

OBITUARY

Anthony James Barge

Members of the Australian Federal Police were deeply saddened recently by the death of former member, Anthony Barge.

Tony was born in Lambeth, London, on January 7 1928. As a boy aged 10 he accompanied his family to Australia and arrived in Sydney in June 1938.

Educated initially at Molong Public School, Tony went on to teacher training before graduating from the University of Sydney Law School with a diploma of criminology.

Tony joined the New South Wales Police Force in August 1948, and had 25 years service in that force during which time he covered a varied and wide range of duties.

For 11 consecutive years he was involved in the training field both as an instructor and as director of detective training and was instrumental in introducing new detective training courses for which he was commended by the Commissioner, New South Wales Police.

On leaving N.S.W. Police in 1973, Tony joined the Department of Customs and Excise as a senior technical advisor charged with developing law enforcement disciplines and providing expert advice to upgrade law enforcement training programmes. In recognition of his outstanding contribution to training Tony was subsequently promoted to Assistant Director.

Tony then joined the former Compol and in October 1974 was appointed Principal, Australian Police College. He served in this position until transfer as O.I.C., N.S.W. district, in early 1977.

Following a sudden illness, Tony retired from Police service in June 1978.

In recognition of his services to the training field, a wing of the Federal Police College at Barton, A.C.T., was named the A.J. Barge Lecture Halls in 1979.

Tony was accorded a police funeral with full honours by N.S.W. Police which was attended by many of his colleagues including Sir Colin Woods, Mr Cec. Abbott (N.S.W. Police) and other senior police.

He is survived by his wife Verna and four children.

Ambross William Ernest Davis

On June 18, Senior Constable Ambross Davis died after suffering a heart attack shortly after arriving for duty at the Lodge in Canberra. He was accorded a full Police funeral which was attended by members of his family from South Australia, Sir Colin Woods and a large number of officers and members with whom Ambross had worked during his years of service.

Ambross joined the former Commonwealth Police in 1962 after serving 12 years with the Royal Australian Navy. He spent all his police career in the Australian Capital Territory.

Although a quiet man, Ambross was popular and greatly respected by those who worked with him and his passing caused much sadness to members of our Force.



Members of the A.F.P. Companies Squad present an A.F.P. plaque to Mr Stanley Summers, Assistant Secretary, Companies and Securities Branch, Dept. of Business and Consumer Affairs. Mr Summers was, until recently, the Registrar of Companies with the Corporate Affairs Office in Canberra and as such worked closely with the Companies Squad. Pictured at the presentation (L-R) are Detective Senior Constable Geoff Murphy, Sergeant Steven Raleigh, Assistant Commissioner Alan Watt, Mr Stanley Summers (Registrar) and Detective Sergeant Arthur Wallwork.