

FORMER NARCOTICS AGENTS OFFERED RANKS IN AFP

Eighty-four members of the investigative staff of the former Federal Narcotics Bureau have been offered appointment in the General Police Branch of the Australian Federal Police.

They were advised individually in letters sent out on Friday, 21 December 1979.

Altogether, letters were sent to 118 former narcotics agents advising them about their future role in the Force.

Thirty-four of the former agents are to remain in the public service field.

In a news release on 21 December the Commissioner, Sir Colin Woods, said one factor affecting the number of officers retained within the public service was the need to maintain a career structure in what had become a specialised field.

'Those not appointed to police rank will be employed in specialised areas including intelligence', Sir Colin said.

The Commissioner said other factors affecting the appointments had included age and physical health considerations.

Sir Colin said in the news release: 'it has been an exacting task, but I believe we have managed to achieve the best possible rationalisation of the manpower available from the former Bureau'.

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gathered, of the units at Commonwealth and State levels;

- (IV) the logistical arrangements associated with the physical establishment of the national and local crime intelligence units; and
- (V) any other related matters.

COMPOSITION OF WORKING PARTY

Under the direction of the Assistant Commissioners (Crime), a working party consisting of representatives of the following police forces:

- South Australia — organisation expertise
- Victoria — Bureau of Crime Intelligence
- New South Wales — Drug Squad operative



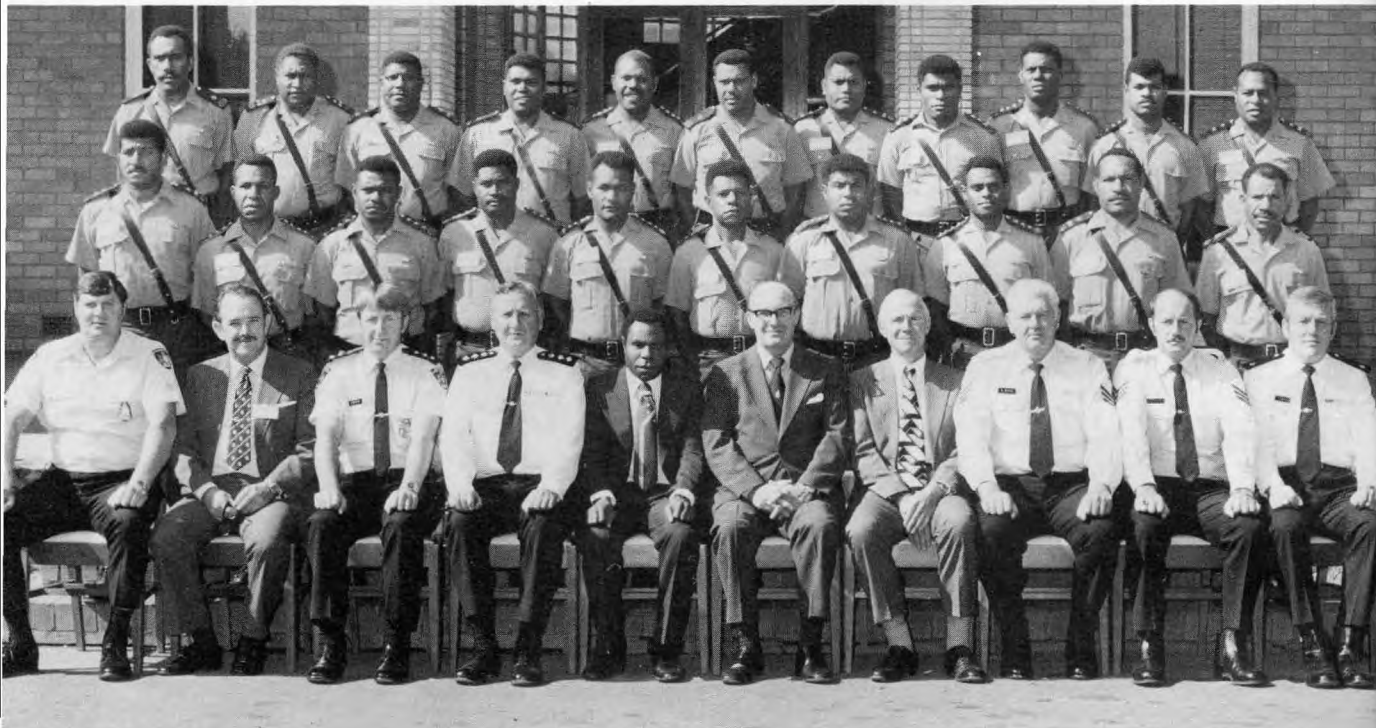
The Commissioner, Sir Colin Woods and Lady Woods were guests at the A.C.T. Branch of the International Police Association annual dinner held at Bunratty Castle in Canberra recently.



Inspector Hinchley, Assistant Commissioner J. Johnson and Senior Constables Phil Ritchie and Bill Lindsay who were presented with Commissioner's Commendations recently in recognition of their action in effecting the arrest of an armed offender.



Pictured after the presentation of the National Medal at Australian Federal Force Headquarters, Canberra recently are (l-r) Stn. Sergeant K. G. Taylor, Senior Sergeant B. J. Warren, Commissioner Sir Colin Woods, Sergeant R. G. Brown and Detective Senior Sergeant J. G. Franklin.



Pictured at the Australian Federal Police College, Canberra, recently, the Commissioner and college instructional staff with officers of the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary who attended a 12-week officers' course.

DIVING—A DEDICATION

by the Editor

Sergeant Alan (Dutchy) Holland, OIC of the A.C.T. Division Water Police, is a man of many roles, but his forte concerns saving lives and educating the public on water safety.

Alan 37, was born in Sheffield, UK, came to Australia at the age of eight, and with his parents settled in Albury NSW. On leaving school, he joined the NSW Police Cadets, but after one year resigned to join his brother in the plumbing industry. Not overly enthusiastic about pick and shovel work, he joined the former COMPOL in 1962 and after four and a half years resigned to join the former A.C.T. Police.

His police career has included four years on general duties, three years as a Traffic Branch motorcyclist, one year as Rural Patrol Officer, one year as Sergeant in the Communication Unit, a short term in the Crime Intelligence Unit and, for the past year, OIC of the Water Police and Sergeant-in-Charge of the Underwater Recovery Unit.

Alan has undertaken and passed courses ranging from Supervision/Human Relations, Map Reading, Search/Rescue Techniques and Rescue Instructors' courses with



various Australian and world recognised agencies.

A diver for eight years and involved with the search and rescue squad for eleven years, becoming a master of the theory and practical knowledge of saving the lives of people in distress in remote locations has been one of his primary objectives. This dedication to diving has earned Alan the unique distinction of being one of the highest qualified police divers in Australia.

Since 1974 he advanced from

diver class two to advance diver, completing a two-year course at the Australian National University covering such subjects as navigation, marine biology, underwater photography, decompression treatment, underwater demolition and cutting equipment.

Not content with this course under his 'air tank', Alan enrolled with the Federation of Australian Underwater Instructors to complete his advanced diver's and instructor's ticket.

His qualifications include Diver/advanced Diver (Australian Underwater Federation), Advanced diver/Instructor (Federation of Australian Underwater Instructors), Police Diver (N.S.W. Police Force), and Rescue Instructor (National Emergency Services College) and Advanced diver (Australian National University).

For life saving he has undertaken courses with the St John Ambulance Association and the Royal Life Saving Society of Australia

Besides holding certificates for First Aid, he has the RLSS bronze medallion, the sub-aqua bronze medallion, and is an instructor in resuscitation and sub-aqua diving, as well as being examiner for the Society.

During his police career Alan has been the recipient of three Commissioner's Commendations. Alan has offered to write two articles for 'Platypus' on water safety and boating and these will be published in following issues.



The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Sir Billy Snedden, visited AUSTCIVPOL recently. He is pictured here with (from left) contingent commander Chief Inspector Davis, the Australian High Commissioner to Cyprus, H. E. Miss Erica Grimwade, and the force commander, Major-General Quinn.



Superintendent F. J. Humphries (right) presents a cheque for \$1781 towards the Bill Pense Appeal to Senior Inspector Don Lawrence, W.A. Police, watched by Detective K. J. Humphrys of AFP.



Better late than never ... Graduates and instructors pose for a formal group photograph on Friday, 19 October — 'Day One' of the new force — at the conclusion of an 18-day Crime intelligence training course. 'Platypus' apologises that the above was held over from the first issue for space reasons.

STOP PRESS

Chief Inspector John Thurgar (see story Page 3) was awarded the Star of Courage in bravery awards announced on Thursday, 14 February, by the Governor-General, Sir Zelman Cowen. Senior Constable Mark Billerwell (City Station, Canberra) received a commendation for brave conduct in the same list.

STUDY GRANTS

Four police officers — from New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania and the Australian Federal Police — are to receive grants for overseas study, the Minister for Administrative Services, John McLeay, announced recently.

The grants, each worth \$5000, are the first to be awarded under a special study grants scheme, open to police throughout Australia. They will be awarded annually.

'Forty police officers applied for the initial grants', Mr McLeay said.

'The four successful applicants were chosen by a committee set up by the Board of Control of the Australian Police College, Manly, N.S.W.'

They are: Sergeant First Class Lionel Duff Kellock, N.S.W. Police; Senior Sergeant Francis Michael Rynne, Queensland Police; Sergeant First Grade Ronald John Martin, Tasmania Police; Inspector Alan John Sing, Australian Federal Police (Sydney).

Mr McLeay said the new scheme was not simply an award for a sum of money.

'Rather, it is a sponsorship by the Board of Control of the Australian Police College of approved travel and the payment of travelling allowances to value not exceeding \$5000.

'The Board of Control is made up of all Australian Police commissioners and the Commissioner of the New Zealand Police', he said.

'The grants are a sound investment for increased police expertise.

'When one considers the high calibre of the recipients and the nature of the study they propose, the value of the new scheme becomes obvious.

'I extend to the four recipients congratulations on their being selected and best wishes for the success of their various study projects', Mr McLeay said.

Inspector Sing, Australian Federal Police (Sydney), will use his grant to research social, judicial and legislative attitudes and trends and consequent relationships to human rights, the law of arrest, the law of search and seizure and the admissibility of self-incriminating evidence.