

# Farewell Nivison-Smith

**T**UESDAY November 17 was a day which held little joy for many members of the Australian Federal Police, as Station Sergeant Kevin Nivison-Smith handed in his badge and hung up his cape for the last time.

Kevin retired from the force on grounds of invalidity after a police career spanning 41 years which took him to both sides of the nation.

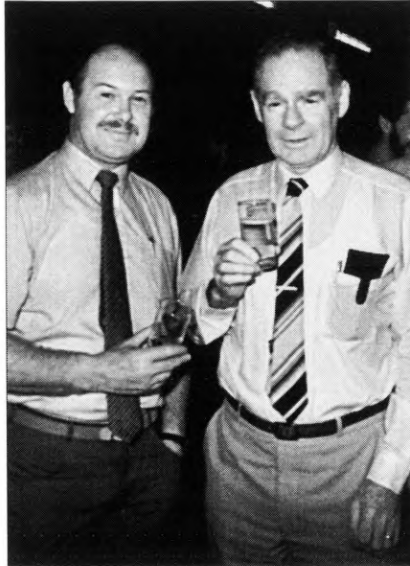
Station Sergeant Nivison-Smith was born in Narrabri and joined the New South Wales Police as a cadet in 1946.

He served with the NSW force for the next eight years before becoming disenchanted and deciding to try his hand in private enterprise.

However, the memories lingered on and the ties with police work were hard to sever.

So much so, that on December 31, 1959 Kevin was sworn in as a member of the ACT Police Force.

He was attached to the General Duties Branch for about eight months before becoming Commissioner's Clerk, a position he held for the next 18 months.



*Stn. Sgt. Nivison-Smith (right) with Insp. Richard Maughan at his farewell.*

He spent a further 18 months in the ACT Traffic Branch and then returned to General Duties, City Station.

Kevin was promoted in 1971 enabling him to take up duties as Traffic Adjudication Sergeant for two years. A further promotion to Sergeant First Class

resulted in his transfer to Woden Police Station.

In 1979 he moved back to City Station where he remained for a year with Superintendent Prigg until transferring to Western Region in July, 1981.

Upon arrival in Western Australia he took up duties as Officer-in-Charge at Perth Airport where he was responsible for the day-to-day running of both the domestic and international terminals.

The Australian Federal Police Station at Perth Airport was the site for a well patronised farewell function.

Kevin's popularity was evidenced by the large gathering of AFP members from Western Region.

In addition the function was attended by airport staff from Customs, the airlines and management representatives from both the Domestic and International Terminals.

The occasion was marked by speeches praising Kevin for his co-operation and dedication to his duties at the airport since 1981. Messages of congratulations on a job well done from Deputy Commissioner Johnson (Administration) and other senior officers were read to the gathering.

The acting Regional Commander, Detective Chief Inspector Ken Curnow presented Kevin with a scroll, listing his history of service with the ACT and Australian Federal Police.

In keeping with his hobby, wood carving, Kevin was presented with an electric grinder and wood-carving tools as farewell gifts.

## LETTERS

Sir,

During my recent business trip to Australia, I experienced the warmest and most generous hospitality that it has been my good fortune to receive anywhere in the world. I was shown every possible consideration by the very professional officers of the Australian Federal Police, which enabled me to complete my business and have a very nice visit in your beautiful country.

I have written separate letters to John F. Wheatley, Dorothea Koopman, Jon Bowerman, and John Roche, thanking them for their excellent assistance in helping us sort out the extradition paperwork and in meeting the right people. I wish all extraditions were as easy as this one was made.

If you or any of your officers ever make their way to Sacramento, my wife and I would be very grateful if we could be your host.

**Arthur F. Van Court**  
United States Marshal  
U.S. Department of Justice  
California

Sir,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the assistance rendered by Sergeant William J. Williams, Senior Constables John Barrett and Gordon O'Conner, Detective Sergeants Archie Hay and Richard Gray of your agency, during a recent child abductions investigation conducted by the Illinois State Police.

Due in large part to the professional efforts of these fine officers, we were able to recover the child and reunite him with his mother. The alleged offender, Marian Czapski, was arrested in Australia and extradited to the United States, where he is currently awaiting trial on charges of child abduction and aggravated criminal

sexual abuse stemming from an earlier incident involving the sexual molestation of a young boy.

Assistance of this type is always appreciated, and please extend my personal gratitude to these fine officers.

**Jeremy D. Margolis**  
Director  
Illinois State Police  
U.S.A.

