

OBITUARY



Manfred Kurt Albrecht

The sudden death occurred in Melbourne on 31 December 1979 of Detective Senior Constable Manfred Kurt Albrecht, 36, who was attached to the Airport squad at Tullamarine.

Born at Halle, Germany on 30 October 1943, Kurt came to Australia in 1956, living at Cairns, Queensland, until 1966 when he joined the Australian Military Forces.

He joined the former Compol in October 1967 and served initially in Victoria District then in SA—NT District at Darwin until early January 1975 when he and his family were evacuated back to Melbourne when cyclone 'Tracy' devastated their home.

He was accorded a police funeral which was attended by many of his friends and colleagues. The cortege was led by a motorcycle escort provided by Victoria Police.

Kurt is survived by his wife, Lynette, and a seven-year-old daughter.



Albert 'Barney' Clothier

Members in Central Division of A.F.P. were saddened to learn of the passing of a popular colleague in Senior Constable Albert Clothier who died on 8 December 1979.

Born at Penong, S.A. on 3 January 1922, the late Barney Clothier (as he was known) enlisted in the army in 1942 and saw service overseas firstly in the Pacific campaign and occupation forces in Japan following World War II and again with the U.N. Forces in Korea during 1949-1950.

Rising to the rank of Warrant Officer, Barney

ended his military service in 1960 to take up a position with the South Australian Prisons Department.

He joined Compol in 1961 and served his entire police career in the Central Division (S.A.-N.T. District) mainly at Salisbury, Woomera and Maralinga.

He is survived by his wife Alice and nine children.



Reginald John Vandenberg

The death occurred on 10 December 1979 of Senior Sergeant Reginald John Vandenberg, following a short illness. A popular and greatly respected supervisory Sergeant, his untimely passing shocked not only members of the A.F.P. but the Canberra community.

Affectionately known as 'Vandy', he was born at Picton, N.S.W. on 13 September 1922. On leaving school he held various positions as a shop assistant prior to enlisting in the A.I.F. during World War II. He served as a medical orderly in the Middle East (Palestine) and returned as a gunner, to serve in the South West Pacific Campaign.

In 1953 he joined the Peace Officer Guard and served a one year period in South Australia and in 1955 transferred back to the A.C.T. District. When Compol was formed in 1960 he transferred to it with the rank of Senior Constable. In 1964 'Vandy' led the advance party of Australian Police to Cyprus (U.N.F.I.C.Y.P.) and remained with the first contingent until May 1965. During 1966-68 he served in Victoria District and was attached to special duties at Timbertop during the stay of H.R.H. Prince Charles.

'Vandy' was posted to Moscow from July 1973 to July 1975 and then to Warsaw from 1976 until August 1978. On his return he held the position of Supervisory Senior Sergeant in the Duty Room at A.C.T. District Headquarters. He was the recipient of three commendations by former A.C.T. Police Commissioners and following twenty-six years in the Police Force received a bar to his National Medal.

He was accorded a police funeral which was attended by many of his colleagues. He is survived by his wife Norma and son Russell.