Left to right — front row: Sergeant L. Foster; Inspector W. Griffiths; A/Superintendent A. Mills; Chief Superintendent N. Headland; His Excellency Mr A. Sapias; Commissioner Sir Colin Woods; Chief Inspector L. Iara; Inspector D. Sharp; Inspector J. Sharp; Chief Inspector A. Bunt. Background: Members of the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary with First Constable C. Griffith.

own country in a course involving both theoretical training in Canberra and some time in the field with various groups around Australia.

Shortly before the PNG course ended in April, a course similar to the Malaysian one began for 11 narcotics enforcement officers from

Thailand. This course was funded by a direct Government aid grant to Thailand administered by the AFP.

OUR NEW MINISTER

Mr Newman took over as Minister for Administrative Services and Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence after the general election late last year when our former Minister, Mr John McLeay, decided to leave the Parliament and accept the post of Australian Consul-General in Los Angeles.

The new Minister has a long military background, and says this gives him an understanding of service problems, many of which he believes are shared by police officers.

Aged 47, Mr Newman was born and educated in Sydney, and attended the Royal Military College, Duntroon. He saw active service in both the 1956-57 Malaysian emergency, and in Vietnam in 1967-68. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel as Deputy Commander of the Sixth Military District in Tasmania.

In 1975 he won Liberal Party pre-selection for the Launceston-based House of Representatives seat of Bass, and entered Parliament in an

historic by-election in June that year.

After the Fraser Government was elected to office in December 1975, Mr Newman became Minister for Repatriation. In July 1976 he became Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development. After the December 1977 election 1979 he became Minister for Productivity and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister in Federal matters.