burned to death.

4. Block of flats at Bondi maliciously set on fire on the 21st June, 1968, resulting in the deaths of four persons. A man was later charged with murder.

5. Dwelling in Erskineville damaged by fire on the 6th August, 1968, in which a male child received burns from which he died.

6. Block of flats at Milsons Point damaged by fire on the 22nd September, 1968, in which a semi-invalid elderly man died from burns.

7. Dwelling at Campsie on 7th December, 1968, in which a woman was burned to death.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF COMMISSIONERS OF POLICE OF AUSTRALASIA AND SOUTH PACIFIC REGION

The Annual Conference of Commissioners of Police of Australasia, the South Pacific Region, and the Dominion of New Zealand, was held at Adelaide from the 29th April to the 3rd May, 1968. I attended the conference with the Secretary of this Department. Many matters of interest to all Forces represented were discussed and decisions taken in respect of those which would make for great efficiency in general law enforcement and the protection of life and property.

POLICE CONTINGENT FOR DUTY IN CYPRUS

With the approval of the Premier, 13 members of the New South Wales Police Force ranking from Sergeant 2nd Class to Constable left Sydney during May and June, 1968, as a component of the Australian Contingent of the United Nations Peace Keeping Force in Cyprus.

DEATH OF POLICE PENSIONERS

During 1968, 77 Police Pensioners died. Their age groups were:

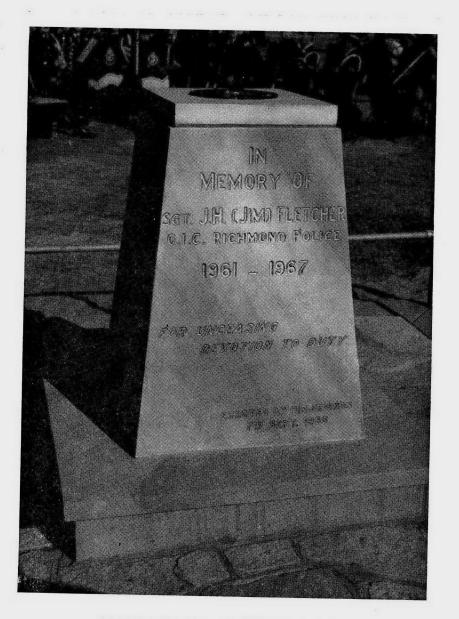
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70 to 79 years	••	••	••	••	• •		••	 39
80 to 89 years	••	••	••	••	• •	••		 14
Over 89 years	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	 1

Mr G. L. Smith, M.V.O., who retired as Deputy Commissioner of Police in July, 1960, after 34 years of distinguished Police service, died on the 21st June, 1968.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE SERGEANT 2ND CLASS J. H. FLETCHER

On the 7th September, 1968, a monument in the form of a sundial to the memory of the late Sergeant 2nd Class J. H. Fletcher, who served as Officer in Charge of Police at Richmond from 1961 until his death in 1967, was unveiled by the Mayor of Penrith before a representative gathering in Londonderry Park, Londonderry.

The monument was a tribute to the late Sergeant by the citizens and his fellow Police officers in the Richmond District in recognition of his devotion to duty, comradeship, and outstanding public service.



Memorial to Late Sergeant 2nd Class J. H. Fletcher

APPENDICES

Attached to this Report as appendices are:

- "A"—Return of serious crimes known to Police during 1968 and the number of such crimes cleared up during 1968.
- "B"—Return of cases dealt with by the Courts of Petty Sessions in New South Wales during 1968.
- "C"—Table showing Police strength, population, and number of prosecutions during each of the years 1949 to 1968.

Appreciation

I wish to conclude this report by placing on record my sincere appreciation for the loyalty and efficiency of the Officers and men of the Police Force, and members of the Public Service staff under the capable leadership of Mr W. R. B. Salkeld, Secretary of the Police Department.

To the many good people from all walks of life in our community, the Heads and staffs of State and Commonwealth Government Departments, and the executives and employees of the press, radio, and television organizations, I express my grateful thanks for the assistance and co-operation so readily given to all sectors of the Police Force without which their successful functioning could not be maintained.

> N. T. W. ALLAN, Commissioner of Police.

APPENDIX "A"

Serious Crime for the State of New South Wales 1968

	Crin	ne com	mitted				No. reported to Police	Crimes cleared up
Abduction				 			9	8
Abortion and attempts				 			5	5
Actual bodily harm				 			311	297
Arson				 			75	57
Assault and robbery				 			423	150
Bestiality				 			4	4
Bigamy				 			8	7
Break and enter				 			19,454	5,269
Carnal knowledge				 			861	857
Conspiracy							18	18
Demand money by men				 			20	12
Embezzlement and larce							836	826
False pretences and steal				 			3,627	3,492
Forge and utter				 			1,950	1,895
Grievous bodily harm							300	285
Indecent assault on fema				 			418	400
Indecent assault on male				 			360	351
Larceny				 			27,699	16,627
Larceny of animals				 			146	81
Larceny from persons							25	14
Larceny in dwellings							455	134
Manslaughter							127	126
Misappropriation							276	273
Murder				 			67	65
Murder—attempts				 			56	53
Perjury and false swearing	ng			 			2	2
Rape and attempts				 			208	175
Receiving				 			1,317	1.317
Robbery being armed		· · · ·		 	•••		101	49
Total	of ser	ious cri	imes	 			59,158	32,849

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Abortion, attempts, etc Assault and rob or with intent to rob	17 354	422	17		12	5	2	••	202	15	••	••	25	•••		··· ₂	4 63	
Assault, common, female or in company	6.948	6,256	692		328 3,036	24 122	3,353	437	203 48		903		252	4	1,459	116	3,727	3
Assault Constable or Special Constable in	0,940	0,250	092		5,050	122	5,555	457	40	••	905	40	252	5	1,439	110	3,121	
execution of duty	545	495	50		525	11	8	1	10		306	7	93		77	2	47	
Bigamy	12	16		4	8	2	ĩ	î	8	1	1					2		
Bodily harm, causing actual or grievous and																		
malicious wounding (excluding cases		1 months											1.000					
arising from driving)	583	449	134		503	43	35	2	243	15	6		19		54	6	216	
Concealment of birth	1	1	••			1										1	•• _	
Demand property by menaces or threat	18	37		19	16	2	••	• •	7	2	••	••	2	••	•• •	••	7	
Manslaughter (excluding cases arising from driving)	27 83	19 70	8 13	••	25 72	2	••	••	15 55	$\begin{bmatrix} 2\\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$	••	••	••	••	26	•••1	8 11	
Murder		36	13	••	49	11	••	••	38	3	••	••	••	••	0	1	10	
Murder, attempt or inciting	5	7		··· ₂	5		••	••			••	••	•••		5	••		
Setting fire to dwelling, person being therein			10		9	1			6								3	1
Other offences against the person	50	11	41		24	î	25	··· ₂	8	1	8				12		21	1
kual Offences—																		
Rape and attempts	139	172		40	139				87						13		39	1
Bestiality and attempts	8	8	• • • •		8				3						1		4	1 3
Buggery and attempts	101	42	59		101	••		••	52		1		2		37		9	
Carnal knowledge ndecent act between males in public or private	957 56	1,005	8		957	••	••	••	408	••	1	••	33		323 43	••	192	1
Indecent act between males in public or private indecent act—Male person party to in public or		48	0	••	56	• •	••	••	4	••	••	••	4	••	45	••	5	1
private	19	12	7		19						3		2		14			
ndecent act—Male person procuring or attempting		12		••	19	••	••	••	••	•••	5	••	2	••	14	••	••	
to procure in public or private	39	13	26		39				3				4		30		2	.
Indecent act—Male person soliciting or inciting																		1
in public place and attempts	18	5	13	••	18	••			7	• •	4		3		3		1	
indecent assault on females		375	57		432				208	••	3		24		88	••	109	1 3
ndecent assault on males	270	260	10	••	270	• •		• •	130			••	14	••	71 20	••	54	
Other sexual offences	43	26	17	••	43	••	••	• •	4	••	11	••	7	••	20	••	1	1
Bodily harm by wanton or furious driving	39	49		10	36	3			25			1	1		4	2	6	
Bodily harm by negligent act or omission	00	93		4	87		2	•••	54		••		1		4		30	
Culpable driving		99	23		121		ĩ		86						6		30	
Manslaughter	98	94	4		94	4			59	2					2	1	33	
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Total	11,149	10,139	1,010		7,043	235	3,428	443	1,785	45	1,248	56	486	9	2,314	133	4,638	

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Offences Against Property— Burglary, break and enter, attempts, etc Cattle, unlawfully kill, maim or wound Malicious injury to property Maliciously setting fire to property of any kind	7,361 228 1,799	7,501 42 1,975	i. 186	140 176	7,220 200 1,623	139 8 31	2 14 124	 6 21	3,149 2 49	17 	56 121 883	 4 17	703 13 111	28 2	2,186 25 405	83 1 12	1,128 53 299	11 9 21
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Total	9,540	9,744		204	9,177	180	153	30	3,229	17	1,098	24	844	30	2,659	98	1,500	41
Larcenies, Frauds, and Kindred Offences— Embezzlement and larceny as clerk or servant False pretences and attempts Forgery or uttering Found at night with intent to commit felony	1,134 4,084 1,390 79	1,168 4,486 1,333 96	··· ·57 ··	34 402 17	1,033 3,571 1,041 73	91 463 289 6	9 49 52	1 1 8 	219 322 228 40	40 5 10 2	347 769 216 7	7 139 157	115 1,370 288 10	1 136 53 	257 728 197 9	30 125 64 4	104 431 164 7	14 59 13
Found in enclosed yard, dwelling house, etc., for any unlawful purpose Found in any street, etc., with intent to commit	84	105		21 3	82	1	1	••			28	• ••	11		30	1	14	
felony—suspected person or reputed thief Goods in custody suspected stolen	70 1,553 1	73 1,341 9	2i2	 8	68 1,432 1	116	·· 5	 	3 70	··· ··	14 386		25 212	···3	19 330 1	39 	7 439	41
Larceny of or illegally using vehicle or boat Larceny as bailee	4,050 64 122 487 416 19,635 270	3,257 108 130 1,207 342 17,262 191	793 74 2,373 79	··· 44 8 720 ·· ··	3,925 64 119 463 375 16,470 257	108 24 40 3,094 12	17 	··· ·· ·· ·· 9	824 48 21 12 49 661 56	30 1 35 2	344 5 33 142 52 5,566 31	10 6 10 1,701 	982 2 11 105 114 3,840 14	9 3 278 	1,370 5 40 158 126 5,115 76	44 1 10 23 916 5	422 4 14 46 35 1,350 81	15 5 3 173 5
Obtain credit by fraud Pass cheque not paid on presentation Receiving Other offences under this heading	10 263 1,340 30	146 247 1,140 55	 16 200 	136 25	8 185 1,272 30	 31 65 	 41 3 	2 6 	13 205 11	2 	4 30 281 1	 10 12 	2 19 255 8	 5 	2 55 323 4	 30 	109 211 6	·: 24 11
Total	35,082	32,696	2,386		30,469	4,345	241	27	2,782	134	8,256	2,087	7,383	491	8,845	1,296	3,444	364
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Offences Against Good Order— ndictable Offences—																		
Conspiracy	26	19	7	••	21	1	4	••	15	•••	••	••	2	••	1	1	9	
Transfers & Transmitte automa	3	1	2	••	28	1	••	••	5		2	••	2	••	••	1	1	
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Perjury and false swearing	1	2	•••		2	••	••	••	1	••	••	••	••	••	•• 1		••	
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Other indictable offences against good order		2	32	••		6	••	••		3	2		3	3	4	••	2	
	54	2	34		20	0	••	••	17	3	2		3	5	7	••	2	
Summary Offences— Absconding from bail	6	9		3	4	2			1	1	1		1			1	1	
Beg or gather alms	230	87	i43		203	27	••	••		-	18	2	136	18		6	12	1
Behaviour—riotous, indecent, offensive, threaten-	230	01	145		203	21	••	••		••	10	2	150	10	51	U	12	1
	8.063	14,408		6.345	5,362	2,485	169	47			3,611	2,306	28		1,500	160	392	60
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	51	52	••	1	48	1	2		•••	••	35	1	4	••	9		2	
	120	170	••	50	120	1		••		••	114				6		-	1
Common gaming house, keeper, etc.	2,005	1,501	504		1,982	23					650	8	•••		1,331	14		1
Consorting	57	48	9		55	2					13	ĭ	28		12		2	
Constable, assuming designation of	44	58		14	44	~					24		8		9		3	1
Cutting instrument in possession	75	91		16	75	••					6	•••	34		23		12	1
Drunk, drunk and disorderly	58,438	55,803	2,635	10	55,302	3,135	1				8,944	585			45,670	2,511	689	39
Evade fare on public transport	1,762	3,577		1,815	87	8	1,196	471	1		1,105	440	7		127	24	43	1.
Explosive—Unlawful making or possession of	68	68			60	1	6	1	6		6	1	13		33	1	8	
Firearms, or machine gun, etc.—unlawful																		
possession	199	219		20	151	3	45		3		119		19	1	29	2	26	
Firearms—shoot or carry on Sunday	227	196	31		73	4	150				185				21	4	17	
House breaking implements in possession		319		179	139	1			47	1	8		18		28		38	
Idle and disorderly person (vagrants)	2,944	3,031		87	2,385	559			2		31	5	1,348	153	482	187	522	214
Language-profane, indecent, obscene, insulting,																		
or threatening	4,567	5,075		508	3,760	367	335	105			3,041	271	35	4	671	84	348	113
Pistol, unlicensed, in possession	219	208	11		205	3	11		11		97	1	24		44		40	1 3
Play at a game to annoyance, etc	100	264		82	182						61				120		1	
Prostitution, suffer	200	177	23		21	179					6	133	5	2	6	38	4	
Prostitution, male person living on	50	43	7		50						6		14		17		13	

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Summary Offences—continued Resist arrest and inciting thereto Selling liquor without license	780 380	972 294		192 	763 291	14 81	3 7	··· ₁	1 	··· ··	634 258	9 72	8 1		74 10	32	49 29	28
order aboard, etc	22 60 354 426 91	19 24 683 409 87	$ \begin{array}{c c} 3 \\ 36 \\ \\ 17 \\ 4 \end{array} $	 329 	22 ··· 240 422 56	 60 8 3 2	 99 1 33	··· ·· ·· ··	 1	·· ·· ··	20 215 129 51	40 5 	 1 67 11	··· 3 	2 53 190 21	16 1 2 1	 70 37 5	 1 9 1 1
Total	82,901	89,321		6,420	73,080	7,118	2,069	634	169	6	20,098	3,897	1,867	294	50,607	3,072	2,408	483
Offences Against Traffic Laws— Drive motor vehicle under influence, or attempt Other driving offences of all kinds Parking and allied offences	11,513	6,590 68,626 55,359 9,948	84 3,279 1,565	 6,875 	6,383 11,693 20 3,754	58 108 43	225 57,786 44,184 7,501	8 2,318 4,280 215	·io 	 	5,118 53,856 36,224 9,533	43 1,814 3,755 224	134 393 200	 3 1	934 5,193 1,294 936	18 334 181 19	422 10,027 6,686 586	5 275 344 14
Offences by pedestrians Use standing vehicle or set up stand for sale of goods Any other offences against the traffic laws	328 525 6,276	109 374 6,033	219 151 243	··· ··	269 504 817	5 ₂₃	50 21 5,279	4		 	89 455 4,599	2 	··· 43	•••	207 70 581	5 20	23	2
*Total	145,705	147,039		1,334	23,440	237	115,046	6,982	10		109,874	5,981	770	4	9,215	577	18,617	657
Breaches of Acts Generally (including offences not provided for under the foregoing headings)— Aborigines Protection	1,086 50 96	1,072 23 125	14 27 	 29	969 6 20	71 	38 44 73	8 ₃	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	··· ··· 1	879 35 59	54 	11 ₅	1	102 5 6	22 ₂	15 10 23	2
Meat Child Welfare Companies Crimes (Commonwealth) Customs (Commonwealth) Defence (Commonwealth)	14 1,183 503 827	7 1,206 813 544 123 31	7 283 22 	··· 23 310 ··· 10	523 16 659 100 12	491 1 30 2	14 114 427 123 43 9	55 59 15 	 6 5 17 5 	1 	12 25 290 522 112 14	2 36 27 2	217 4 169 4	iż9 	 299 19 53 9 4	333 2 4 	2 90 125 21 13 3	8 2

• Nore: In addition 431,066 persons paid fines to the Police Department without Court appearance in accordance with Section 18B of the Motor Traffic Act, 1909.

				Apj	pendix	. В //-	-conti	nued										
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		Total for	In-	De-	Arre	ests	Sumn Cas		Comr			Dispo	osed of a	Summar	ily		Withd	Irav
Offences	Total	Previous Year		crease					fc Tr		Fin	ed	Impri	soned	Other dealt		or Discha	
					М.	F.	М.	F.	М.	F.	М.	F.	м.	F.	М.	F.	М.	
aches of Acts Generally (including offences not																Ī		
provided for under the foregoing headings)-																		
continued eserted Wives and Children	142	127	6		10		05						1.5				-	
1 Court	143 278	137 192	6 86	••	48	2	95				4		15	••	46		78	
	362	215	147	••	6	-	202 253	68	••		152	57	• •		6	4	50	1
the first Channel and Industry	1,352	1,324	28	••	10	••	1,286	99 65	••	••	227	78	••	••	5	3	31	1
	210	320		iio	1			65 7	••	••	718	32		••	3		566	i
		1 180		110	15		188		••	••	148	4	•••	••	23	2	32	1
	1,139	1,180		41	3		1,133	3	••		972	3	3	••	77	••	84	
prestry	14	13	$\frac{1}{18}$	••			14	•••	••		12		•••			••	2	
aming and Betting	196				169	4	20	3			148	7	1		34		6	
overnment Railways—and By-laws	5,864	4,923	941	· 1 =	843	15	3,938	1,068			4,257	965	7		328	36	189	
awkers and Pedlers	3	18		15	2	27	1				2				1	.:		
ire purchase	805	1,492		687	181	21	499	98			260	39	•••	1	107	18	313	1
nmigration (Commonwealth)	16	36		20	1		15		••		15	••	1	• • •				
nebriates	303	432		129	190	11	93	9				1	219	12	48	4	16	
andlord and Tenant	1,000	607	393	in			875	12.5			23	12			403	46	449	
iquor (other than sly grog)	942	1,204		262	288	22	590	42			597	41			196	15	85	1
ocal Government and Ordinances	3,991	4,605		614	164	12	3,553	262	• • •		3,046	193			171	7	500	
otteries and Art Unions	• •	17		17			• •											1
aritime Services Act-Control of Navigable		0.15	00		22		200											
Waters and Boating Regulations-N.S.W	335	245	90	••	33	•• •	300	2			274	2			26		33	1
larriage	78	43	35	!	6	1	56	15	1	1	7	• •	1		31	9	22	
ledical Practitioners	13	5	8		2	1	6	4	••	••	3		• •		2	3	3	
oney-lenders and Infants Loans	4	15		11			4	••				••			2		2	
avigation (Commonwealth)	34	37	••	3	28	3	3				27	1	1	••	3	2	· · · _	1
bscene and Indecent Publications	32	35		3	11	3	18				16	1	2		4	2 2 3	7	
astures Protection	560	471	89	••	2	•• [545	13	••		480	8	••		29 17	3	38	
stol License (other than unlicensed pistol)	44	27	17	••	21		23		••		20	••	1			•:	6	
Disons	77	4	73		59	10	4	4			27	1	11		19	13	6	
blice Offences (except offences specially listed)	196	283			61		133	2			133	1	4		43		14	
olice Offences (Drugs)	427	151	276		291	130	4	2	1		43	11	111	41	114	68	26	
olice Regulation	18	16	2		4		14				12		1		4	•••	1	
ost and Telegraph (Commonwealth) revention of Cruelty to Animals	2,647	2,400	247		125	7	430	2,085	1	1	444	2,050	9	1	65	20	36	
	67	113	•:	46	21	••	44	2	1		43	2	1		13		7	
rinting	21	11	10				21	• : .	•••		20	••			1			1
Public Health	264	280	••	16	14	1	237	12			219	6			10		22	
Public Roads	11	72		61			11				11							

													How de	alt with				
Я		Total			Arre	sts	Sumn Cas		Comm			Disj	posed of	Summar	ily		Withd	rawn
Offences	Total	for Previous Year	In- crease	De- crease					fc Tr		Fi	ned	Impri	soned	Other dealt		Discha	
					м.	F.	М.	F.	М.	F.	м.	F.	м.	F.	М.	F.	м.	F.
Breaches of Acts Generally (including offences not provided for under the foregoing headings)—																		
Pure Food	773 39	921 66		148 27	8 5	•••	732 32	33 2		•••	642 19	26 1	1		40 4	4	58 13	3
Stock Diseases	24	29		5	• •	•••	24			• •	19		• •		1		4	
Sunday Trading (Refreshment Rooms) Sydney Harbour Trust				15	•••					•••								
Theatres and Public Halls	8	9		1			8				7				1			
Vagrancy (except offences specially provided for											24		110	2	(2)			
elsewhere)	304	235	69		255	24	19 113	6	1	• •	34	11	119	2	62	6	58	11
Venereal Diseases	125 139	134	17				132	7			120	7			5		7	
Wild Flowers and Native Plants Protection	1	42		38			4				3	1			1			
Wool, Hide, and Skin Dealers	30	5	25		24		6				10	1.100			20	1.160		120
Any other Acts	26,320	21,175	5,145		710	129	18,446	7,035	2	• •	10,058	2,407	114	16	7,169	4,182	1,813	559
Total	53,137	47,798	5,339		5,907	997	35,009	11,224	40	4	25,221	6,088	1,032	211	9,631	4,810	4,992	1,108
RECAPITULATION-		-																
Offences against the person		10,139	1,010		7,043	235	3,428	443	1,785	45	1,248	56	486	9	2,314	133	4,638	435
Offences against property	9,540	9,744		204	9,177	180	153	30	3,229	17	1,098	24	844	30	2,659	98	1,500	41
Larceny, frauds, and kindred offences		32,696	2,386		30,469	4,345	241	27	2,782	134	8,256	2,087	7,383	491	8,845	1,296	3,444	364
Offences against the currency	26 82,901	9 89,321	17	6,420	26 73,080	7,118	2,069	634	169	6	20,098	3.897	1,867	294	50,607	3,072	2,408	483
Offences against good order	145,705	147.039		1,334	23,440	237	115,046	6,982	10		109,874	5,981	770	4	9,215	577	18,617	657
Offences against the traffic laws	52 127	47,798	5,339	1,554	5,907	997	35,009	11,224	40	4	25,221	6,088	1,032	211	9,631	4,810	4,992	1,108
Total	337,540	336,746	794		149,142	13,112	155,946	19,340	8,023	206	165,804	18,133	12,382	1,039	83,272	9,986	35,607	3,088

Applications for Orders, 1968

Classification	Total	Total	cases	Order	s made	No orde (after ev			vithdrawn tc.
		м.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
For Maintenance—									1
Wife	4,714	4,714		2,408		357		1,949	
Child	2,029	2,009	20	1,336	4	144	3	529	13
Under Mental Health Act	26	23	3	19	1	1	2 -	3	
Varying order for maintenance	1,691	1,290	401	822	257	157	50	311	94
Preliminary expenses	177	177		128		8		41	
Uncontrollable child	771	402	369	205	230	114	62	83	77
Neglected child	1,822	781	1,041	654	919	26	43	101	79
Breach conditions of release	485	395	90	231	74	90	9	74	7
Detention of property		498	101	238	35	25	7	235	59
	183	161	22	ii2	ii		3	40	
Sureties (Threats, &c., apprehended injuries	105	101	22	112	1 11	9	3	40	0
to property and apprehended violence)	305	281	24	78	7	38	2	165	15
Mental Health Act. Orders for detention in	505	201	24	10	,	50	2	105	15
institutions	2	2		1		1			
institutions	-			-		-	•••	•••	
Jnder—		1							
Forestry Act	1	1		1					
Landlord and Tenant (other than		1							
fraudulent removal)	4,985	4,156	829	2,029	405	207	48	1,920	376
Local Government Act	206	181	25	100	5	6		75	20
Masters and Servants Act	7	7		3				4	
Marriage Act	427	240	187	138	96	39	27	63	64
Money Lenders and Infant Loans Act	45	32	13	15	3	2	7	15	3
Public Health Act	56	49	7	47	4			2	3
Child Welfare Act	1,071	694	377	400	221	23	16	271	140
Industrial Arbitration Act (Trade Union levies)	38	31	7	5				26	7
0.1	2,335	1,892	443	1,401	261	104	41	387	141
Other Acts	2,555	1,092	443	1,401	201	10+	41	307	141
Total	21,975	18,016	3,959	10,371	2,533	1,351	320	6,294	1,106

Non-compliance with Orders, 1968

Classification	Total	Total persons brought before the Court		Cases withdrawn or discharged		Cases in which orders were subsequently obeyed		Cases in which defendants were imprisoned	
		М.	F.	М.	F.	М.	F.	м.	F.
For Maintenance—									
Wife	6,288	6,288	• • •	2,196	• •	2,964		1,128	
Child	1,135	1,134	1	368	1	660		106	
Under Mental Health Act	2	2	• •	2	• •		• •		
Preliminary expenses	42	42		13		19	• : .	10	
Detention of property	203	175	28	71	16	99	12	5	• •
Sureties (Threats, &c., apprehended injuries	20	27	2	1.1	2	2		1	
to property and apprehended violence)	30	27	3	14	3	2	••	11	••
Under—									
Forestry Act									
Landlord and Tenant Act	110	90	20	40	11	43	7	7	2
Local Government Act	59	52	7	27	6	21	1	4	
Masters and Servants Act						• •			
Marriage Act	6	4	2	4	2				
Money Lenders and Infant Loans Act								!	
Public Health Act	4	4				4			
Child Welfare Act	13	10	3	4	3	5		1	
Industrial Arbitration Act (Trade Union									
levies)	8	8		2		2		4	
Other Acts	464	410	54	118	21	219	17	73	16
Costs of Court	800	699	101	480	46	109	•••	110	55
Total	9,164	8,945	219	3,339	109	4,147	37	1,459	73

APPENDIX "C"

TABLE showing:

- (1) The relative strength of the New South Wales Police to the total population.
- (2) The number of cases before the Courts, and number relative to the population for the 20 years 1949 to 1968 inclusive:

			Strength of Force		Cases Befor					
Year					Number	Per 1,000 of Population	Number	Per 1,000 of Population	General Population	
1949					4,344 (a)	1.39	205,817	66	3,113,659	
950					4,410 (a)	1.36	214,917	66	3,244,597	
951					4,470 (a)	1.35	242,190	73	3,317,182	
952					4,641 (a)	1.36	269,197	79	3,405,389	
953					4,776 (b)	1.38	276,566	80	3,454,243	
954					4,719 (b)	1.38	294,282 (c)	86	3,423,887	
955					4,921 (b)	1.40	315,666 (c)	90	3,505,100	
956					5,026 (b)	1.40	435,093 (c)	122	3,566,145	
957	***				5,140 (b)	1.41	545,635 (c)	150	3,622,906	
958					5,291 (b)	1.42	638,155 (c)	172	3,708,317	
959					5,417 (b)	1.43	652,352 (c)	173	3,774,266	
960					5,567 (b)	1.45	684,413 (c)	178	3,847,549	
961					5,708 (b)	1.45	716,418 (c)	183	3,916,907	
962					5,849 (b)	1.47	766,537 (c)	193	3,976,736	
963					6,033 (b)	1.48	712,896 (c)	175	4,065,410	
964					6,215 (b)	1.50	722,409 (c)	174	4,135,558	
965	••	•••	••		6,401 (b)	1.54	741,630 (c)	176	4,211,922	
966	••	••	••	10000	6,817 (b)	1.61	802,930 (c)	180	4,231,103	
967	• •	• •	• •	••	7,153 (b)	1.64	748,193 (c)	170	4,347,309	
1967	••	••	••	••	7,326 (b)	1.65	768,606 (c)	174	4,430,200	
1908	• •	••	• •	• •	7,520(0)	1.03	700,000 (C)	1/4	7,750,200	

(a) Including Police Cadets and Trackers.
(b) Includes Parking Police, Police Women, Police Cadets, Special Constables, Matrons, and Trackers.
(c) Includes cases where penalties were paid to the Police Department in respect of Infringement Notices and not brought before the Court.

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For the Year 1968

POLICE ESTABLISHMENT

Scope and Area of Operation

Area of the State—309,433 square miles.

Population as at 31st December, 1968-4,430,200.

Personnel

The strength of the Police Force and of the Ancillary Staff of the Police Department as at the 31st December, 1968, was as follows:

									Authorized Strength	Actual Strength	Vacancies then Existing
Male Police Police Women		·· ··	::	::	·· ··	 	··· ••		7,027 85	6,877 70	150 15
Ancillary Staff (Clerical of Special Co Trackers.)	fficers	s, gener bles, M	al staff	, Polic Bandr	 Cade naster,	ts, Par Choir	king Po master,	olice, and	7,112 1,041	6,947 *1,031	165 22

* Includes 16 clerical supernumeraries, but does not include 4 clerical officers on National Service training.

Ratio of Police to population based upon authorized strength-1 to 630.

Distribution in Ranks and Duties of Police

The distribution of Police in the various ranks, and classes of duty on which they were respectively engaged as at the 31st December, 1968, are as shown in the following table:

Table of Police Strength as at 31st December, 1968

			Assistant Commissioners	Metropolitan Superintendent	Superintendent 1st Class	Superintendent 2nd Class	Superintendent 3rd Class	Acting Superintendent	Inspector 1st, Class	Inspector 2nd Class	Inspector 3rd Class	Sergeant 1st Class	Sergeant 2nd Class	Sergeant 3rd Class	Senior Constables	Constables 1st Class	Constables	Probationary Constables	Trainces	Total
Commissioner of Police		1																		1
Assistant Commissioners of Police General	• •	•••	3	°.	i i	iö	15		żi	35	60	223	200	624	715	599	1,178	453	••	4,23
Criminal Investigation Branch			1		1 ĭ	1	1		3	35	4	223 38	299 32	68	95	100	80	1		427
Other Detective and Plain Clothes	Police																			
employed on Detective work						1 .:			1			30	51	127	147	237	78			671 120
Licensing Police		••			1	1	1		1	2	6	10 14	16 46	32	32 187	14 310	12 452	89	••	1,22
TTTTTTTTTTTTT		•••			1		1		1	1	2	17	3	110	11	15	10			50
Droseouting Dronch			1 ::	1		1				2		12	9	34	34	54	1			50 146
Total Strength		1	3		2	12	17		28	43	72	329	456	1010		1,329	1,811	543		6,87
Police Women			-		-					1		1	2	7	15	15	21	9		70

Variations in Strength of the Police Force

During 1968 the overall authorized strength of the Police Force was increased by 223. This figure included 139 male Police for general duty, which was the balance of the increase of 1,000 in the authorized strength of the Force approved by the Premier to take effect over a period of 3 years from May, 1965, and 15 Police Women.

On the 1st January, 1968, there were 128 vacancies in the authorized strength of male members of the Police Force.

During the year the following additional vacancies occurred in the strength of male members of the Force:

Discha	rged on	n pensio	n or g	ratuity	• •	 	 	98
Dismiss	sed		••			 	 	25
Resigne	ed					 	 	188
Died			••			 	 	11
Trainee	es disch	arged		••		 	 	21

These made an overall total number of vacancies during the year of 471, to which figure there is to be added a further 208 vacancies brought about by an increase in the authorized strength of male Police. The total number of vacancies during the year was, therefore, 679. Against this figure there were 529 appointments of male Police, leaving 150 vacancies unfilled as at the 31st December, 1968.

Recruiting

During the year 2,092 males applied for appointment to the Police Force. Those who satisfied all requirements and were appointed to the Force numbered 529.

There were eight vacancies for Women Police in 1968 and these were promptly filled by applicants of high standard.

Applications for appointment to the Police Cadet Corps were received from 977 youths between the ages of 15 and 17 years. Of these, 529 failed to satisfy the prescribed physical standards or were not accepted for other reasons. The balance of 448 were examined by the Police Medical Officers and of these 198 satisfied medical requirements. Subsequently 107 were appointed.

Seven Special Constables, blue uniform, and fifteen Special Constables, Parking Police, were appointed to fill vacancies which existed.

Recruiting Campaigns

With a view to attracting recruits to the Police Force and the Police Cadet Corps I approved of Recruiting Campaigns being conducted in the Newcastle, Northern, and North Coast Districts of the State. A Recruiting Team under the direction of the Inspector in Charge, Police Training Centre, together with the Officer in Charge of the Recruiting Office, the Police Medical Officer, and the Public Relations Officer visited central points in the districts where the campaigns were conducted. Extensive publicity through the news media of press, radio, and television was given in each district prior to the visit of the Recruiting Team.

In addition, the Superintendents of Police in the districts were advised by memorandum from my office of the campaigns and were directed to arrange for the matter to be brought to the notice of all Police in their charge with a view to all possible assistance being rendered the Recruiting Team.

It has been reported to me that the assistance from responsible sectors of the public, and from members of the Police Force in the various districts was excellent. A total of 218 applicants from the districts visited were considered but only 80 were found suitable in all respects for employment in the Police Force. Of 172 youths from the same districts who applied for appointment to the Police Cadet Corps only 21 were recruited.

Resignations

For the year 1968 there were 188 resignations from the Police Force and withdrawals by 21 Trainees, making a total of 209 as compared with 153 for the year 1967, these figures representing 2.94 per cent and 2.22 per cent, respectively, of the authorized strength.

The resignations during 1968 were for the following reasons:

Disciplinary		 	 	 	52
Other employment		 	 	 	107
Unsuitability		 	 	 	8
Personal reasons		 	 	 	12
Join Army		 	 	 	4
Join other Police For	ces	 	 	 	6
Medical grounds		 	 	 	7
Domestic reasons		 	 • •	 	7
Travelling overseas		 	 	 	6
				-	

Deaths of Police from Injuries Sustained in the Execution of their Duties

On the 8th October, 1968, Sergeant 2nd Class Adam Boland Schell of No. 16 Division, Hornsby, suffered fatal gunshot wounds to the head while investigating a robbery in premises at Bobbin Head, Hawkesbury River, near Horsnby.

On the 30th October, 1968, Probationary Constable Warren Dennis Burns of No. 6 Division (North Sydney) was fatally injured when the Police motor cycle he was riding while undergoing instruction, collided with a tree stump in the Royal National Park.

Police on Sick Report

Following are details of absences of Police from duty during 1968 through sickness or injury:

					Number of	Number of	Average nur absent in re	nber of days elation to—
					Police	days	Police on sick report	Strength of Police Force
	- .:	••	••	•••	552 5	12,533 87		x
D 1' 177	-		••		557 4,275 43	12,620 53,812 1,358	22.66	1.82
				-	4,318	55,170	12.78	7.94

Ancillary Staff

As at the 31st December, 1968, the total number of persons employed by the Police Department, other than members of the Police Force were:

Clerical staff en	nployed	und	er the P	ublic S	Service	Act:				
Males			•••			****		-	329	
Females							•.•		288	
										617
General staff mechanics,	farrier	, gro								
and night	watchm	an	• •	••	••	• •	••	• •		33
Police Cadets		••	••	•••	•••		•••		201	
Special Parking	g Police		• •	• • •		.=		-	141	
Special Constal	bles	••	••		•.•	•=•			29	
Matrons			• •						4	
Bandmaster		••	• •	• •	•-•				1	
Choirmaster				• •					1	
Aboriginal Tra	ckers	••	••		••			***	4	381
Т	otal	••	••	••	••			•=•		1,031

POLICE STATIONS

During the year the temporary Police Station situated in the private residence of a member of the Police Force at Avalon was closed because of his resignation. A new site was obtaind in the main business area of Avalon for the erection of a modern Sub-Station which is expected to be available for occupation by June, 1969.

The Belfield Police Station, which was located in the private residence of a member of the Force, was closed following a review of Police arrangements in the area and the Belfield Patrol incorporated in the Campsie Patrol.

Because of the closure of Island Bend township by the Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Authority, the Police Station established at that centre was closed and the Island Bend Police Patrol included in the Jindabyne Patrol.

As at the 31st December, 1968, there were 474 Police Stations and 16 manned Call Boxes operational throughout the State.

CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE OF POLICE AND POLICE CADETS

Members of the Police Force and of the Police Cadet Corps maintained a high standard of conduct and discipline throughout the year.

Departmental disciplinary action was taken for breaches of the Police Rules and Instructions against 172 members of the Force and court proceedings were taken against 20 Police for various breaches and offences against the State laws.

APPEALS TO THE CROWN EMPLOYEES APPEAL BOARD AGAINST PUNISHMENT

Fifteen members of the Police Force who were dealt with departmentally lodged appeals to the Crown Employees Appeal Board against the punishments imposed. In two cases the appeals were dismissed, the decision in respect to punishment being upheld. In two other cases the Board decided it had no jurisdiction. Seven appeals were withdrawn and four were still pending at the end of the year.

BUILDINGS

The following major Police building projects were completed during 1968:

Carinda-New Police Station and Court House.

Moulamein-New Police Station and Court House.

Bathurst-Official residence erected for occupation by the Officer in Charge of Police.

Urana-Official residence erected for occupation by the Officer in Charge of Police.

- Police Driver Training School, St Ives-Official residence erected for occupation by the Officer in Charge of the Police Driver Training School.
- Campbelltown—Official residence erected for occupation by Officer in Charge of Police, Campbelltown, by the Campbelltown City Council in exchange for the former official residence and site which were purchased by the council.
- Brewarrina—Residence constructed by the Housing Commission of New South Wales under Police Force Special Accommodation Scheme.
- Junee—Residence constructed by the Housing Commission of New South Wales under Police Force Special Accommodation Scheme.
- Forbes-Residence constructed by the Housing Commission of New South Wales under Police Force Special Accommodation Scheme.
- Narrabri—Residence constructed by the Housing Commission of New South Wales under Police Force Special Accommodation Scheme.
- Orange—Residence constructed by the Housing Commission of New South Wales under Police Force Special Accommodation Scheme.
- Grafton—Residence constructed by the Housing Commission of New South Wales under Police Force Special Accommodation Scheme.
- Muswellbrook—Residence constructed by the Housing Commission of New South Wales under Police Force Special Accommodation Scheme.

In addition to the completed projects mentioned above, arrangements are being made by the Housing Commission of New South Wales for the construction of houses for Police at Armidale, Gundagai, Inverell, Queanbeyan, Walgett (2), Deniliquin, Maitland, and Moree.

The projects listed below were still in progress at the end of the year:

Police Training Centre—Renovations and provision of additional Class Rooms and teaching facilities.

Waverley-New Police Station and Court House.

Green Valley-New Sub-Station.



Police Mobile Field Radio Unit

POLICE COMMUNICATIONS

Expansion of the Department's communication system was continued throughout the year and nine additional Radio Base Stations were installed increasing the total throughout the State to 85, 14 of which are located in the Metropolitan Police District and 71 in Country Police Districts.

The number of motor vehicles used by the Department in which two-way radio equipment is installed was increased by 51 to a total of 611 of which 356 operate in the Metropolitan Police District and 255 in Country Police Districts. Included in the 51 additional vehicles so equipped were 20 assigned for use by Police attached to the Breath Analysis Section.

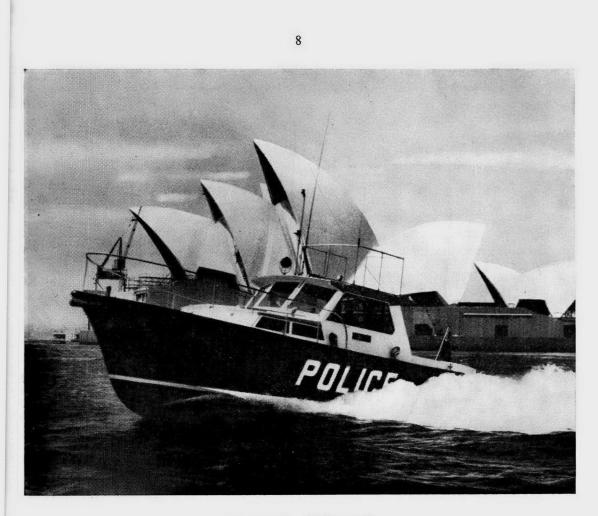
The Inner City Teleprinter Service to Police Stations, which was introduced in 1964, has been progressively extended to include other Metropolitan Police Stations. All Metropolitan Divisional Head Stations are now equipped, with the exception of No. 23 Division, Penrith. During 1968 services were installed at Fairfield, Merrylands, Blacktown, Petersham, Daceyville, and Chatswood.

A valuable addition to Police Communications which was made during the year was a Mobile Field Radio Unit. This Unit will be used in conjunction with the Mobile Field Control Unit to which I referred in my report for the year 1967.

POLICE TRANSPORT

Details of motor vehicles in use by the Department during 1968 are as follows:

					Number of vehicles at 31-12-68	Additional vehicles obtained during 1968	Replacements during 1968
Motor cars			 	 	1,252	41	894
Patrol vans			 	 	3		
Panel vans			 	 	21		9
Lorries and utility			 	 	99	1	75
Trailers			 	 	10	. 1	
Mobile Field Cont	rol Un	it	 	 	1		••.
Mobile Field Radi	o Unit		 	 	1	1	
Four-wheel drive v	ehicles		 	 	37		·i6
Station sedans			 	 	56	20	32
Tow Truck			 	 	1		
Omnibuses			 	 	2 18		
Motor Scooters			 	 	18		6
Solo motor cycles:							
Ordinary patr			 	 	97	59	32
High speed			 	 	284		193
				-	1,882	123	1,257



New Police Launch "Nemesis"

At the 31st December, 1968, 16 watercraft of various types were in operation on waterways throughout the State.

Construction was completed of two seagoing launches which were taken into use at the Water Police Stations at Sydney and Newcastle to replace similar vessels which had become unserviceable. An aluminium skiff fitted with outboard motor was attached to the Wentworth Police Station.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH

Re-organization of squads and increases in strength at the Criminal Investigation Branch were approved during the year, and a Detective-Sergeant 1st Class was appointed as Assistant to each of the six Sub-District Detective Inspectors.

Following a review by a Police Departmental Committee of the training procedures in respect of Police selected for criminal investigation duty I directed that a Detectives' Course be introduced, designed to provide comprehensive training for Police in criminal investigation procedures. Each course is of 12 weeks' duration. The first commenced at the Police Training Centre, Redfern, in February, 1968.

FINGERPRINT SECTION WHICH INCORPORATES THE CENTRAL FINGERPRINT BUREAU FOR ALL POLICE FORCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

The volume and scope of the work undertaken in this section during 1968 are illustrated by the particulars set out hereunder:

Total number of sets of fingerprints received			within	New	
South Wales and classified	••	• •	• •	• •	57,304
Total number of sets of fingerprints received fr	om oth	ner Polic	e Forc	es in	
Australia and classified					23,017
Number of sets of fingerprints identified					39,343
Number of articles submitted to section for exa	minatio	on			1,285
Fingerprints identified from scenes of crimes					730
Fingerprints taken to establish identity of decea	ased pe	rsons			75
"Names Check" against fingerprint records in	n respec	ct of ap	plicant	s for	
various types of licences and other m	iscellar	eous pu	rposes		225,430

MODUS OPERANDI SECTION—RECORD OF KNOWN METHODS OF OPERATING FOLLOWED BY CRIMINALS

In 1968, 48,267 Modus Operandi Forms were submitted by Police in which was furnished detailed information as to the methods in which criminals coming under their notice were operating.

In 2,402 instances Police throughout New South Wales were advised of information recorded at the Modus Operandi Section, resulting in 1,504 charges being preferred against offenders.

During the year 22,500 photographs were added to the Classified Photographs Index maintained in the section. Six "Identi-Kit" sketches were prepared in the section to assist in the identification of offenders believed to have been concerned in the commission of serious crime.

PROPERTY TRACING SECTION

Through the painstaking efforts of Police attached to the Property Tracing Section, 3,919 articles of property with an aggregate value of \$151,659.00 were traced to the rightful owners. In addition, the identification of this property resulted in the preferment of 277 criminal charges.

SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION BUREAU

Included in this Bureau are the General Scientific, Forensic Ballistic, and Hand Writing Sections of the Police Medico-Legal Library.

A brief outline of some of the major activities of the sections within the bureau is set out hereunder.

General Scientific Section

Number of photographs taken of persons in Police custody	5,500
Number of photographs printed at the section and circulated to the Police Forces within the Commonwealth of Australia and the Dominion of New Zealand	2,100
Number of photographs taken of motor vehicles, cheques, documents, fingerprint exhibits, fingerprint forms, and general exhibits	
Number of visits made to scenes of crimes and of accidents to assist by forensic examination and photography	3,483

The services rendered by this section continued to be maintained at a high standard of efficiency and contributed materially to the successful investigation of serious crime.

Forensic Ballistics Section

Total number of firearms received in this section which had either been found, surrendered to Police or ordered by courts to be confiscated	1,660
Total number of firearms examined in the investigation of crimes	369
Total number of bullets and cartridge cases submitted for examination	335

In the investigation of crimes involving the use of firearms this section again gave valuable assistance throughout the year.

Handwriting Section

3,929 documents were examined for the purpose of obtaining evidence to support court proceedings.

The Index of Handwriting Specimens was increased by the addition of 21,891 specimens, the total now filed being 251,262.

Police Medico-Legal Library

I referred in my last report to the importance of the library to the work of the Scientific Investigation Bureau and again emphasize its value to Police concerned in the scientific and medicolegal aspects of the investigation of crime. During the year 60 text books were added to the library which now contains a total of 937 volumes.

CRIME PREVENTION SECTION

This section which was established at the Criminal Investigation Branch in March, 1967, was described in some detail in my report for that year. The section contains a well presented display of modern electrical, electronic, and mechanical devices, including a closed circuit television camera and receiver. All of this equipment is used by the staff to illustrate the best possible methods of protecting persons and property against criminal acts. The public interest in the section increased considerably during 1968 and the services of members of the staff were in demand to deliver lectures on crime prevention to members of associations, clubs, and other groups.

There were 152 requests for security surveys of homes and business premises during the year.

At every opportunity action is taken to publicize crime prevention through the news media of television, radio, press, and trade journals. During the year members of the staff of the section made two appearances on television, gave 220 broadcasts, and made 250 press releases.

SQUADS

There are established within the Criminal Investigation Branch as part of its operational personnel the following squads:

- I. Special Breaking Squad,
- II. Fraud Squad,
- III. Vice Squad,
- IV. Pillage Squad,
- V. Consorting Squad,
- VI. No. 21 Special Squad,
- VII. Motor Squad,
- VIII. Drug Squad,
- IX. Pawnbroking Squad,
- X. Stealing from Cars and Observation Squad, and
- XI. Armed Hold-Up Squad.

These squads perform a valuable function in the overall plan to combat and detect crime and it would not be possible in this report to quote in detail the specific activities of each. However, it is proper to say that they are highly efficient groups of selected Police who concentrate on the investigation of serious crimes.

In my report for 1967, I referred in some detail to the activities of the Police Department in detecting and prosecuting breaches of the drug laws. I was at that stage unable to report upon the effect of the then newly enacted Poisons Act No. 31 of 1966, in relation to Police investigations. However, I can now say that the new Act has materially assisted Police in their efforts to combat drug offences and this is illustrated in the increase in the number of persons arrested by the Drug Squad. These rose from 382 in 1967 to 547 in 1968, included in which were 32 drug offenders who were charged with offences relating to breaking, entering, and stealing drugs from pharmacies, doctors' surgeries, and hospital dispensaries.

One particular case which I feel should be specially mentioned related to the sale to young persons of the drug L.S.D. (D. Lysergic Acid Diethylamide Tartrate) from a cellar, operated as a "club" at Paddington. The detection and subsequent arrest of the person responsible required skilful and painstaking planning over a long period. He was subsequently convicted of selling and being in possession of the drug L.S.D. and was sentenced to a lengthy term of imprisonment with hard labour. It was suspected that this offender was making a profit of up to \$1,000 weekly from his unlawful activities.

A registered pharmacist arrested and charged with the unlawful sale of drugs was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment, suspended upon his entering into a recognizance to be of good behaviour for a period of 2 years. This person was subsequently de-registered by the New South Wales Pharmacy Board. The offender restricted his activities to a selected clientele but under the skilful direction of the Officer in Charge of the Drug Squad two Police Women succeeded in establishing contact and purchased heroin and other drugs of an approximate total value of \$600.

Another example of the efficiency of the Drug Squad was the arrest of a Norwegian seaman in possession of a large quantity of Indian Hemp which he had smuggled into this country in the false bottom of a suitcase. He was peddling the drug in Sydney and at the time of his arrest had in his possession the sum of \$672, the proceeds of his sales. He was sentenced to $2\frac{1}{2}$ years' imprisonment with hard labour and will be deported upon the completion of his sentence.

Members of the Drug Squad work in close co-operation with officers of the State Department of Public Health and the Commonwealth Department of Customs and Excise in their efforts to prevent and detect illegal trafficking in narcotics and drug abuse generally.

CRIME

Appendix "A" to this report shows the number of crimes of a serious nature reported to Police during 1968 and the number cleared up during the year.

The following table shows the comparison between the total number of serious crimes reported to Police and the number of those cleared up for the years 1963 to 1968:

Year	No. of serious crimes reported	No. of serious crimes cleared up	Percentage
1963	35,103	27,778	70
10/4	36 044	27,067	75
10/5	41 302	29,151	71
1066	41,714	28,265	68
1067	45,697	29,118	64
1068		32,849	56

Although the percentage of crimes cleared up fell to 56 per cent during 1968 this should not be regarded as unsatisfactory but measured against the fact that there were more crimes cleared up during the year than in the preceding 5 years.

The total value of property reported stolen to the Police during 1968 was \$11,178,028. Property to the value of \$4,482,519 was accounted for as a result of Police investigations and the value of property recovered was \$965,058.

During 1968, 11,485 motor cars, 980 motor lorries, and 543 motor cycles were reported stolen, a total of 13,008 vehicles. Of this number 11,672 or 90 per cent were recovered. Persons arrested and charged with either stealing or illegally using motor vehicles numbered 1,472.

Murders

During the year 67 murders were committed. In 60 cases the identity of the person or persons responsible was established. Those which remain unsolved as at the 31st December, 1968, were:

- (1) GLADYS RULE, aged 44 years, who was attacked by an unknown man in Redfern Street, Redfern, on the 8th February, 1968.
- (2) ARCHIE ANTHONY FENTON, 52 years of age, whose body was found in an office at Kings Cross on the 13th March, 1968.
- (3) HELEN MARY HARRISON, 17 years of age, who disappeared while riding her bicycle from her place of employment at Pitt Town to her home at Maralya on the 16th March, 1968. Her body was located in a shallow grave at East Kurrajong on the 23rd March, 1968.
- (4) SIMON BROOK, 3¹/₂ years of age, who disappeared from the vicinity of his home at Glebe on the 18th May, 1968, and whose mutilated body was found in a yard at the rear of a building under construction at Glebe on the following day.
- (5) JOHN GERRARD MELLON, 42 years of age, whose body was found in scrub land off Henry Lawson Drive on the 21st July, 1968.
- (6) STEFAN WOLSKYJ, 43 years of age, whose body was found on the footpath in Dover Street, Summer Hill, on the 26th September, 1968.
- (7) ROBERT JOHN HENDRY, 47 years of age, whose body was found in the hallway of his home at Ryde on the 14th October, 1968.

The following murders listed as unsolved in my report for 1967, were cleared up during 1968:

GERTRUDE DELUCCA—Three men were arrested and charged with this crime and one man and one woman with being accessories after the fact of murder.

CLAUDE HENRY ELDRIDGE and RICHARD GABRIEL REILLY—Two men were arrested and charged with conspiracy to murder Eldridge and Reilly, the actual shooting allegedly having been carried out by a criminal who subsequently committed suicide.

LIONEL ERIC DAVIS-A man was arrested and charged with this murder.

BRUCE WILLIAM FLOCKHART—Two men were arrested and charged with this crime and a third offender is still being sought.

Reported Losses of Livestock, Wheat, and Wool

Appended is a table setting out details of reported losses of cattle, sheep, horses, wheat, and wool, the number determined as thefts, the number cleared up by the arrest of the offender or offenders, and those determined as thefts which remained outstanding at the end of the year.

	Cattle			Horses			Sheep			Wheat			Wool		
	Number of Cases	Number of Stock	Value of Stock	Number of Cases	Number of Stock	Value of Stock	Number of Cases	Number of Stock	Value of Stock	Number of Cases	Number of Bags	Value of Wheat	Number of Cases	Number of Bales	Value of Wool
Reported losses (investigated by Police) Determined as Thefts		1,425 221	\$ 96,738 18,082	165 12	214 12	\$ 34,705 1,023	183 44	17,141 1,576	\$ 94,052 9,502	11 2	$150\frac{1}{2}$	\$ 627 115	65 45	80‡ 54	\$ 9,545 5,442
Cleared by Arrest (Number of Arrests shown in brackets)	43 (35)	124 97	9,564 8,518	9 (12) 3	9 3	803 220	29 (48) 15	990 586	4,192 5,310	2	ż5	115	27 (6) 18	$ \begin{array}{r} 17\frac{1}{2} \\ 36\frac{1}{2} \end{array} $	1,772 3,670

RETURN OF STOCK, WHEAT AND WOOL THEFTS FOR THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES-1968

Suppression of Vice

The powers of Police to deal with offences relating to unlawful prostitution were considerably strengthened by amendments to the Vagrancy Act, which were assented to on the 22nd October, 1968. In addition to other useful provisions the new legislation made it an offence to loiter in, or in view of, any public street, thoroughfare or place, for the purpose of prostitution. It is hoped that this prohibition will aid Police to combat the incidence of soliciting by prostitutes in streets and adjoining areas.

Another statutory amendment which is seen as strengthening the hand of Police in suppressing vice is that which was made to the Disorderly Houses Act to provide that an application for the declaration of premises as a disorderly house may be presented if such premises are habitually used for the purpose of prostitution.

A total of 4,682 persons were arrested in the Metropolitan Police District by members of the Vice Squad during 1968. These include 2,247 females for offensive behaviour which had reference to the stopping of men in the streets for an immoral purpose, 119 for loitering for purposes of prostitution, 412 for other offences relating to prostitution and 1,204 for offences of a homosexual nature.

Breaches of the Gaming, Betting and Wagering Laws

As I have advised in previous reports, the detecting and combating breaches of the Gaming and Betting Act is primarily the responsibility of No. 21 Special Squad, Criminal Investigation Branch, which now has members stationed at Newcastle and Wollongong Police Stations.

During 1968, 1,135 persons were arrested by members of No. 21 Special Squad and other Police for illegal betting. The total amount of fines imposed upon those convicted was \$54,715. The sum of \$185.18 was seized and ordered to be forfeited.

2,437 persons were arrested for gaming offences and the total amount of fines imposed upon those convicted was \$25,591. The sum of \$892.95 was seized and ordered to be forfeited.

Applications were made to the Supreme Court for the declaration of five premises as common gaming houses. One application was granted and the hearings of the remaining four were pending at the 31st December, 1968.

Extradition of Fugitives

The extradition of three male fugitive offenders was sought during the year. Two of these were extradited from New Zealand on charges of armed robbery and the other from England on charges of conspiracy, fraudulent destruction of books, and misapplication of moneys as a director.

CASES DEALT WITH BY COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS

Appendix "B" of this report sets out in detail the number of cases which came to Police notice and were dealt with before Courts of Petty Sessions throughout the State during 1968.

CORONIAL INQUESTS AND INQUIRIES

During 1968 there were 2,282 inquests into deaths and 28 inquiries into fires.

POLICE TRAFFIC BRANCH

The Police Traffic Branch, under the supervision of the Superintendent of Traffic, is charged with the responsibility of enforcement of the traffic laws. I am satisfied that the strict enforcement of these laws and the intensive patrolling of the State highways and roads has done much to control the irresponsible road user and to protect citizens from death or injury.

Despite diligent Police action during 1968 there were 76,288 motor vehicle collisions on roads throughout the State, resulting in the deaths of 1,211 men, women, and children, and injury to 30,919, an increase in deaths and injuries compared to the year 1967 of 94 and 1,418, respectively.

Breaches of the traffic laws detected and reported during 1968 were:

(a) Driving offences	••	••	••	••		••		315,915
(b) Equipment offences	• •	••	••	• •	••	• •	• •	100,312
(c) Parking offences		• •						417,372
(d) Miscellaneous offences	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	558
							Total:	834,157

645,919 Infringement Notices were issued, 431,066 of which were satisfied by payment of prescribed penalties, amounting in all to \$5,419,239.91. The balance of 214,853, were dealt with either by court action, caution or attendance at Traffic Laws Observance Discussions conducted at the Department of Motor Transport, Rosebery, and at Parramatta, Wollongong, and Newcastle by selected experienced Police.

The Motor Traffic (Amendment) Act, No. 64 of 1968, authorized Police to obtain breath tests from persons driving motor vehicles who were suspected of being affected by intoxicating liquor. These provisions are currently being enforced in the Metropolitan, North Eastern, and South Coast Police Administrative Districts. All general duty and Special Traffic Patrol vehicles operating in these districts are carrying "Alcotest" kits with which Police may make on-the-spot breath tests.

The "breath test" provisions of the Motor Traffic Act came into force on the 16th December, 1968, and at the 31st December, 1968, breathalyser tests were made in suspected cases of which 196 proved "positive", i.e., they revealed in the blood of the persons tested a concentration of alcohol of 0.08 grammes or more, in each 100 millimetres of blood.

Improvements Effected in Traffic Control Procedures

The Police Traffic Signals Operation Section, TV camera observation, now covers 111 inner City intersections and Police who are patrolling the City on motor cycles can be promptly directed by radio to attend any of the locations covered to deal with traffic congestions or other problems.

Special Traffic Patrol Police

Special Traffic Patrol Police are attached to the Police Traffic Branch and Police Stations throughout the State. The strength of the Patrol was increased during 1968 by 24 Police, the balance of an increase of 50 units approved by the Premier during the financial year 1967/68. The total number of Police now engaged on this duty throughout the State is 665. In the Metropolitan Police District there are 331 and 334 in Country Districts. During the year 77 Morris Mini Cooper Special sedan cars replaced high speed solo motor cycles and large high speed sedan cars in certain parts of the State. At the 31st December, 1968, there were 284 high speed solo motor cycles, 19 Rambler sedan cars, and 171 Mini Cooper Special sedan cars in use on Special Traffic Patrol work.

Police engaged on Special Traffic Patrol duties are specially selected and trained for this hazardous phase of Police duty and they continue to render service to the public of a very high standard. In 1968 in the Metropolitan District these Police detected and reported 197,802 breaches of the traffic laws, and arrested 4,100 persons for serious traffic and other offences.



New style uniform for Police Women

School Lecturing Section

The staff of the School Lecturing Section, with 67 uniformed Police, including 35 Police Women, play an important role in the education of school children in Safety First principles. Fifty-three members of the staff are attached to the Police Traffic Branch, Sydney, and 14 are stationed in country districts.

They are assisted by a variety of visual aids, including movie and strip film projectors, flannelgraphs, picture posters, puppetry, and project books.

Members of the section, during the year, visited 1,352 schools in the Metropolitan Police District on 2,075 occasions and delivered 24,226 addresses. In addition they visited 80 schools for handicapped and retarded children on 167 occasions and gave 762 talks.

Tours of country districts were also undertaken in conjunction with officers of the Road Safety Council of New South Wales. During these tours, 60 schools were visited and 439 lectures delivered to 20,549 pupils. In addition public meetings were arranged at the various centres visited with the co-operation of the local authorities for the purpose of addressing citizens on various aspects of road safety.

In addition, members of the section delivered 319 lectures to adult groups on road safety principles, made 47 television appearances and gave 73 radio broadcasts.

The activities of the section in Country Police Districts were supplemented by local Police, who visited 2,316 schools and delivered 10,772 lectures; addressed adult community groups on 150 occasions; gave 553 radio broadcasts and made 81 television appearances. They also contributed 9 articles on road safety to various country newspapers.

Co-operation with Government Departments, Associations and other bodies

One aspect of the work of members of the Police Traffic Branch, to which I have referred in previous reports, and to which I attach particular importance is their co-operation at all times in matters of common interest with the Commissioners for Motor and Government Transport, the Commissioner for Main Roads, the State Planning Advisory Committee and with public and private bodies, associations and organizations who have responsibilities relating to road traffic.

The branch has representatives for the Department on the Australian Motor Vehicles Standards Committee, the Australian Road Traffic Code Committee, the Road Safety Council of New South Wales, Parking Advisory Committees, the Opera House Committee, the Cumberland Passenger Transport Committee, the Heights of Buildings Committee, Traffic Signals Priority Committee and the Speed Revision Committee.

Parking Police

This ancillary to the Police Force consists of 141 Special Constables, mainly disabled ex-servicemen appointed for the purpose of enforcing the Parking Regulations in selected areas within the Metropolitan and Country Police Districts. At the 31st December, 1968, this Unit was five below its authorized strength.

The men who make up the Parking Police Unit perform all their duties on foot and render valued service of a high standard of efficiency. They play an important role in aiding regular Police in traffic law enforcement.

POLICE LICENSING BRANCH

It is one of the responsibilities of Police engaged in licensing duties to investigate the fitness of applicants for licenses under a number of State Acts which require a Police certification as to character. They are also responsible for the enforcement of these Acts. The principal statute with which they are concerned is the Liquor Act and the undermentioned statistics give some indication of their activities in this regard.

Licenses, Certificates, and Permits issued:

Publicans Licenses	••	••	••	••	••	••	1,966
Australian Wine Licenses			••				338
Spirit Merchants Licenses							647
Brewers Licenses	••	••		• •	••	••	6
Packet Licenses	• •		••			••	15
Certificates of Registration	n for Clu	bs				• •	1,443
Restaurant Permits		••	• •	••	••	••	462
Canteen Permits	••	•••	•••		•••	• •	8

There was a total of 325 objections lodged by Police to applications made to Licensing Courts throughout the State for the grant, transfer, renewal, or removal of licenses under the Liquor Act. In 86 cases the license sought was granted. In 58 it was refused; in 181 cases the application was either withdrawn or adjourned generally.

During the year Police launched 151 successful prosecutions against holders of licenses under the Liquor Act for breaches of the Liquor Act and against 21 for breaches of the Pure Food Act.

Proceedings were instituted against 260 persons for selling liquor without a license, and against 128 for being on premises where liquor was unlawfully sold. Fifteen persons were charged with illegal betting in hotels and 102 with being found on other premises where unlawful gaming was being conducted.

The Special Duties Section of the Licensing Branch which was formed in 1967, and to which I referred in my report for that year, with assistance as required from No. 21 Special Squad, was responsible for the majority of the prosecutions mentioned above.

Liquor seized following arrests consisted:

Beer	••	•••	•••		• •	•••	2,863	bottles.
							1,907	cans.
Wine	•••			••		•·•	197	bottles.
							216	gallons in bulk.
Assorted	spirits	••				•••	178	bottles.

ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH BRANCH

On the 15th January, 1968, I approved the establishment of the Administration and Management Research Branch whose function is to review methods and procedures operating throughout the Police Department and submit such recommendations to me for innovations considered necessary to improve overall Police efficiency.

The staff of the branch comprises Police and senior Public Service officers all of whom were trained at the Public Service Board's Methods Division and at the Treasury in Automatic Data Processing procedures. Seven Police and one Public Service officer are currently engaged in investigating sections of the Police Department to which Automatic Data Processing may be applied. They are assisted by an Inspector of the Treasury who has been seconded to the Police Department as a full-time consultant.

The Organisation and Methods Section of the branch consists of four Police and two Public Service officers, and they are assisted by a Senior Inspector of the Public Service Board's Methods Division as a consultant.

Up to the present the branch has investigated procedures relating to reporting by Police of motor vehicle collisions, charging of persons arrested, crime reporting and handling of Warrants of Commitment and Warrants in the First Instance. Clerical procedures in certain sections of the Police Traffic Branch, the Criminal Investigation Branch, and the Police Transport Branch have been examined and a Feasibility Study was conducted at the Traffic Penalties Section of the Traffic Branch to assess the need to introduce Automatic Data Processing of all Traffic, Parking, and Pedestrian Infringement Notices. These examinations and studies have resulted in the adoption of greatly improved procedures with resultant increases in staff efficiency.

There is unlimited work with the administration and operational sectors of the Department for the Administration and Management Research Branch whose recommendations have already earned for it admiration, respect, and acceptance as a highly skilled unit indispensable to a modern Police Force.

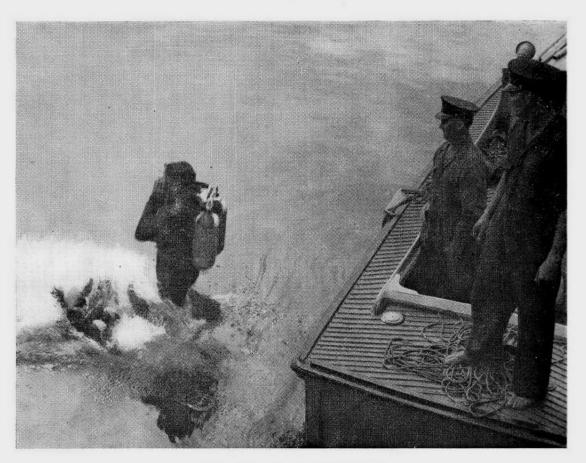
POLICE RESCUE SQUAD

General Unit

Many calls were made throughout the year on the services of the General Unit of the Rescue Squad whose members again distinguished themselves by their high standard of courage, devotion to duty, skill, and efficiency.

Flood Rescue Unit

There were no flood emergencies in New South Wales during 1968 which required the services of the Flood Rescue Unit. However, the unit maintained its efficiency by following a strict training programme and by engaging in a number of exercises with the State Civil Defence Organisation.



Police Shallow (Aqualung) Diving Unit

Shallow (Aqualung) Diving Unit

Members of this unit carried out 64 diving operations in the waters of Port Jackson, Botany Bay, the Pacific Ocean, coastal estuaries, and inland waters during 1968.

They recovered five bodies from the waters of Sydney Harbour, Lake Parramatta, the Lane Cove, Grose, and Williams Rivers. In addition they located many articles which had been thrown into rivers and other waterways and which were later used as exhibits in criminal trials.

The overall operations of this unit throughout the year were again carried out with the usual high standard of skill and efficiency for which it is recognized.

WATER POLICE

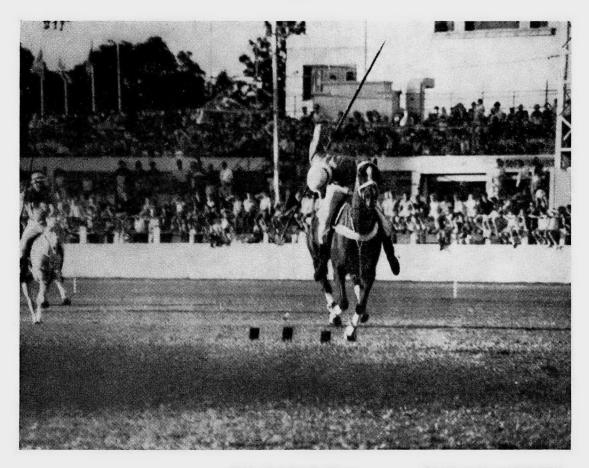
In September, 1968, the Water Police Section, Sydney, which previously formed part of No. 4 Division (Phillip Street) was created No. 28 Division under the charge of an Inspector. During the year Water Police performed their many duties in a manner reflecting credit upon themselves and their Department. These included the recovery of 16 bodies from the waters of Port Jackson and the Pacific Ocean in the vicinity of Sydney Heads, and the rescue of 102 persons from vessels in distress at sea, 912 from craft which had capsized, broken down, or become otherwise disabled in the waters of Port Jackson.

MOUNTED TROOP

The Mounted Troop by its fine horsemanship and splendid bearing continued during 1968 to uphold the reputation it has established over the years as an outstanding unit of the Police Force with great public appeal. Members of the troop again performed their famous Musical Ride at the Royal Agricultural Society's Show at the Sydney Showground to a highly appreciative audience. In addition they formed a Tent Pegging Team which successfully competed in contests at Royal Shows held in Sydney, Brisbane, and Melbourne. They also gave Tent Pegging displays at three country centres in New South Wales.

Individual members of the troop control vehicular and pedestrian traffic at selected intersections during morning and afternoon peak periods and also patrolled Centennial Park.

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Police Tent Pegging Team

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

The Public Relations Branch is a section of the Department to which I attach particular importance representing as it does a vital communications link between the Police Force and the general public.

Every opportunity was taken by the branch to acquaint the public with the many and varied duties and functions performed by members of the Force during the year. In their work they were afforded considerable assistance and co-operation by the television, radio, and newspaper organizations throughout the State.

THE FEDERATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE-CITIZENS BOYS' CLUBS

The total membership of Police-Citizens Boys' Clubs at the 31st December, 1968, was 86,500 boys and youths. There were 37 clubs fully operative, 17 in the Metropolitan Police District and 20 in Country Police Districts. Approval has been given for the establishment of an additional 5 clubs and these are at the fund-raising stage.

The value of assets of the Federation of Police-Citizens Boys' Clubs at the end of the year was \$4,750,000.00. Generous financial assistance, without which the movement could not function, was again received from numerous business and industrial undertakings and members of the public. The State Government contributed the sum of \$40,000.00 towards capital expenditure for the clubs. To the Government and citizens I express sincere appreciation for the help in this worthy cause.

Construction of new premises for the Hornsby Kuringai Police-Citizens Boys' Club, the Police-Citizens Boys' Surf Life Saving Club at Elouera Beach, near Cronulla, and the remodelling of the Orange Police-Citizens Boys' Club, to which I referred in my report for 1967, were completed and all buildings were officially opened during June, 1968.

In addition, construction was commenced of modern club premises at Sutherland. At Singleton, Western Suburbs, and Parramatta existing club buildings were improved. Sites were obtained at Blacktown for a Police-Citizens Boys' Club, and at Rockdale for the construction of new premises for the St George Police-Citizens Boys' Club.

The Federation's holiday resort, Camp MacKay, Kurrajong, continued to provide excellent holiday accommodation for boys from Boys' Clubs throughout the State and during the year some 7,000 boys stayed there throughout school vacations, and at weekends. As well as many other attractions the camp now has a sporting centre, complete with oval for field events, archery and rifle ranges and tennis and basketball courts.

The attaining of the objects of the movement is the constant aim of Police and citizens who are involved in the activities of the clubs and the success so far achieved at all levels of administration and operations is a tribute to their untiring efforts and devotion.

POLICE TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION

Police training and instruction at the initial, secondary, and extra-curricular levels is conducted principally at the New South Wales Police Training Centre, Bourke Street, Redfern, and the Australian Police College, Manly.

During 1968, 507 recruits for the Police Force received their initial training at the Police Training Centre.

Four classes for secondary training were conducted which were attended by a total of 597 Probationary Constables.

One Course for Officers, of 7 weeks duration, was held which provided training in a number of subjects including Administration and Leadership. This was attended by 28 senior non-Commissioned Officers who were maturing for appointment to Commissioned rank.

A Sergeants Course was introduced for members of the Force following their promotion to non-Commissioned rank which provides instruction and training in the subjects of organization, management, supervision, effective communication, and public relations. Two of these courses were held during 1968 and 52 non-Commissioned Officers were in attendance.

Another advance in the Police training programme was the introduction during 1968 of the Detectives Course. There were three of these courses held during the year and 84 selected Police who were engaged on criminal investigation duties throughout the State attended.

To maintain the high standard of efficiency of the Instructional Corps, Police Training Centre, two of its members participated in the Basic In-Service Teacher Training Course held at the Sydney Technical College. The number of members of the corps who have undertaken this course is now 14. A Supervision (Human Relations) Course was also held at the Sydney Technical College and two members of the Instructional Corps attended. There are now 12 Police Instructors who have completed this course.

By kind permission of the Dean of the Faculty of Law, the University of Sydney, Professor K. O. Shatwell, two Police Instructors attended lectures and seminars for First Year Law undergraduates at University Law School.

Extra Curricular Training

The Sixth Officer Training Course for Commissioned Police Officers was conducted at the Australian Police College, Manly, from the 19th February, 1968, to the 7th June, 1968, at which four Inspectors and two senior non-Commissioned Officers maturing for appointment to Commissioned rank, attended.

The Police Driver Training School

Equipped with modern facilities which include a driver training track of world standard, the Police Driver Training School at St Ives provided driver/rider training and testing for Police on all types of four-wheeled vehicles, and motor cycles which are used by the Department in all phases of Police duty.

Five hundred and forty-one Police were trained at the school to drive or ride departmental motor vehicles to the required standard of efficiency and 1,648 Police were tested for competency to become authorized riders or drivers of Police vehicles.

Public interest in the school increased during the year and a number of "open days" were held at which members of the public are afforded the opportunity of inspecting the facilities of the school and given demonstrations of driving proficiency by Police Instructors. In addition, selected Instructors addressed a number of clubs and other organizations on the purpose of the school and its activities.

ROYAL AND SPECIAL AWARDS PRESENTED TO POLICE

The undermentioned members of the Police Force were recipients of Royal or Special Awards during the year 1968:

British Empire Medal

Detective-Sergeant 3rd Class E. R. Nixon, Sergeant 3rd Class L. T. Dolan, Detective-Senior Constable F. A. Day.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct

Sergeant 2nd Class C. E. Mortimer, Sergeant 2nd Class T. C. Reid, Detective-Senior Constable M. P. Cooper, Constable 1st Class B. S. Fitzpatrick, Constable 1st Class N. F. Jones, Constable 1st Class W. A. Shute, Constable T. G. Fitzgerald, Constable K. J. McKnight, Constable R. J. Myatt.

Queen's Police Medal for Dinstinguished Service

Assistant Commissioner L. F. Newman, Detective-Superintendent 1st Class M. S. Small, Ex-Superintendent 2nd Class O. Maher, Ex-Superintendent 3rd Class J. Healy, Ex-Superintendent 3rd Class W. F. Jenkins.

Queen's Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal

This medal was awarded to 174 Police.

George Lewis Memorial Trophy

This trophy which is for the most courageous act by a member of the New South Wales Police Force, was awarded to Sergeant 3rd Class L. T. Dolan for his bravery in the course of duty in 1967, for which he also received the British Empire Medal and the Peter Mitchell Trust Award.

Alfred Edward Award

The award of this trophy for the most courageous act by a Traffic Constable during 1967 was made to Constable A. J. Thomson.

Peter Mitchell Trust Awards

Most Courageous Act-Sergeant 3rd Class L. T. Dolan.

Most Outstanding Performance of any Phase of Police Duty-Detective-Sergeant 1st Class J. McNeill.

Most Outstanding Police Sportsman of the Year-Constable 1st Class L. J. Mitchelson.

Most Outstanding Cultural Achievement-Detective-Sergeant 2nd Class D. B. Toohey.

Members of the Police Force obtaining Highest Marks in Qualifying Examinations:

Examination for Confirmation of Appointment—Police Woman Constable J. Holbourn. Examination for Constable 1st Class—Constable N. J. Stoves.

Examination for Sergeant 3rd Class-Detective Senior-Constable J. T. Anderson.

Examination for Sergeant 1st Class-Detective-Sergeant 1st Class N. R. Stevenson.

Examination for Inspector-Sergeant 1st Class M. T. Wood.

Examination for the Designation of Detective-Constable 1st Class J. G. Hill.

Abrahams-Stirling Trophy

The award of this trophy for the most consistent Police Mounted Trooper, which embraces horsemanship, care and attention to saddlery, neatness, stability, punctuality, attention to duty, discipline, and general conduct for the year 1967/68 was made to Constable C. J. Perkins.

T. A. Field Trophy

The award of this trophy for the most outstanding Police Mounted Trooper which is determined upon the standard of horsemanship was made for the year 1968 to Constable G. X. Clough.

John Dynon and Sons Award

The award of this trophy for the most outstanding Policeman or Police Cadet athlete or sportsman participating in organized Police sport or representing the Police Force in competition was made for the year 1967 to Sergeant 3rd Class F. J. Hyland.

Superintendent J. H. Milne Trophy

The award of this trophy for the annual prepared speech competition among members of the Police Prosecuting Branch and Court Staff for the year 1968 was made to Constable 1st Class R. P. Greenhill.

Professor Shatwell Award

The award of this trophy for the Probationary Constable obtaining the highest marks in the examination subject of Law at Secondary Training Courses conducted at the Police Training Centre during the year 1968 was made to Constable R. A. Baker.

Brigadier Hinton Cavalry Trophy

The award of this trophy for the most improved Mounted Trooper with less than 2 years' service with the Police Mounted Troop was made for the year 1968 to Constable R. B. Freund.

ACTS OF BRAVERY BY POLICE

The facts, briefly, of acts of bravery by members of the Police Force during the year 1968, were:

1. On the 22nd January, 1968, Detective-Constable 1st Class Barry Clyde Nelson arrested a man at Stanmore who was armed with a loaded .22 calibre rifle with which he had threatened to shoot any person who approached the premises.

2. On the 19th February, 1968, Sergeant 3rd Class William Bruce Moore and Constable Kenneth Raymond Stevens rescued a man from a rock ledge 30 ft below the cliff top at The Gap, Watsons Bay.

3. On the 11th March, 1968, Sergeant 3rd Class Gerard Joseph Connolly arrested a man at Hillston who was armed with a shotgun and sheath knife.

4. On the 28th March, 1968, Senior-Constable Eric Hopton, driving a Police car pursued a vehicle containing two men who had broken into a shop at Gulgong and stolen goods and money. After a chase extending for 14 miles at highspeeds during which the occupants of the vehicle threw various articles into the path of the Police car, the fugitives' vehicle crashed and the Senior-Constable arrested them.

5. On 29th March, 1968, Constable 1st Class Karl Heinz Hofer, after a chase grappled with and arrested a man in Crown Street, Sydney, who was carrying gelignite and detonators which he threatened to explode.

6. On the 10th April, 1968, Constable 1st Class James Winston Lutherborrow grappled with a man at Alexandria who was armed with a sawn off shotgun with which he had threatened the Constable. With the assistance of Detective-Sergeant 1st Class James Vincent Petith and Detective-Sergeant 3rd Class Robson Lacey Bradbury, the offender, who had a short time before held up employees of a bank and stolen a large sum of money, was disarmed and arrested.

7. On the 16th April, 1968, Probationary Constable Harry Edwin Coxell arrested a man at Petersham who was armed with a shotgun with which he had shortly before shot and killed two persons.

8. On the 27th June, 1968, Sergeant 3rd Class John Roxby Vickers, after a struggle, arrested a man at Five Dock who was armed with a loaded .25 calibre pistol with which he had earlier held up employees of the Totalizator Agency Board.

9. On the 2nd July, 1968, a man whom Detectives desired to interview in connection with criminal offences locked himself in a house at Glenfield with a 19-year-old girl and her 11-weeks-old baby boy. He was armed, and after firing a shot at the Detectives said he would shoot the girl and the baby if they tried to enter the house. Medical advice was that the mental condition of the man, who had a history of pyschiatric disorders, was such that there was every likelihood he would carry out his threat. The house was kept under close Police surveillance 24 hours a day until the afternoon of the 9th July, 1968, when the man came from the house with the girl and the baby who were unharmed. He was later admitted to the maximum security ward, Morisset Hospital. The fundamental principle underlying the decision not to use arms or tear gas against the man was that the lives of the girl and her baby whom he was holding hostage should in no circumstances be endangered. As an alternative to force personal contacts were made with the man by the Rev. Paton, Detective-Superintendent Fergusson, and the Commissioner of Police in an effort to persuade him to surrender. Because of the mental state of the man and the fact that he was armed these contacts were attended with danger.

10. On the 11th July, 1968, Constable 1st Class Desmond Sydney Brown arrested three men travelling in a stolen motor vehicle at Mudgee, one of whom was armed with a .22 calibre rifle, with which he had threatened the Constable.

11. On the 27th July, 1968, a man after shooting and fatally injuring a woman at Revesby forced her daughter with her young baby to accompany him to a nearby house and when the premises were surrounded by Police, he fired a number of shots at them. A large squad of Police kept the house under observation throughout the night and at about 1.30 p.m. the following day several tear gas projectiles were fired into the house by members of the Police Emergency Squad. The man then released the woman and her baby. A short time later he came from the house and was arrested.

12. On the 3rd August, 1968, Detective Senior-Constable Leslie Thomas Zahn, Constable Donald Kenneth Willoughby, and Probationary-Constable Gary Joseph Wiggens rescued a mentally disturbed man from a gantry outside the safety fence of the Sydney Harbour Bridge after he had threatened to jump to the roadway 170 ft below.

13. On the 18th August, 1968, Constable 1st Class Allan Noel Neate arrested a man at Sylvania who was armed with a rifle with which he fired on the Constable in an effort to avoid arrest.

14. On the 25th August, 1968, Detective-Sergeant 3rd Class John Kenneth Ellis arrested a man near Griffith who was armed with a loaded .303 rifle.

15. On the 8th October, 1968, Constable Richard Phillip Donovan Letchford arrested two men who had been involved in the fatal shooting of Sergeant 2nd Class Adam Boland Schell and Mr Frederick William Marshall, a nightwatchman, at Bobbin Head. Two other men concerned in the shooting were arrested on a launch at sea off Sydney Heads early on the morning of the 12th October, 1968, by Sergeant 3rd Class William Joseph Cooper, Senior-Constable Charles Richard Rothwell, and Constable Anthony Joseph Small.

16. On the 22nd October, 1968, Constable Paul Max Fuller arrested a man at Campbelltown who was armed with an axe and a tomahawk with which he attempted to strike the Constable.

17. On the 18th November, 1968, Constable Peter William Frew and Constable Desmond Anthony Mussing arrested a man at Vaucluse who was armed with a .25 calibre pistol.

18. On the 30th November, 1968, Senior-Constable Robert Donaldson Robertson and Constable 1st Class Allan Eric Sheppeard arrested a man at Young who was armed with a loaded rifle with which he had threatened to shoot them.

19. On the 1st December, 1968, Senior-Constable Donald Marshall Clive Hollier arrested a man north of Goulburn who was armed with a pistol.

20. On the 8th December, 1968, Sergeant 1st Class Thomas Charles Reid and Sergeant 3rd Class Gordon James Talbot grappled with and overpowered a mentally disturbed man who was armed with a carving knife with which he had threatened a woman and attacked the Police.

21. On the 21st December, 1968, Detective Senior-Constable Ian Maxwell Lane grappled with and, with the assistance of other Police, arrested a man at Stockton who was armed with a loaded rifle with which he had a short time before shot and seriously wounded a neighbour.

22. On the 22nd December, 1968, Constable John James King chased and confronted a man at Rockdale who was armed with a sawn off .22 calibre rifle with which he fired at the Constable at short range. Constable 1st Class William John Walton who had joined in the pursuit after hearing the shots found the fugitive hiding in an adjacent yard. After a short struggle the offender was arrested.

23. On the 30th December, 1968, Sergeant 3rd Class Neville Bowd and Sergeant 3rd Class John Maxwell Young, arrested a man at Homebush who was armed with a sawn off shortgun with which he had threatened Sergeant Bowd.

POLICE AND POLICE CADET SPORTING AND RECREATION ACTIVITY

Sporting and recreation activity by Police and Police Cadets was maintained during the year with a measure of success in a number of fields of competitive sport, brief particulars of which are as follow:

Bowling

The Australian Police Bowling Championships were held in Brisbane between the 1st and 5th April, 1968, in which teams from New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria, and Queensland competed. The New South Wales Police won the Triples Championship. Throughout the year the New South Wales team played against many other clubs in the Metropolitan and Country Districts.

Tennis

The Police Tennis Club competed in the Inter-Government Services Tennis Tournament during the year and was narrowly defeated in the final.

Golf

The New South Wales Police Golf Club again competed in the Australian Police Golf Carnival which on this occasion was held at Canberra during March, 1968. The Australian Police Golf Championship was won by Senior-Constable M. Ball and the runner-up was Senior-Constable J. Newton, both of the New South Wales Police Force. The Interstate Shield was retained by Victoria.

The finals of the New South Wales Police Golf Championships were held on the 8th August, 1968, at Manly Golf Club. The Club Championship was won by Senior Constable B. Warwick and the runner-up was Senior-Constable J. Newton. The "B" Grade Championship was won by Detective-Sergeant R. McKell and the "C" Grade by Sergeant A. Martin.

Football

During the 1968 season the Police Rugby Union Football Club did not participate in any organized competition but played ten matches against teams from the Military and Naval Forces, six of which they won. A match was also played against a visiting First Grade Team from New Zealand, "The Invercargill Blues". Winning honours in this game went to the New Zealand Team.

The Police Force did not field a Rugby League or Soccer Team.

The New South Wales Police Australian Rules Team participated in a competition conducted by the Armed Services and finished the season in fifth place.

Pistol Shooting

Members of the New South Wales Police Pistol Club competed in the Australian Police Combat Pistol Championships for the Dunlop Shield which were conducted in Brisbane in May, 1968. The team gained third place.

In competitions held within the New South Wales Police Pistol Club during the year, Sergeant 1st Class Sutherland won the Noguchi Shield for "Free Pistol" and the Hynes Plaque for "Centre Fire". The Hynes Plaque for "Rapid Fire" was won by Constable 1st Class Raymond.

The annual competition for the E. B. Richardson Trophy between the Commonwealth Banking Corporation Pistol Club and the New South Wales Police Pistol Club was won by the former for the second successive year.

Rifle Shooting

Members of the Police Rifle Club competed in the Metropolitan District Rifle Clubs Union Grade Shoot and succeeded in gaining third place in "C" Grade.

Seven members of the club participated in the "Queen's Shoot" at Long Bay Rifle Range, which was won by Sergeant 3rd Class Kennedy.

Cricket

The New South Wales Police Cricket Club is participating in an "A" Grade Competition conducted by the Moore Park Cricket Association and have taken part in games with the Armed Services.

Modern Pentathlon

Constable P. N. Macken won the Australian Modern Pentathlon Championship and Constable 1st Class L. J. Mitchelson gained third place. Each was selected to represent Australia in Modern Pentathlon events at the Olympic Games held at Mexico City during October, 1968.

Police Cadet Corps

The Police Cadet Corps fielded teams in Basketball, Rugby League, Soccer, Australian Rules Football, Squash, and Swimming.

The Basketball and Rugby League Football teams competed in New South Wales Public Service Competitions. The Basketball team reached the semi-final in the first series and filled fifth position in the second series. The Rugby League team was defeated in the first semi-final of the "A" Grade series.

During the 1967–68 swimming season, nineteen members of the Swimming team received their Bronze Medallions and three the Royal Life Saving Society Life Saving Certificates.

POLICE BAND

The Police Band again performed with distinction at many important public functions during the year. The band entertained patients in a number of hospitals, and performed at selected functions conducted to raise money for charitable organizations. It also participated in funerals of members of the Force.

Musical instruction was given by approved members of the band at a number of Police-Citizens Boys' Clubs in the Metropolitan Police District and their efforts made a valuable contribution to improving the quality of club bands.

POLICE PIPE AND DRUM BAND

This fine and popular band performed at a number of important public functions, and some of a charitable nature. The high standard of performance, discipline, and appearance of all members of the band was maintained throughout the year.

POLICE CHOIR

During the year the Police Choir gave 34 public performances, visited hospitals, and participated in concerts organized for charitable purposes. It also took part in the Remembrance Day Service at the Sydney Cenotaph.

The high standard of performance of the choir was maintained and it remains a valuable public relation.

CHURCH PARADES

Annual Police Church Parades were held in the Metropolitan and Country Police Districts on Sunday, the 20th October, 1968. They were well attended by Police of all ranks.

The Services in Sydney were held at St Andrew's and St Mary's Cathedrals to which Police attending marched in Park Street, in parade formation from an assembly point between Elizabeth and College Streets. They were led by the Police Bands.

INCREASES IN POLICE STRENGTH AND IMPROVEMENTS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT APPROVED BY THE PREMIER

In the interest of increased efficiency and to improve service conditions the Premier approved the following:

- (i) Increase in allowance paid to Police not in occupation of Government Quarters from \$54 to \$65 per annum for single men and from \$92 to \$110 per annum for married men, effective from the 1st January, 1968.
- (ii) Increase in Police motor vehicle fleet by 67 four-wheeled vehicles.
- (iii) Extension to members of the Police Force and Ministerial employees of the Police Department of the approval, given by the Public Service Board in respect of officers employed under the Public Service Act who retire on or after having attained the age of 60 years, for payment to be made of the monetary value of untaken annual leave as a gratuity with superannuation pension commencing on the following day.
- (iv) Increase in allowance in lieu of quarters paid to Commissioned Officers from \$260 per annum to \$312 per annum for Superintendents and \$200 to \$240 per annum for Inspectors, effective from the 1st January, 1968.
- (v) Increase in the authorized strength of the Police Force by 180 Police, including 15 Police Women, during the financial year 1968/69 on the basis of an intake of 60 recruits in each of the three training classes commencing in November, 1968, and February and May, 1969.
- (vi) The establishment of a scholarship scheme for Police undertaking the Diploma Course in Criminology at the University of Sydney. Four scholarships have been allotted, commencing in 1969.
- (vii) Amendment of the Police Rules to permit of Constables 1st Class with at least 2 years' service, in lieu of 3 years, on that rank sitting for the examination to qualify for promotion to the rank of Sergeant 3rd Class, and Sergeants 3rd Class with at least 2 years service, in lieu of 3 years, on that rank sitting for the examination to qualify for promotion to the rank of Sergeant 1st Class.

EVENTS OF SPECIAL PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Members of the Police Force performed duty on the occasion of the:

- (1) Visit in February, 1968, of His Highness Prince Norodom Phurissara, Foreign Minister for Cambodia, and Princess Norodom Phurissara.
- (2) Visit in May, 1968, of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh. Visit of Her Excellency, the Prime Minister of India, Mrs Indira Gandhi.
- (3) Visit in August, 1968, of Mr E. Heath, Leader of the United Kingdom Parliamentary Opposition.
- (4) Visit in September, 1968, of His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Korea and Madame Park Chung Hee.
- (5) Visit in October, 1968, of His Eminence Cardinal Joseph Slipyi, Archbishop Major and Primate of Ukrane.

In addition they performed escort and other duties when visits were made to this State by His Excellency the Governor-General of Australia, and when His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales attended important public functions throughout the State.

DEATH, DAMAGE AND LOSS BY FIRE, STORM AND TEMPEST

No serious floods occurred during the year but due to the particularly dry weather which was experienced serious bushfires occurred in many areas of the State.

In the North Coast Police Administrative District there were numerous fires which resulted in damage estimated at \$2,080,000 to approximately 100,000 acres of Crown and privately owned lands. In the Conglomerate State Forest, near Glenreagh, fires claimed the lives of three people.

During November serious fires, the worst in many years, occurred in various parts of the North Eastern Police Administrative District with extensive damage to property but fortunately no loss of life.

In the Northern Police Administrative District during November/December, extensive fires occurred in the Narrabri and Tenterfield areas. In Narrabri there was damage estimated at \$500,000 and in Tenterfield approximately 200 square miles of rough country and grazing land was burnt out. There was damage to fencing but there was no loss of stock or buildings. At Ghooli, near Mullaley, two men sustained serious burns while fighting a fire in a wheat paddock, one of them later died.

Bushfires occurred in most portions of the South Coast Police Administrative District during September/November causing widespread devastation. In a fire in the Candelo area an employee of the Forestry Commission lost his life. In the Moruya area during late September, fires were particularly serious. During October, major bush fires occurred throughout the whole of the area between Stanwell Park and Milton. A state of emergency within the City of Greater Wollongong was declared. An Emergency Fire Controller was appointed and a Fire Control Centre was brought into operation. Police and Army Units from Sydney and from the Royal Australian Naval Establishment at Nowra were brought in to assist local Fire, Police, and volunteer groups. Fortunately, there was no loss of life but the fire damage was considerable.

Between September and November extensive bushfires also occurred in many areas in the Metropolitan District. The most serious outbreaks were at Springwood, Valley Heights, and Warrimoo. While fighting the fires at North Springwood three Volunteer Fire Fighters lost their lives.

A fire which was burning in the Springwood area spread rapidly to Warrimoo, Blaxland, Glenbrook, Lapstone, and Emu Plains. At Regentville, near Emu Plains, it jumped the Nepean River and burned into the Orchard Hills and Mulgoa Districts. In this fire two men and a woman lost their lives. Property damage was estimated at \$1,059,000.

During the latter part of October extensive bushfires occurred in the Sutherland, Engadine, and Helensburgh areas, which spread to the Royal National Park. Six homes were destroyed, and other homes and buildings were damaged. There was no loss of life.

FIRES IN FACTORIES, BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS

Factories and Buildings

1. Plastics factory in Regent Street, Redfern, on the 28th February, 1968. Extensive damage was caused to the building, estimated at \$10,000 and stock valued at \$30,000 was destroyed.

2. Unoccupied building in Oxford Street, Darlinghurst, in course of demolition, formerly used as retail store, on 25th April, 1968. Damage was caused to adjacent buildings.

3. Office building in Rawson Place, Sydney, on 10th July, 1968. Damage estimated at \$1,000,000 was caused.

4. Retail store in George Street, Parramatta, on the 4th August, 1968. Damage to the building and contents was estimated at \$300,000.

5. Factory at Alexandria on the 25th November, 1968. The building, including machinery, and stock consisting of floor coverings of various kinds, were completely destroyed. Total cost of damage was estimated at \$3,000,000.

Dwellings

1. Dwelling, containing three flats, at Waverton on the 12th March, 1968, in which a young man died from burns.

2. Residence at Tahmoor, completely destroyed on the 2nd May, 1968, in which a man was burned to death.

3. Residence at Marrickville completely destroyed on the 6th June, 1968, in which a three-months-old baby was burned to death.

4. Block of flats at Bondi maliciously set on fire on the 21st June, 1968, resulting in the deaths of four persons. A man was later charged with murder.

5. Dwelling in Erskineville damaged by fire on the 6th August, 1968, in which a male child received burns from which he died.

6. Block of flats at Milsons Point damaged by fire on the 22nd September, 1968, in which a semi-invalid elderly man died from burns.

7. Dwelling at Campsie on 7th December, 1968, in which a woman was burned to death.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF COMMISSIONERS OF POLICE OF AUSTRALASIA AND SOUTH PACIFIC REGION

The Annual Conference of Commissioners of Police of Australasia, the South Pacific Region, and the Dominion of New Zealand, was held at Adelaide from the 29th April to the 3rd May, 1968. I attended the conference with the Secretary of this Department. Many matters of interest to all Forces represented were discussed and decisions taken in respect of those which would make for great efficiency in general law enforcement and the protection of life and property.

POLICE CONTINGENT FOR DUTY IN CYPRUS

With the approval of the Premier, 13 members of the New South Wales Police Force ranking from Sergeant 2nd Class to Constable left Sydney during May and June, 1968, as a component of the Australian Contingent of the United Nations Peace Keeping Force in Cyprus.

DEATH OF POLICE PENSIONERS

During 1968, 77 Police Pensioners died. Their age groups were:

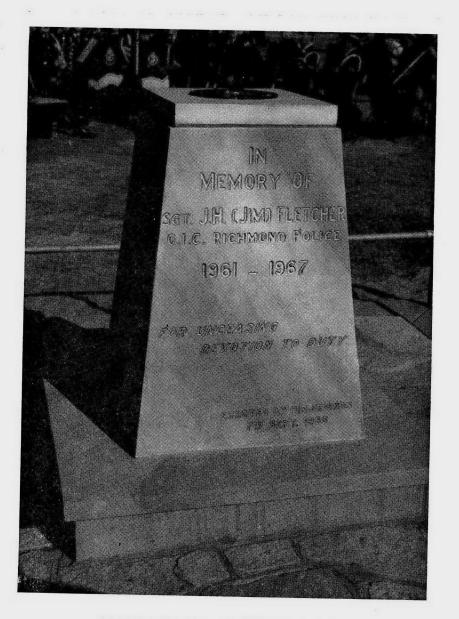
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Mr G. L. Smith, M.V.O., who retired as Deputy Commissioner of Police in July, 1960, after 34 years of distinguished Police service, died on the 21st June, 1968.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE SERGEANT 2ND CLASS J. H. FLETCHER

On the 7th September, 1968, a monument in the form of a sundial to the memory of the late Sergeant 2nd Class J. H. Fletcher, who served as Officer in Charge of Police at Richmond from 1961 until his death in 1967, was unveiled by the Mayor of Penrith before a representative gathering in Londonderry Park, Londonderry.

The monument was a tribute to the late Sergeant by the citizens and his fellow Police officers in the Richmond District in recognition of his devotion to duty, comradeship, and outstanding public service.



Memorial to Late Sergeant 2nd Class J. H. Fletcher

APPENDICES

Attached to this Report as appendices are:

- "A"—Return of serious crimes known to Police during 1968 and the number of such crimes cleared up during 1968.
- "B"—Return of cases dealt with by the Courts of Petty Sessions in New South Wales during 1968.
- "C"—Table showing Police strength, population, and number of prosecutions during each of the years 1949 to 1968.

Appreciation

I wish to conclude this report by placing on record my sincere appreciation for the loyalty and efficiency of the Officers and men of the Police Force, and members of the Public Service staff under the capable leadership of Mr W. R. B. Salkeld, Secretary of the Police Department.

To the many good people from all walks of life in our community, the Heads and staffs of State and Commonwealth Government Departments, and the executives and employees of the press, radio, and television organizations, I express my grateful thanks for the assistance and co-operation so readily given to all sectors of the Police Force without which their successful functioning could not be maintained.

> N. T. W. ALLAN, Commissioner of Police.

APPENDIX "A"

Serious Crime for the State of New South Wales 1968

	Crin	ne com	mitted				No. reported to Police	Crimes cleared up
Abduction					 		9	8
Abortion and attempts					 		5	5
Actual bodily harm					 		311	297
Arson					 		75	57
Assault and robbery					 		423	150
Bestiality					 		4	4
Bigamy					 		8	7
Break and enter					 		19,454	5,269
Carnal knowledge					 		861	857
Conspiracy					 		18	18
Demand money by men					 		20	12
Embezzlement and larce					 		836	826
False pretences and steal					 		3,627	3,492
Forge and utter					 		1,950	1,895
Grievous bodily harm							300	285
Indecent assault on fema					 		418	400
Indecent assault on male					 		360	351
Larceny					 		27,699	16,627
Larceny of animals					 		146	81
Larceny from persons							25	14
Larceny in dwellings							455	134
Manslaughter					 		127	126
Misappropriation							276	273
Murder					 		67	65
Murder—attempts					 		56	53
Perjury and false swearing	ng				 		2	2
Rape and attempts					 		208	175
Receiving					 		1,317	1.317
Robbery being armed		· · · ·		•••	 •••		101	49
Total	of ser	ious cri	imes		 		59,158	32,849

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0.7		Total for	In-	De-	Arr	ests	Summ Cas		Comn			Dispo	osed of	Summa	rily		Withd	
Offences	Total	Previous Year							fo Tri		Fin	ed	Impris	soned	Other dealt		or Discha	
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ffences Against the Person—										1								
Abduction	14	12	2		11	2	1	••	6	3	••	••	••				6	
Abortion, attempts, etc Assault and rob or with intent to rob	17 354	422	17		12	5	2	••	202	15	••	••	25	•••		··· ₂	4 63	
Assault, common, female or in company	6.948	6,256	692		328 3,036	24 122	3,353	437	203 48		903		252	4	1,459	116	3,727	3
Assault Constable or Special Constable in	0,940	0,250	092		5,050	122	5,555	457	40	••	905	40	252	5	1,439	110	3,121	
execution of duty	545	495	50		525	11	8	1	10		306	7	93		77	2	47	
Bigamy	12	16		4	8	2	ĩ	î	8	1	1					2		
Bodily harm, causing actual or grievous and																		
malicious wounding (excluding cases		1 months											1.000					
arising from driving)	583	449	134		503	43	35	2	243	15	6		19		54	6	216	
Concealment of birth	1	1	••			1										1	•• _	
Demand property by menaces or threat	18	37		19	16	2	••	• •	7	2	••	••	2	••	•• •	••	7	
Manslaughter (excluding cases arising from driving)	27 83	19 70	8 13	••	25 72	2	••	••	15 55	$\begin{bmatrix} 2\\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$	••	••	••	••	26	•••1	8 11	
Murder		36	13	••	49	11	••	••	38	3	••	••	••	••	0	1	10	
Murder, attempt or inciting	5	7		··· ₂	5		••	••			••	••	•••		5	••		
Setting fire to dwelling, person being therein			10		9	1			6								3	1
Other offences against the person	50	11	41		24	î	25	··· ₂	8	1	8				12		21	1
kual Offences—																		
Rape and attempts	139	172		40	139				87						13		39	1
Bestiality and attempts	8	8	• • • •		8				3						1		4	1 3
Buggery and attempts	101	42	59		101	••		••	52		1		2		37		9	
Carnal knowledge ndecent act between males in public or private	957 56	1,005	8		957	••	••	••	408	••	1	••	33		323 43	••	192	1
Indecent act between males in public or private indecent act—Male person party to in public or		48	0	••	56	• •	••	••	4	••	••	••	4	••	45	••	5	1
private	19	12	7		19						3		2		14			
ndecent act—Male person procuring or attempting		12		••	19	••	••	••	••	•••	5	••	2	••	14	••	••	
to procure in public or private	39	13	26		39				3				4		30		2	.
Indecent act—Male person soliciting or inciting																		1
in public place and attempts	18	5	13	••	18	••			7	• •	4		3		3		1	
indecent assault on females		375	57		432				208	••	3		24		88	••	109	1 3
ndecent assault on males	270	260	10	••	270	• •		• •	130			••	14	••	71 20	••	54	
Other sexual offences	43	26	17	••	43	••	••	• •	4	••	11	••	7	••	20	••	1	1
Bodily harm by wanton or furious driving	39	49		10	36	3			25			1	1		4	2	6	
Bodily harm by negligent act or omission	00	93		4	87		2	•••	54		••		1		4		30	
Culpable driving		99	23		121		ĩ		86						6		30	
Manslaughter	98	94	4		94	4			59	2					2	1	33	
Tetel	11.140	10.100	1.010		7.010				1 705						2 214	122	4 (20	
Total	11,149	10,139	1,010		7,043	235	3,428	443	1,785	45	1,248	56	486	9	2,314	133	4,638	

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Offences Against Property— Burglary, break and enter, attempts, etc Cattle, unlawfully kill, maim or wound Malicious injury to property Maliciously setting fire to property of any kind	7,361 228 1,799	7,501 42 1,975	i. 186	140 176	7,220 200 1,623	139 8 31	2 14 124	 6 21	3,149 2 49	17 	56 121 883	 4 17	703 13 111	28 2	2,186 25 405	83 1 12	1,128 53 299	11 9 21
and attempts	50 14 88	59 29 138	··· ··	9 15 50	50 14 70	₂	 13	 ₃	27 2 	 	4 34	 3	4 9 4	··· ··	8 3 32	··· ·· ₂	<mark>7</mark> ₁₃	··· ··
Total	9,540	9,744		204	9,177	180	153	30	3,229	17	1,098	24	844	30	2,659	98	1,500	41
Larcenies, Frauds, and Kindred Offences— Embezzlement and larceny as clerk or servant False pretences and attempts Forgery or uttering Found at night with intent to commit felony	1,134 4,084 1,390 79	1,168 4,486 1,333 96	··· ·57 ··	34 402 17	1,033 3,571 1,041 73	91 463 289 6	9 49 52	1 1 8 	219 322 228 40	40 5 10 2	347 769 216 7	7 139 157	115 1,370 288 10	1 136 53 	257 728 197 9	30 125 64 4	104 431 164 7	14 59 13
Found in enclosed yard, dwelling house, etc., for any unlawful purpose Found in any street, etc., with intent to commit	84	105		21 3	82	1	1	••			28	• ••	11		30	1	14	
felony—suspected person or reputed thief Goods in custody suspected stolen	70 1,553 1	73 1,341 9	2i2	 8	68 1,432 1	116	·· 5	 	3 70	··· ··	14 386		25 212	···3	19 330 1	39 	7 439	41
Larceny of or illegally using vehicle or boat Larceny as bailee	4,050 64 122 487 416 19,635 270	3,257 108 130 1,207 342 17,262 191	793 74 2,373 79	··· 44 8 720 ·· ··	3,925 64 119 463 375 16,470 257	108 24 40 3,094 12	17 	··· ·· ·· ·· 9	824 48 21 12 49 661 56	30 1 35 2	344 5 33 142 52 5,566 31	10 6 10 1,701 	982 2 11 105 114 3,840 14	9 3 278 	1,370 5 40 158 126 5,115 76	44 1 10 23 916 5	422 4 14 46 35 1,350 81	15 5 3 173 5
Obtain credit by fraud Pass cheque not paid on presentation Receiving Other offences under this heading	10 263 1,340 30	146 247 1,140 55	 16 200 	136 .25	8 185 1,272 30	 31 65 	 41 3 	2 6 	13 205 11	2 	4 30 281 1	 10 12 	2 19 255 8	 5 	2 55 323 4	 30 	109 211 6	·: 24 11
Total	35,082	32,696	2,386		30,469	4,345	241	27	2,782	134	8,256	2,087	7,383	491	8,845	1,296	3,444	364
Offences Against the Currency	26	9	17		26				8		9	••			1		8	

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Offences Against Good Order— ndictable Offences—																		
Conspiracy	26	19	7	••	21	1	4	••	15	•••	••	••	··· 2	••	1	1	9	
Transfers & Transmitte automa	3	1	2	••	28	1	••	••	5		2	••	2	••	••	1	1	
Incite to commit crime	9 259	3	6	••		101	••	••	53	-		••		iio		·i1	14	
Escape from custody		250 14	9	6	138	121		••	55 4	••	4	••	Colored 1	1000	18			···
Lewdness	8	14	••	0	1	I		••	4	••	••	••	••	••		••	••	-
Perjury and false swearing	1	2	•••		2	••	••	••	1	••	••	••	••	••	•• 1		••	
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Other indictable offences against good order		2	32	••		6	••	••		3	2		3	3	4	••	2	
	54	2	34		20	0	••	••	17	3	2		3	5	7	••	2	
Summary Offences— Absconding from bail	6	9		3	4	2			1	1	1		1			1	1	
Beg or gather alms	230	87	i43		203	27	••	••		-	18	2	136	18		6	12	1
Behaviour—riotous, indecent, offensive, threaten-	230	01	145		203	21	••	••		••	10	2	150	10	51	U	12	1
	8.063	14,408		6.345	5,362	2,485	169	47			3,611	2,306	28		1,500	160	392	60
	799	1,135	••	336	771	19	109	2	••	••	702	2,300	3	••	55	2	18	
	51	52	••	1	48	1	2		•••	••	35	1	4	••	9		2	
	120	170	••	50	120	1		••		••	114				6		-	1
Common gaming house, keeper, etc.	2,005	1,501	504		1,982	23					650	8	•••		1,331	14		1
Consorting	57	48	9		55	2					13	ĭ	28		12		2	
Constable, assuming designation of	44	58		14	44	~					24		8		9		3	1
Cutting instrument in possession	75	91		16	75	••					6	•••	34		23		12	1
Drunk, drunk and disorderly	58,438	55,803	2,635	10	55,302	3,135	1				8,944	585			45,670	2,511	689	39
Evade fare on public transport	1,762	3,577		1,815	87	8	1,196	471	1		1,105	440	7		127	24	43	1.
Explosive—Unlawful making or possession of	68	68			60	1	6	1	6		6	1	13		33	1	8	
Firearms, or machine gun, etc.—unlawful																		
possession	199	219		20	151	3	45		3		119		19	1	29	2	26	
Firearms—shoot or carry on Sunday	227	196	31		73	4	150				185				21	4	17	
House breaking implements in possession		319		179	139	1			47	1	8		18		28		38	
Idle and disorderly person (vagrants)	2,944	3,031		87	2,385	559			2		31	5	1,348	153	482	187	522	214
Language-profane, indecent, obscene, insulting,																		
or threatening	4,567	5,075		508	3,760	367	335	105			3,041	271	35	4	671	84	348	113
Pistol, unlicensed, in possession	219	208	11		205	3	11		11		97	1	24		44		40	1 3
Play at a game to annoyance, etc	100	264		82	182						61				120		1	
Prostitution, suffer	200	177	23		21	179					6	133	5	2	6	38	4	
Prostitution, male person living on	50	43	7		50						6		14		17		13	

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Summary Offences—continued Resist arrest and inciting thereto Selling liquor without license	780 380	972 294		192 	763 291	14 81	3 7	··· ₁	1 	··· ··	634 258	9 72	8 1		74 10	32	49 29	28
order aboard, etc	22 60 354 426 91	19 24 683 409 87	$ \begin{array}{c c} 3 \\ 36 \\ \\ 17 \\ 4 \end{array} $	 329 	22 ··· 240 422 56	 60 8 3 2	 99 1 33	··· ·· ·· ··	 1	·· ·· ··	20 215 129 51	40 5 	 1 67 11	··· 3 	2 53 190 21	16 1 2 1	 70 37 5	 1 9 1 1
Total	82,901	89,321		6,420	73,080	7,118	2,069	634	169	6	20,098	3,897	1,867	294	50,607	3,072	2,408	483
Offences Against Traffic Laws— Drive motor vehicle under influence, or attempt Other driving offences of all kinds Parking and allied offences	11,513	6,590 68,626 55,359 9,948	84 3,279 1,565	 6,875 	6,383 11,693 20 3,754	58 108 43	225 57,786 44,184 7,501	8 2,318 4,280 215	·io 	 	5,118 53,856 36,224 9,533	43 1,814 3,755 224	134 393 200	 3 1	934 5,193 1,294 936	18 334 181 19	422 10,027 6,686 586	5 275 344 14
Offences by pedestrians Use standing vehicle or set up stand for sale of goods Any other offences against the traffic laws	328 525 6,276	109 374 6,033	219 151 243	··· ··	269 504 817	5 ₂₃	50 21 5,279	4		 	89 455 4,599	2 	··· 43	•••	207 70 581	5 20	23	2
*Total	145,705	147,039		1,334	23,440	237	115,046	6,982	10		109,874	5,981	770	4	9,215	577	18,617	657
Breaches of Acts Generally (including offences not provided for under the foregoing headings)— Aborigines Protection	1,086 50 96	1,072 23 125	14 27 	 29	969 6 20	71 	38 44 73	8 ₃	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	··· ··· 1	879 35 59	54 	11 ₅	1	102 5 6	22 ₂	15 10 23	2
Meat Child Welfare Companies Crimes (Commonwealth) Customs (Commonwealth) Defence (Commonwealth)	14 1,183 503 827	7 1,206 813 544 123 31	7 283 22 	··· 23 310 ··· 10	523 16 659 100 12	491 1 30 2	14 114 427 123 43 9	55 59 15 	 6 5 17 5 	1 	12 25 290 522 112 14	2 36 27 2	217 4 169 4	iż9 	 299 19 53 9 4	333 2 4 	2 90 125 21 13 3	8 2

• Nore: In addition 431,066 persons paid fines to the Police Department without Court appearance in accordance with Section 18B of the Motor Traffic Act, 1909.

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provided for under the foregoing headings)-																		
continued eserted Wives and Children	142	127	6		10		05						1.5				-	
1 Court	143 278	137 192	6 86	••	48	2	95				4		15	••	46		78	
	362	215	147	••	6	-	202 253	68	••		152	57	• •		6	4	50	1
the first Channel and Industry	1,352	1,324	28	••	10	••	1,286	99 65	••	••	227	78	••	••	5	3	31	1
	210	320		iio	1			65 7	••	••	718	32		••	3		566	i
		1 180		110	15		188		••	••	148	4	•••	••	23	2	32	1
	1,139	1,180		41	3		1,133	3	••		972	3	3	••	77	••	84	
prestry	14	13	$\frac{1}{18}$	••			14	•••	••		12		•••			••	2	
aming and Betting	196				169	4	20	3			148	7	1		34		6	
overnment Railways—and By-laws	5,864	4,923	941	· 1 =	843	15	3,938	1,068			4,257	965	7		328	36	189	
awkers and Pedlers	3	18	••	15	2	27	1				2				1	.:		
ire purchase	805	1,492		687	181	21	499	98			260	39	•••	1	107	18	313	1
nmigration (Commonwealth)	16	36		20	1		15		••		15	••	1	• • •				
nebriates	303	432		129	190	11	93	9				1	219	12	48	4	16	
andlord and Tenant	1,000	607	393	in			875	12.5			23	12			403	46	449	
iquor (other than sly grog)	942	1,204		262	288	22	590	42			597	41			196	15	85	1
ocal Government and Ordinances	3,991	4,605		614	164	12	3,553	262	• • •		3,046	193			171	7	500	
otteries and Art Unions	• •	17		17			• •											1
aritime Services Act-Control of Navigable		0.15	00		22		200											
Waters and Boating Regulations-N.S.W	335	245	90	••	33	•• •	300	2			274	2			26		33	1
larriage	78	43	35	!	6	1	56	15	1	1	7	• •	1		31	9	22	
ledical Practitioners	13	5	8		2	1	6	4	••	••	3		• •		2	3	3	
oney-lenders and Infants Loans	4	15		11			4	••				••			2		2	
avigation (Commonwealth)	34	37	••	3	28	3	3				27	1	1	••	3	2	· · · _	1
bscene and Indecent Publications	32	35		3	11	3	18				16	1	2		4	2 2 3	7	
astures Protection	560	471	89	••	2	•• [545	13	••		480	8	••		29 17	3	38	
stol License (other than unlicensed pistol)	44	27	17	••	21		23		••		20	••	1			•:	6	
Disons	77	4	73		59	10	4	4			27	1	11		19	13	6	
blice Offences (except offences specially listed)	196	283			61		133	2			133	1	4		43	•••	14	
olice Offences (Drugs)	427	151	276		291	130	4	2	1		43	11	111	41	114	68	26	
olice Regulation	18	16	2		4		14				12		1		4	•••	1	
ost and Telegraph (Commonwealth) revention of Cruelty to Animals	2,647	2,400	247		125	7	430	2,085	1	1	444	2,050	9	1	65	20	36	
	67	113	•:	46	21	••	44	2	1		43	2	1		13		7	
rinting	21	11	10				21	• : .	•••		20	••			1			1
Public Health	264	280	••	16	14	1	237	12			219	6			10		22	
Public Roads	11	72		61			11				11							

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Breaches of Acts Generally (including offences not provided for under the foregoing headings)—																		
Pure Food	773 39	921 66		148 27	8 5	•••	732 32	33 2		•••	642 19	26 1	1		40 4	4	58 13	3
Stock Diseases	24	29		5	• •	•••	24			• •	19		• •		1		4	
Sunday Trading (Refreshment Rooms) Sydney Harbour Trust				15	•••					•••								
Theatres and Public Halls	8	9		1			8				7				1			
Vagrancy (except offences specially provided for											24		110	2	(2)			
elsewhere)	304	235	69		255	24	19 113	6	1	• •	34	11	119	2	62	6	58	11
Venereal Diseases	125 139	134	17				132	7			120	7			5		7	
Wild Flowers and Native Plants Protection	1	42		38			4				3	1			1			
Wool, Hide, and Skin Dealers	30	5	25		24		6				10	1.100			20	1.160		120
Any other Acts	26,320	21,175	5,145		710	129	18,446	7,035	2	• •	10,058	2,407	114	16	7,169	4,182	1,813	559
Total	53,137	47,798	5,339		5,907	997	35,009	11,224	40	4	25,221	6,088	1,032	211	9,631	4,810	4,992	1,108
RECAPITULATION-		-																
Offences against the person		10,139	1,010		7,043	235	3,428	443	1,785	45	1,248	56	486	9	2,314	133	4,638	435
Offences against property	9,540	9,744		204	9,177	180	153	30	3,229	17	1,098	24	844	30	2,659	98	1,500	41
Larceny, frauds, and kindred offences		32,696	2,386		30,469	4,345	241	27	2,782	134	8,256	2,087	7,383	491	8,845	1,296	3,444	364
Offences against the currency	26 82,901	9 89,321	17	6,420	26 73,080	7,118	2,069	634	169	6	20,098	3.897	1,867	294	50,607	3,072	2,408	483
Offences against good order	145,705	147.039		1,334	23,440	237	115,046	6,982	10		109,874	5,981	770	4	9,215	577	18,617	657
Offences against the traffic laws	52 127	47,798	5,339	1,554	5,907	997	35,009	11,224	40	4	25,221	6,088	1,032	211	9,631	4,810	4,992	1,108
Total	337,540	336,746	794		149,142	13,112	155,946	19,340	8,023	206	165,804	18,133	12,382	1,039	83,272	9,986	35,607	3,088

Applications for Orders, 1968

Classification	Total	Total	cases	Order	s made	No orde (after ev			vithdrawn tc.
		м.	F.	М.	F.	M.	F.	М.	F.
For Maintenance— Wife	4,714	4,714		2,408		357		1,949	
Child	2,029	2,009	20	1,336	4	144	3	529	13
Under Mental Health Act	26	23	3	19	1	1	2	3	
Varying order for maintenance	1,691	1,290	401	822	257	157	50	311	94
reliminary expenses	177	177		128		8	••	41	
Jncontrollable child	771	402	369	205	230	114	62	83	77
Neglected child	1,822 485	781 395	1,041	654 231	919 74	26	43	101	79
Breach conditions of release	599	498	90 101	231	35	90 25	9 7	74 235	7 59
Fraudulent removal (Landlord and Tenant)		1	1000		1			1	1
Prohibition (Liquor Act)	183	161	22	112	ii		3	40	
Sureties (Threats, &c., apprehended injuries	100	101		112		-	5	10	
to property and apprehended violence)	305	281	24	78	7	38	2	165	15
Mental Health Act. Orders for detention in									and the second
institutions	2	2		1		1			
Jnder—						1			
Forestry Act	1	1	1	1		1			
Landlord and Tenant (other than	1	1	••	1	••		• •	••	
fraudulent removal)	4,985	4.156	829	2,029	405	207	48	1,920	376
Local Government Act	206	181	25	100	5	6		75	20
Masters and Servants Act	7	7		3				4	
Marriage Act	427	240	187	138	96	39	27	63	64
Money Lenders and Infant Loans Act	45	32	13	15	3	2	7	15	3
Public Health Act	56	49	7	47	4			2	3
Child Welfare Act	1,071	694	377	400	221	23	16	271	140
Industrial Arbitration Act (Trade Union	38	31	7	5				26	-
levies)	2,335	1,892	443	5	261	104	41	26 387	7 141
Other Acts	2,555	1,092	443	1,401	201	10+	41	307	141
Total	21,975	18,016	3,959	10,371	2,533	1,351	320	6,294	1.106

Non-compliance with Orders, 1968

Classification	Total	Total persons brought before the Court		Cases withdrawn or discharged		Cases in which orders were subsequently obeyed		Cases in which defendants were imprisoned	
		М.	F.	М.	F.	М.	F.	М.	F.
For Maintenance—									
Wife	6,288	6,288	•••	2,196	•••	2,964	• •	1,128	
Child Under Mental Health Act	1,135	1,134	1	368	1	660	• •	106	••
Preliminary expenses	42	42	••	13	• •	19	••	10	••
Detention of property	203	175	28	71	16	99	12	5	
Sureties (Threats, &c., apprehended injuries	-00		20		10	,,,	1-		••
to property and apprehended violence)	30	27	3	14	3	2	••	11	••
Under—									
Forestry Act		• •		1 march	• •				
Landlord and Tenant Act	110	90	20	40	11	43	7	7	2
Local Government Act	59	52	7	27	6	21	1	4	
Masters and Servants Act	•••	•••	•••		•••	••		••	• •
Marriage Act	6	4	2	4	2	••	• •		• •
Money Lenders and Infant Loans Act Public Health Act	4	4	••		••	•••	• •	•••	••
Public Health Act	13	10	3	4	3	4 5	• •		••
Industrial Arbitration Act (Trade Union	15	10	5	7	5	5		1	••
levies)	8	8		2		2		4	
Other Acts	464	410	54	118	21	219	17	73	16
Costs of Court	800	699	101	480	46	109		110	55
Total	9,164	8,945	219	3,339	109	4,147	37	1,459	73

APPENDIX "C"

TABLE showing:

- (1) The relative strength of the New South Wales Police to the total population.
- (2) The number of cases before the Courts, and number relative to the population for the 20 years 1949 to 1968 inclusive:

			Strength of Force		Cases Befor					
Year					Number	Per 1,000 of Population	Number	Per 1,000 of Population	General Population	
1949					4,344 (a)	1.39	205,817	66	3,113,659	
950					4,410 (a)	1.36	214,917	66	3,244,597	
951					4,470 (a)	1.35	242,190	73	3,317,182	
952					4,641 (a)	1.36	269,197	79	3,405,389	
953					4,776 (b)	1.38	276,566	80	3,454,243	
954					4,719 (b)	1.38	294,282 (c)	86	3,423,887	
955					4,921 (b)	1.40	315,666 (c)	90	3,505,100	
956					5,026 (b)	1.40	435,093 (c)	122	3,566,145	
957	***				5,140 (b)	1.41	545,635 (c)	150	3,622,906	
958					5,291 (b)	1.42	638,155 (c)	172	3,708,317	
959					5,417 (b)	1.43	652,352 (c)	173	3,774,266	
960					5,567 (b)	1.45	684,413 (c)	178	3,847,549	
961					5,708 (b)	1.45	716,418 (c)	183	3,916,907	
962					5,849 (b)	1.47	766,537 (c)	193	3,976,736	
963					6,033 (b)	1.48	712,896 (c)	175	4,065,410	
964					6,215 (b)	1.50	722,409 (c)	174	4,135,558	
965	••	•••	••		6,401 (b)	1.54	741,630 (c)	176	4,211,922	
966	••	••	••	10000	6,817 (b)	1.61	802,930 (c)	180	4,231,103	
967	• •	• •	• •	••	7,153 (b)	1.64	748,193 (c)	170	4,347,309	
1967	••	••	••	••	7,326 (b)	1.65	768,606 (c)	174	4,430,200	
1908	• •	••	• •	• •	7,520(0)	1.03	700,000 (C)	1/4	7,750,200	

(a) Including Police Cadets and Trackers.
(b) Includes Parking Police, Police Women, Police Cadets, Special Constables, Matrons, and Trackers.
(c) Includes cases where penalties were paid to the Police Department in respect of Infringement Notices and not brought before the Court.