

dialling a compatible receivers' telephone number and feeding a typed sheet, photograph or report into its rollers, can transmit the content via telephone cable to the receiver's machine within 6 minutes anywhere

the public ranging from people locked out of homes and flats to serious crimes.

Problems arising from language difficulties due to the large ethnic

As a bystander all appeared to be a jumble of words as each officer competed with the other to answer incoming inquiries, together with a radio operator transmitting coded messages. This produced a stimu-



in Australia. All A.F.P. divisions and many stations are equipped with voca-dex machines.

The Operations room also handles thousands of media inquiries into routine police matters per month as well as inquiries from

community in Canberra are solved by a number of interpreters who can be contacted readily to assist.

All members attached to the Operations Room are capable of carrying out every function in the centre and are seconded for a two year period.

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1000 hours—PLATYPUS departed the Operations Room — impressed.

## STUDY GRANT

Detective Inspector Alan Sing, of A.F.P. Eastern Division, is currently overseas on a special study grant awarded to him earlier this year by the Board of Control of the Australian Police College (the awards were announced in an earlier edition of Platypus).



Inspector Sing will use his grant to research social, judicial and legislative trends and the consequent relationships to human rights; the law of arrest; the law of search and seizure; and the admissibility of self-incriminating evidence.

After serving 11 years in various sections of the N.S.W. Police, Mr Sing joined the former Commonwealth Police in 1976 as an instructor at the Australian Police College at Manly.

During his study tour Inspector Sing will visit various police,

customs and justice departments in the United States, Canada, Britain and Germany before returning to Sydney in August.

Before departing he said: "I would like to express my gratitude to the Board of Control for extending this opportunity to me."



Two members of the A.F.P. (A.C.T.) Senior Constables Doug Hair (left) and David Williamson (right) received their Bachelor of Arts Degrees at a ceremony held at the Canberra College of Advanced Education recently.

Doug graduated with majors in Administration and Law and David with majors in Law and Sociology.