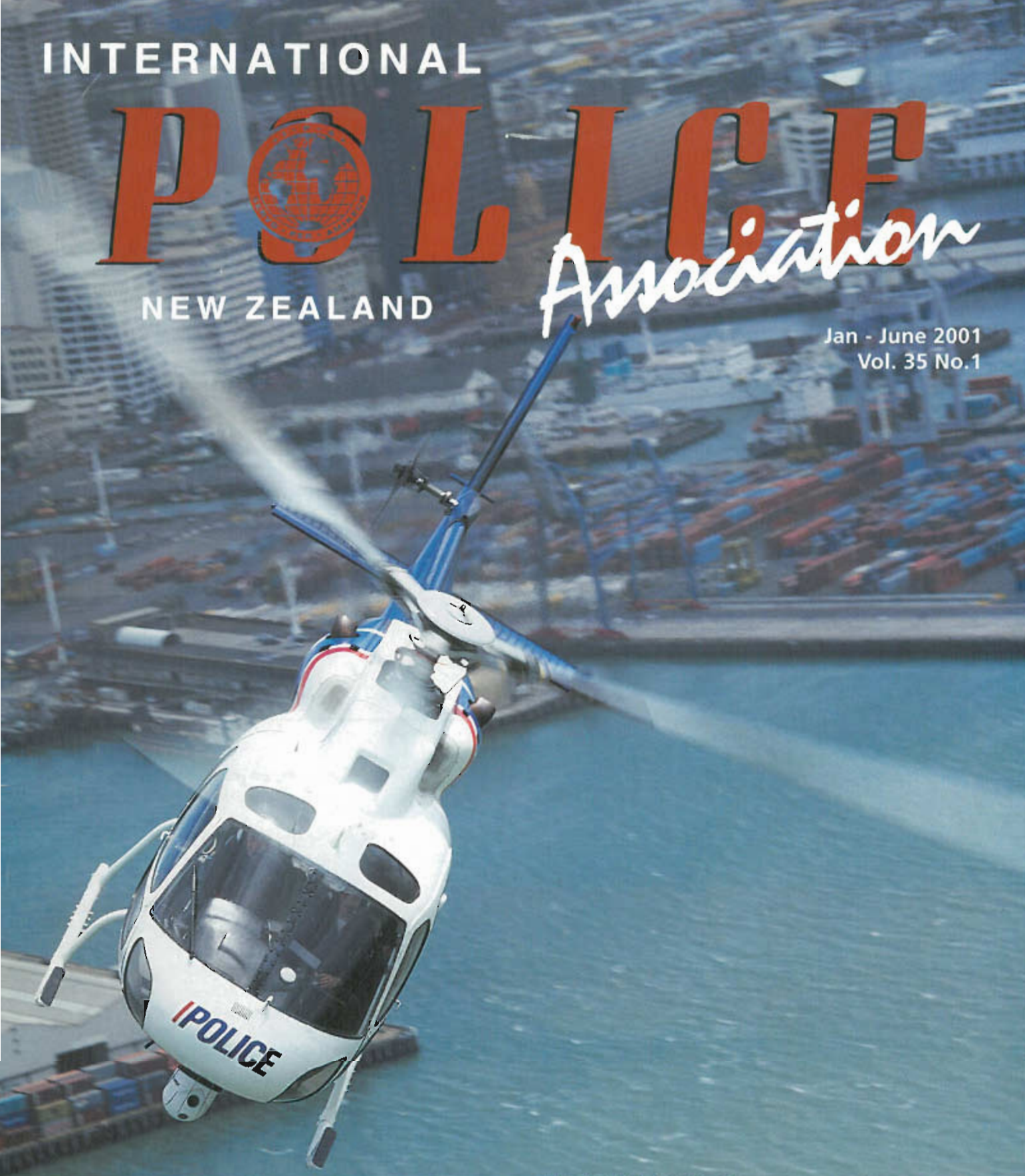
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From the Editor to you



Hello, greetings, kia ora, kia orana, malo e lelei, talofa,

This is my first editorial for the New Zealand IPA magazine and I hope it will not be my last. I say this "tongue in cheek" because it has been a long uphill battle to get this magazine published and out to you all, a real struggle.

And as I say thar I must mention that the look of this magazine will probably be very different to what you have been used to.

The Editorial Team and Advisory Board and myself, are striving to produce a good quality magazine with a bit of everything for everybody – not an easy task considering the wide range of people who read this.

The biggest hurdle that I have faced in my new job has been to try and answer the question – "what's in it for me if I join IPA?"

For the many members who have been with IPA for yeats, the main answer has been, friendship.

Now, for the modern man or woman it doesn't seem to be much of a product to buy. Who would want to belong to an organisation that only offers friendship, camaraderie – across the seas, the ranks and across the political rubbish that seems to pervade every public service these days? Yes, who wants to buy into that?

Well, I must admit,rhat it's probably a hard one to sell but consider this. For many IPA members who have left the job and carried on theit lives, the friendships that they have made in the IPA have stuck with them, tegardless. The friends tbey have made from overseas, people they have hosted have welcomed them into their homes many years later, even if they have "left the job".

Ir seems to me that promorions may come and go, stations come and go, resttructuring (well, that just comes and hasn't yer gone) but IPA will be there until the bitter end. And if you ask me, friendship is still a valued treasure. No hard-sell needed here.

IPA GRADUATION

For many of our members who might have graduared from the police college many or perhaps, not so many, years ago; rhe memories of that solemn occasion might have faded.

As a spouse of a former police officer, who I had met years after he had graduared, I have never experienced the occasion or the sense of honour and tradition that goes with it.

As I read through the programme of the first IPA training wing to go rhrough the Royal New Zealand Police College at Porirua, I was almost brought to tears.

Why was that, I wondered?

Was it because I had missed out on baving seen my husband on such a special day in his life?

Was it because of the stirring words written in the speech notes given by Superintendent Steve Long in which he speaks abour colleagues being there ro help and supporr these new trainees. Or about the pride the new trainees should take in their achievements.

Maybe it was because of Commissioner Robinson's speech which contained words like "hard work", "dedication", "compassion", "integrity", "responsibility", "respect" and "admiration". Words which hold a lot of truth, depth and meaning.

I think that it really came down to the Maori welcome, the mihi —

KAEA: "So who is it that we say is affected by our work?"

KATOA: "Indeed we stand before God, but yet, it is all people of this nation."

KAEA: "So exactly what will you do?"

KATOA: "We are the caretakers of the law, we are slaves to all people,

Warriors of leadership, warriors of peace."

KAEA: "It is said rhat as one fern leaf dies, so another rises to take irs place.

This is a sacred saying handed down to us."

And in the words of the haka –

"Whether we are from far or nearer regions

Let us draw closet, yer closer again

Indeed let us unite as one at this time.

Yes, although we come from many different origins we now unite and resound like the four winds of the world.

We have sought knowledge that pertains to policing that we may be armed well for the job that lies ahead.

The knowledge we have gained is that handed down by our forebears.

It is knowledge to be treasured.

So tell me who will rake the fruits of this knowledge to the world?

For it is this group that stands before you roday

Who takes this knowledge from this nest of learning

From this Police College that stands above us.

May this College stand forever more."

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The Editor,

May Seager

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Letter to the Editor

A Tribute to Paddy Murphy

Pam and I got lucky in 1987 when we visited Auckland and met Paddy Murphy. For us he epitomised the IPA. Our welcome was sincere and friendly without being effusive and we were looked after as family.

Barbara and Paddy raised their eyebrows at this mad couple from the UK who wanted to swim in the Pacific in late December.

They warned us the sea temperature would be cool, then took us to some marvellous beaches.

(I think Paddy had forgotten how cool summer remperatures in the UK could be and we had some great swims).

They introduced us to the delights of the Auckland area and when we left them to go up to the Bay of Islands for Christmas, they told us the places to avoid and the places to go.

We were fortunate enough ro be able to hosr them when they visited the UK a couple of years later.

In Brisbane in 1996, we mer them again at the opening ceremony of the World Congress. This was an unexpected pleasure as neither Paddy nor Barbara were enjoying good health at the time and it was great to be able to have a brief stay with them in Tauranga rwo weeks later.

In spite of the ill health he struggled with for a numbet of years, Paddy's commitment to IPA was a huge as his ability to poke fun.

His ironic humour was reflected on a tegular basis in articles published in your magazine. Paddy was an Irishman who appreciated Irish humour. A man who took part in rhe Normandy landings in World War II, Paddy was fascinated by all aspecrs of military history and his knowledge of the Maori wars was supreme.

His death in early April will leave a gap impossible to fill and our hearts go our to Barbara and his family in rheir sad loss.

Rest in Peace my friend.

Roy Jones,
Editor, No 7 Region, British Section.

Coming Events Home and Abroad

- **July 1**
  Region One holding a mid winter luncheon at Happy Days Bar, Manukau City. Contact John Pegler for more details (09) 834 6168
- **July 8-22**
  International Youth Gathering in England. Antointette Keith from Auckland is attending
- **November, 2000**
  International IPA Painting Competition, being held in Florence, Iraly. Cash prizes for first three placings. Contact Giovanni Cantini, c/- Italian section for more details and booking form.
- **September 4-10**
  2001 IEC meeting in Reno, Nevada. All details are available on web site - www.ipa-usa.org/2001icc.htm
- **9-15 September, 2002**
  31st IEC World Conference. Informarion available from ipa@ipa-safrica.org.za

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To the winners who were awarded the IPA Prize for their wings at the Royal New Zealand Police College.

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of No. 188 (Jasmine Underhill)
Recruit Wing.
(Paul is stationed at Hawera).
Constable Kay Bettridge,
of No. 189 (Peggy Gordon)
Recruit Wing.
In Taupo.
Constable Mark Godfrey Stroud,
of No. 190 (Lindsay Todd)
Recruit Wing.
(Mark is stationed at Levin).
Constable Gregory Charles Carter,
of No. 191 (Tui Adams)
Recruit Wing.
(Gregory is stationed in rhe Counties-Manukau District).
Constable Dean Stewart Batey,
of No 192 (International Police Association)
Recrnit Wing.
(Dean is stationed in the Counties-Manukau District).
Constable Juanita Nicolette Parris,
of No 193 (Jack Shallcrass)
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From the President's Desk



This edition of our magazine has taken some time to materialise and we thank May Seager for taking over as editor of the Journal. I hope you all enjoy the new format and look forward to your comments and suggestions.

We have had a busy year with man overseas visitors meeting with us and being hosted by our members. I was interested ro read an article in the latest Britisb "Police World" magazine by Tom Kinderman, a young constable from Wiltshire who srayed with us earlier this year.

Recenr annual general meeting have been held in Wellington to conrrol the cost ro IPA of delegates rravel and accommodation. I would like to thank the Welliugton region and its members for rheir hospitality. I always enjoy my visits to Wellingtou. In order to give our Wellington friends a break, we will hold the 2002 AGM in Auckland. I am sure that Jim and his team will look afrer us well.

Please remember that the triennial elections will take place at the eud of this year. You should be thinking of people you wish to represenr you as elecred officers of the NZ section. I will be attending my last IEC conference at Reno in September. Please contact me if there are any issues you wish to be addressed.

The 50th anniversary of the founding of I.P.A. has been celebrated in many different ways around rhe world and rhe New Zealand Section has played a prominent part in these celebrarions. We were well represented at rhe Scottish Friendship week just prior to rhe World Congress in Bournemouth, and by all accounts this was a wonderful evenr.

We were also well represented at rhe World Congress celebrations in Bournemouth in May with a number of Kiwi I.P.A. members attending the visirors programme. I was delighted to meet up with Brian and Leslie Husband who are again domiciled in the U.K. Dave Couling and Arthur Mahan gave me support at the Congress sessions as observers.

The large tekoreko we had reserved for the World Congress celebrations was presented to the International Secrerary-General, Alan Carter as our gift to the International Administration Centre in Nortingham to mark the 50rh anniversary of IPA. I was very proud of out efforrs in donating rhe sum of five hundred pounds sterling to the Save the Children Fund which was the special inrernational projecr to celebrate this year. It does not sound a lot but represents a large commitmenr by this section when you take into account our exchange rare and small membership. The funds donated at Bournemouth reached over fifteen tbousand pounds and it is expecred that the sum will exceed twenty thousand by rhe end of the year.

At Bournemouth I presented an invitarion ro Alan Carter ro visir New Zealand to represent I.P.A. as Wing Patron for the International Police Association Wing (192) at the Royal New Zealand Police College. Alan graciously accepted and pur the invitation before rhe new P.E.B who were impressed with our project and agreed to pay for his travel. Following rhe Congress I stayed with Alan and Mary at rheir home in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, and Mary showed me around Cambridge University where she is a senior staff member. I was also privileged to sray wirh David Moore at Chesrer, and to be shown around the area and north Wales.

And I trust that the regions where members of the IPA recruit wing have been posted are keeping in touch wirh them and encouraging them to join us.

A good number of members were involved in rhe IPA wing ar the Royal New Zealand Police Training College last year (read more abont this in the magazine).

On a sad nore, I would like to acknowledge the death last month of two of our longserving members in Chrisrchurch. Gerry Gallagher and Jack Inkster will be remembered with affection by members of Region 5. Jack was always a regular attendee at our social events and will be remembered for his ready wit and a store of tales to tell. Many of you will remember Gerry for the IPA souvenirs and supplies he creared over the years. Gerry made a large conrribution rowards the finances of IPA. Our condolences are extended to their families.

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Eagles Flying Over Auckland Skies

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Nausea is a fact of life when you are a police officer working on the Air Support Unit – otherwise known as the Eagle Team.

It's high-adrenaline stuff when you're one of this "elite" team, getting suited up for an emergency call, jumping onto the chopper and hitting the clouds.

Editor of the magazine and journalist May Seager had the opportunity to experience 12 hours in a shift with the Eagle team in Auckland earlier this year, to learn exactly what makes these guys tick. She found out that they are pretty much like most New Zealand police officers – dedicated, tough and they like a challenge.



The Air Support "Eagle" unit in front of the Squirrel helicopter at the Mechanics Bay base. The present unit consists of (from left) back: Sergeant Brian Pilkington, Senior Constable Shane Geayley, Barry Ballagher and Colin Ware and Constables Mike Williams, Niki Kelleher and Mark Lendrum.

It looks the same as most police offices these days.

A few computer terminals, paperwork everywhere, officers in uniforms, boots on, telephones...

But when the call goes up or the radio crackles, it's not a squad car they run out to – it's a helicopter.

They're called the Flying Squad, the Eagle team and sometimes the "Flying Pigs".

This group of police officers does its most important work cruising the skies above Auckland City.

If you've ever wondered how to get a perk job like jockeying around in the clouds over Auckland, you would have to ask Sergeant Brian "Pilky" Pilkington.

The most that 90 per cent of New Zealand's police officers would see of this group of fellow officers would probably be on their television screens when the odd episode of Motorway Patrol shows them coming in like the cavalry.

Using their "infrared" cameras, they can spot an offender from 500 feet off the ground in the dead of night.

For Sgt Pilkington, being in the Eagle Unit is still a great police job and he's managed to get the best of both worlds, having completed an avionics apprenticeship with Air New Zealand but leaving six months after completion for something more exciting – joining the police.

That was 26 years ago and he still finds the job challenging and stimulating.

As did most of the other personnel that I spoke to.

Like most other police jobs, however, there is the usual paper war, the disappointments of not finding the offenders and even, getting there too late.

The day that I arrived to see the unit in action, some were still on a high from the day before when Sgt Pilkington and Snr Const Barry Gallagher had assisted in finding some alleged robbers.

Two people hiring a car from a rental firm had returned it and wanted another.

The rental firm had been notified by police that the vehicle had been used in aggravated robberies and thefts around the North Island. Once the rental firm staff realised this, they attempted to stall the offenders.

"With the nearest cars being some time away, we got there quickly and kept obs on the premises in Dominion Rd," said Sgt Pilkington.

The suspects ducked in and out of the building and drove around the block, obviously keeping a look-out for the police.

The Eagle unit kept obs and reported what was happening until the patrols arrived and apprehended all concerned.

Another successful catch.

HOW THE UNIT BEGAN

Sgt Pilkington is literally the old hand on the team. He's been there since it first started in 1988.

"There were a lot of armed hold-ups at the major trading banks in Auckland – they were mainly gang-related.

"In November 1988, the chairman of the Auckland ASB approached the Officer in Charge of Criminal Intelligence Section, Detective Inspector Bill Bishop with an idea to run a helicopter operation until Christmas," he said.

The four-week operation was called operation Eagle -- it was two-thirds funded by the ASB and one third was the Auckland Police.

Sergeant Lou Grant, who was tasked with setting the operation up, also O/C Search and Rescue at the time and asked SAR member, "Pilky" to give him a hand.

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Everything was pretty makeshift, as there were only a couple of days to get it up and running, said Pilky.

"We used a back-pack Tait radio set for comms, had a couple of sets of Wise's street maps and an old pair of binoculars.

"Besides Lou and I, the staff came from the Auckland CIS."

There was a Sergeant in the front left seat and two constables or detectives in the rear.

They flew 2.5 hours a day from 1000 to 1230 and remained airborne the whole time.

Success came early, only two days into the operation when the Eagle located a person on a motorcycle who had held up the Clevedon Post Office Office.

"We followed him to a house and when he left, a pursuit ensued during which he crashed his bike," said Sgt Pilkington.

There were a lot of successes after that and the squad caught two major gangs who were doing the bulk of the armos.

In early 1989, the unit went full-time and was re-named the Air Support Unit, retaining the call sign "Eagle".

Two full-time constables, Mark Gray and Kelvin Hill, and started working early and late shifts.

TECHNOLOGY PLAYS ITS PART

Towards the end of that year, they moved out of the Jet Ranger and into an Aerospatialle Squirrel (AS355 F1), a twin-engined aircraft.

This decision was made because most of the unit's work took place over the city and the water and with the Squirtel having two engines, it was considered extra safe.

"They have great visibility and are agile when getting into tight remote landing zones," he said.

The Squirrel's comfort and space for extra passengers were also seen as positive points in its favour and the plan at that stage was to work night ops as well.

The unit acquired a 30 million candle power Spectrolab SX16 nite sun, a Forward Looking infrared cameta (FLIR2000) enabling it to operate at night, a Skymaster navigation system, VHF marine band radios and Fujinon 12+40 gyro-srabilised binoculars.

It all sounds quite daunting but the improved technology has certainly helped the unit to operate more effecively, according to Sgt Pilkington.

"Our ability to locate and assist in the apprehension of offenders has dramatically increased.

"The nite sun and infra-ra allow us to locate offenders at night and during the day, the video camera in the Wescam system, with its down-linking, assists the operations commanders to utilise the staff more efficiently."

The new sets of eyes can read registration plates on a car from up to 1000 feet away although the helicopter usually operates at about 1000 feet above sea level – very impressive.

The team monitors all police radio channels, as well as the AOS and other specialist such as fire service, airport crash fire and security channels which are encrypted for radio security.

Both the Duplex and Simplex channels can operate the aircraft as a forward fire command



The two helicopters fly over the Devonport armaments.

as required.

Another great piece of equipment is one that was developed specifically for the unit to aid in natigation.

The Skymaster navigation system is a flight-following navigation aid which uses then Wise's street map database and cadastral maps giving property boundaries, for ease of locating addresses.

It also has marine charts and avidation maps for when the unit travels around the country.

The system, developed by Eden Shields and Jeff Worker of Worker Systems in Auckland, uses a Talon GPS 12 channel antenna and Toshiba 430DCT Satellite pro laptops.

It's certainly a far cry from Sgt Pilkington's early days in the unit when the maps, all hard copy street directories and survey department maps, weighed 13 kilos and took up a lot of space.

"The Worker system provides a more rapid reponse when locating targets," he said.

(A hell of a lot lighter too).

FLYING TIME

The Eagle's current contract is with a company which guarantees having a pilot and aircraft available to fly 24 hours a day, all fuelled up.

The police guarantees 1800 hours a year flying time which works out to about three hours per shift.

The unit uses two aircraft most times and if another is needed, it can be made available.

The entire unit, helicopter and personnel, can be found at Mechanics Bay on the waterfront in Auckland, alongside the teams who work on the Westpac rescue helicopter and the police launch Deodar.

And like most police stations in New Zealand, the Eagle team works three shifts: early, late and twilight, on 24-hour callback, totalling 13 shifts a week.

Each shift has a pilot and two police on board with the front left seat being taken by the O/C of the shift.

That person operates the radios and camera systems and basically calls the shots, although ultimately, the pilot is in charge of the craft.

Snr Cnst Geayley said that being the O/C was in a position of huge responsibility.

"It's a $2 million a year operation and that person has to make sure everything is working together and that the helicopter pilot can get us there (to the job) within the rules of aviation," he said.

The person in the rear seat is responsible for all persons travelling on board, such as the Dog Section, Armed Offenders Squad, Search and Rescue, operates the nite sun and nav computers, the digital recording equipment and marine radios.

When the aircraft is required to land to provide assistance to ground staff, it is the rear seat person who goes.

"This includes armed response and medical assistance," says Sgt Pilkington.

When they start the shift, the central channels are monitored and there is a cell phone too, to which they respond when requested by Comms or an officer.

On days when there is poor visibility due to heavy rain, low cloud or fog, the unit stays indoors but close to the helicopter, in the event of a emergency.

Sgt Pilkington said that those are the times to catch up with the office work or maintenance.

However, they probably don't have as much paper work to do as the average

once a year, an invitiation game is played at Eden Park on the number one ground."

According to Sgt Pilkington, there is quite a long waiting lisr for officers wanting to get onto the squad which has a slow turnover, mainly because once you're in, you tend to stay.

Of course there is the pilot too bur that person is usually anonymous because of the mere fact that he is a civilian. There have been instances in the past, especially in police operations involving cannabis raids, where criminals have targeted pilors and the companies.

In our case, the pilot flying said that he had over 20 years worth of aviation experience in the commercial sector although he was new to the Eagle unit.

He said he was getting used to flying around the city which he found very exciting.

One recent and particularly memorable incident had involved searching for a diver in the Coromandel – "we found him," he said happily.

The whole unit comes under the jurisdiction of Inspector Mark Hall, O/C Operations for Auckland City District.

As overall commander, his portfolio includes Air Support and he has regular liaison with the unit to assist with the logistics.

THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY

While we were patrolling an area looking for offenders involved in an aggravated rohbery, we were informed that the vehicle could be a Nissan Sunny, coloured hrown, red or maroon.

From up in the air, it appeared to me that the rones of brown to maroon were numerous and it seemed almost impossible trying to find that vehicle, despite having got to the area fairly quickly.

And knowing that the vehicle was a Nissan was not really that helpful from the bird's-eye view either.

As it turned out, we did several turns of the area and the vehicle managed to sneak into the back of a reserve area, from which the offenders took off.

Unfortunately, we missed them but it wasn't for lack of looking or trying. Very frustrating indeed.

However I didn't feel so bad, considering the fact that there were four or five units on the ground also looking.

We surmised that we missed them while making a turn and that there was probably a second get-away car waiting for the offenders neatby.

The need for good descriptions hit home clearly to me following that incident. It is probably an aspect that would be overlooked by most people but which is an absolute necessity for the Eagle unit members.

Gaeyley says that naturally, the world looks different from in their air, compared to on the ground.

So when it comes to trying to describe a car, an area, what house a suspect has come out of, it's important to be graphic, use colour and have a good sense of direction.

"You have to be very clear with how



The Eagle prepares to set down at a scene.

you relate what you're looking at, to the guys on the grounds," says Snr Cnst Geayley.

The Air support officer has to have a whole different set of qualities while still having the basic priorities of wanting to catch crooks and assist the ground units to do the same, according to Sgt Pilkington.

And there are times when they have to get their feet back on terra firma at incidents.

Geayley recalls one incident where police officers were being assaulted on the ground.

The Eagle landed (terrible pun) on a neatby grassed area and went to the other officer's assistance.

A DARK DAY IN THE EAGLE'S HISTORY BOOKS

Apart from the uncomfortable working conditions there is always an element of danger and there is a tragic date in the Eagle's history which Sgt Pilkington will always remember.

On Friday, November 26 1993, a mid-air collision occurred between the Eagle and a traffic spotter aircraft at about 1730 .

Four men were killed in the collision which happened over central Auckland at the height of the evening rush-hour.

The headlines in the New Zealand Herald the following day read: "Nightmare from the Sky."

For such a close-knit team as the Air Support Unit, it was a tragedy with the leader and founding member of the unit, Sergeant Lou Grant, aged 39, being one of those killed.

Flaming wreckage from the collision was strewn over a wide tract of the central city and the main parts of the helicopter and airplane fell onto whar is kuown as the Spaghetti Junction motorway.

Others who died in the crash were Constable Alastair Alan Sampson, aged 27 of Sunnynook, the helicopter pilot Ross Harvey, aged 41 and the pilot of the spotter plane, Allan Anthony, aged 28.

Following the accident, questions were asked over the safety of these aircraft and their tasks and as a result, the helicopter now has a Ryan Traffic Collision Avoidance Detection (TCAD) system fitted to the aircraft.

Traffic spotter planes now no longer operate over the city.

For Sgt Pilkington it is not a matter he wants to dwell on and he stresses the point that all members of the unit would not consider their duties any more dangerous than other police work.

"Country and sole charge coppers who do not have immediate back-up are probably in a more dangerous situation than we are.

"There are certainly hazards with the job but you train to cope with these, the same as launch section, AOS and other specialist members," he said.

In Memoriam
Arthur Troop, BEM



Founding member of the International Police Association, Arthur Troop, together with John Coomber our NNZ section president and secretary-general, Arthur Mahan at the World Congress in Bournemouth last year.

It was with great sadness and a heavy heart that we announce the death of our esteemed Founder, Arthur Troop, at the age of 85 years. Arthur passed away peacefully in his sleep at 4.50pm on Thursday, November 30 2000, at the Sue Ryder Hospice, Peterborough, Great Britain, following a brave fight against cancer.

Arthur is survived by his wife Marjorie, sons Barry and Kevin and daughter Susan.

Arthur Troop was born on December 15, 1914 in Lincoln, England where he spent his childhood and attended local schools. His working life began as a mechanic but quickly he found interest in other things. He studied at Ruskin College, Oxford for a diploma in Economics and Social Sciences. During this time he also made a three-year study of Russian History. He was awarded a bursary to visit Moscow and Leningrad in 1934. Thereafter, followed a two-year study of agriculture at Avoncroft Agricultural College in the Vale of Evesham, Worcestershire.

On June 19, 1936 Arthur joined the Lincolnshire Police where he performed dnties in various departments, specialising in traffic.

Shortly after World War II, Arthur set about the enormous task of found a World Friendship Organisation for police officers. He had always had a great faith in people talking to each other, rather than fighting and always believed in the positive qualities of friendship. At that time however, he was regarded as an eccentric and experienced considerable opposition from his Police Chief and the Home Office.

In the years 1948-49, contact was made with police friends at home and abroad. In 1949, an article was published in the British Police Review under the pseudonym of "Aytee". Following an amazing response, Arthur was convinced he should proceed with his dream.

The IPA was founded on January 1, 1950 under the Esperanto motto SERVO PER AMIKECO (Service Through Friendship) and Arthur Troop became the first Secretary General of the British Section. At the same time, with the help of early pioneers he worked untiringly to encourage the founding of other National Sections.

In 1955, at the first International Executive Committee meeting in Paris, he became the first Inrernational Secretary General, a post he held until he stood down in 1966.

Following Mr Troop's achievement in creating what was to become the world's largest police organisation, there was a change in the authorities' view towards the IPA. Iu the Queen's Birthday Honours List of 1965, Arthur Troop was awarded the British Empire Medal for his working in founding the IPA. He was later to receive many high awards from abroad. These included: an Honorary Docrorate from Canada, the Cross of Honour from the President of the Republic of Austria and following the unveiling of the Arthur Troop statue on the great Plain of Hungary in 1998, he was presented with the "Golden Sword of Hungary" by the state.

On retiring from the police service in 1966, Arthur Troop's desire to help others continued. He took up another career with the Lincolnshire Social Service Deparrment, as a home visitor for the blind and again achieved national recognition for his charity work in providing guide dogs. Even during his illness, he and his wife Marjorie continued to run the Stamford Blind Club.

As an ex-officio member of the International Committee (Permanent Executive Bureau), our founder regularly attended internarional meetings where his advice was heeded and respected.

At the XIth World Congress in 1985, he became the first recipient of the associations' Gold Medal. At the 26th IEC Conference in Vienna in 1995, Arthur was awarded the IPA World Police Prize.

Our founder's death has come as a terrible shock to us all, especially as his good health and physical ability to deal with all situations was legendary. In spite of his serious ill health, Arthur prepared himself well for the 50th anniversary of his IPA. He was determined that he and Marjorie would be present in Bournemouth in May 2000 at the XVI World Congress and the Anniversary celebrations. No-one present will ever forget the courage and renacity show by our founder, who remarkably attended the arduous plenary sessions as well as taking part in the social programme.

In his address before HRH Princess Anne in the opening ceremony, Arthur made a big impression on us all. In her reply, the Princess paid tribute to "the man from Lincolnshire, for ruthlessly pursuing the arduous task of establishing the International Police Association by SERVICE THROUGH FRIENDSHIP".

Her Royal Highness went on to say that "Arthur Troop came through much adversity, isolation and disinterest from further up the ladder than we can ever realise." It was this tenacity and sense of purpose that kept Arthur positive and determined right up to the day of his death.

But another anniversary was yet to come – ion June 22, the Troops were able to celebrate 60 years of marriage, their Diamond wedding anniversary. Family, friends, neighbours and the IPA world had remembered their special day. At an early hour greeting cards, telephone messages and flowers started to arrive at their home.

The year 2000, and especially the 50th anniversary in Bournemouth, gave us all the opportunity to celebrate the founding of the IPA with Arthur. Now in the same year, we mourn for him with heavy hearts. However, our association, as it grows and flourishes, will be an eternal memory to Arthur – an ordinary British policeman with a dream who achieved his goals by founding the world's largest police organisation.

(Written by Alan F Carter, International Secretary General).

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Rural Policing Guidelines Welcomed

Manawatu Senior Constable Maurice Brown has been working in rural stations for almost half of his 32 years in policing.

In February, Maurice who is the officer in charge at the Bulls rural station, was welcomed back to duty by the community after being attacked while attending a wilful damage complaint.

A man, aged 38, has been charged with injuring with intent, cultivation of cannabis and criminal damage.

Maurice was overwhelmed when presented with a huge card signed by over 200 Bull's well-wishers, when he returned to work.

During his time in the police, Maurice has been threatened with a loaded gun, beaten with a piece of wood and has pulled friends from car wrecks.

He's had his fair share too of personal tragedies, having lost his wife while policing in the South Island, having a son commit suicide and watching a hunting mate die after taking poison.

"You never know what you're going to get.

"You're put into a corner everyday with the work we do but we manage to talk our way out of it," says Maurice.

The initiative by the Police Association in which it and the Officer of the Commissioner (OoC) are working with rural police officers to devise guidelines for country policing, has been welcomed by Maurice.

He feels sympathy for officers around the country facing staffing shortages which are a serious concern for rural police – serious for both the station concerned and the other neighbouring stations providing the back-up.

"We need to know that someone's there when we call," he said.

Together, the Association and Administration are looking at the key issues faced by rural police officers, including workload, isolation, staff and family safety, TOIL, leave, equipment and adequate staffing numbers.

Association Industrial Officer, Kathy Drysdale advises that the OoC will be circulating a draft Rural Station Profile to one, two and three-person stations shortly for feedback.

This feedback will be analysed and a comprehensive guide developed for implementation.

Maurice described the proposed guidelines as essential for younger officers, who do not have the same experience as the older hands.

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Senior Constable Maurice Brown O/C Bulls in the Manawatu - back at work again after being assulted earlier this year. (Photo supplied, courtesy of Manawatu Standard)

IPA makes History

The New Zealand section has posted a first being the first organisation to take on the role of patron for a police recruiting wing in the history of New Zealand policing.

Eighty-two members of the wing number 192, graduated and were posted mainly to the North Island.

Bruce Hutton, former secretary-general, and a police photographer in Wellington first mooted this innovative idea.

"I was very proud to be associated with this wing while at the Royal New Zealand Police College and I believe that IPA New Zealand received positive exposure from being involved," he said.

He said that IPA was the first Wing Patron to take an active interest in the wing and introduced a number of positive and stimulating speakers.

These included:

- Basil Johnson, the first member and a life member of NZ section IPA;
- Elke Pfau, member International Social Commission, retired Detective Senior Sergeant, South Australia Police;
- Detecrive Superintendent NZ Police, Peter Marshall, member NZ section IPA;
- Alan Carter, International Secretary-General, retired Chief Inspector & Deputy Commander, Cambridgeshire Traffic Division, England;
- Tony Christiansen, a motivational speaker who addressed his audience from scaffolding after climbing it. (What's so special about him? He has no legs.)

At the actual graduation, the wing was addressed by the IPA International Secretary-General and a retired Chief Inspector and Deputy Commander of the Cambridgeshire Traffic Division in England, Alan Carter.

Also present was the New Zealand president of IPA, Inspector John Coomber of Christchurch.

Each graduate received an invitation to join IPA on the understanding that they would not be required to pay a joining fee.

Each region has been asked to contact these graduates as a follow up with a view to signing them up as members.

The idea of becoming a wing patron received interest from the Russian Section and was featured in the international IPA newsletter on the Internet.

Support for the wing had come from various quarters, including the Minister of Police, George Hawkins, and the Australian, British and Russian sections of IPA.

An off-the-cuff remark from Mr Carter resulted in a significant gesture when he was given an ulufa (ceremonial lei) by one of the Samoan graduates, Louis Solia.

The ulufa is made by from a tropical plant which is grown and nurtured for special occasions, such as the graduation.

Mr Carter had mentioned that he had seen one of those worn by New Zealand boxer, David Tua.

On hearing this, Constable Solia gave his, which had been brought from Samoan for him from his own family, to Mr Carter.

"My ulufa had been made for me by my father," said Constable Solia, whose mother and grandmother travelled from Samoa to see him graduate.



Hooray... At long last, the 86 members of the IPA wing, no. 192, throw their hats in the air as they celebrate their successful graduation from the wing last November.



Members of the IPA wing at the start of their training course at the Royal New Zealand Police Training College gather around the International Police Association flag with the Minister of Police, George Hawkins, and members of the IPA from both New Zealand and Australia.



A poignant moment for International Secretary-General of IPA, Alan Carter, as he is presented with an ulufa (ceremonial lei) by Constable Louis Salia. (Photos provided by Bruce Hutton)

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police officer because they have a database which enables them to enter all the jobs during the shift.

It enables statistics to be captured and recalled and gives a brief on each job in the event of court hearings.

"There is still an amount of paper to be dealt with but it is generally different to GDB files and deals with the day-to-day operations and planning for aircraft movements as required by districts and ground staff," he said.

One of the most common questions asked by serving police officers is "what area does the Eagle cover?" and "is it only for the Auckland area?"

The unit is Auckland-based but does travel out of town regularly when requested. The furthermost south it has been was the Wet Jacket arm of the Dusky Sounds and Cape Reinga in the north.

"Our normal area also includes Great Barrier Island with our standard operating area being Wellsford to Mercer," said Pilky.

And how fast - travelling time to Wellington is three hours.

A LIGHTER MOMENT

The ASU often has visitors to the unit, include those from other similar unitjs. The Eagle's unit personnel are also members of the Airborne Law Encorcement Association (ALEA) which has a conference every in the United Srates.

Sgt Pilkington has been able to send staff to these over the years to meet other people in the same area of work and to undergo specialist training programmes.

"I have spent some time and flown a shift with the Columbus Ohio Air Support," he said.

Sometimes visitors on the aircraft are of the canine type and Sgt Pilkington recalled one of those "lighter" moments where a dog and its handler were being taken to a scene.

"The front seat man happened to have some Bluff oysters he was chowing down as a meal on the run.

He handed one back to Jack, the dog, who gave it a hearty taste then spat it out.

The oyster was handed back to 'Bazaroo from Timaru', the front seat man but before he could do anything, the pilot Millsey, grabbed it and swallowed it.

"We never told him that Jack had given it a slurping first," said Pilky.

And he says that dogs absolutely love flying.

They train with new dogs and get them used to getting in and out while there is plenty of noise going on.

"They seem to know that they are on the way to some action and settle in well.

"But one dog bit one of the pilots on the arm once which is not a good idea when we have one set of controls and one person who can use them," said Pilky.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

So what does it take to become one of the "Eagle" boys or girls.

The unit operates a training scheme where interested officers work a certain number of hours with the unit as a ride-along to see if they can cope with the work environment and how well they can navigate around the place.

Sgt Pilkington said that if they are acceptable, they go onto a relieving roster so they can operate the equipment and learn the skills required.

"Navigation is of prime importance I had 10 years of SAR experience and map reading but it did not assist much when it came to locating a house in a street," he said.

Some people were naturals at it and fast at getting the information to the front-seat man.

"These are the people we target when there are vacancies."

The work environment in the helicopter is very demanding with the cabin being quite small and temperatures on board being quite extreme during the summer months.

On top of this, the personnel wear fire-resistant overalls, leather boots and a helmet.

There have been numerous ride-along officers who have had helicopter experience with SAR and the military but who had succumbed to airsickness when the helicoprer has had to operate for long periods at a crime scene.

"Add to this the need to be able to work staring at a screen, read a map correctly, operate a computer and write jobs down while the aircraft is leaping around and you get some idea of what it can be like."

At the moment, there are seven police officers assigned to the unit, including one female. The length of their service ranges from four years to 26 years and they have come from a wide variety of policing backgrounds

Senior Constable Barry Gallagher has been with the unit for seven out of his 17 years' service with the police.

He needed a change and applied for a place on the unit – a decision he has never regretted.

A former junior All Black, born and bred in Timaru, he's the one in the unit who ensures that a Speights beer banner is featured strongly in the squad room, for parochial reasons.

Snr Const Gallagher said that for him, going to work was different every day.

"It's never boring and we have the best office view in the whole of Auckland.

"We could be flying around the skies one day going to a house burglary or an aggravated robbery or heading to the East Coast of the South Island for a homicide inquiry," he said.

For Snr Constable Shane Geayley, who has been with the unit for eight years, began when he happened to be in the right place at the right time.

He was working at Comms when he heard two bosses talking about their being a need for a relief person in the unit – he hasn't looked back either.

Now, he is 2IC and is the unit's safety and training officer.

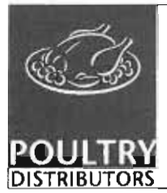
Constable Colin "Waka" Ware, who has three-and-a-half years' experience in ASU, the work is exciting and the shifts give him time to spend time with his wife and young family.

Another important aspect of working in something like the ASU is good team spirit, according to Sgt Pilkington.

"We have a touch football team that plays on a Wednesday night, regular jug sessions where we meet for breakfast and answer to our misdemeanours and mistakes over a few cold ales and cigars.

"We also have a rugby team that combines with the Auckland Dog Section, (aptly named the Flying Dogs) and

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The New Zealand International Police Association web page has shifted to a new site with a new name - www.ipa.org.nz - as of last month.

This page will be updated on a monthly basis with news of IPA in New Zealand and around the world.

The page, presently called Events will be a run down of what is available through links provided from the site to other sites around the world.

This includes details of each National Section throughout the world – their web page and e-mail addresses, events being held by IPA sections world wide – including sports tournaments, friendship weeks, jubilees and the like, information from the Inrernational Secretariat – this information from the International Secretariat site.

Also, just added, is a link to the Polish Section site – which is an index of the IPA houses throughout the world and available to IPA members travelling – accommodation in these houses in usually cheaper than market prices and gives chances to meet other IPA members.

Also included on the site is an application form to join IPA New Zealand. If you have anyone wishing to join – print out the form and, after it has been filled out, send it to your Regional Committee along with a passport photo, a Police and Families Credit Union deduction form authorising payment of subscriptions and $11.25 joining fee.

Also attached is a form for notification of change of address and application for a duplicate membership form – print these as needed and send them either to me direct or to your Regional Committee for action. It is hoped to have the change of address form modified so it can be completed and forwarded on line – more of this in the future. In the future also, I intend ro have the travel information form added for those travelling overseas -- presently these are available from Marlene Metriman, the Travel Secretary, from Regional Committees or myself.

Please make use of the site, click on the links and follow them – ir has been kept simple so I can understand it – there is a world of information our there – go find it and eujoy ir.

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Operation Cliff

The Investigation into the death of Nicola Jane Goodwin on Friday, 22nd September, 1995 (Wr ·ten by Carole Tipler)



Nicky Goodwin, the innocent young mother whose best friend survived to tell the tale of their horrible ordeal.
(Photo provided courtesy of The Daily News).

The sad tale of Nicky Goodwin's death has all the hallmarks of a "made for television" murder series a jealous lover, greed, a murder, a car off a cliff, a foiled plan.

Except this time, the tale is a New Zealand one, unfolding off the Opunake Coast of New Zealand, with most of the events taking place in a rural setting.

If it were not for the survival of a key witness, and the forensic evidence which provided the missing link leading to the successful prosecution of the murderers, the mystery of Nicky Goodwin disappearance might never have been solved.

An ordinary morning of fishing for Opunake man, William Oliver, turned up more than just the odd herring on the morning of September 23, in 1995. After fishing for three-and-a-half hours, Oliver had changed his bait and was off to catch more fish when he approached the cliff-face track and found a woman, curled up against the dirt.

He noticed that she was bleeding and partially naked.

The woman, Barbara Bishop, had amazingly survived being pushed off the cliff in a car, an "act of God" which had enabled the facts to be known and would eventually bring to justice the offenders involved in a murderous plot.

Oliver took the woman back to his home, gave her a hot shower and rang the doctor and police. At this stage there were grave fears for the safety of Barbara's friend, Nicola Goodwin, and after a search of the beach area, the police concentrated their efforts on the Goodwin farm.

There, followed a painstaking investigation which was to make legal history on a number of counts. The police froze the scene at the Goodwin farm and also got to the vehicle which had almost cost Barbara's life before it was swept away with the tide.

Police had to prove that Barbara had nor driven herself over the cliff top, in order to establish that there was a case to answer on an attempted murder on Barbara.

Crash investigator Chris Marks from Auckland was asked to assist and after a thorough examination, he was able to establish that ar the time the car went over the cliff, the engine was not running, the lights were off and the steering was set straight ahead. The gear level and gearbox were srill in neutral. He was also able to establish that the vehicle could not have been pushed over the cliff but that another vehicle had been used to push it.

At the time the car went over the cliff, the engine was not running, the lights were off and the steering was set straight ahead.

Barbara had said that at the time she felr the car moving forward towards the edge of the cliff, she had managed to pull on the handbrake. This was confirmed by Mr Marks when he ascertained that the handbrake was working and had been applied. However, he nored that there would have been no chance of success in her acrion as it would have been a case of too little, too late.

Next came DNA testing of forensic evidence thar was found at the Goodwin farm. At the time, the police also froze the farm scene with the offenders having no idea that Barbara had survived her fall.

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A jersey, belonging to Jan Yorke (co-offender) was found in the boot of the car used by Mark Goodwin (Nicky's estranged husband) and his new partner, Yorke. Forensic examination also showed a small bloodstain and a strand of Nicky's hair on the jersey. The hair matched samples taken from Nicky's hairbrush, under her bed and from her pillow. Samples from the boot and the jersey were sent to Australia for DNA testing, using a huge collection of sensitive tests. The difficulty was that a cross-match of the results could not be established without a body.

The Australian forensic laboratory was able to confirm a DNA match between the heel blood sample and the blood samples from the jersey and car boot.

It was then that ESR scientist, Steve Cordiner suggested that police track down the Guthrie ard heel-prick blood sample that would have been taken from Nicola when she was born. So it was that the Australian forensic laboratory was able to confirm a DNA match between the heel blood sample and the blood samples from the jersey and car boot. It established clearly that Yorke had a connection with the presumed dead, Nicola Goodwin.

Mark Goodwin and his partner, Yorke, were taken into police custody on September 23, 1995 and questioned at length about their movements the previous evening. Both parties were calm and unperturbed with the police questioning. That is, until police officer, Steve Reed in his interview with Mark asked:

Q. "Are you telling me the truth about last night, Mark?"

R. "Yes."

Q. "Are you sure?"

R. "Yes."

Q. "What if I told you that Barbara Bishop told us something different about what you did last night. Would you like to change your answer?" (Officer Reed noted that Mark became agitated and his bottom lip started to quiver).

Obviously, Barbara's survival simply had not entered into the equation.

Sometime later, Goodwin made partial admissions as to his involvement in the disappearance of Nicola but stated that he had given her to third parties, whom he refused to name, and that these persons had disposed of her. He maintained she was still alive at this point.

Yorke, however, made no specific admissions of any nature and, in fact, spent much of her interview refusing to answer anything.

The Crown case against the two offenders including 57 civilian witnesses, 24 police officers and 26 ESR and medical experts. The investigation included speaking with friends, relatives and ex-employees of Mark Goodwin, as well as friends and relatives of Jan Yorke.

A more sinister tale started to unfold, as Yorke's hatred of Nicky Goodwin became apparent to the point of being obsessive.

Phillip, the "hit man" employed by Yorke and Goodwin to hurt Nicky's boyfriend, talked to the police in detail, describing how in March, he was offered a three-wheeler motorbike in exchange for killing Nicky and her boyfriend. This was later changed to the request that he leave Nicky but instead, beat up Regan, her boyfriend, and break his legs, arms and his jaw.

An amount of $30 was supplied for Phillip's petrol and directions were supplied regarding Regan's address. Phillip did go but because he did not wish to return to prison, he made an arrangement with his prospective victim, to pretend he had been hurt and that nothing further would happen.

Regan complied and three weeks later, Yorke and Goodwin delivered the motorbike to Phillip, well satisfied with what they had heard had happened to Regan.

Stories of violence, drug taking, threats and revenge emerged. Mark was bitter over the break-up of his marriage but more so that Nicky had custody of their two children and wanted a reasonable financial settlement. He hated Nicola's friend, Barbara and also Nicola's new-found boyfriend, Regan. He had met Yorke after employing her services from an escort agency. It was Yorke who had the connections with the underworld that would enable the exactment of revenge.

Nicky, however, was still nowhere to be found. Hundreds of people came for

ward with sightings of Goodwin and Yorke's vehicle. Others were able to confirm their alibi by their presence at the Kaponga Hotel on the night the murder took place. All described the pair as behaving perfectly normally.

There was speculation that Nicky had been minced and fed to the pigs, buried in the farm slurry pit, was deep in a pond or was buried somewhere between Te Kuiti, Wanganui and Maramatonga, the wilds east of Stratford. Goodwin and Yorke continued to stick to their story of innocence and everyone's hopes that Nicky would be found alive, gradually faded.

Meanwhile, Chris Ford, Intelligence Officer at Stratford, using the high tech Intell computer new to these cases, prepared summaries, flow charts, theories and suggested directions for the inquiry base.

The police built up a dossier of evidence that would be enough to take the two suspects to court.

On June 6, 1996, after previously having pleaded guilty to the murder of Nicky Goodwin, Mark Goodwin was sentenced as follows:

For kidnapping Barbara Bishop, seven years; for kidnapping Nicky Goodwin, seven years; for attempting to murder Barbara Bishop, 10 years and for the murder of Nicky Goodwin, life imprisonment, 12-and-a-half years with no parole.

On July 19, 1996 after changing her please to that of guilty, Jan Yorke was sentenced as follows:

For kidnapping Barbara Bishop, seven years; for kidnapping Nicky Goodwin, seven years; for attempting to murder Barbara Bishop, 12 years and for the murder of Nicky Goodwin, life imprisonment, 13 years minimum sentence.

"It is hard to imagine a more deliberate attempt to kill another human being, an attempt foiled only by the grace of God."

Judge Morris stated in his sentencing: *"I had understood from the opening by the Crown at your trial you were no less guilty than Mr Goodwin and played no lesser part in these crimes than he.*

"The inference which I felt the Crown was asking the jury to draw from the material it proposed to place before it was that you were really the prime mover as between the two of you because of your – what I will term – underworld connections and desire to continue your lifestyle."

He further stated...

"I consider the following circumstances of importance:

(1) Your victim at no time, in any material way, did anything to harm you;

(2) This was no random or sudden killing. It followed upon careful planning, illegal drugs were obtained, attempts to set up a false alibi were taken, and family movements were coordinated. No detail to ensure a successful cover-up was overlooked and had it not been for the unbelievable good fortune of Ms Bishop surviving, you could well not have been brought to book;

(3) As best I can assess from the notes of evidence, Mrs Goodwin was, after her capture, harassed and ill-treated for something like six hours before she was killed. Her last hours must have been terrifying and her terror obvious to you and Mr Goodwin.

(4) Not only did you attack Mrs Goodwin but the innocent Ms Bishop was treated likewise. Her only sin was being there at that time and standing in the way of you carrying out your murderous crime. Your actions towards her, more than anything, indicate to me the extent you were prepared to go and the single-mindedness with which you went about your task;

(5) This killing was carried out to solve problems which you and Mr Goodwin considered by created by Mrs Goodwin. I will not list these problems but they include:

(a) the custody of the Goodwin children and;

(b) the matrimonial property dispute.

"A combination of greed and malice were the motives for this killing."

Judge Morris set the minimum period of imprisonment at 13 years and went on to point out:

"Clearly you were deputed to deal with Ms Bishop and did so. In particular, you:

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1. *Initially pointed the gun at her;*
2. *Told her to lie flat on the floor of the car;*
3. *Continually told her to get down;*
4. *Kept prodding her on the back of her neck with the gun;*
5. *While Mrs Goodwin was being tied up you gave her orders;*
6. *Kept her under gunpoint when Goodwin left t to dig the holes;*
7. *Questioned her and put the gun barrel in her mouth;*
8. *Forced her to drink alcohol and smoke marijuana, such steps all being part of your pre-conceived plan along with Mr Goodwin;*
9. *At the cliff tip and before the car was rolled over the edge of the cliff, you played a joint part in the attempt to destroy the car with Ms Bishop in it.*

Ms Bishop is permanently crippled. She has yet to undergo further surgery and treatment. She is, and will forever remain emotionally affected by what has been done to her and the horror of that night will remain with her. It is hard to imagine a more deliberate attempt to kill another human being, an attempt foiled only by the grace of God."

On Wednesday, July 10, 1996, the police were able to locate the body of Nicky Goodwin. Throughout the inquiry, the calm demeanour of the two offenders had been noted. They refused to contemplate revealing the resting place of their victim.

A more sinister tale started to unfold, as Yorke's hatred of Nicky Goodwin became apparent to the point of being obsessive.

Yorke talked of her plans with Goodwin once they had served their prison sentence and despite pleas that they behave with goodness and honesty for the sake of the bereaved families and friends, refused to lead police to where the body could be found. However, following strictly "off the record" conversations with the parties concerned, information was able to be obtained that would lead police to a police near a disused forestry track in the Te Wera Forest, east of Taranaki. There, Nicky was found about a metre under the surface, covering in sacking and sitting upright in a foetal position. The post mortem showed she had been beaten around her head and had died of head inquiries.

It was not revealed during the inquiry or prosecution but in the beginning, a different plan was hatched to disposed of Nicky and what happened was more spur of the moment.

The offenders believed that the LSD, cannabis and alcohol administered to the two women would be effective in making them unconscious. Because this did not happen, the plan was changed an d the car was taken to Opunake Beach area.

Nicky was pulled out of the car in case she might survive the fall, even though at that stage she had been hit on her head by a brick. We are told that she was alive at this time. She was placed in the boot of the red Cortina and on the way back to the farm, a discussion took place as to what was going to be done with her.

At the farmhouse, Jan gave mark all the clothing and footwear she had worn and a spare set of clothing for him. He then took Yorke's and his clothing, plus the firearm and disposed of it on the way back to Kaponga. He arrived back at the farm at approximately 3am. Yorke meanwhile had hosted out the garage and spread waste oil and sawdust everywhere. This was to hide any traces of blood that may have been there.

No-one could believe that Yorke's jersey was left in the boot of the car.

There are still some questioned yet unanswered. For example, was Nicky Goodwin alive when she was lifted out of the boot of the car? Before she was placed in the grave that had been dug for her, was she battered around the head with a spade? And, was she alive when she was buried?

It was also mentioned by a forestry worker that her grave would not have been discovered for some 20 years, if ever, as no work would have been done on the young trees for at least 25 years.

Now, Nicky sleeps in peace and only her family and friends are left to mourn her. It was noted that this case made New Zealand legal history in that the two defendants pleaded guilty in the unusual circumstances of an unlocated body.

A Clan Gathering To Remember



SPOT THE KIWI - Many parts of the IPA World were represented in this photograph taken at the Friendship Week in Dunblane last year. See how many different country's police uniforms you can recognise?

IPA Friendship Week in Scotland, 2000. (Contributed by Bob O'Hara).

More than 250 visiting IPA members participated in the Scottish Region's Friendship Week. Billed as the "IPA Clan Gathering", it was attended by 18 Kiwis.

On arrival we were given name tags which indicated which family clan we were in and family clan members sat down with their fellow clan members for meals and social activities.

Guests were officially welcomed by Lord Robertson, secretary-general of NATO, who delighted all by detailing his birth in a police station house and recalling with pride his youth as the son of a serving Scottish Police Officer. The Lothian and Borders Police pipe band paraded to welcome the visitors and gave a polished display of marching with precise piping and drumming.

The choice of hotel was excellent with well kept grounds on an elevated site that commanded a wonderful view out over the compact city of Dunblane. Tulips, daffodils and other spring blossoms gave us a cheerful welcome and the rather notorious Scottish weather behaved itself just fine.

It is just as well that we only had one week at the Dunblane Hilton as the breakfasts were gargantuan. In addition to the usual choice of six or more cereals and a similar choice of stewed fruits, four fruit juices plus tea and coffee, there was an awesome choice of cooked foods with eggs (done several ways) bacon, sausages, tattie cakes, black puddings, white puddings and haggis, plus

Malted whisky on porridge gives this mundane breakfast a real "lift".

toast and spreads. The crowning glory was the toppings for porridge, which included milk, cream, honey and malt whisky. I am not a spirits drinker but I tried the malt whisky on porridge and it really gave a "lift" to this mundane breakfast. Other meals served at the Hotel were equally superb and at the final function, World Champion Chef Stephen Chalk was brought out from the kitchen and given a standing ovation by all present.

The sightseeing programme was well planned with four daytime bus trips. These included visits to:

- Edinburgh to visit the Castle with time to shop in the Royal Mile and nearby shopping precincts
- New Lanark Heritage Centre (a restored cotton milling operation powered by waterwheels on the upper reaches of the Clyde River, near Glasgow)
- Stirling Castle
- A cruise on Loch Katrine (on the SS "Sir Walter Scott" a triple-expansion steamship with similar lines to the SS "Earnslaw" and built by the same Clydebank ship-builders)
- the Trossachs (Rob Roy country)
- Loch Lomond
- The Aberfoyle Scottish Wool Centre
- Blair Castle and the Blair Athol Whisky Distillery at Pitlochry (free tasting included).

The couriers in our bus group, David and Sheena were thoroughly prepared and kept us well informed about various facets of districts through which we passed and Scottish customs and culture.

We learned much about Scottish history and the many inventions that the world has to thank Scots for: penicillin (Sir Alexander Fleming), television (John Logie Baird), sealed Roads (MacAdam), pneumatic tyres (Dunlop) and many others.

The evening programmes included Scottish dancing, singing, demonstrating traditional methods of fighting by highlanders using the unique weapons, broad shields, swords, skean dhu, small spiked shield, dirk, the two handed broadsword and a demonstration of wearing the traditional tartan cloak and kilt. A Ceilidh band and traditional Burns Night (complete with the piping in of the haggis) was capped by a Gala Ball where all of the divided clans became one symbolised by the same tartan ribbon which was distributed to and worn by everyone.

All participants were presented with a handsome gold Clan Gathering brooch in a pre-

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sentation box and a specially labelled bottle of beer brewed by the Scottish Courage Brewery. This brew was sweer, dark, nutty and satisfying, "a meal in a glass".

The planning and administration of the whole event was excellent and we all felt we had enjoyed a unique and unforgettable experience. The organising team had (to quote a visitor) "set such standards of excellence that others would find hard to equal let alone surpass in the years to come."

NZ IPA's national treasurer, Greg McManus, had the honour of presenting a traditionally carved Maori tekoteko to the hosts.

Region chairman Bill Petherick, Jim Nisbet, John Millar, Eddie Spears and the other hard working members of the organising committee deserve great credit for their detailed planning.

Traditionally at such gatherings visitors make presentations to the Host Section and Greg McManus, on behalf of the New Zealand Section, presented a traditional Maori carved tekoteko and read a message from New Zealand President John Coomber. Following this the final presentation, the New Zealand group garhered in front of a New Zealand flag and we sang a specially written version to the tune of the Maori song Po karekare ana, accompanied by Mona McManus on the piano. We left the stage to spirited applause.

We were elated by the many compliments and requests for copies of the words.



The Scottish kilt was prevalent at the Friendship Week at Dunblane. Here, two of the host country's representatives are pictured in their "local" attire outside the Dunblane Hilton Hotel.

Prestigious Honour for IPA Member



Trevor Morley, who will soon be visiting Ireland and Amsterdam to study tourism victim support schemes after receiving a Churchill Fellowship.

Former police officer and long-time IPA member, Trevor Morley, has been honoured with a 2001 Churchill Fellowship.

The fellowship will allow Mr Morley, who is now a security consultant and investigator, to study tourist victim support schemes in the Republic of Ireland and the city of Amsterdam later this year.

Mr Morley was a member of the police from 1961 to 1977, a detective most of that time at Wellington Central.

He was one of 25 people awarded a Fellowship by the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust this year.

The Fellowships are awarded annually to individuals in Great Britain, Australia and in New Zealand under the auspices of the Department of Internal Affairs.

Mr Morley said that while there was no real "criteria" for the fellowship, each year the trust advertises that fellowships are available to "deserving New Zealanders".

Along with him, a professional dancer also gained a fellowship which just goes to show how diverse the vocations can be.

"However, the fellowship research projects can only be for travel outside New Zealand," he said.

In his research project, Mr Morley hopes to obtain information on such matters as funding, local and central government involvement, liaison with agencies such as the police and tourism industry with a view to establishing a similar scheme in New Zealand.

In studying the incidence of crime against tourists in New Zealand for over 15 years, Mr Morley had noticed a disturbing increase in such crimes.

"Whilst I am not suggesting that this is a major problem crime-wise, I do believe that crime against tourists in New Zealand has now reached the stage where some specialist research needs to be done of tourist victim support schemes overseas so that we can establish a similar programme here in New Zealand," he says.

He also notes that there have been a few murders of tourists on holiday in New Zealand over recent years, the most recent, that of a young Japanese woman, still remaining unsolved.

In the countries that Mr Morley has chosen to visit, tourist victim support schemes have been in existence for some years.

Mr Morley is hoping to visit his nominated countries around September and October this year.

He said it was a requirement that the awardee undertake their research project in the year immediately after the year of their application, to return to New Zealand after its completion and to submit a research report within six months of returning.

Mr Morley was also previously an Anzac Fellow, being awarded this fellowship by the Australian Federal Government which enabled him to study security systems and methods and investigative techniques in that country in 1983.

Footnote:

Mr Morley will be writing an article for us once he returns from his study tour about his findings.

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IPA Helps Youth of the World



Evonne Brooks

Dear readers of the IPA magazine.

My name is Evonne Brooks and I was one of the New Zealand representatives for the IPA's International Youth Gathering hosted by San Marino last year. I am 18 years old and a first year engineering student at Auckland University. I thought that I would give you an insight to my travels before and during the IPA event.

I met the other NZ representative, Rachael Coomber, the day before we left, after she flew up from Christchurch. We started our travels off by going to Los Angeles. We stayed in Orange County with retired policeman and IPA member Larry Kurtz and his wife Monica. We had an action-packed four days there doing many things. We went to Disneyland, Universal studios, shopping and swimming at the beach. We had a wonderful time and the Kurtz'es were excellent hosts providing for our every needs.

Our next destination was New York City. There we stayed with relatives of my mother, who had an apartment on Broadway. Rachael and I had a lot of fun walking around and exploring the Big Apple.

After this, we travelled to Denmark. There we stayed on a mink farm with a girl who had been an exchange student down in Christchurch at Rachael's school. Denmark was an interesting place and is quite different from New Zealand. I had the opportunity to meet up with a friend of mine who had also been an exchange student in NZ.

London was our next destination, where we stayed for one brief night.

The next day we flew to Bologna, Italy, where we were met by the IPA people. From there it was a two and a half hour drive to the Republic of San Marino, the hosts of the event. San Marino is the world's oldest and smallest republic. San Marino is independent of Iraly, although it is found inside the Italian borders. San Marino has its own currency and sramps and prides itself on the fact that it's never been at war with anyone, except to defend itself.

We arrived at our hotel, the Casa San Guiseppe, and were given IYG bags and t-shirts. We were then shown to our rooms so that we could organise our stuff before leaving to go to dinner. Everyone was sharing a hotel room with another person on the Youth Gathering. My room mate was Simone, a 15 year old girl from Austria.

We travelled by bus the following morning to the historical centre of San Marino and the government house. We were then given some free time for shopping and exploring. We had a pasta lunch ar a local restaurant. After that, we walked around the fortress towers around the town. There are three towers that were built for defence. Later on that night, we went to the local IPA house for dinner and games. The IPA house was a 2-storey building. It had football tables and other games to play downstairs as well as the kitchen. There were tables outside for us to eat at.

Other visits in Italy included walking around part of Mt. Titano, we all got up and walked around some of the base of Mt. Titano (the mountain that San Marino is hased on). They had to cut a special track for us because the public wasn't allowed to use the trail, since a rare species of Falcon resides there. Later that afternoon, we visited the Ferrari car museum and an aviarion museum. We went to the IP A house for dinner and games.

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Rachae. Coomber

We also visited the San Patrignano commune (a drug tehabilitation centre). The rehabilitation involves a 3 yeat programme in which the recovering addicts work doing various tasks around the centre. There is a farm, horse jumping arena, a sports centre, and some different types of factory. After having a tour of this facility, we heard two people talking about the evils of drugs. We then visited the coastal town of Rimini, had McDonalds for dinner, and went on a party cruise along the coast through a thunderstorm.

Going to Cesena was really special as we had a police escort consisting of two police cars and several mopeds. We met the mayor for morning tea in the town hall and he gave a speech. We then went ro CAPS; the traffic police training centre. We had a tour of this facility and watched a video presentation. I had a ride on a motorbike with one of the traffic police. We had lunch there and then went to a swimming pool fot the afternoon.

Then it was a day at the beach at Rimini. We returned to the hotel in the afternoon to shower, and then went to the Borgo Maggiore part of San Marino for dinner and an outdoor concert. There were 3 different types of music being played on separate stages.

A visit to the city of Urbino was a real pleasure, learning about Frederico's house that was over 500 years old. There was magnificent old furniture and paintings. It was raining, so we couldn't go to the concert that night as planned, so we went to the Garden restautant for dinner, and then went ro the IPA house.

Rain spoilt a visit to the old and picturesque, small town of San Leo, which meant we couldn't do the activities as planned. We walked around the local shops, since it was too expensive to go into the castle at the top of the hill.

The day after that, we visited the city of Ancona, including a very old and beautiful cathedral and then a museum. We met with the local authorities including the mayor, had lunch and then went to Numana, a beach resort.

After that, we went into the historical centre of San Marino for the medieval festival that was being held. We had old-style traditional food for dinner and watched medieval entertainers.

In the days that followed, there were mny visits to other historical places, including the histrocial centre of San Marino for a medieval festival where we sampled old-style tradition food and medieval entertainment, saw the wall mosaics in Ravenna city, wandered through historical monuments and took in the wonderful sights and sounds of Venice.

There were also many meetings with the officials of each city and presentations to be made.

The Ethics of Freedom, the theme of the youth gathering, was the topic of a lecture given at the hospital conference room. This speech was delivered by a professor and school teacher who also spoke about the history of San Marino and the ethics of freedom, which was the theme of this year's youth garhering. We were lectured on this subject by a professor and a school teacher. We then went to the government house in Sam Marino and had out photo taken with the Ministet of Internal Affairs. We spent the afternoon shopping. After that, we took a bus to a place for dinner and dancing. We were in party mode because the end of the gathering was very near.

The next day, we retutned to Rimini beach for the last time. We spent the entire morning there. We then took the bus back to our hotel, and tried to pack and organise ourselves. We then retutned to the IPA house for the final time. We planted a commemorative tree. We all helped to shovel dirt into the hole, and were told to return to visit in 10 years time. We were given a cake, and then received our official photo and things. Then came the hatd part - starting to say goodbye. No one got much sleep that night because everyone was leaving at different times in the night.

Rachael and I had a long journey home, leaving each other in Sydney.

It was a great trip. I've made many friends from all over the world that I am still in contact with.

I would like to thank the NZ IPA for enabling me to participate in this wonderful experience. I would recommend to other people who have this opportunity to grab it with both hands.

THANK YOU

(Contributed by Evonne Brooks)

Footnote:
This year's successful applicant is Antoinette Keith, whose grandfather Stan is treasurer for Region One. Antoinette has helped Stan on many occasions with his duties and is quite knowledgeable about the IPA and what it does. Good luck.

Transcripts

Q. So , after the anaesthesia, when you came out of it, what did you observe with respect to your scalp?
A. I didn't see my scalp the whole time I was in hospital.
Q. It was covered?
A. Yes, bandaged.
Q. Then, later on what did you see?
A. I had a skin graft. My whole buttocks and leg were removed and but on the top of my head.



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Hobbies and Computers



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Success or failure in some hobbies is very reliant on communicating - particularly with collectors.

Whether it be patches, stamps, matchbox labels, ancestors or computers, we all need to communicate to increase our knowledge and our collections. Hopefully, readers will "rise to the occasion" and become involved now that our magazine is up and running again.

The computer page is now going to be included with the Hobbies Desk as many of us who have a PC at home use it for hobbies or as a hobby. Before going further, please remember that all inquiries to the Hobbies Secretary must be accompanied by proof of membership before the request can be published or passed on. In this day of scanners and digital cameras it is easy enough to scan/photograph both sides of your membership card and send it to me via E-mail. The following requests for parch collectors have come in over the past months: Franz Pluckthun, Munich, Germany. I do not have his postal address but you may contact him by E-mail at: Franz.Plueckthun@t-online.de (Franz Pluckthun) Michael Nitchenko, PO Box 2489, Tallinn, 13602, Estonia, is a member of the Police Insignia Collectors Association of Great Britain and a Member of Chute & Dagger United Kingdom and Chute & Dagget Europe (Parachutist & Special Forces Insignia Collectors Groups; also a member of Flemish Police Insignia Collectors Association, Belgium. Michael is looking for patches of Police Special units and Police Patches world wide. He has for trade about 300 Police Patches of post-Soviet countries (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Byelorussia and various other countries around that area. Michael's E-mail address is: wings<wings@infornet.ee>

Massimo Mariotti informs us that he has lost contact with members of the Police Insignias list. Massimo is in Pisa, Italy and can be contacted at "MASSIMO MARIOTTI" matioletto@tiscalinet.it

Brigadier-Major Bienfait Gilles from D.D.S.P. 13, Rue du Cte Becket, 13002 Marseille, France, is putting together a collection of Police Caps, hats, peak caps, shoulder patches and badges of the world. If you have any of these items to spare, our colleague in Marseille would like to hear from you.

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by E-mail, with more haste, more speed and more mistakes and sometimes a complete lack of knowledge on the technology we use to send our missives.

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- Don't send unwanted text back and forth across the globe when you reply to a message. Leave just enough of the text received in the message to remind the sendet of what he/she wrote. If a person receives up to 400 messages a day (not difficult if you belong to Newsgroups), it's vety easy to forget what the topic was about.
- There ate some nasty bugs doing the rounds at the moment. I heard tecently of one called 'Magisttate'. Particularly nasty as it has its own built in ISP, so it can land in your mail box without your host knowing anything about it. Thete is another nasty virus which has been doing the rounds on Newsgroups. Don't open E-mail attachments before saving them onto a floppy disk. If you receive an Email with a subjecr line which is very familiat to you and relating to something you have previously wtitten, with "see the attachment" in the body of the message you'll be heading for disastet if you open the attachment. Two important cantions for the ptevention of vituses on your computer - a good Anti-Virus programme such as McAfee, Nortons, or Protecror Plus, and save all attachments to floppy disk before attempting to open them.
- When sending attachments, think about the file size. Some people may not have the time, space, patience or line speed to down load latge newsletters which may be beautifully done and heavily endowed with graphics and fancy fonts. You may have the most up to date PC with all bells & whistles plus ultra mod desktop publishing ptogramme, but thar doesn't mean that everyone else does. Check with the intended recipient before sending.

Search Engines

The most efficient I have found so far is www.google.com/. This one will find you just about anything on the www.

If you go to http://groups.google.com/, type Police Patches into the seatch space and see where it takes you.....a couple of inretesting Newsgroups for patch collectors. If you're into family teseatch, click on soc.Social issues, culture, click soc.genealogy and key in the family name you are interested in. On this page you will also see an interesting list of usegroups. You can search any of these groups for any topic.

Finally - have you checked out the new IPA web sire - it's great. Put http://www.ipa.org.nz into your signature now. Contact me with your hobby and computet requests.

Tony Picketts, hobby secteraty
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By Marlene Merriman

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In this way, they have had assistance with planning itineraries, finding good local deals and even being hosted hy overseas members.

It's a great way to see another country, particularly when you have a shared interest, even if it is only "through the job". But it's one way that friendships can be made and helps you to see the "local" sights rather than the usual travel brochure stuff.

Our Travel Secretary, Marlene Merriman from New Plymouth, recently experienced this hospitality when she and her husband Alan travelled to Scotland and the United States. In both countries IPA members hosted them.

Remember too that through IPA you are more than likely to get that personal touch because you are a serving, retired, over and out (no put-downs intended here) police personnel member. This is for ALL police personnel too, that's what IPA is about in New Zealand – for uniform and non-uniform alike.

In Scotland, the Merrimans hosts were Neil and Betty Bain and Donald and Morag Cameron and in Los Angeles, David and Irene Gabaldon and Joe and Oralia Osuna.

Here's what she has to say of the experience:

In Los Angeles we were dropped off and picked up from Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm and Universal Studios, spent some time at Laguna Beach, Hollywood and Venice Beach and had a Mexican fish meal experience at San Pedro (Port of LA).

Joe DuPuis who is in charge of training and background investigarions took us on a rour of the Ciry of Orange Police Department which was very interesring.

Whilst in Scotland we stayed a night in the Old Facrors House at Monttose which is the IPA Scotland holiday home. This was very comfortable and well equipped. It was used by the gardener or festate employee of the House of Dun which is a short walk way.

It was probably built a little larer than the main house, about lare 1700s or early 1800s.

Max Fordyce is in charge of the holiday home and is currently working at the Tayside Police Station where we visited the Camera Operations Room.

There were 35 monitors were set up in the CCTV toom, 59 cameras covering four major towns.

"They store 2500 tapes for 30 days and these are taped 30 times over before being disposed of.

"The civilians and one sworn memher are employed with their wages being paid for by the council."

Max called on us in the evening and it was nice to meet him personally afrer corresponding by e-mail and arranging accommodation for members.

We were also taken on sightseeing seeing trips of Aberdeen, a Whisky Distillery in Morayshire and experienced a true Scottish dinner – haggis.

The Camerons were alrcady planning a trip to New Zealand so I arrived armed with plenty of tourist brochures for them to study and have since returned the hospitality shown to us hy hosting them for a night in New Plymouth duting their recent visit.

We are truly grareful for the hospitaliry given to us and look forward to hosting future visitors to New Zealand. If you are interested in home hosring please contact your Regional Hosting Officer.

GENERAL NEWS

Over the last 12 months, several New Zealand members have travelled overseas. Many attended the Scottish Friendship Week last year and Bournemouth 2000 in April/May which was enjoyed by all.

There have been a lor of overseas visitors touring New Zealand, many of them have been home-hosred or stayed in the Police Welfare Holiday Homes. The feedback on the holiday homes from our visitors has been excellent.

I am pleased to advise that the holiday homes can now be booked via the Inrernet and paid for by credir car. The website address is www.policeassn.orgn.nz.

You will need your IPA membership number available when making a booking. Bookings can also be made in New Zealand on free phone 0800 500 122.

I have assisted many visitors with the planning of their itineraries and also rental car and accommodation requests. The rental car company I use is Ace Tourist Rentals, which offers very reasonable daily tates and is based in Auckland, Wellington, Picton and Christchurch.

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The character-filled Old Factor's House, which is the police holiday home at Montrose where the Merrimans stayed.

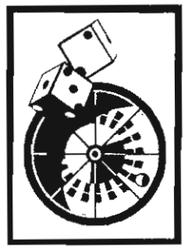


Marlene Merriman with Max Fordyce outside the Tayside Police Station, after seeing the camera operations room. "Much bigger than ours at New Plymouth with 38 cameras," said Marlene.



Neil and Betty Bain, one of Marlene and Alan's hosts while in Scotland, at their home in Aberdeen.

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Ethnic gangs fotmed and mobile motorcycle gangs began to initiate violence, often in small rural towns.

Police intelligence and gang movement reports were not always sufficient to prevent outbreaks of disordet in smaller cenrres.

During rhis rime there was an increasing readiness to question and rebel against established authority and the police became involved more and more in the supervision of protest demonsrrations in which violence (somerimes stage-managed) was used by the more militant dissidents.

Gang violence escalated throughout various parrs of the country and rhis culminated in a gang riot at Moerewa on Friday, August 3, 1979 which involved some 430 members of the Stormrroopers Gang. They had earlier wrecked the small counrry hotel at Okaihau and confronted police outside the Ohaeawai Hotel. In this incident, a number of police received injuries. Consrable Ralph Davis was kicked unconscious and received serious injuries rhat required hospitalisation for several weeks.

And Senior Sergeant Robert (Ace) O'Hara was thrown into a police prison van which had eatliet been set on fite and suffered burns and lacerations.

Twenty-eight gang members were later convicted in the High Court and received tetms of imprisonment tanging ftom one to eight years.

In passing sentence, Mr Justice Speight said that the people of Northland had been shocked and appalled by the violence.

He went on to describe the gang confrontation asÖ"one of the most savage outbreaks of brurality ever seen in New Zealand."

At rhe rime of rhe Moerewa riot, the nored American crime novelist John Ball happened to be rouring New Zealand, garhering marerial for a novel with a New Zealand serting.

Mr Ball had earlier visited New Zealand in 1977 and had on that occasion made contact with several New Zealand police officers.

Over a number of years, he had a close association with police organisations in California and was a swotn reservist member of rhe Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deparrmenr.

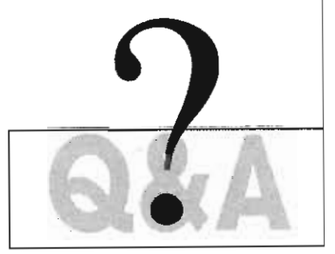
He was also technical advisor to the Pasadena Police Department and being particularly experienced in marrial arrs, he had lecrured studenrs at various police academies in Aikido, judo and ju jitsu techniques.

On this, his second visit to New Zealand, Mr Ball had brought with him several PR24 and he demonstrated these to seniot police officets in Auckland, Wellington, Chtistchurch and Dunedin. The officers were impressed by the potential of this baton as a weapon of offence and defence. The New Zealand Police Department placed an order for a limited number initially for trial and then decided ro equip team-policing and front line operational staff wirh the PR24 baton.

Ir proved a wise decision, as the baron was to prove particularly effecrive in the violent confrontarions experienced by police during rhe 1981 Springbok Rugby Tour. The PR24 baton conrinues in general use today and is widely regarded as heing a deterrenr to violence on police on front line duty.

(Footnore: John Ball was one of America's mosr successful crime novelists with more than 30 published novels. His best known book "In the Heat of the Night" was made into a movie srarring Sidney Poitier. John Ball's lasr novel, set in New Zealand and titled "The Kiwi Target" was published posthumously and dedicated "to two of New Zealand's finest – Chief Superinrendenr James Glynn and Senior Sergeant CR O'Hara).

Transqurips



Q. What is your relationship with the plaintiff?
A. She is my daughter.
Q. Was she your daughter on February 13, 1979?

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skylight is a national organisarion and is the opetating name for The Children's Grief Cenrre Charitable Trust. Irs focus is on issues of loss and grief for children and young people, and giving a national voice to rhem.

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Let's look at why skylight is here and why it has relevance to the police community.

- In 1997 142 young people 15 - 24 died by suicide. (1996: 143) This was 25% of the toral on NZ suicides. NZ's high youth suicide tate has doubled since 1985. In 1997 8 10-14 year olds died by suicide.
- 50% of young people will live in a single parent family by 16 years of age

178,278 young people in the 0 - 19 age group were admitted to hospital 1996/97.113,102 of these were aged 0 - 4.

- An estimated 300,000 children are annually affected by family violence
- The rate of children and young people under 16 experiencing unwanted sexual attention or abuse is 1 in 4 girls, and 1 in 7 boys.
- In April 1997 an ALAC youth alcohol survey saw 34% of the 500 14-18 year olds surveyed admit to being heavy drinkers. That is, having 5 or more drinks whenever they drank alcohol.

Of course, change and loss are part of life for all of us, but for some the losses mount up and are enormous to cope with - especially if we are young. These statistics portray examples of loss issues in NZ that undoubtedly impact our children and young people. This is the reality. Indeed rhere are also statistics about NZ police staff and families impacted by change and loss grief due to the dangers and stresses of frontline work.

skylight therefore sees the issues of change loss and grief as encompassing and affecting the young person and the environment in which they play, live, learn and work. This is in no way different to the issues of change loss and grief in their parents or categivers. In this respect, therefore, we view our services as being of value in supporting police and emergency services families

Like a stone being thrown into a pool, difficult changes and losses can impact many more than just those at the centre of it all - such as rheir family, extended family, nerwork of friends, neighbours, employers, workmates, and occasionally even whole communities.

When children and young people - whoever they are - face significant change and loss there is a natural reaction. It is called grief.

Grief reacrions are as real for young ones as they are for adults, bur often more confusing. They may grieve for obvious losses such as death and family break up, but also for othet changes and losses in life such as injury, illness, disability, unemploymenr, broken friendships, adoption, relocation, and family conflict and family violence. **Yet too often their grief is not acknowledged or recognised in our society.** Too often adults fail to see the loss and grief component in a young person's behavioural changes or expect them to 'bounce back' within a short period. Grief is often actively discouraged with a "You've just got to move on" or a "Pull yourself together" attitude from adults around them. Consequently children and young people can he left ro grieve alone and unsupported. Research is very clear that this can have long term effects on their academic and general achievement, self-esteem, behaviour, relarionships and health. It can have long-term effects that even last a lifetime, diminishing potential and enjoyment of life enormously.

→ *Major studies have shown loss and grief to be a primary factor both in statistics about youth suicide and youth offending.*

"The lives of many children and young people in New Zealand are significantly impacted by change, loss and grief issues. These young people are not sick. They are the walking wounded. Left unsupported their potential as people can be significantly diminished and they may well become another "at risk" statistic. skylight believes a targeted investment of time and appropriate resources aud knowledge can make a huge difference to their lives, and that of their families. skylight makes that investment."

Bice Awan - skylight CEO

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- professionals and individuals working with children and teens
- parents, family members and other carers caring for children and teens

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- Distributes and develops excellent resources relevant to NZ yourh and their carers
- Provision of a Resource and Service Catalogue, including a training calendar

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- Provision of support groups for children, facing bereavement and facing family break up
- Individual couuselling and support as needed
- Support for organisations, schools and youth groups when there has been a dearh, suicide or rraumatic incident
- Mentoring of professionals dealing with significant grief or trauma in any situation, for example after a homicide, suicide or accident.

Advocacy to enhance understanding of, and services for, grieving families

- Actively and continually highlighting the debilitating impact that significant change, loss and grief have on our young people, for example through political processes and the media. Partnering with other agencies in this.

skylight recognises that life's tragedies have the potential to affect young people negatively for the rest of rheir lives. However we do not just accept this situation and work to help them live with life's losses, build on their resilience and move forward positively.

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Coincidence
By Frank Gordon

The Oxford Dictionary defines "coincidence" as a notable concurrence of events or circumsrances without apparent causal connection. The hand of coincidence and the recognised long arm of the law must surely run on parallel lines. Between rhese two is the added requisite of a good memory and those rhree factors added togethet mean good police work, which raises the point that the hand of coincidence and the arm of the law may well belong to the same limb. But coincidence can also cause embarrassment to the policeman - especially when they pour thick and fast. I can vouch for that.

Several incidents entirely unconnected and spread ovet a matrer of some months came to light in one startling succession of coincidences that gave me one of the severest attacks of "buttetflies" I've ever known. And I'm not usually shaken so easily.

Hobson Street Auckland, then, (in the late 1930s) was not the Hobson Street it is today. At night its dim lighting made it a place most good citizens avoided if they could, leaving it to the adventurous or underworld types and street women who found amusement or other interest there. Importuning by prostitutes was not uncommon and I found myself detailed to help try to rid the area of its undesirables.

Number One

Thar is how I met Jean. Jean, 25 years, thin and non-de-script in appearance, was the best known of the street walkers and was known to be soliciting almost nightly. Her reaction in finding that she had solicited a constable when she approached me with her "Goodnight, have you got a couple of quid to spend, mister?" would hardly be printable here, but that was her last night as a street walker. The Court treated her generously and she left town and her sordid past.

Number Two

Nora was a type of good-time girl, fast following along the same parhway as Jean. She was younger and on that account perhaps more deserving of a word or two of good advice. Outside a city hotel, she was more than just a litrle intoxicated when I suggested that she should srop drinking, get herself a job and earn her own keep, drop her undesirable associates, etc.

Nora was apparently not in the habit of raking advice, especially from any policeman. Her teplies made that painfully obvious. After telling me where to go to, she yelled loud and clear: "Attest me - go on – arrest me!" I obliged.

Nora spent the night in the cells and was more subdued next day when making her Court debut on a vagtancy chatge. She left town that same day for the Capital City , a much wiser girl.

Number Three

Pauline had been pointed out to me on several occasions as a potenrial "client". The course she steered was constantly close to the line and it was only a matter of time before that line would be crossed with Pauline finding herself an unwilling guest of the Justice Deparrment. So far she had managed to keep clear of the law - but only just.

Saturday night in Auckland is never dull. Customs Street crosses the foot of Qneen Street and between 7.30 pm and 8.00 o'clock it is still the busiest intersection in the City. I awaited a tram and was due to keep an assignment in one of the outer suburbs, when I saw Pauline. Pert as ever, she appeared only a couple of chains away. Having nothing better to look at until my tram artived, I watched Pauline.

What I saw shocked me. Maybe Pauline had been celebrating unwisely but that was not the cause of my reaction. About thirty feet from Queen Street, she hoisted her skirt, unbuttoned some undergarment, crouched and shamelessly urinated on the foorpath. In the middle of the footpath. It was hard to believe - but the evidence was there. Standing erect she then re-buttroned whatever it was. She was abour to move on when I stepped up.

"I'm a police constable - what is your name and address?"

Her reply was typical of Pauline. "Go to hell. I won't tell you."

I was more than ready for that. "That's alright. Your name is Pauline ..., and yon live

at ... You will hear more ahout this."

The note book was busy while Pauline tossed het head and strutted nonchalantly off towards Queen Street, leaving behind quire a group of interesred spectators.

I know I should have arrested her but my previous appointment saved her from that fate.

I was to heat more abour Pauline.

Number Four

The German ship, "Dressau" was probably one of the last German ships to visit New Zealand porrs before Hirler's henchmen made their intentions appatent in Europe. She looked exactly what she was, a tramp steamer. In eatly 1938 this vessel tied up at the Port of Auckland at Central Wharf. Her crew were Chinese and het officers were German.

I was unaware that such a ship existed until onc night, late-ish, I was in Pitt Street when an odd littIe fellow approached me. The smile was the widesr I've evet seen. It reached from ear to ear and displayed the best collection of gold studded teeth wirhin memory.

Convetsation was limited. My education did not exrend to conversing in Chinese and this fellow's Shanghai or Peking dialects would have added complications even if I had any knowledge of Chinese. His Pidgin English was not easy to comprehend either, but he cerrainly was persistent.

"Me, Woo," he said. He repeated with forefinger to his chest. "Me, Woo."

"Hello, Woo", brought the response of an even wider display of gold teeth. He had found a friend. From his seaman's jacket he produced a folded slip of paper which he carefully unfolded before handing it to me. His eyes looked hard

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in expectation.

"Girls", he said.

The slip of paper bore the roughly printed address of a house of ill-fame recently opened in Shortland Street. It gave me quite a start because only that day my Inspector had told me that this place had been reported and instructed me to get in if I could and to report what was going on. "But be careful," he added. Unnecessarily.

Here was my opportunity and I knew that such opportunities came but once. I'd never seen the inside of a brothel before. I knew also that if I did not direct Woo to the address, he would find a taxi-driver who would. All that concerned me was not to be recognised as a constable, otherwise my reception would be a hot one.

I nodded to Woo. This brought the inevitable show of those invaluable molars, and the response, "My friend".

Outside the address I felt it prudent to make my peace with Woo. He insisted that I go inside with him. After prolonged gesture and Pidgin English was exchanged, Woo suggested that I was also a member of the crew from his ship - the "Dressau". As such I naturally would not be able to speak English apart from the most elementary words. My German was not likely to be questioned - unless I met a German!

Those stairs seemed long and steep, and I let Woo lead the way. He was certainly an enthusiastic leader .

Our welcome was spontaneous and genuine. My lack of knowledge of the English language resulted in Woo doing most of the talking and I was accepted - on Woo's representation - as a member of the ship's crew. We conversed in a lingo that others present took to be northern Chinese but Woo understood it as little as they did and cared even less.

Free liquor was provided. I found that the smallest glass was the cleanest and apparently unused, and I made sure it remained by me.

My eyes and ears kept busy but my worst fears were realised when a well proportioned female finally planted herself in front of me and demanded that I dance. I had no option. So long as it was to be confined to dancing I was prepared to play along. So we danced to the rowdy distorted music from a cheap radio that had seen better days.

The din made my Pidgin English sound even worse but I was amazed and elated to hear the girl say to 'Madam' as we passed, "This bloke's a good dancer." It was the first time I'd ever been told that and had to visit a brothel to hear it!

My conversation with her, even if limited, gave a good background. She understood perfectly. To 'Madam' she repeated my story in far better English. "This bloke's broke - no dough - but they all get paid tomorrow - I'll get him to come back tomorrow night and bring their pals with them."

I was finally made to understand her instructions, even though I had not the slightest intention of complying with them. Woo and I left together.

Woo's enthusiastic invitation to be his guest next day on the good ship "Dressau" sounded too good to refuse. My first and only visit aboard a German ship did not impress, insofar as the ship itself was concerned, but the warmth of the welcome from Woo and his crew certainly did. I was Woo's "friend", and that's all there was to it. No doubt Woo was the head man amongst the Chinese crew , but at no time did he make known his true rank or position.

He entertained royally. The German biet (beer) was at least palatable and the supply of foreign cigarettes, tobacco and magazines made interesting gifts to an uninitiated New Zealander.

The appointment was kept that evening. Woo turned up, with his perpetual golden grin. Behind him, silent and stealthy, and each with an identical oriental expression that was halfway between a smile and a leer, some ten members of the "Dressau's" crew ambled up those stairs in Shortland Street. There was much activity above. Blaring music met the party and my dancing partner of the previous evening was conversing with three well groomed men, each attired in the neat uniform of the German Merchant Marine. I recognised the symptoms of panic within, and the grass suddenly seemed greener on the other side of the fence. But it was too late to turn back.

Seeing me, her eyes gave immediate welcome, but when the remainder of the visitors behind came into view, her expression changed to ice cold.

"Get those goddam Chinks outta here," she demanded. "This is officers' night." I turned to go in very willing compliance, but my sleeve was held. "But you can stay". The crew, including Woo, had

thundered down the stairs to the street below.

"You will know these gentlemen - they're from your ship too". My dancing partner turned to the six foot blond German who had moved to her side, his arm slid round her waist as he eyed me with obvious distaste.

"This man is not off my ship. Non - he is not from the 'Dressau"'.

All eyes lit on me. Butterflies fluttered. Limited knowledge of the English can sometimes be a boon, and it worked. "Dressau? Non, non!" Head shaking and gestures assisted.

The German understood. "You are from the Norwegian ship ou the same quay, yes?"

Repeated, "Ja, Jaas", and more nodding of the head must have been convincing because I became an accepted member of yet another ship's crew, a ship I'd never heard of, and given yet another nationality. To wait longer invited trouble. When the German officers turned to accompany the buxom hostess to enjoy the hospitality of the establishment, I retreated down those stairs in record breaking pace.

Outside was the faithful but dejected Woo. There was no doubt as to his joy at my arrival.

"You got other girl 'friend'?" he asked.

"Sure. Sure".

"What your girl 'friend' name?"

"Her name?" Fast thinking. "Miss Gladiola Sunflower".

"You take me meet Miss Gladiola Sunflower?"

It was then I borrowed from Miss Eliza Doolittle, "Not bloody likely". But George Bernard Shaw's humour was lost on Woo. We parted good friends and I thought I'd heard the last of the German ship "Dressau". But I was wrong.

To a stranger, Wellington can be a dismal city and my rare and brief visits there had not altered that view. My best impressions had been gained while seated in the train watching the fast disappearing scene of derelict railway wagons, smoke-marred buildings and tumbledown sheds, as I started the fourteen-hour trip to Auckland.

There was no rejoicing when I found I was to spend an indefinite period in Wellington.

Living in a third rate boarding house in the Capital compared far from favourably with life in the Police Barracks in Auckland, but there was little time for self-pity. I learned that Wellington, too, had an underworld, even though its members were inferior both numerically and in ability to their Auckland brothers.

During the time while doing "undercover" duty in the Capital, I helped to improve local conditions by working, first as a painter on buildings that had not felt the touch of a paint brush during the past decade; secondly with a pick and shovel to aid the city's building programme, and thirdly as a "Seagull", unloading the variety of ships in the overcrowded port.

That was by day. At night my time was spent divided between the "dives", gambling joints, and any places where the criminal element was likely to meet. I met most of them: the bad, the very bad, the not-so-bad and some good. It was impossible from day to day to foretell where any evening was to be spent, and each night found me at some different place but always with associates of the day, or previous days, and they were my means of admission to dens of iniquity that otherwise would have been closed to me. With such associates I became an uninvited, but nevertheless welcome, guest at a questionable "joint" in the Te Aro area.

We were the first to arrive and for a time there was little but casual talk amongst the visitors and the woman of the house. She was terrific. Built like the "Bismark", she presented a formidable picture. She weighed about 18 stone, as strong as an ox, and answered to the name of "Gert". Quite an Amazon. Modern day cosmetics and beauty aids were wasted on "Gert", but her best friends should have told her that a couple of cakes of Lifebuoy soap might help.

I was not unduly concerned when I noticed she was closely looking at me when she thought I was not aware of it. After all, I was a stranger and all the others were seemingly known to her. I was expecting the question when it came.

"What is your name? Where are you from?" I gave my correct Christian name, and said I'd just arrived in town from Taranaki, which was right.

"Gert" accepted that, but after a lengthy pause, during which I was under even closer scrutiny, she said, "You know, you look bloody like another bloke I know".

"So I've got a double?"

"Yeah. A cop. In Auckland. I forget his name. And you look bloody like him." My associates enjoyed that more than I did. I asked myself, had I seen this dame before? I realised there was a vague familiarity in her appearance but it eluded me.

"Gert" started to talk. It was apparent that she harboured a dislike for cops in general (which was reasonable in view of the type of place she was running), and for a cop in Auckland in particular.

"If ever I get my hands on that cop from Auckland, I'll turn him inside out." Those hefty biceps indicated that she, apart from all the others, would be fully capable of doing just that. I was beginning to feel a little warm.

"Do you know what he did?"

"Who? Did what?"

"This so-and-so cop in Auckland. Well - I'll tell you. My friend. Jean, had been picking up blokes in Hobson Street. Doing it for years. One night she picked up the wrong bloke. It was this cop. He locked her up and put her out of business. What do you think of that?"

"Pretty grim."

"And I'll tell you something else he did. Same cop. My niece Pauline - nice kid - got took short in Customs Street. Up comes this cop and sez to Pauline, 'What's your name?' Pauline tells him to go to hell and won't give him her name. But he says, 'That's all right, your name is Pauline ... and you live at ... You'll hear more about this'."

I could have told "Gert" she was dead right, but I didn't.

"Then," Gert continued, "I went to the Court the day of the case and heard this cop tell his story to the Beak. Cost her five pounds it did. Afterwards I went up to this cop and asked him, 'Where can I pay Mrs ...'s fine?' Very nicely, ever so nicely, he took me to the passage and pointed out where to go - 'first door past the entrance'."

Then I remembered her. I had met her before - even if only for a fleeting moment. Lady, how right you are.

"Gert" got into her stride then. "An, there's more. The so-and-so got into Lil's brothel in Shortland Street. He was supposed to be a German sailor then. Lil got six months because of him. Bloody German sailor!"

I doubt if she heard my heart thump-

ing. The thumping reached a crescendo as I turned the pages of Wellington's "Evening Post" thar day. Photograph of a group of ship's officers lisrening ro a ship's radio bore rhe caption, "Officers of the German ship 'Dressau' now in porr listen in ro rhe European siruation ...." Coincidence upon coincidence. It was jusr too, too much. I folded that paper quickly and sruffed it into my pocket.

The need for a change of air was appealing.

"Gert" was not finished. "And one other thing. That same cop 'pinched' Nora. Stopped her outside a pub. Told her to get a job - or else. Nora thought he was bluffing and said "Go on, arrest me', and he did. Poor old Nora."

By this time I'd lost all interesr in rhe suspected illegal acrivities in rhe house, but ro leave without apparent reason was impossible. "Gerr" applied rhe final blow.

"Nora lives here. She is at the rheatre tonight but when she gets home about 10.30 she'll back me up. You do look like that bloody cop in Auckland."

It was then 10 o'clock. Half an hour to go. I knew Nora could not fail to know and recognise me. I also knew that when she did that I'd have more than a fight on my hands. I counred the mixture of thugs and lonts present. The number of active males had grown to nine - and then there was "Gert", who was worth any nine men in a fight. A bit one-sided I concluded.

My chance came earlier than I had hoped for. "The beer's cut - no beer." There was an immediate demand for fresh supplies and I supplied the solution. "Let's get some mote." Two of my sponsors agreed to visit a nearby hotel to buy more liquor. "I'll come too."

So I left the house. I got lost from the buyers of the illicit liquor. The butterflies disappeared and the air suddenly smelled sweeter - even in Wellington's Te Aro slums.

Coinage as a Family Heirloom



Clint Libby

AN INTERESTING HOBBY

In the last IPA magazine I wtote about my hobby of collecting New Zealand bank notes and I thoughr that I wonld follow this up with how to use coinage as family heirlooms and family history.

Many years ago the English had a tradition of taking a circulated coin and engraving their son's, daughter's or child's initials on when they were born and presenting it to rhem at some stage usually at the christening. The upper class would select a silver coin, the middle class a copper one and of course the working class could simply not afford to do it at all. Even today it is not uncommon to find old English coins with such an engraving on them.

The Reserve Bank of New Zealand each year issues either a one dollar or a five dollat solid silver coin in a plush case for abour $70. They have been doing this since decimal change over in 1967. You can therefore purchase rhe coin of the year of a child's birth since that date. Then by raking ir to an engraver you can have rhe full name and rhe actual day and month of the birth engraved for about another $10 to $15. They make great 21st birthday presents as they are already 21 years old and become part of your family history.

I have arranged many of these engraved coins for friends and their children over the years and each of my three children were presented with rheir engraved birth coin on their 21st birthdays. I have been told many times by the recipienrs of an engraved coin that it was the best gift they received.





is it illegal ro deface a coin of the realm? Usually, the answer is yes it is, but in this siruation it is not because it would not he a circulating coin and as I understand it, is not recognised as not legal tender.

If you think it is a good idea for your family and don't know where to starr then give me a call and I can point you in the right direction.

So as you can see not all hobbies are a complete waste of time. With the hobby of numismatics it can actually add value to your family history.

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Policing on the Picket Line



Photo Provided By the Nelson Mail

The views in this article are presented by Inspector Bob Burns of Nelson Police, who was in charge of the police operations during the Nelson Wharf dispute in December last year and of the Engineering, Printing and Manufacturing Union, as represented by its national secretary, Andrew Little.

In late December 2000, an industrial dispute started to take place in the South Island ports.

The dispute was basically caused by a Norrh Island stevedoring company, Mainland Stevedoring Ltd, which is a subsidiaty of Inrernational Stevedoring Operations Ltd, winning a contract for the loading of all logging ships leased by Carter Holr Harvey Ltd.

As a background, the South Island porrs stevedoring companies were affiliated to the NZ Watersiders Workers Union (NZWWU), while the successful conrractor, Mainland Stevedoring, belonged ro a separate North Island union.

Inspector Burns writes:

The NZ Watersiders Workers Union had had considerable monopoly over South Island ports for some time and was extremely concerned that another firm had entered the domain of the South Island ports.

Early on in the dispute, the NZWWU indicated that they were going to picketing the Nelson ports and other South Island ports in relation to the logging operations being commenced by Mainland Stevedoring.

The problem for the Nelson Police, of course, was rhat the greater Nelson area has one of the largest forests in New Zealand and a considerable amount of logs are exported through the Nelson port.

Once it was known that the NZWWU was to commence a vigorous picket of the porr area during logging operations, Nelson Police were called in to oversee the dispute and provide security advice.

From an early poinr consideration was given to the rights and freedoms of the picketers as protected by rhe NZ Bill of Rights Act. Account was also taken of the report and findings of the Select Committee inquiring into the police telated marrers arising during the State visit of the Chinese Premier.

Ir was recognised that rhe NZWWU had a right to picket peacefully but within the law and not so as ro prevent others from going about their lawful business free from interference, intimidation or violence.

The only role the police were to have in this dispute was one of keeping the peace and ensuting ALL person's rights were protected.

A number of factors were taken into consideration ro decide on police strategy and tactics:

- The nature of the dispute and likely number of picketers;
- The physical and operational environment at the Port of Nelson;
- Intelligence from other ports subjected to picketing action by the NZWWU;
- The extent to which Union Organisers had "conrrol" over rhe picketers;
- The potenrial for violence and the nature and seriousness of actual unlawful activity by pickerers;
- The disrrict police sraffing capacity.

A number of assumptions were made which also dicrate police strategy and tactics:

- the picketers have a righr to peacefully protest (subject to Section 5 of the Bill of Rights);
- the picketers' notion of peaceful is not what the police would regard as either peaceful or lawful;
- mainland workers were physically at risk when entering or leaving the work site and also their accommodation;
- relevant areas of the Nelson Port are highly vulnerable to off-site distuprion and unlawful activity;
- police calls for picketers to refrain from disrupting the passage of the workers were unlikely to be heeded and tactics in reality would be determined by the picketers, not rhe police;

It was mistakenly assumed on the first logging operation, thar as the pickerers were gathered en masse on the road in front of the entrance they would move aside for the police escorting the Mainland workers' van. The picketers did not move off the road and there was a confrontation. It was patently clear that rhe presence of the picketers on the road consrituted a blockage of a public way.

A number of arrests were made and considerable damage was caused to the vehicle driven by rhe Mainland workers.

After this operation, however the Operation Commander was for any particular logging ship that was in port, went forward on foot before the police moved forward and identified himself to the picket otganisers.

He advised rhem thar the presence of the picketers on the road was blocking a public way and that it would constitute an offence.

He then directed the union organisers to have the picketers move off the road. In the earlier operations this was ignored by all, including the organisers.

Following on from the initial logging operations, union officials complained that there had been insufficient areas available for pickerers to protest wirhout blocking rhe road in front of the entrance to the port facility. Police then placed barriers on both sides of rhe enrrance for the nexr operation. The barriers protruded onto the road so that the picketers could peacefully protest from behind them unimpeded by the police.

During rhe next operation, the barriers on one side were interfered with before the operation commenced, rendering one side of the protecred area ineffective. The picketers ignored what was left and assembled in the middle of rhe road as in previous operations.

Police also found that rocks had been placed in cavities along part of rhe barrier area.

Throughout the early operations, it was apparent that union officials and picketers generally treated "rights and freedoms" as a one-way street.

Due to these problems and the problems encountered in damage to vehicles being used by Mainland Stevedores and the obvious tactic of picketers to try and prevent entry of these workers inro the port area, the police adopred the tactic of surrounding the van containing rhe Mainland Stevedore workers and escorting the vehicle throtugh the gate.

It was felt that the police would be taking a neutral strand in the dispute allowing free access to the workers to go about their lawful business and allow the picketers to have their say ensuring that rhe gate was the ptime focus and it also meant that the police would not have to split their resources.

As a consequence, the picketers focussed their attention on shift changeovers knowing the police would he escorting the Mainland Stevedores through the principle gare.

To outsiders to the dispute this may well have been construed as snpport for the Mainland Stevedores. This was not so.

Throughout the dispute, police spent considerable rime liasing with all parties. It would be fair to say that local police had considerable empathy for local port workers and achieved excellent rapport, however, rhis could not affect the overriding issue that all persons were entitled to their righrs, which also involved the Mainland Workers.

The dispute placed considerable pressure on local resources for over four months and impacted markedly on the Nelson police's ability to carry out core functions.

For this reason, the Nelson police make no apology for exploring every avenue to bring the dispute to a speedy and amicable conclusion.

The police took no sides during the dispute and at all times took great pains to reiterate this position to all parties concerned.

Andrew Little writes:

Many New Zealand workers thought that the new industrial laws meant more fairness at work and the right to be treated with dignity.

But I imagine many will be thinking twice after a summer of television news pictures with groups of baton-toting, people-shoving, black leather-gloved police officers jogging in formarion around vehicles going to and from some of the country's wharves.

The warerfront dispute was unnsnal in that the protesting workers were objecting not so much to shabby treatment by their own employers but to rhe loss of work to an outfit that provides no (or few) local jobs.

Despite the unusual nature of the dispute, the issues at stake are still the source of passionately -- and legitimately - held views.

The price that many picketers and their families have paid for standing up for local jobs -- supported by mosr in their communiries – is to be srood over, manhandled and in some cases, pushed to the ground by the local constabulary.

So, what should the police's role be on an industrial picket?

We know thar rhe tole of any police officer is to uphold the law and keep the peace.

And we know that threats to the peace often arise becanse of more than just a ttoublesome individual) or gtoup of individuals). In many instances, there is an element of provocation.

In the case of this summer's waterfront dispute, there is a provocateur.

Carter Holt Harvey and Mainland Stevedoring have embarked on a strategy in the South Island which has raken work off fully competent locals.

These rwo companies may not have known at the outset of their log-loading enterprise that rheir arrangemenr would excite a response from the local communiries. At lest they had this excuse in the early days of their agreement.

But as time wore on, and the level of protest acrivity grew at successive South Island ports, the police should have seen that the companies were causing a deliberate provocarion each time they turned up.

By mid-summer, it was quite predictable that the presence of outside4 labour in local ports would create an animated response.

But the policing method adopred protected the provocateur sand punished locals for feeling a sense of injustice about the loss of work in their community.

Of course, ir is no more than the duty of the police to mediate a solution to a dispute such as this, than it is to decide which of two sides is to be allow4ed ro carry on its chosen path and which is to be resrrained.

But police have to make sure they don't take sides by default and compound the sense of injustice.

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