

Awards mark service to public

Three top ACT men retire

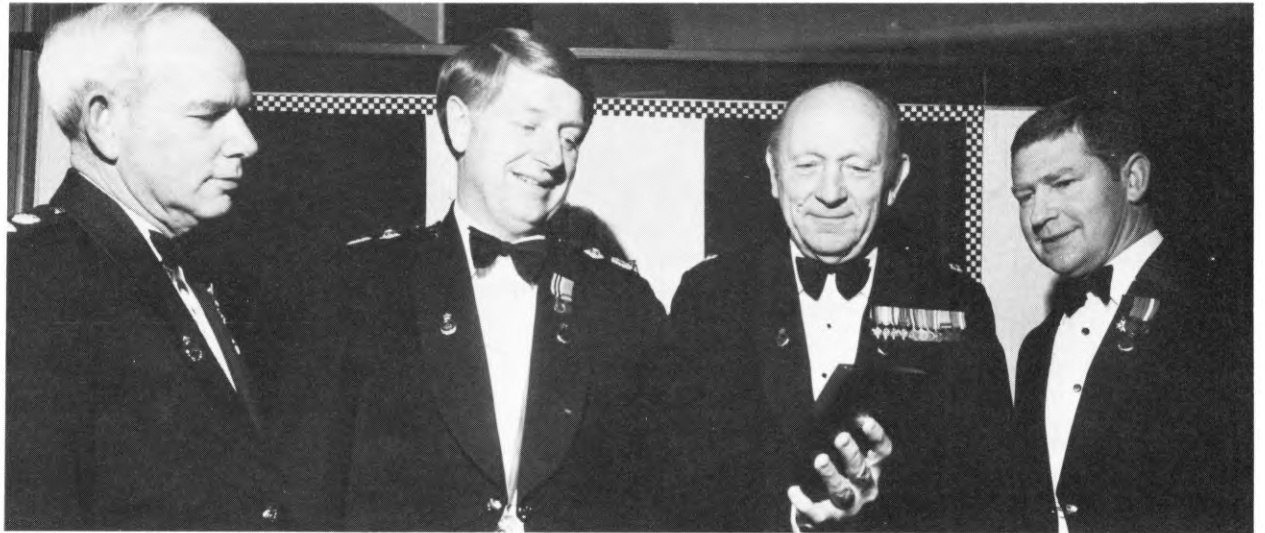
The long and distinguished service of three AFP officers—previously either Compol or the ACT Police—was recognised at a presentation night in Canberra recently.

The occasion was the retirement of Superintendent Ron Dillon, Chief Inspector Arthur Walliker and Chief Inspector Keith Smith.

Both Superintendent Dillon and Chief Inspector Smith had been forced to retire for health reasons.

Members from around Australia at the farewell function were told that Superintendent Dillon had a total of 23 years of service, Chief Inspector Smith 19 years and Chief Inspector Walliker 29 years' police experience.

In Chief Inspector Walliker's case it was also explained that he had previously served for nine years in the Royal Navy and six years in the Royal Australian Navy.



Deputy Commissioner John Johnson (second left) joins the toast to the three members: left to right, Superintendent Dillon, and Chief Inspectors Walliker and Smith.

Superintendent Dillon was one of Canberra's best-known police officers, having, in the days of the ACT Police, been the Force's 'public face' on so many occasions through the introduction of programs like 'Police Seven' and 'Junior Police Seven', newspaper columns and many hundreds of public appearances.



Chief Superintendent Alan Morley, centre, handed out the awards at a presentation for Detective Senior Sergeant John Haynes and Detective Sergeant Ron Stewart in Melbourne.

36 years' service rewarded

A dual presentation was held last November at the Special Investigations Unit, Melbourne, when Detective Senior Sergeant John Haynes and Detective Sergeant Ron Stewart were rewarded for their service to the Commonwealth.

Detective Senior Sergeant Haynes, who has 19 years' service, joined the Commonwealth Police Force in 1964. He served in Melbourne before moving to Canberra, then on to Sydney. In 1980 he moved south again to take up a position in the newly formed 'B' Squad which became the SIU. Between 1964 and 1980, he saw service in the Uniform Branch, CIB and as OIC Observation Unit, Sydney.

Detective Sergeant Stewart joined the Commonwealth Police Force in 1966 and has 17 years' service to his credit. He also served in the Uniform Branch before moving into plainclothes as a CIB member.

From there he went into the Criminal Intelligence Section where he spent many years, and also doubled as the Regional Photographic Officer. He left CIS as a member of the 'T' Bone investigation then became a foundation member of 'B' Squad which eventually became SIU, again carrying out the dual roles of investigator and Photographic officer.



Medal and clasp

Nearly 60 years of collective law enforcement service in Australia was formerly acknowledged at a recent medal presentation ceremony at Eastern Division Headquarters, Sydney.

Senior Constable Tony Churchill (15 years' service), and Protective Service Senior Constable Ron Hudson (16 years),

Senior Constable Ron Hudson, left, and Senior Constable Tony Churchill, right, pictured after the award of their National Medals, with Sergeant Norm Carter displaying the medal clasp recognising his 26 years' service.

were presented with the National Medal, recognising 15 years of Police service.

At the same function, Acting Assistant Commissioner Ray McCabe, OIC Eastern Division, presented the National Medal Clasp to Sergeant Norm Carter, an award marking 26 years' service to law enforcement throughout Australia.

Sergeant Carter commenced service with the former Commonwealth Peace Officer Guard in 1957 and during a distinguished career spanning more than a quarter-of-a-century, has served in Western and ACT Regions as well as overseas postings to Warsaw and Peking.

Senior Constable Hudson, with a police career dating back to 1967, has achieved almost as formidable a reputation for his devotion to voluntary bush firefighting.

Senior Constable Churchill joined the former Commonwealth Police in 1968, serving in most uniform stations throughout NSW, with a brief period of overseas duty in Warsaw.



Isle award

A clasp to the National Medal he received in 1978 was awarded to Senior Sergeant L. J. Lambert recently at a special ceremony coinciding with the taking of the annual photograph at the Residence of the Administrator of Christmas Island, Commissioner W. Yates.

Left: Senior Sergeant Lambert receives the Clasp to his National Medal from Commissioner Yates. In the background are from left: Superintendent Bosman, First Constable Krishnan, Sergeant Burdett, Senior Constable Yeap, Constable Ponniah, Senior Constable Goh, First Constable Boudeville, and Senior Constable Velu.