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ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE ROYAL VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE FORCE

FOR THE YEAR 1975

PART I GENERAL REPORT AND SURVEY OF THE YEAR

Introduction

The Territorial crime level indicated a satisfactory fall. Crime reports decreased by 31.8% compared with 1974. Generally all categories of crime showed a heartening reduction - offences against the person and property had an 11.9% and 23.5% decline respectively.

2. There was no external threat to the Territory during the period under review.

3. The Capital Projects programme was virtually completed during the year although, furnishings for East and West End stations had still to be acquired. The installations of internal VHF communication was completed by Cable and Wireless (WI)Ltd - but this A/M system is not proving very satisfactory due to marked interference coupled with terrain difficulties. Plans had been drawn up at the year-end for a proposed alteration to the existing photographic dark room facilities which were found to be inadequate. It is also hoped to improve storage facilities for exhibits and lost and found property in 1976. Internal and external redecoration of stations on a self-help basis commenced at the year end.

4. The United Kingdom Government, through its Development Division in the Caribbean approved the sum of £16,455 (US \$34,554) for the provision of photographic, scenes of crime and other important equipment in November. During the year, kitchen equipment also provided by the United Kingdom, was taken on charge. The Force is most grateful for this valuable aid to Police efficiency and Welfare.

5. During the year the Force renovated an old Government car for use as a traffic patrol vehicle and installed a visual average speed computer

and recorder (Vascar). This is the first installation of such equipment in the Eastern Caribbean and is proving a deterrent to speeding on the roads.

6. Heavy rains early in December caused severe flooding in Police Headquarters. Due to inadequate drainage, damage to equipment and welfare property resulted.

7. In early June a Police tactical unit was despatched to the Turks and Caicos Islands at the request of that Government to assist with internal security measures.

8. The Queens Birthday Parade held on 14th June included Naval detachments from HMS "Minerva".

9. The General Elections within the Territory were held on 1st September without incident.

10. The New Legislative Council was opened with formal ceremony on 23rd October. The Force provided a Guard of Honour.

11. The Chief of Police relinquished the duties of Keeper of the Prison in May, when H.M. Prison became a separate department of Government. At the year end Police were assisting in staffing the Prison pending recruitment of prison officers.

12. Tribute is paid to the keen and efficient application to duty in all fields, to the high level of morale maintained by members of the Force during the year, and to the Government and the Public who supported their endeavours.

Command

13. The Force was under command of Mr. Rex Jones throughout the year.

Visits

14. There were several courtesy visits by Naval units during the year, these included British American and French vessels. The Police operated joint patrolling activity. On-shore discipline was, in general, excellent

and reports minimal.

Inspections Of The Force

15. Mr. M. Mackenzie, Regional Police Adviser, visited the Force periodically during the year.

Honours and Awards

16. No member of the Force received an honour or award during the year.

17. Eleven members of the Force received commendations and monetary awards for outstanding Police work in 1975.

New Legislation Affecting Police Duties

18. Customs Ordinance 1975

(a) Repealed and replaced Treasury Ordinance Cap 186 - Police are ex-officio Customs Officers by virtue of S. 6.

Derelict Motor Vehicles(Disposal)(Amendment)Ordinance 1975

(b) Removed anomalies within principal Ordinance and gives more efficient control to Public Transport Commission over disposals.

SRO 1975 No 13 Motor Vehicles(Amendment)Regulations 1975

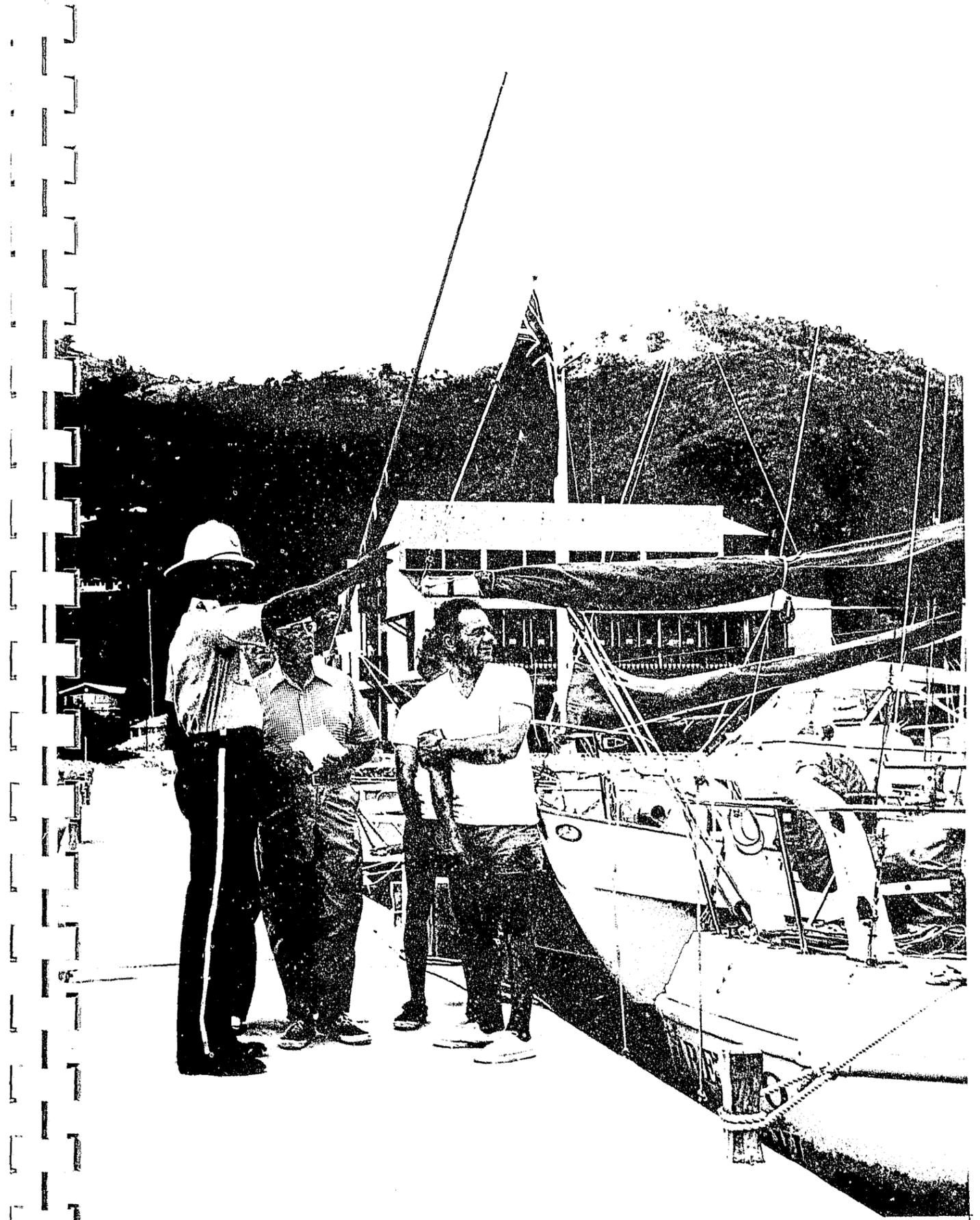
(c) Instituted learner driver's licence and need for "L" plate distinguishing marks and a proviso for holder of full driver's licence to accompany learner.

SRO 1975 No 15 Notice By Public Transport Commission

(d) Imposed speed limits in Main St. Road Town.

Building Programme

19 The Capital Estimates 1973 which allowed for building projects to be financed from United Kingdom Development Aid has been completed with the exception of the provision of furnishings for East and West End Stations, for which orders are being placed. Certain constructional defects in Police Headquarters and East End Station will require early attention.



Waterfront Beat

20. No further representation has been made on the proposed construction of institutional housing during the year on the grounds of financial restrictions.

Recruitment

21. Maintaining the policy of Government to encourage local recruitment, four male British Virgin Islanders were enlisted in 1975. At the end of the year local recruitment formed 46.6% of the total strength. The standard of local recruitment is very satisfactory. Lectures are given to High School students on all aspects of policing with particular emphasis on the advantages of a police career.

Training

22. In-service training was undertaken during the year at Caribbean and United Kingdom centres. Weapon and specialist training is undertaken with Royal Marines during naval visits to the Territory. The Force continues to be grateful to the United Kingdom Government and the Government of Barbados for these training opportunities.

23. Inspector J. Payne, Royal Anguilla Police, was attached to this Force for a two months period from December in order to study administrative and practical Police procedures.

Crime

24. Preventative policing instituted by extensive night patrolling and the introduction of a duty officer system which includes night visits and checks on commercial centres, outlying stations and districts was a contributing factor to the fall in the overall crime report level by 31.8%. During the year, with the exception of Offences Against Public Order, where two cases of being armed with an offensive weapon increased the category by 33.3%, all crime categories showed a sharp reduction particularly in Offences Against The Person And Property which were reduced by 11.9% and 23.5% respectively. Breakings were reduced by 21.9% and although 75 cases were reported the majority were committed by escapees from H.M. Prison Road Town where general security provisions proved a serious problem inspite of every effort to improve the position. A total of six escapees from lawful custody were investigated during

the year. Cases to court resulting from breaking offences improved considerably - 29.3% against 15.3% in 1974, and additionally, at the end of 1975, there were 16 cases of breaking offences pending trial. True reports of simple larceny dropped by 33.1% compared to 1974. This offence which primarily affects the tourist occurs on beaches and in hotels. "Police advice to visitors" pamphlets have been extensively distributed to appropriate agencies to assist in prevention. In areas affected there is a positive public desire to assist the Police in bringing the offenders to justice. The detection rate in simple larceny improved in 1975 - 33% of true reports resulted in cases to court compared with 13.4% in 1974.

25. The advent of scenes of crime and photographic equipment will materially assist the investigation of crime. CID officers have attended overseas courses in the handling and usage of such equipment and in December, a further CID officer left for the United Kingdom to attend a scenes of crime and photographic course.

26. Reorganisation of the Criminal Records Office and statistical data recording took place during the year.

27. There are indications that Government will be examining the need to extend the powers of the Magistrate which are at present limited to jurisdiction over offences, where the value of property stolen is below \$100.00. This is an unrealistic figure in an era of inflation. Increased powers to the lower Court would ensure a reduction in the number of preliminary enquiries and high court cases and would accelerate the administration of justice.

PART IIORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION

28. The Royal Virgin Islands Police Force was established on the 26th February 1967, as a result of constitutional changes in the Leeward Islands. Prior to that time Police in the Virgin Islands were part of the Antigua/Montserrat/Virgin Islands Police Force which in turn originated from the old Leeward Islands Police Force.

29. The 1952 Police Act provides for the establishment of the Force and lays down the powers and duties of Police. The latter are described as "the prevention and detection of crime and the repression of internal disturbance". The Police are also responsible for defence of the Territory against external aggression. Additionally, the Police are responsible for the following services:-

The Fire Brigade

The examination, registration and licensing of motor vehicles

The licensing and registration of firearms

Special licensing and documentation.

30. In order to carry out these duties, the Force had the following organisation at the end of 1975:-

Force Headquarters

Situated in Road Town and includes the following branches

Headquarters Administration

Criminal Investigation Section

Special Branch

Traffic and Transport Section

Quartermaster

Marine

Police Station, West Tortola

Situated in West End area.

Police Station, East Tortola

Situated at East End/Long Look.

Police Station, Virgin Gorda

Situated in the Valley.

Establishment and Strength (1971 - 1975)

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	Est	Str								
<u>Police</u>										
Chief of Police	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
A/Supt of Police	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Insp of Police	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Sergeants	4	4	6	5	5	4	5	4	4	4
Corporals	12	11	11	11	11	9	11	11	11	11
M/Constables	28	25	35	32	39	39	39	39	40	39
W/Constables	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
TOTAL	48	45	56	52	61	58	61	60	61	60

Distribution of Establishment 1975

32.	<u>C P</u>	<u>A/Supt</u>	<u>Insp</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>M/Cpl</u>	<u>W/Cpl</u>	<u>M/Con</u>	<u>W/Con</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Police Headquarters</u>									
Administration	1	1							2
CID			1			1	2		4
SB					1		1		2
Traffic					1		1	1	3
Transport					1		4		5
Quartermaster				1					1
Marine				1			2		3
Road Town			1	1	4		17	1	24
West Tortola					1		2		3
East Tortola					1		3		4
Virgin Gorda				1			3		4
Leave & Courses Reserve					1		5		6
TOTAL	1	1	2	4	10	1	40	2	61

Health

33. A total of 46 man-days were lost through sickness. Complaints were minor.

Casualties

34. Two constables resigned to take up civilian employment. One constable was transferred to H.M. Prison Service.

Discipline

35. Disciplinary charges resulting in Orderly Room Proceedings amounted to 18 for the year. There was one dismissal. A total of \$177.00 was collected in fines.

Racial Composition of the Force

36. (As at 31st December 1975)

	<u>C</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>A/Supt</u>	<u>Insp</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>M/Cpl</u>	<u>W/Cpl</u>	<u>M/Con</u>	<u>W/Con</u>	<u>Total</u>
United Kingdom	1									1
Barbados								1		1
British Virgin Islands						1	1	24	2	28
Dominica				1		2		4		7
Grenada					1	3		3		7
Montserrat						1				1
Nevis					1			1		2
St. Kitts								1		1
St. Vincent								4		4
Trinidad						1		1		2
Antigua			1	1	2	2				6
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>60</u>

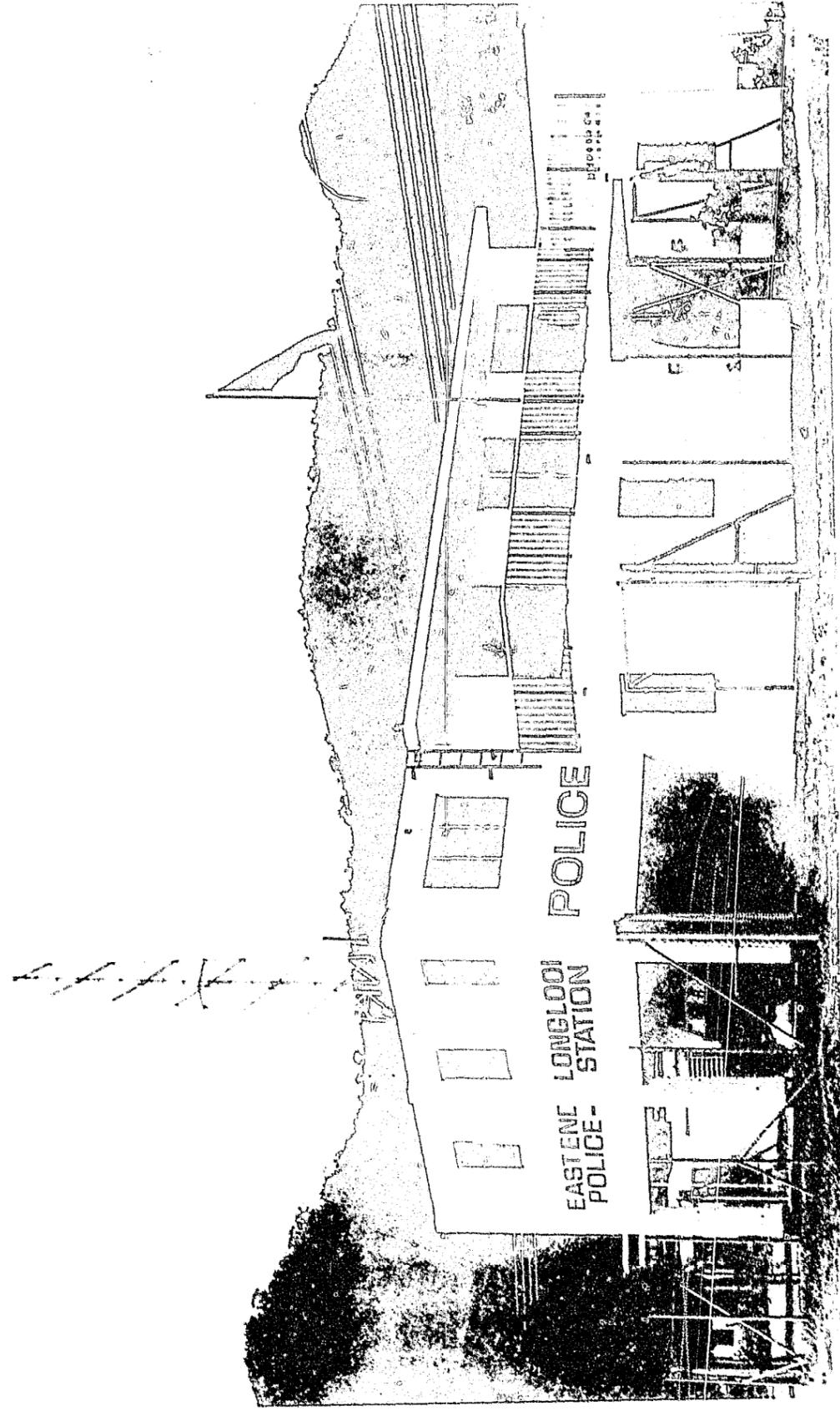
Conditions of Service

37. Seventeen expatriate Police Officers changed from permanent and pensionable to contract terms of employment with effect from 1st July, 1975. The Force received the benefit of a cost of living allowance awarded to the Civil Service in December.

Length of Service

38 (As at 31st December 1975)

	<u>G.O.</u>	<u>Insp</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>M/Cpl</u>	<u>W/Cpl</u>	<u>M/Con</u>	<u>W/Con</u>	<u>Total</u>
Less than 2 years						7		7
Over 2 and less than 5 years			1	1		26	1	29
Over 5 and less than 10 years				6	1	6	1	14
Over 10 and less than 15 years			3	3				6
Over 15 and less than 20 years		2						2
Over 20 years	2							2
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>60</u>



Eastene Police Station

Housing

39. Single barrack accommodation was available for junior ranks and Government provided subsidised accommodation for the Chief of Police and the S.P.Os i/c Virgin Gorda and East End. No progress was made towards planning police married quarters on the grounds of general financial restrictions.

Buildings (Other than housing)

40. No building projects were undertaken during the year. The Virgin Gorda Station is adequate at the present time, but requires security fencing. Internal and external re-decoration of Headquarters and Stations on a self-help basis commenced in December.

41. Structural defects were found in Police Headquarters and East End Station during the year and will require early attention. External drainage will have to be properly constructed if further flooding in heavy rains is to be avoided. Application for funds to put this work in hand has been made.

42. The dark room photographic facilities were found to be inadequate and the redesign and provision of storage facilities has been planned by PWD Architects. Application to obtain funds for this work has already been made. Additionally there is a distinct need to improve storage facilities for exhibits and lost and found property - an estimate is awaited to convert one end of the Headquarters building using existing walls for this purpose. Funds will be applied for this conversion.

Clerical staff

43. One civilian clerk is included in the establishment at Force Headquarters.

Finance

44. Comparative figures for the years 1971 - 1975 are set out below:-

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>
Personal Emoluments	176,084	187,830	194,432	264,987	264,160
Other Charges	<u>42,093</u>	<u>42,532</u>	<u>54,940</u>	<u>53,325</u>	<u>64,287</u>
	<u>\$218,177</u>	<u>\$230,362</u>	<u>\$249,372</u>	<u>\$318,312</u>	<u>328,447</u>



Weapon Training - On Police Range



PART III RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING

Qualifications for Enlistment

45. Section 13 of the Police Act lays down that no person shall be appointed as a constable unless:-

- (a) he has attained the age of 19 years but has not reached 35 years except in special cases;
- (b) his height is at least 5 feet 6 inches;
- (c) he has passed a medical examination;
- (d) he is of good character, and
- (e) he has minimum education of Standard 7.

Recruiting

46. Four male police constables joined the Force during 1975. All are of British Virgin Islands descent.

47. Four recruits went to the Barbados Police Training Centre in December 1975 and are due to return in June 1976.

Refresher Training

48. Four constables attended a refresher course at the Police Training Centre in Barbados from September to October 1975.

Promotion Examination

49. No examinations were held during 1975. No vacancies for promotion occurred.

Weapon Training

50. Early in 1975 all members of the Force undertook annual weapon training including range practices, and additionally officers and the S.P.O cadre fired a pistol course.

Other Courses

51. One Inspector and one corporal attended a weapon training course in Barbados in January 1975.

52. One corporal and one constable attended traffic and driver testing

courses in the United Kingdom in January 1975.

53. In December one inspector and two corporals left the Territory to attend overseas courses in the United Kingdom, which were due to commence in January 1976.

PART IVCRIME AND CID

54 The total number of crime reports investigated during 1975 amounted to 570 of which 401 were accepted as true. This reflects a total decrease of 31.8% over the 1974 figure (836). All categories of crime decreased with the exception of category 1 - Offences Against Public Order which increased from 4 reports in 1974 to 6 in 1975. Category 5 (Offences Against the Person) fell by 11.9% and Category 6 (Offences Against Property) by 23.5%.

55 It should be noted that crime statistics were reclassified in 1973.

56 Comparative figures for the main categories of crime for the period 1971 - 1975 are set out below:-

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>
<u>Cat 1 Offences Against Public Order</u>					
True	-	-	1	4	6
Convicted	-	-	1	1	3
Acquitted	-	-	-	1	1
Withdrawn	-	-	-	2	-
Undetected	-	-	-	-	-
Pending	-	-	-	-	2
<u>Cat 2 Offences Against Lawful Authority</u>					
True	2	4	15	13	10
Convicted	-	-	8	11	5
Acquitted	-	-	3	1	1
Withdrawn	1	3	1	-	-
Undetected	-	-	1	-	-
Pending	1	1	-	1	4
<u>Cat 3 Offences Injurious To Public In General</u>					
True	-	-	89	99	81
Convicted	-	-	61	65	37
Acquitted	-	-	7	8	11
Withdrawn	-	-	7	3	4
Undetected	-	-	2	3	-
Pending	-	-	12	20	29

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>
Cat 4 <u>Offences Against Public Morality</u>					
True	7	1	3	7	4
Convicted	-	-	1	1	1
Acquitted	1	-	-	1	1
Withdrawn	-	-	-	2	1
Undetected	-	-	-	1	-
Pending	1	-	2	2	1
Cat 5 <u>Offences Against The Person</u>					
True	111	56	66	101	89
Convicted	48	17	40	55	42
Acquitted	13	-	10	20	7
Withdrawn	12	5	4	4	14
Undetected	6	19	6	2	-
Pending	11	7	6	20	26
Cat 6 <u>Offences Against Property</u>					
True	182	258	345	276	211
Convicted	16	16	45	32	41
Acquitted	2	8	6	9	5
Withdrawn	3	11	5	3	3
Undetected	103	168	278	185	68
Pending	3	8	11	47	94+
	+(Includes cases under investigation and awaiting trial).				
Cat 7 <u>Other Criminal Offences</u>					
True	-	-	-	-	-
Convicted	-	-	-	-	-
Acquitted	-	-	-	-	-
Withdrawn	-	-	-	-	-
Undetected	-	-	-	-	-
Pending	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Local Laws</u>					
True	647	469	264	352	327
Convicted	325	314	194	222	206
Acquitted	45	51	19	20	24
Withdrawn	53	24	10	13	29
Undetected	63	23	7	15	3
Pending	161	57	34	82	65

57. Comparative figures of true reports of offences against Local Laws for the period 1971 to 1975 are as follows:-

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>
Vehicles and Road Traffic	474	346	236	318	292
Firearms	-	-	6	6	2
Dangerous Drugs	-	-	12	16	20
Treasury	-	-	6	8	8
Protection of Animals	-	-	1	1	1
Immigration and Passports	-	-	4	2	4
Unspecified	173	123	-	-	-
	<u>647</u>	<u>469</u>	<u>265</u>	<u>351</u>	<u>327</u>

Juvenile Delinquency

58. Eleven juveniles were convicted for offences during 1975 compared with one conviction in 1974. Offences concerned were:-

Larceny of food stuff	9
Larceny of money	<u>2</u>
Total	<u>11</u>

No established probation service or approved school exists in the Territory. The Social Welfare Department assists whenever possible.

Criminal Investigation

59. The incidence of breaking offences decreased from 91 in 1974 to 75 in 1975 - a 17.5% reduction and there was an overall decrease of 26.9% in the following offences compared to 1974.

	<u>True Reports</u>	<u>Convictions</u>
Simple Larceny	109	25
Robbery	-	-
Breakings	75	5
Frauds	-	-
Receiving & unlawful possession	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>190</u>	<u>32</u>

60. Although there were 25 convictions under simple larceny during the year a further 10 cases were pending trial. Additionally there were 16 breaking cases pending trial at the year end.

61. Comparative figures of crimes involving dishonesty in 1974 and 1975 are recorded below. These indicate a 33.1% decrease in the number of true reports received and an increase of 56% in cases to Court during 1975

	<u>1974</u>		<u>1975</u>	
	<u>True Reports</u>	<u>Cases To Court</u>	<u>True Reports</u>	<u>Cases To Court</u>
Simple larcenies	163	22	109	36
Robberies	2	2	-	-
Breakings	91	14	75	22
Frauds	1	-	-	-
Receiving & unlawful possession	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
	<u>260</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>190</u>	<u>64</u>

62. The total of 109 true reports of simple larceny in 1975 was made up of the following types of theft:-

from dwelling house	24
from shop	4
from hotel	18
from other buildings	9
from car	17
from boat	9
from beach	25
others	<u>3</u>
	<u>109</u>

63. This was 33.1% reduction on the 1974 total.

64. The majority of the victims of simple larceny were visitors to the Territory particularly in cases of thefts from hotels, beaches and vehicles. A "Police Advice to Visitors" pamphlet has been extensively distributed as a preventative measure.

65. Breakings showed a 17.5% decrease on the 1974 figures and 29.3% of all true reports resulted in court action. The types of property affected were as follows:

dwelling house	43	
shop	17	
stores	3	
offices	2	
others	10	Total 75

66. Most breaking offences were committed by escapees from H.M. Prison, Tortola before recapture. Every effort is being made by Government to improve the security of this Prison.

Fingerprint Bureau

67. One detective officer carries out basic classifications. The Force maintains its own Henry collection and scenes of crime section. Lack of sophisticated fingerprint equipment has hampered the progress of this important section, in the past but the position will improve as funds have now been provided by the United Kingdom Government to obtain such equipment. There are 391 sets of fingerprints filed.

Photographic Section

68. The Force has had no photographic equipment since its inception, although officers have received overseas training in its usage. The recent provision of funds by the United Kingdom Government to obtain the basic requirements will materially assist criminal investigation.

69. The dark room facilities were found to be inadequate requiring structural alteration with the provision of storage and working areas. A plan has been prepared by PWD Architects and an application for funds to carry out the renovations has been made. Separate studio facilities will be established in existing office space.

Modus Operandi Index

70. No such index is maintained or considered necessary at the present time.

Criminal Records Office

71. During the year criminal records were reorganised and efficient cross-reference and filing systems were established. Statistical data recording was also revised.

Forensic Aids

72. No facilities are available in the Territory for chemical analysis or other forensic science examinations. However, the United States Virgin Islands has allowed the Force to make use of their Crime Laboratory on payment of fees and it is proper once again to record our appreciation of the assistance given by the Director, John A. Richards Jnr.

Courts

73. The West Indies Associated States Supreme Court sat at Road Town in its criminal jurisdiction in March and October 1975.

74. The Territory's only subordinate court is that of the Magistrate.

Police Supervision

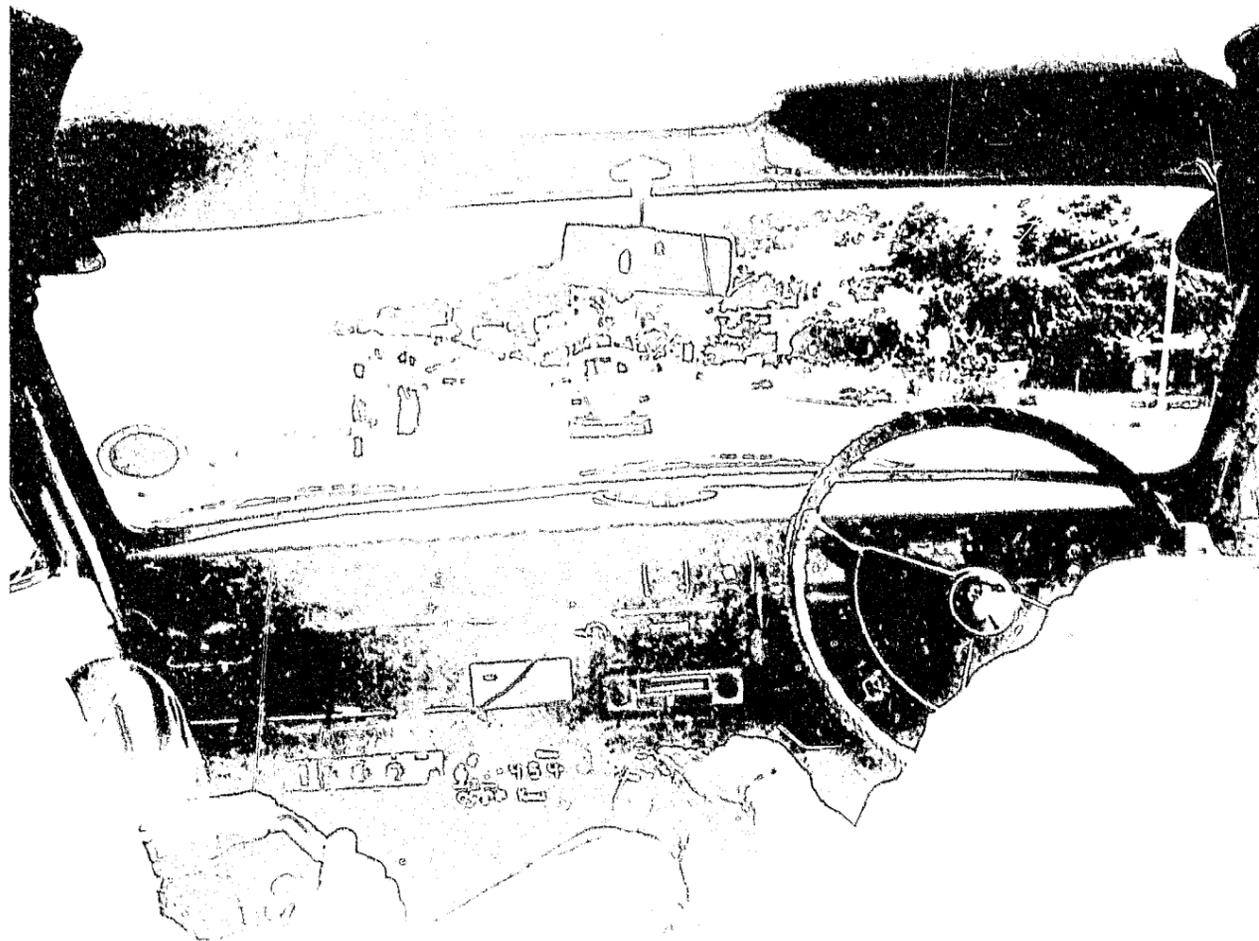
75. No police supervision was imposed during 1975.

Law Enforcement Organisation - US Virgin Islands

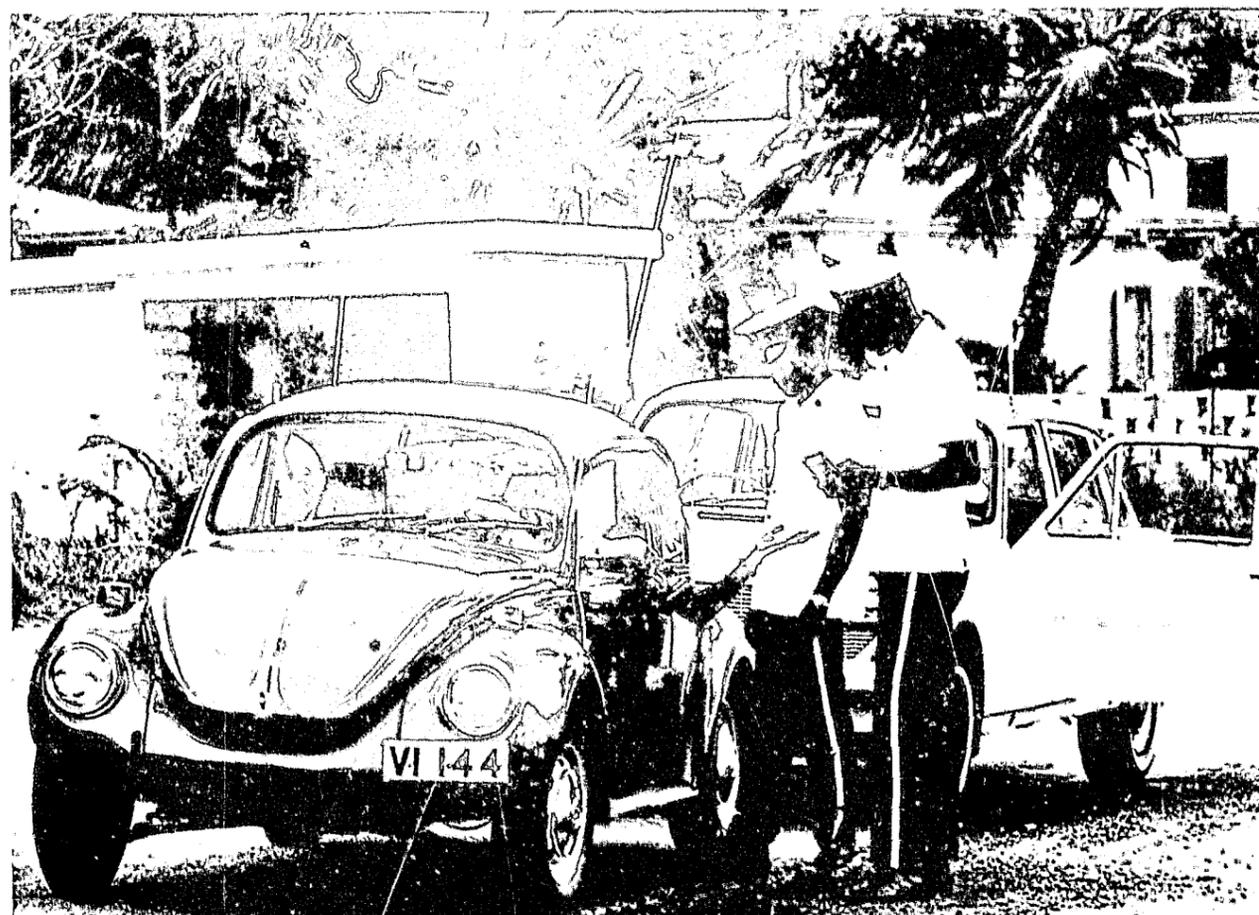
76. Close links maintained by the Force and the above Organisation, which has a representation of all US Law Enforcement Agencies in the area, led to invitation for the Force to become a member. This membership ensures mutual cooperation and exchange of information on major criminal activity affecting the two areas particularly in the field of narcotics. Regular meetings are held. The Force is represented in the Organisation by the Chief of Police.

Crime Statistics

77. Detailed crime statistics appear as Appendices to this report.



View from the front of the car (left) showing the driver's seat and the view through the windshield.



PART VTRAFFICRegistration and Licensing of Vehicles

78. At the end of 1975, 1927 motor vehicles were registered and licensed for use on the Territory's public roads. This was an increase of 1.4% on the 1974 figure. Comparative figures for the period 1971 to 1975 are as follows:-

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>
Total vehicles	955	1291	1627	1900	1927

Road Accidents

79 Comparative figures for the period 1971 to 1975 are as follows:-

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>
Total accidents	150	144	101	146	198
Persons killed	2	3	1	5	-
Persons injured	37	53	25	69	53

80 Accidents mainly of a minor nature increased by 35.6% over 1974. There were no fatalities and the number of injured persons decreased by 23.1%.

81 Causes of road accidents during 1975 were:-

Dangerous driving	8	
Careless driving	59	
Speeding	28	
Driving with defective tyres	2	
Driving under the influence of alcohol	1	
Driving without lights at night	3	
Straying animals	22	
Mechanical failure	37	
Causes not established	38	Total 198

Traffic Offences

82. 292 true reports of traffic violations were dealt with during 1975. These are classified as follows:

Careless, Dangerous or Reckless Driving	50
Exceeding Speed Limit	36
Driving under the influence of alcohol	1
Obstruction and Parking Offences	40
Insurance Offences	54
Driving Without Licence	41
Taking Vehicle Without Owners Consent	8
Driving Unlicensed Vehicle	36
Driving With Defective Tyre	13
Conveying Excess Passengers	1
Driving Without Lights	6
Driving Noisy Vehicle	6
	6 Total 292

83. 231 of these reports resulted in court action 185 convictions were obtained - an 80% result.

Driving Tests

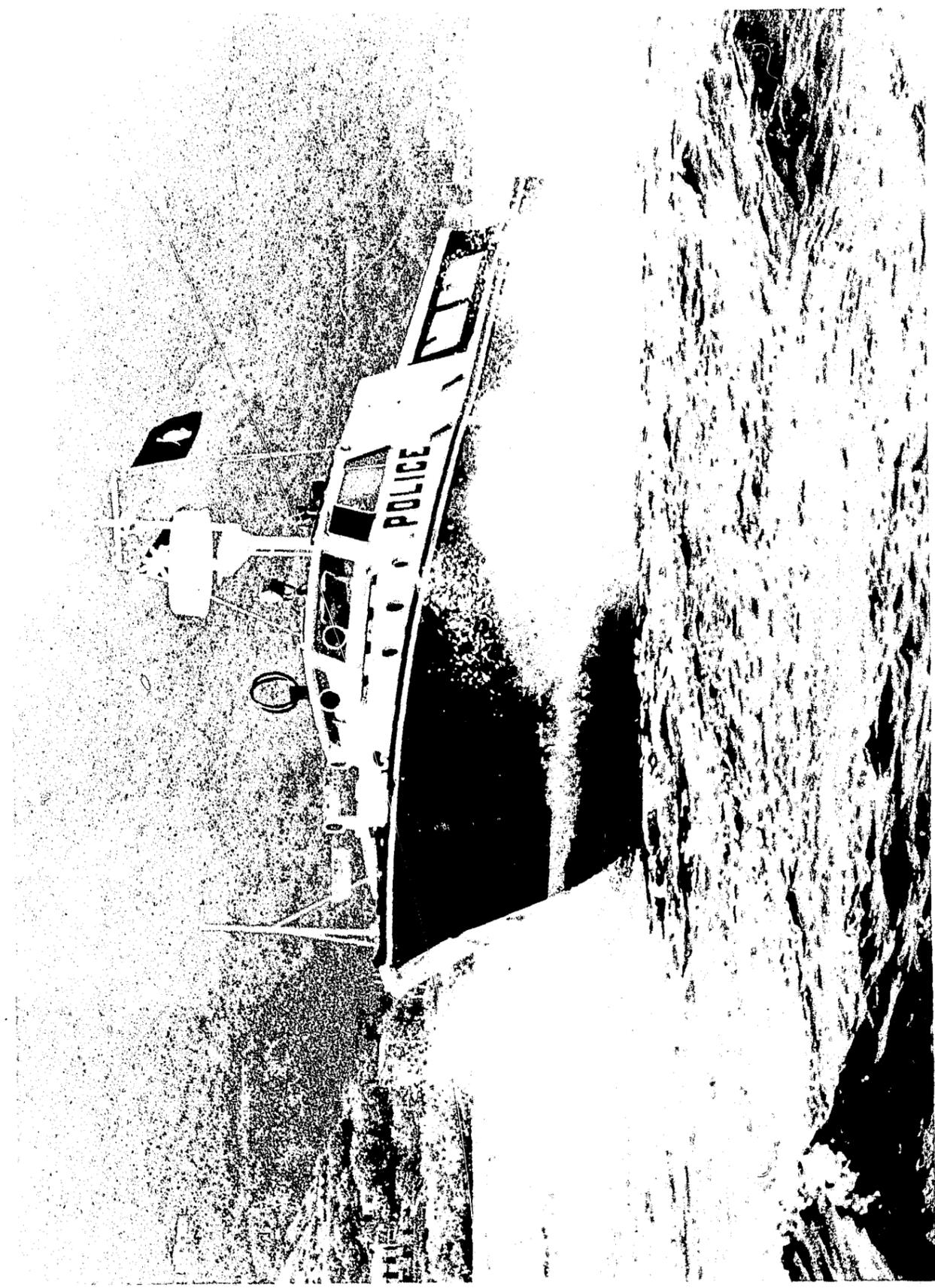
84. Police are responsible for the testing of drivers and 257 persons were tested during 1975. Comparative figures for the period 1971 to 1975 are as follows:-

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>
Drivers passed	266	170	297	219	106
Drivers failed	<u>349</u>	<u>267</u>	<u>242</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>151</u>
Total tested	<u>615</u>	<u>437</u>	<u>539</u>	<u>382</u>	<u>257</u>

85. The standard of driving tests improved after testing officers attended appropriate training in the United Kingdom during the year.

Examination of Motor Vehicles

86. Police are responsible for the examination of motor vehicles before annual licensing and a police mechanic now undertakes these duties, which are performed at length in the first two months of the year at the expense of police vehicle and launch maintenance. The establishment of a motor vehicle examination branch which would also undertake driving tests under the direction of the Public Transport Commission completely separate from the Police should be considered in the future.



Police Patrol Boat

PART VIOTHER SPECIALISED BRANCHESFire Brigade

87. In the absence of a separate department, Police are responsible for dealing with fires and the Chief of Police is the Chief Fire Officer for the Territory. Volunteer firemen receive regular training sessions. Tribute is paid to these persons and other members of the public who have assisted the Police in dealing with fires.

88. At the end of 1975 Police had the following operational fire appliances:

Road Town	1 Bedford 700 gallon fire tender
East End/Long Look	1 Portable water pump
Virgin Gorda	1 Landrover fire tender

89. A landrover fire tender will be obtained in 1976 with funds provided by the United Kingdom Government for East End/Long Look area.

90. There were 21 fire reports in 1975. Two false reports were received. There was one death but no injuries resulting from these reports.

Special Branch

91. A small Special Branch and registry is maintained in Police Headquarters.

Civil Disturbance Unit

92. No separate unit is maintained but all ranks receive in-service training. A 15 man tactical unit is trained, equipped and available on early call for these and other specialist duties.

Marine Section

93. The Force has a 40 foot Brooks Marine Patrol Craft with a crew of four. It was used mainly for Police patrols, excise duties and to assist other government departments throughout the year. It is an essential part of island policing. This craft featured as an entry in "Jane's Fighting Ships".

Women Police

94. One corporal and two constables were on strength at the end of 1975. They are employed on general, administrative and CID duties involving women and young persons. All are stationed in Road Town.

Auxiliary Units

95. At the end of 1975 there were 18 Local Constables distributed throughout the Territory. Their duties are to preserve the peace and the prevention of offences against persons or property in areas where regular Police are not stationed. This constabulary is distributed as follows:-

Baughers Bay	1	
East End, Tortola	2	
Frenchman's Cay	1	
Ballast Bay	1	
Brewers Bay	2	
Jost Van Dyke	2	
Chalwell	1	
Peter Island	1	
Salt Island	1	
Anegada	1	
Virgin Gorda	4	
Carrot Bay	1	Total 18

Telecommunication

96. HF transceivers are located at Police Headquarters, Road Town and are fitted on the Police Launch. These form part of the Eastern Caribbean Police HF network. Daily contacts are made with other Territories.

97. Installations of equipment for an internal Police A/M VHF system made available from United Kingdom Development Aid was completed during the year. Due to marked interference and terrain difficulties it is not proving satisfactory. A VHF F/M system would have been more appropriate and efficient.

Transport

98. At the end of 1975, Police had the following vehicles at their disposal:-

Road Town	1 LWB Landrover - 1 Austin 3 litre Patrol Car
East End	1 LWB Landrover
West End	1 LWB Landrover
Virgin Gorda	1 LWB Landrover

Two of these vehicles are now old and the costing on upkeep and maintenance is high. Replacements have been applied for in the annual estimates. The Police renovated an old Government car as a patrol vehicle and installed speed control equipment. It is a very satisfactory addition to the traffic section.

PART VIIWELFARE AND RECREATION

99 The Police Canteen and Recreation room continued to be popular and is well equipped. Damage to a drinks cooler and Christmas stock occurred in December as a result of flooding. The annual Police Ball in November was attended by His Excellency the Governor and the Hon. Chief Minister. It was a great success being regarded as the social event of the year in the community, it is held at Police Headquarters.

100 The Police Welfare Association continued as an active body. Rules made by virtue of S 63 Police Act Cap 142 had been approved at the year end.

101 The Police Cricket and Football teams took part in league activities with marked success. The Police Football team won the League Championship and were runners-up in the Knock-out Shield. Members of the team received awards as the best players of the year in various sections. The Police Cricket XI finished high in placings in the Cricket Shield matches. A member of the Force won the Territorial Table Tennis championship.

PART VIIIOTHER POLICE DUTIESAlien's Registration

102 There is no legal requirement for the registration of aliens.

Revenue Collection

103 Revenue collected by Police during 1975 was as follows:-

Drivers Licences	15,673.00
Motor vehicle licences	49,107.15
Driving test fees	530.00
Other traffic fees	1,691.00
Firearms licences	487.74
Special Police Services and documentation	<u>1,657.50</u>
Total	<u>£69,146.39</u>

104 Fines collected in respect of prosecutions brought by police during 1975 amounted to £10,730.00 of which £3,220.00 was in respect of traffic offences. During the year Government gave authority for the collection of fees in respect of police documentation.

105 The duties of revenue collection and vehicle inspection seriously curtail regular police traffic duties during the early months of the year.

Weights and Measures

106 Weights and measures are not checked in the Territory.

Film Censorship and Transport Commission

107 The Chief of Police is an ex-officio member of the Censorship Board which is appointed by the Governor under the provisions of Section 4 of the Cinematographs Ordinance Cap 211, and is a member of the Public Transport Commission under the provisions of Sections 3(1) Vehicles and Road Traffic Ordinance Cap 198.

Control of Firearms

108 Permits to keep and carry firearms are issued by police following approval of the Governor. At the end of 1975 the firearms registered in the Territory were as follows:-

Rifles	22
Shotguns	44
Handguns	8
Total	74

Membership of Public Organisations

109 The Police hold membership in the Mental Health Association and are represented on the Committee of the Tortola Humane Society.

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TERRITORY OF THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

DISPOSAL OF CASES

CRIMINAL OFFENCES	REPORTS MADE DURING PERIOD TO STATIONS						TOTAL REPORTS INVESTIGATED				TOTAL INVESTIGATED	REPORTS REJECTED				TOTAL TRUE REPORTS	DISPOSAL OF TRUE REPORTS				RESULTS OF COURT CASES				TOTAL PERSONS BEFORE COURT	
	Road Town	Virgin Gorda	East Tortola	West Tortola			Total made during period	Investigations b/f	Pending trial b/f	Inquiries re-opened		Withdrawn by complainant	False report	Mistake of law or fact	Refused or warned		Closed undetected	Accused not located	Investigations c/f	To court	Convicted	Acquitted	Withdrawn	Pending trial b/f		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
1	Against Public Order																									
	All offences																									
2	Against Lawful Authority																									
	Relating to judicial proceedings																									
	Escape and rescue																									
	Others																									
3	Injurious to the Public in General																									
	All offences																									
4	Against Public Morality																									
	Rape, indecent assault etc																									
	Others																									
5	Against the Person																									
	Murder, manslaughter etc																									
	Attempted murder																									
	Serious assaults																									
	Minor assaults																									
	Others																									
6	Against property																									
	Simple larcenies																									
	Robbery etc																									
	Breakings																									
	Frauds																									
	Receiving & unlawful possession																									
	Arson																									
	Malicious Damages																									
	Others																									
7	Other Criminal Offences																									
	Forgery																									
	Coinage																									
	Others																									
	TOTAL																									

Period 1st JANUARY to 31st DECEMBER 1975

TERRITORY OF THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

DISPOSAL OF PERSONS

CRIMINAL OFFENCES	TOTAL PERSONS BEFORE COURT	DISPOSAL OF PERSONS BEFORE COURT - SENTENCES																AGE GROUPS OF PERSONS CONVICTED										TOTAL PERSONS CONVICTED								
		Acquitted	Withdrawn	Pending trial c/f	Convicted	Death		Imprisonment			Corporal punishment		Fines		Other penalties		Males by age groups (years)					Females by age groups (years)														
						Adult	Adult	Juvenile	Adult	Juvenile	Adult	Juvenile	Adult	Juvenile	7 to 13	14 to 15	16 to 20	21 to 30	30 & over	7 to 13	14 to 15	16 to 20	21 to 30	30 & over												
						M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F											
1	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59		
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2	Against Lawful Authority																																			
	Relating to judicial proceedings																																			
	Escape and rescue	6	1	3	2							2																1	1						2	
	Others	4		1	3											3												2	1						3	
3	Injurious to the Public in General																																			
	All Offences	58	11	4	6	37					4					24	3				4	2					1	22	9		3	2		37		
4	Against Public Morality																																			
	Rape, indecent assault etc	3	1	1	1																															
	Others	1			1											1											1								1	
5	Against the Person																																			
	Murder, manslaughter etc																																			
	Attempted murder																																			
	Serious assaults	3	2	1																																
	Minor assaults	62	5	14	5	38					8					27	3				4	1					3	23	6			4	2	38		
	Others	2			2											1						1						1					1	2		
6	Against Property																																			
	Simple larcenies	41	1	10	30						5					13	1				11					6	3	10	5	5			1	30		
	Robbery etc																																			
	Breakings	10		1	6	3					3																	2	1						3	
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	Receiving & unlawful possession	6	1	1	2	2										1					1						1	1						2		
	Arson																																			
	Malicious Damages	4			4											1					3							1	3					4		
	Others	9	3	1	5						3										2						3	1	1					5		
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