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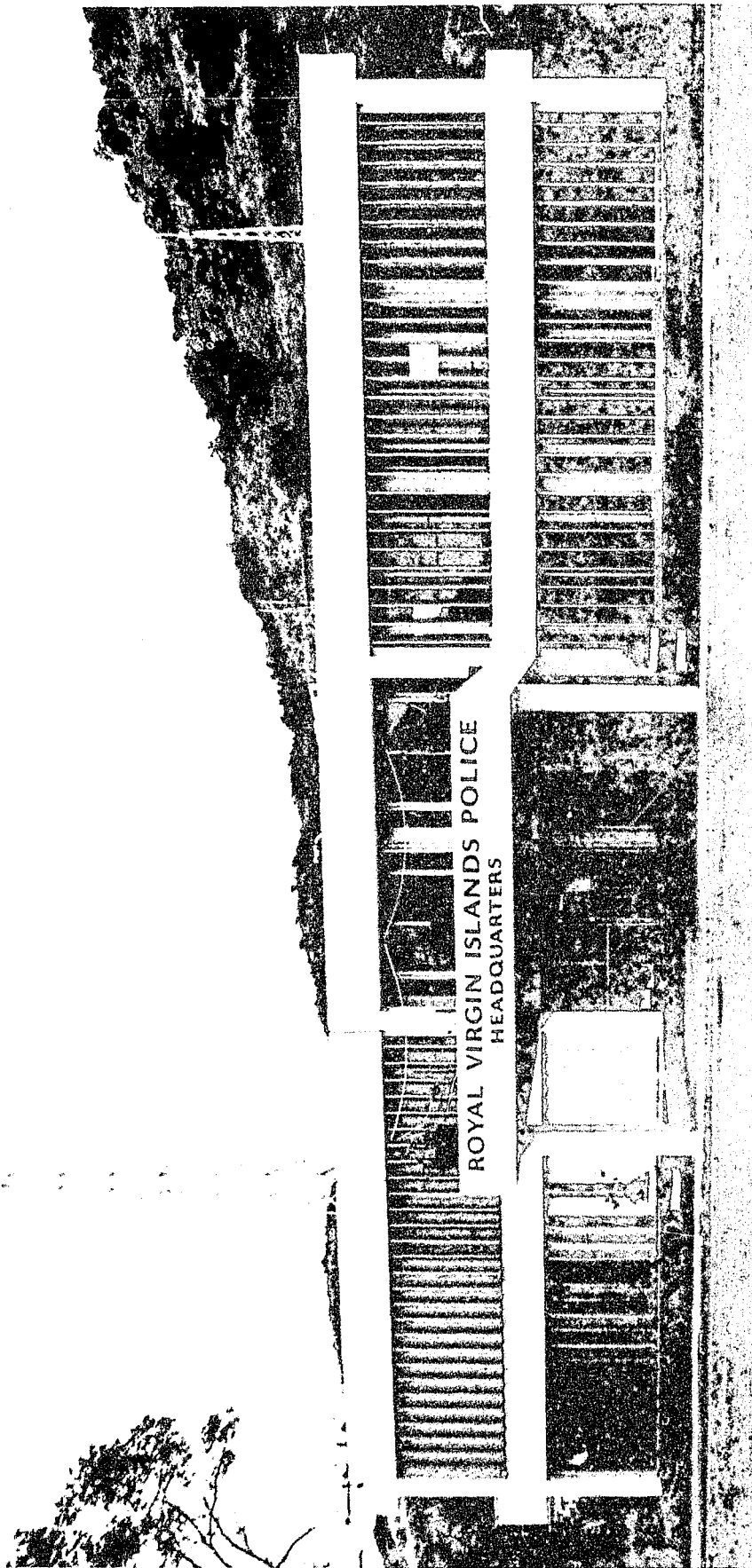
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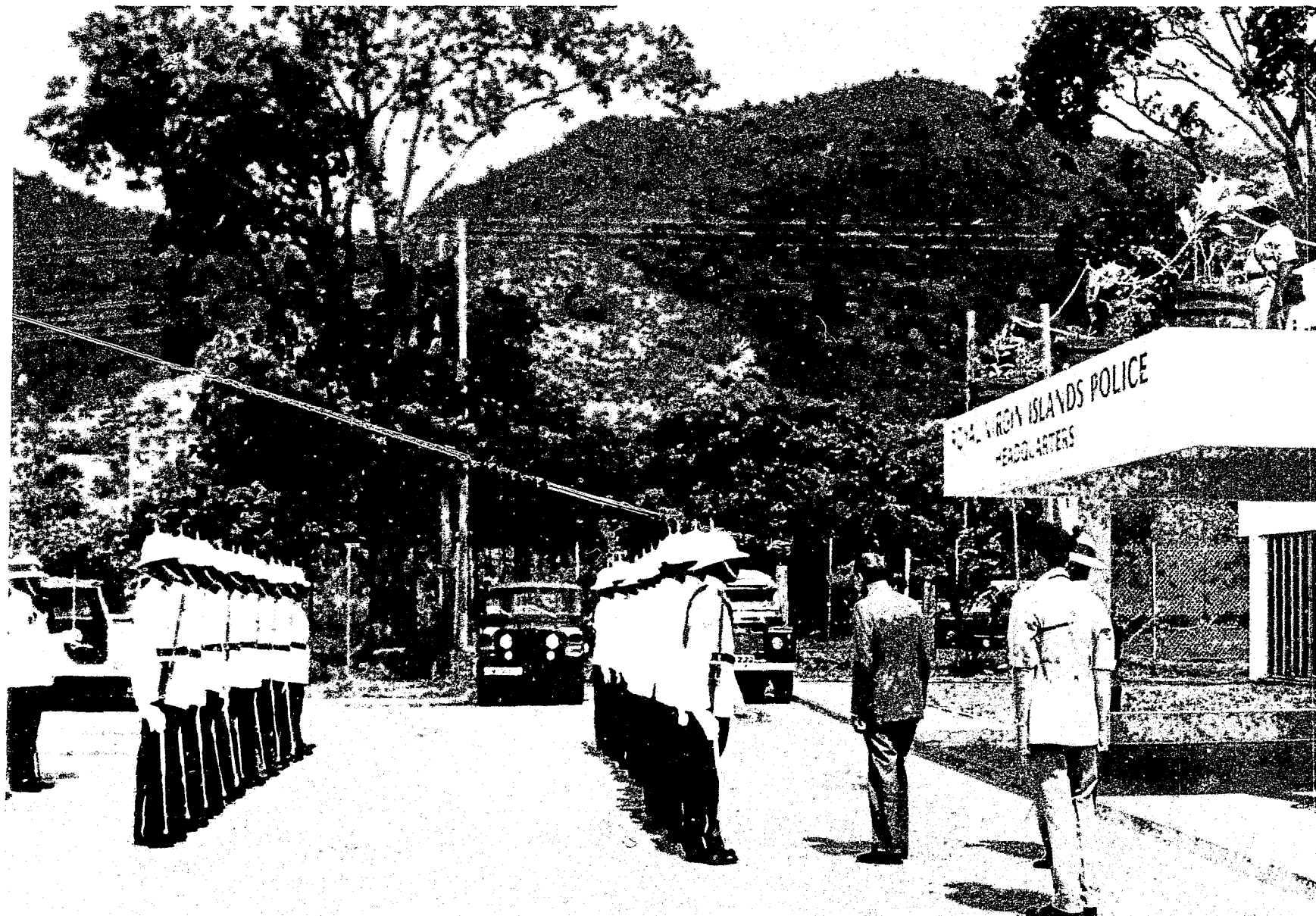
FOR THE YEAR 1976

PART I GENERAL REPORT AND SURVEY OF THE YEAR

Introduction

The Territorial crime level continued to indicate a satisfactory fall. Crime reports decreased by 4.03% compared with 1975 and over the past two years a total 35% reduction has been achieved. In 1976, a fall of 17.9% was noted in the crime category of offences against the person. There was however a slight increase in offences against property.

2. There was no external threat to the Territory during the period under review.
3. The Capital projects programme has now been completed with the exception of certain furnishings now on order. The internal VHF communications system has been modified by Cable and Wireless (W.I.) Ltd who have completed the installation of a simplified F/M trans/receiver system which has greatly improved this important facility. Mobile sets are being fitted in the Police Launch - vehicles and fire tenders. The A/M equipment will be available for transfer to a Territory where the terrain is more suitable.
4. Work started towards the year end on a self-help basis to establish a scenes-of-crime equipment room. Similar works are planned for the photographic dark room early in 1977. Internal and external redecoration of Headquarters and outstations, also by self-help, continued throughout the year as and when required.



Inspection by M.J. Macoun Esq., C.M.G., O.B.E.,
Inspector General for dependent Territories — May 1976

5. Photographic and scenes-of-crime equipment purchased as a result of a grant approved by the United Kingdom Government through its Development Division in the Caribbean arrived in the Territory and was taken on charge towards the year end.

6. The Queens Birthday Parade was held on 12th June and included detachments from H.M.S. "Eskimo".

7. The Legislative Council was opened with formal ceremony on 28th October. The Force provided a Guard of Honour.

8. Although H.M. Prison is now a separate department of Government the Police were assisting in staffing the Prison pending recruitment of prison officers.

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

Command

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

Visits

11. 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

12. The Inspector General of Police for Dependent Territories, M.J. Macoun Esq., CMG, CBE inspected the Force between 28th May and 1st June. He was accompanied by the Regional Police Adviser, M. Mackenzie Esq., who also visited the Force periodically during the year.

Honours and Awards

13. Mr. William Samuels, Deputy Chief of Police, now retired, was awarded the Colonial Police Medal for Meritorious Service in the New Year's Honours List.
14. Thirteen members of the Force received commendations and monetary awards for outstanding Police work in 1976.

New Legislation Affecting The Force

15. S.R. & O 1/1976 Police Welfare Association Rules 1976

- (a) Rules for the constitution and governance of the Police Welfare Association.

S.R. & O 3/1976 Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Ord 1976

- (b) Increased penalties for offences committed under the Vehicles and Road Traffic Ordinance Cap 198.

S.R. & O 5/1976 Declaring Police Cells At Road Town Police Station To Be A Prison

- (c) To facilitate any emergency that may arise.

Building Programme

16. Furnishings to complete the Capital Estimates 1973 which allowed for building projects financed by United Kingdom Development Aid were ordered. Constitutional defects in Police Headquarters where external drainage is non-existent had not been dealt with during the year inspite of representations to Government. This presents a continual flooding threat.

17. No further representations was made on the proposed construction of institutional housing during the year due to financial restrictions.

Recruitment

18. There was no recruitment in 1976. At the end of the year local recruitment formed 46.5% of the total strength. The standard of local recruitment is satisfactory but tends to be slow. Lectures are given to high school students on all aspects of policing with particular emphasis on the advantages of such a career.

Training

19. Caribbean and United Kingdom centres provided in-service training during the year. Weapon and specialist training is undertaken with Royal Marines during naval visits to the Territory. Three Royal Marine instructors carried out training with the Police Tactical Unit from 25th to 30th April. The Force continues to be grateful to the United Kingdom and Barbados Governments for training opportunities provided.

Crime

20. The preventative policing introduced in 1975 consisting of a Duty Officer system and night patrols of commercial areas and outlying districts continued to contribute to the fall in total crime by 4.03% over 1975. A drop of 35% has been achieved in two years. During the year, with the exception of offences against property, public order and injurious to the public in general which showed marginal increases, all other categories showed decreases. Breaking showed an increase of 18.6% over 1975 and simple larceny increased by 13.7%. This latter offence continues to prevail, particularly in Virgin Gorda, and preventative beach patrols have been instituted. "Police Advice To Visitors" pamphlets are also extensively distributed as a preventative measure. The detection rate in simple larceny showed that 25.8% of true reports resulted in cases to court. Breakings showed that 34.8% of true reports resulted in court proceedings. This is a 5.5% improvement over 1975.

21. Scenes of crime and photographic equipment which will positively assist in the investigation of crime has now been taken on charge. Officers have been nominated to attend a Scenes of Crime (Operations) Course in the United Kingdom during 1977.

22. The Criminal Records Office and statistical data recording was further improved during the year.

23. There is still a 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 and malicious damage cases to \$24.00. These are unrealistic figures in present day circumstances. Increased powers to the lower court would ensure a reduction in the number of preliminary enquiries and high court cases with a consequent reduction in expenditure and would certainly accelerate the administration of justice.

PART 11ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION

24. 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.

25. 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.

26. In order to carry out these duties, the Force had the following organisation at the end of 1976:-

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 (1972 - 1976)

27.	31.12.72		31.12.73		31.12.74		31.12.75		31.12.76	
	Est	Str	Est	Str	Est	Str	Est	Str	Est	Str
<u>Police</u>										
Chief of Police	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Deputy Chief of Police	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Insp of Police	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Sergeants	6	5	5	4	5	4	4	4	4	4
Corporals	11	11	11	9	11	11	11	11	11	11
M/Constables	35	32	39	39	39	39	40	39	40	38
W/Constables	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>58</u>

Distribution of Establishment 1976

28.	C P	DCP	Insp	Sgt	M/Cpl	W/Cpl	M/Con	W/Con	Total
<u>Police Headquarters</u>									
Administration	1	1						1	3
CID			1			1	2		4
SB					1		1		2
Traffic					1		1		2
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 & Casualty Reserve					1		5		6
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>61</u>

Health

29. A total of 142 man-days were lost through sickness. Complaints were minor.

Casualties

30. One constable resigned to take up civilian employment. One constable was transferred to H.M.Prison Service. The Deputy Chief of Police retired in October 1976.

Discipline

31. Disciplinary charges resulting in Orderly Room proceedings amounted to 34 for the year. A total of \$111.00 was collected in fines.

Racial Composition of the Force

32. (As at 31st December 1976)

	<u>C P DCP</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	23	2	27
Dominica		1		2		4		7
Grenada			1	3		2		6
Montserrat				1				1
Nevis			1			1		2
St. Kitts						1		1
St. Vincent						5		5
Trinidad				1		1		2
Antigua		1	2	2				5
	1	2	4	10	1	38	2	58

Conditions of Service

33. There was no variation to conditions of service during the year.

Length of Service

34. (As at 31st December 1976)

	<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						6		6
Over 2 and less than 5 years				1		19	1	21
Over 5 and less than 10 years			1	6	1	13	1	22
Over 10 and less than 15 years			3	3				6
Over 15 and less than 20 years		2						2
Over 20 years	1							1
	1	2	4	10	1	38	2	58

Housing

35. 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)

36. No building projects were undertaken during the year. The Virgin Gorda Station is adequate at the present time, this has now been provided with security fencing. Internal and external re-decoration of Headquarters and stations on a self-help basis continued throughout the year as required.

37. Structural defects found in Police Headquarters and East End Station during 1975 still require attention. External drainage will have to be properly constructed if further flooding in heavy rains is to be avoided. Funds to put this work in hand have not been allocated.

38. The dark room photographic facilities were found to be inadequate and the design and provision of storage facilities has been planned by FWD Architects. Funds for this work have not been allocated. The work commenced on a self-help basis towards the year end. There is still distinct need to improve storage facilities for exhibits and lost and found property and to establish an archives.

Clerical Staff

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

Finance

40. Comparative figures for the years 1972 - 1976 are set out below:-

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>
Personal Emoluments	187,830	194,432	264,987	264,160	275,764
Other Charges	<u>42,532</u>	<u>54,940</u>	<u>53,325</u>	<u>64,287</u>	<u>84,881</u>
	<u>230,362</u>	<u>249,372</u>	<u>318,312</u>	<u>328,447</u>	<u>360,645</u>

PART 111RECRUITMENT AND TRAININGQualifications for Enlistment

41. 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

42. There was no recruitment during 1976.

Refresher Training

43. Three officers attended a refresher course at the Police Training Centre in Barbados in 1976.

Promotion Examination

44. No examinations were held during 1976. Vacancies for promotion were created towards the end of the year following the retirement of the Deputy Chief of Police.

Weapon Training

45. Early in 1976 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. Three Royal Marine instructors were in the Territory during April for field training of the Police Tactical Unit.

Other Courses

46. One inspector and two corporals attended overseas courses in the United Kingdom during the year.

PART IVCRIME AND CID

47. The total number of crime reports investigated during 1976 amounted to 547 of which 401 were accepted as true. This reflects a total decrease of 4.03% over the 1975 figure (570).

48. There were decreases noted in categories 2 (Offences Against Lawful Authority) 4 (Offences Against Public Morality) and in category 5 (Offences Against the Person) where a fall of 17.9% against the 1975 figure was observed.

49. Slight increases were noted in categories 1 (Offences Against Public Order) 3 (Offences Injurious to Public in General) and in 6 (Offences Against Property). Offences Against Local Laws showed a 9.9% increase.

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

51. Comparative figures for the main categories of crime for the period 1972 - 1976 are set out below:-

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>
<u>Cat 1 Offences Against Public Order</u>					
True	-	1	4	6	8
Convicted	-	1	1	3	7
Acquitted	-	-	1	1	1
Withdrawn	-	-	2	-	-
Undetected	-	-	-	-	-
Pending	-	-	-	2	-
<u>Cat 2 Offences Against Lawful Authority</u>					
True	4	15	13	10	8
Convicted	-	8	11	5	7
Acquitted	-	3	1	1	-
Withdrawn	3	1	-	-	-
Undetected	-	1	-	-	-
Pending	1	-	1	4	1

1972 1973 1974 1975 1976

Cat 3 Offences Injurious To Public In General

True	-	89	99	81	82
Convicted	-	61	65	37	55
Acquitted	-	7	8	11	5
Withdrawn	-	7	3	4	6
Undetected	-	2	3	-	1
Pending	-	12	20	29	15

Cat 4 Offences Against Public Morality

True	1	3	7	4	-
Convicted	-	1	1	1	-
Acquitted	-	-	1	1	-
Withdrawn	-	-	2	1	-
Undetected	-	-	1	-	-
Pending	-	2	2	1	-

Cat 5 Offences Against The Person

True	56	66	101	89	73
Convicted	17	40	55	42	35
Acquitted	-	10	20	7	10
Withdrawn	5	4	4	14	10
Undetected	19	6	2	-	-
Pending	7	6	20	26	18

Cat 6 Offences Against Property

True	258	345	276	211	229
Convicted	16	45	32	41	42
Acquitted	8	6	9	5	6
Withdrawn	11	5	3	3	5
Undetected	168	278	185	68	129
Pending	8	11	47	94	51

Local Laws

True	469	264	352	327	363
Convicted	314	194	222	206	280
Acquitted	51	19	20	24	26
Withdrawn	24	10	13	29	25
Undetected	23	7	15	3	-
Pending	57	34	82	65	32

52. Comparative figures of true reports of offences against local laws for the period 1972 - 1976 are as follows:-

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>
Vehicles and Road Traffic	346	236	318	292	332
Firearms	-	6	6	2	6
Dangerous Drugs	-	12	16	20	24
Treasury	-	6	8	8	-
Protection of Animals	-	1	1	1	-
Immigration & Passport	-	4	2	4	-
Unspecified	<u>123</u>	-	-	-	<u>1</u>
	<u>469</u>	<u>265</u>	<u>351</u>	<u>327</u>	<u>363</u>

Juvenile Delinquency

53. Three juveniles were convicted for offences during 1976 compared with eleven convictions in 1975. Offences concerned were:-

Simple Larceny	2
Other Offence	<u>1</u>
	<u>3</u>

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

Criminal Investigation

55. The incidence of breaking offences increased from 75 in 1975 to 89 in 1976 - an 18.8% increase and there was an overall increase of 14.2% in the following offences compared to 1975. There were 15 breaking cases pending trial at the year end.

	<u>True Reports</u>	<u>Convictions</u>
Simple Larcenies	124	23
Robbery	-	-
Breakings	89	13
Frauds	-	-
Receiving & unlawful possession	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
	<u>217</u>	<u>40</u>

56. Comparative figures of crimes involving dishonesty in 1975 and 1976 are recorded below. These indicate a 14.7% increase in the number of true reports received and 4.4% increase in the number of cases to court in 1976.

	<u>1975</u>		<u>1976</u>	
	<u>True</u> <u>Reports</u>	<u>Cases To</u> <u>Court</u>	<u>True</u> <u>Reports</u>	<u>Cases To</u> <u>Court</u>
Simple larcenies	109	36	124	32
Robberies	-	-	-	-
Breakings	75	22	89	31
Frauds	-	-	-	-
Receiving & unlawful possession	6	6	4	4
	<u>190</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>67</u>

57. The total of 124 true reports of simple larceny in 1976 was made up of the following types of thefts:-

From person	1
Dwelling house	22
Shop	7
Hotel	20
Other buildings	15
Car	17
Boat	9
Beach	10
Others	<u>23</u>
	<u>124</u>

58. This was 13.7% increase on the 1975 total.

59. 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.

60. Breakings showed a 18.8% increase in 1976 over the 1975 figure (75-89) but 34.8% of all true reports resulted in court action. The types of property affected were as follows:-

Dwelling house	44
Shop	22
Stores	5
Office	8
Other	<u>10</u>
	<u>89</u>

61. There were 15 breaking cases pending trial at the year end.

Fingerprint Bureau

62. 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 excellent equipment has now been taken on charge. There are 443 sets of fingerprints filed.

Photographic Section

63. The Force has had no photographic equipment since its inception although officers have received overseas training in its usage. The recent acquisition of such equipment will materially assist criminal investigations.

64. The dark room facilities were found to be inadequate requiring structural alteration with the provision of storage and working areas. A plan had been prepared by PWD Architects and work has started on this project by means of self-help. Studio facilities will be established in existing office space.

Modus Operandi Index

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

Criminal Records Office

66. Reorganisation of this office continued during the year, and included further improvements to statistical data recording.

Forensic Aids

67. 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 Jr.

Courts

68. The West Indies Associated States Supreme Court sat at Road Town in its criminal jurisdiction in March and October 1976.

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

Police Supervision

70. There were two cases of police supervision imposed during 1976.

Law Enforcement Organisation - US Virgin Islands

71. Close links are maintained by the Force with the above Organisation, which has representation of all US Law Enforcement Agencies in the area. 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

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

PART VTRAFFICRegistration & Licensing of Motor Vehicles

73. At the end of 1976, 2036 motor vehicles were registered and licensed for use on the Territory's public roads. This was an increase of 5.6% on the 1975 figure. Comparative figures for the period 1972 to 1976 are as follows:-

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>
Total vehicles	1291	1627	1900	1927	2036

Road Accidents

74. Comparative figures for the period 1972 to 1976 are as follows:-

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>
Total accidents	144	101	146	198	170
Persons killed	3	1	5	-	2
Persons injured	53	25	69	53	63

75. Accidents mainly of minor nature decreased by 14.1%. There were two fatalities and the number of injured persons increased by 18.8%.

76. Causes of road accidents during 1976 were as follows:-

Dangerous driving	5
Careless driving	82
Speeding	14
Pedestrian heedless to traffic	5
Skidding	6
Straying animals	2
Mechanical failure	9
Causes not established	<u>47</u>
	<u>170</u>

Traffic Offences

77. 302 true reports of traffic violations were dealt with during 1976.

These are classified as follows:-

Careless, dangerous or reckless driving	43
Speeding	108
Driving under the influence of alcohol	1
Obstruction & parking offences	11
Insurance offences	39
Drive without licence	31
Take vehicle without owner's consent	7
Drive unlicensed & unregistered vehicle	14
Drive with defective tyre	1
Drive without lights	7
Drive without illumination lights	4
Drive noisy vehicle	14
Drive without identification plate	5
Fail to stop at stop sign	14
Fail to produce drivers license	1
Fail to park on the left side of road	1
Quitting motor vehicle	<u>1</u>
	<u>302</u>

78. 275 of these reports resulted in court action, 210 convictions were obtained - a 76.3% result.

Driving tests

79. Police are responsible for the testing of drivers and 294 persons were tested during 1976. Comparative figures for 1972 to 1976 are as follows:-

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>
Drivers passed	170	297	219	166	101
Drivers failed	<u>267</u>	<u>242</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>193</u>
Total tested	<u>437</u>	<u>539</u>	<u>382</u>	<u>257</u>	<u>294</u>

Examination of Motor Vehicles

80. Police are responsible for the examination of motor vehicles before annual licensing and a police mechanic undertakes these duties.

PART VIOTHER SPECIALIZED BRANCHESFire Brigade

81. 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 those persons and other members of the public who have assisted the Police in dealing with fires.

82. At the end of 1976 Police had the following operational fire appliances:-

Road Team	1 Bolford 700 gallon fire tender
East End/Long Beach	1 Portable water pump
Virgin Beach	1 Landrover fire tender

83. A further fire tender has been ordered with funds provided by the United Kingdom Government for East End/Long Beach area.

84. There were 17 fire reports in 1976. Three false reports were received. There were no deaths and no injuries resulting from these reports.

Special Branch

85. A small Special Branch and registry is maintained in Police Headquarters.
Civil Disturbance Unit

86. 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 those and other specialist duties.

Marine Section

87. The Force has a 40 foot Broome Marine Patrol Craft with a crew of four. It was used mainly for Police patrols, cruise 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".

Vener Police

88. One corporal and two constables were on strength at the end of 1976. They are employed on general administrative and CID duties involving women and young persons. All are stationed in Road Team.

Auxiliary Units

89. At the end of 1976 there were 19 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
Kensham's Cay	1
Dallast Bay	1
Beacons Bay	2
Just Van Dyke	2
Chalwell	1
Peter Island	1
Salt Island	1
Anegada	1
Virgin Gorda	4
Corrot Bay	1
Road Town	<u>1</u>
	<u>19</u>

Telecommunication

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

91. Installations of equipment for an internal Police AM/VHF system made available by Cable & Wireless W.I.Ltd was being undertaken towards the end of the year. Initial tests have proved very satisfactory. The AM/VHF system which is being replaced will be available for relocation.

Transport

92. At the end of 1976, Police had the following vehicles at their disposal:-

Road Town	1 LMB landrover - 1 Austin 3 litre Patrol Car 2 Jeeps
East End	1 LMB landrover
West End	1 LMB landrover
Virgin Gorda	1 LMB landrover

Two landrovers are due for boarding. Replacements have been applied for in the annual estimates.

PART VIIWELFARE AND RECREATION

93. The Police Canteen and Recreation room continued to be popular and is well equipped and stocked. The annual Police Ball in December was attended by His Excellency the Governor, the Hon. Chief Minister and other distinguished guests. It was a great success being regarded as the social event of the year in the community. It was held at Police Headquarters.

94. The Police Welfare Association continued as an active body during the year.

95. The Police Cricket and Football teams took part in league activities with marked success. The Police Football team won the league Championship and the Knock-out Shield. Members of the team received awards as the best players of the year in various positions. The Police Cricket XI did well in the Cricket Shield matches.

PART VIIIOTHER POLICE DUTIESAlien's Registration

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

Revenue Collection

97. Revenue collected by Police during 1976 was as follows:-

Drivers licenses	\$22,366.75
Motor Vehicles Licenses	50,645.43
Drivers test fees	505.00
Other traffic fees	2,003.00
Special Police Services and documentation	3,742.50
Firearm Licenses	<u>521.64</u>
Total	<u>\$79,729.32</u>

98. Fines collected in respect of prosecutions brought by Police during 1976 amounted to \$15,631.00 of which \$5,345.00 was in respect of traffic offences.

99. The duties of revenue collection and vehicle inspection seriously curtail regular police traffic duties during the early months of the year. It is hoped that a staggered form of licensing procedures will be introduced in 1977.

Weights and Measures

100. Weights and measures are not checked in the Territory.

Film Censorship and Transport Commission

101. 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

102. Permits to keep and carry firearms are issued by Police following approval of the Governor. At the end of 1945 the firearms registered and licensed in the Territory were as follows:-

Rifles	34
Shotguns	44
Revolvers	11
Total	89

Membership of Public Organizations

103. The Police hold membership in the Mental Health Association and are represented on the Committee of the Eastern Borneo Society.

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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/i	Pending trial b/i	Inquiries re-opened		Withdrawn by complainant	False report	Mistake of law or fact	Refused or warned		Closed undetected	Accused not located	Investigations c/i	To court	Convicted	Acquitted	Withdrawn	Pending trial b/i		
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	3	4					7	1	1		9				1	8				8	7	1			8	
2 Against Lawful Authority																										
Relating to judicial proceedings																										
Escape and rescue	1						1		3		4					4				4	4				5	
Others	5						5		1		6				2	4			1	3	3				3	
3 Injurious to the Public in General																										
All offences	58	35	13	11			117	22	7		146				64	82	1		9	72	55	5	6	6	67	
4 Against Public Morality																										
Rape, indecent assault etc																										
Others																										
5 Against the Person																										
Murder, manslaughter etc																										
Attempted murder																										
Serious assaults									1		1					1				1	1				1	
Minor assaults	68	19	11	7			105	19	4		128		1		55	72			16	56	34	10	10	2	52	
Others								2			2				2											
6 Against Property																										
Simple larcenies	49	26	12	5			92	32	10		134		9		1	124	72		20	32	23	4	4	1	33	
Robbery																										
Breakings	31	7	8	5			51	28	16		95		4		2	89	45		13	31	13	2	1	15	12	
Frauds & Allied Offences																										
Receiving & Unlawful Possession	1		1				2		2		4					4				4	4				3	
Arson			1				1				1					1	1									
Malicious damages	7	1	1				9	6			15				5	10	7		1	2	2				2	
Others		1					1				1					1			1							
7 Other Criminal Offences																										
Forgery	1						1				1					1		1								
Coinage																										
Others																										
TOTAL	224	93	47	28			392	110	45		547		14		132	401	126	1	61	213	146	22	21	24	186	

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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/i	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		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	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
Against Public Order																																		
All offences	8	1			7			3								3				1					1	1	4	1						7
Against Lawful Authority																																		
Relating to judicial proceedings																																		
Escape and rescue	5			2	3			2								1										3								3
Others	3				3											2				1						1	2							3
Injurious to the Public in General																																		
All offences	67	9	5	6	47			3								28	1			9	6					7	15	18			2	3	2	47
Against Public Morality																																		
Rape, indecent assault etc																																		
Others																																		
Against the Person																																		
Murder, manslaughter etc																																		
Attempted murder																																		
Serious assaults	1				1															1						1								1
Minor assaults	52	10	11	1	30			1								18	1			9	1					6	8	14			1	1	30	
Others																																		
Against Property																																		
Simple larcenies	33	4	5	2	22			11								8				1	1	1		1		12	6	2		1			22	
Robbery etc																																		
Breakings etc	12	2	1	6	3			3																		2	1							3
Frauds & Allied offences																																		
Receiving & unlawful possession	3				3			2								1										2	1							3
Arson																																		
Malicious damages	2				2											1				1								2					2	
Others																																		
Other Criminal Offences																																		
Forgery																																		
Coinage																																		
Others																																		
TOTAL	186	26	22	17	121			25								62	2			23	8	1		1	1	35	37	37		1	2	4	3	121

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DISPOSAL OF CASES

STATUTORY 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/l	Pending trial b/l	Inquiries re-opened		Withdrawn by complainant	False report	Mistake of law or fact	Refused or warned		Closed undetected	Accused not located	Investigations c/l	To court	Convicted	Acquitted	Withdrawn	Pending trial b/l	
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
Motor Vehicle and Road Traffic	318	16	10	12			356	56	3		415				83	332		1	24	307	252	25	24	6	259
Dangerous Drugs	6	1	4	11			22		2		24					24				24	21	1		2	24
Liquor Licence Ordinance								2			2				1	1			1	1					1
Firearm Ordinance		8	1				9				9				3	6				6	6				3
TOTAL	324	25	15	23			387	58	5		450				87	363		1	24	338	280	26	24	8	287

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DISPOSAL OF PERSONS

STATUTORY OFFENCES	TOTAL PERSONS BEFORE COURT	DISPOSAL OF PERSONS BEFORE COURT – SENTENCES																								AGE GROUPS OF PERSONS CONVICTED											TOTAL PERSONS CONVICTED
		Acquitted	Withdrawn	Pending trial c/i	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			
Motor Vehicle and Road Traffic	259	21	21	4	213											140	2			64	7					29	78	95				2	9	213			
Dangerous Drugs	24	1		2	21			2								14	2			1	2					10	6				2	2	1	21			
Liquor Licence Ordinance	1				1											1												1						1			
Firearm Ordinance	3				3											2				1							1	2						3			
TOTAL	287	22	21	6	238			2								157	4			66	9					39	85	98			2	4	10	238			

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