

RAY McCABE:

A POLICE LIFE

by Stephen Simpson

THE recent retirement of Assistant Commissioner Ray McCabe has ended a 35 year police career that has been both distinguished and interesting.

Mr McCabe's career began in the Kenya Police. Then his service in the Commonwealth Police saw, among other things, postings to Saigon, Phnom Penh, Osaka and Paris. In the AFP he worked on the establishment of the BCI and was its first commander; he has commanded the Internal Investigation Division; he was Chief of Staff to Commissioner Grey; and he was Assistant Commissioner Northern Command when he retired on August 12, this year. He has also been awarded the British Empire Medal and the Queen's Police Medal during his service.

Mr McCabe was born in England on September 26, 1932. "I was probably conceived in Kenya but born in England while my parents were on holiday there", he said. His British parents had moved to Kenya shortly after World War I. He was educated at the Prince of Wales School in

Kenya. He had always wanted to be a police officer, not because of any family pressures or tradition, although he recalls that his great grandfather was Director

General of Police in India in the last century.

He joined the Kenya Police in January 1953 and spent most of his 10 years there in the Criminal Investigation Department. He was an Assistant Superintendent and second in command of the Nairobi C.I.D. when the impending independence of Kenya influenced his retirement in November 1963, at the relatively young age of 31.

He then tried to transfer to the Hong Kong police which was, along with Kenya, part of the Colonial Police Service, but he was unsuccessful. He believed his senior rank on retirement from the Kenya Police was against him.

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Mr McCabe joined the Commonwealth Police in February, 1964, starting a new

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Ass. Comm. Ray McCabe farewelled by Commissioner McAulay.



Det. 1st. Const. Clinton Guthridge

DETECTIVE AWARD

"I really don't think the people of Australia realise just how bad the drug problem is in this country — particularly with heroin and cocaine," Detective First Constable Clinton "Gus" Guthridge said.

And the officer who won the annual Excellence in Detective Training Award has equally blunt views about the drug war.

"We are not winning the war at the moment. We need more resources around Australia, that is the essential problem. Most of the people we are

facing are organised; they are organised crime figures with a lot of resources."

Gus, 25, who comes from Heywood in south west Victoria, graduated in September 1983 with above average results and was posted to Melbourne.

After serving initially with the general duties section he was transferred to the joint AFP/Victoria Police Task Force where he worked on some major cases. He was subsequently transferred to the Southern Region drug unit and then to the Fraud and General Crime Branch.

He returned to the Southern Region drug unit in April, 1987.

Gus completed Detective Course 1/88 on April 22, 1988 and was selected as the dux of the course. On May 30 this year he received his designation as a detective in the AFP.

