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Dear NARPO members. From reading this 1945 'Victory' Magazine produced on poor quality wartime paper it would appear other similar publications had been printed prior to hostilities commencing in 1939. Whilst the submissions from the Divisional representatives are quite sparse it is hoped that further publications were produced in the following months & years with more local detail included. If Chief Constable James M Garrow's wish had come true there may have been more produced and it's my hope that one day they become available to archive. I hope you enjoy reading Sgt 89 Wilfred J Tombs Clay Cross Section copy. The below is my transcription of the following page. *Mick Baker*

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OUR MAGAZINE.

An innovation meekly brought,
Receive it with a kindly thought,
Give it a chance and let it grow,
Its progress may be only slow.

With news and tidings of the Force
From Melbourne's gardens, Hayfield's Gorse,
From Shirebrook's pits and Ashbourne's dales,
And a whole page 'Ad.' for Burton Ales.

An essay or exciting case
Might occupy some little space,
And if an article you'd write,
The Editor will put you right.

An accident or crime, mayhap,
Will rob you of a well earned nap,
Be patient, do not fuss or rage,
A thing like that may fill a page.

Should gangsters wander on your patch
Or breakers whom you cannot catch,
Don't work yourself like a machine,
Relax and read your Magazine.

If th'Sergeant's boiling o'er with ire,
Or th'kid's thrown your Form D on t' fire,
Just dot it down and smile serene,
It makes news for the Magazine.

If on your beat you chance to meet
A bloke with sack and tools complete,
Tell him that what you say you mean
And slot him in his Magazine.

And when he's safe within your grasp,
Before he's time to get a gasp
Remember G.S.O. umpteen,
The Caution - and your Magazine.

Read it when you're off the beat,
When mantel shelf supports your feet,
A drink; a smoke; a peaceful scene
For studying the Magazine.

And when its contents you've discussed,
Your criticisms fair and just
Will welcomed be by those who've been
Compiling this, your Magazine.

To pass on to our editorial proper, we must mention the momentous changes now beginning in the Police Service. If the Bill now before Parliament becomes law, the Borough Police Forces of Glossop and Chesterfield will be merged in this Force between now and April, 1947. Committees are considering all aspects of Police conditions of service, organisation, equipment and methods.

The future pension conditions of the police are in the melting pot - the Bills for Industrial and Social Insurance will result in legislation which may wholly, or in part, replace the present Pensions Act. The early part of the last century saw the parish constable and watch and ward replaced by policemen, the end of the last war saw great improvements in the status of the police and now another leaf in the history of the police is being turned over. Between now and the New Year 13 regular and First Reserve officers, 78 War Reserve Constables and 5 members of the Women's Auxiliary Police Corps will have left us. A large number of recruits will be needed to fill the gaps - the first for over six years will be appointed in January. Not for them the Training School at Derby, but the District Training School at Forest Town, Mansfield, - Commandant Mr. N. Frost, Chief Constable of Boston Borough Police Force. Police Officers are being invited to volunteer for posts on the Control Commission for Germany at substantial salaries. The number of officers serving in H.M. Forces has dropped from the peak figure of 143 to 51. Elsewhere we give photographs of seven of the eight gallant officers who gave their lives. On Armistice Day a poppy wreath was placed on the Memorial Tablet at Headquarters in memory of them and the thirty-five officers who gave their lives in the Great War. In the campaign to save schoolchildren from road accidents police will give lectures etc. at schools. A call of "hya dad" from a pupil might prove a bit disconcerting. An extra six days leave next year sounds promising, but that little clause "subject to the exig....etc", low strength of the police and increasing duties makes it appear as likely as not that we shall have six days less than this year. The proposed extra mechanised beats, and time saved on fastening up breeches and gaiters, abolished after 40 years faithful service, may help a bit.

At the outbreak of the war there were 127 single men in the Force; now there are 31. (Why did the men who joined H. M. Forces to learn to shoot - and not be shot - become such easy targets for Cupid's arrows?). We feel sure the housing problem will be understood better when it is realised that these 96 "newly-weds", plus perhaps half of the new recruits (say 40), need houses. A proportion of this total of approximately 136 will of course occupy houses vacated by members leaving but the figures show that the estimate of 70-80 houses required is not extravagant and it is hoped that all members of the Force will report immediately on hearing of a house, suitable for the police, becoming vacant or for sale.

DIVISIONAL NOTES AND JOTTINGS

"A chiel's amang ye takin notes,
And, faith, he'll print it."

ALFRETON DIVISION

Well, whaddya know? Alfreton Divisional Cricket Team won the County cricket honours for the 1945 season with 9 matches won, one drawn and one lost.

Something'll have to be done to celebrate this honour, so a dinner is being arranged, but as a mark of respect "duck" will be omitted from the menu.

Altogether we played 20 matches, won 11, 2 drawn, 7 lost.

Top four places in averages are:-

<u>Batting</u>	P.C. Ordish	20.9
	P.W.R. Barnes	19.8
	Sergt. Tombs	19.3
	P.C. Bramley	10.1
<u>Bowling</u>	P.C. Balcher	6.04
	Sergt. Tombs	6.86
	P.W.R. Barnes	8.25
	P.C. Ordish	8.58
<u>Catches</u>	P.W.R. Barnes	16
	Supt. Pike	8
	Sergt. Tombs	7
	P.C. Balcher	7
	P.C. Bramley	7

P.W.R. Barnes, who is resigning at the end of this year, will be greatly missed in more ways than one, especially during the coming cricket season, but we cannot allow him to depart without our saying "Thank you, Harry, for all you have shown us in the art of good cricket and sporting manners."

Investigating a flicker of match light in a lock-up chemists' shop, our P.W.R. George Alfred Nicholls of Riddings caught the breaker red handed. (A study of light and shade.)

Any old football clobber will be more than welcome by the Alfreton team who challenge all comers, in garb most unfitting of man.

The Dynamos have nothing on us, and that run down feeling is non-existent thanks to the heavy charging of our P.C. Scott and P.C. (Buster) Crabbe, two bright sparks in a dazzling team.

P.C. Ordish, who is a footballer of some repute, says he gets a kick out of this new style football, and as we see him limping round the beat, we think so too. He beat Chesterfield 6-2 in an enjoyable match at Markham Colliery Ground as an initial effort.

As there was no Divisional Correspondence transmitted to your Divisional Correspondent one can only conclude that it is easier to read and dream all about it, than it is to write about it, but as this is your page and your magazine (suggestive) we trust that in future you will venture your contribution.

Superintendent Pike and P.W.R. Varney both qualified among 8 marksmen from the County to represent Derbyshire Police against Birmingham Police. Derbyshire lost by 574 to 563. More practice is essential.

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Miniature rifle shooting is a very great sport, and we hope that all members in this Division will give it a fair trial.

We also hope, that the defendant in the following quoted case, gets a fair trial too:-

" -he later put the rabbit in the stew pot, put it in the oven and had it for breakfast, along with other members of his family, the next morning! "

Apparently there are no matters of domestic interest here, but as Christmas approaches there may be much hanging or pulling up of socks. (Crime will tell).

Two new industrial developments have passed the planning stage and much prosperity is anticipated thereby.

"The more ambitious policeman is he who brings his bed downstairs and generally comes to live nearer his work". (Harrison)

This quotation might start something, one never knows, but let us try to keep this page alive between us.

Captain S. W. Millward has had a spot of leave from Kiel and looked very fit and well.

ASHBOURNE DIVISION

Since our last issue three members from the Services have returned to the Division only to be transferred to other Divisions. Constable A.L. Fahey has been transferred to Ilkeston, Constable (468) Wasey has gone to keep him company and Constable (162) Summerfield (Black Market fame) to Chaddesden.

Sergeant (109) Cranham leaves us at the end of the month to take up duties at Bolsover.

Constable (223) Hanagan has been transferred to Hatton and Constable (185) Reynolds has been allocated to Brassington.

Whilst on the subject of transfers readers will be surprised to hear that all our American friends have left the Division, both white and coloured troops. (Sigh no more ladies, but let them go).

The two Aerodromes near Ashbourne are now being used as bomb dumps. Practically all personnel have left and the runways which once resounded to the hum of Whitleys and Ansons are now decorated with huge piles of high explosive. Some unfortunate made a hazardous landing on the grass verges several weeks ago. It transpired he had only sufficient petrol remaining for two minutes flying and had to come down somewhere. What he was told when he eventually came to earth is nobody's business.

At Church Broughton the Rolls Royce jet machines are tried out. They hurtle over Ashbourne from time to time at incredible speeds. This type of machine is usually heard but not seen and is easily distinguishable from ordinary aircraft by a whistling sound peculiar to this type of aeroplane. We learn that the pilot has a wonderful capacity for beer - but the term "hang-over" does not apply to the machine which literally "Streaks over" when passing this way. So now you know on whose playing fields Britain won the air speed record.

Military camps are being taken over as re-habilitation centres and at the rate de-militarisation is taking place there will soon be only a few non-descript Italian and German Prisoners of War left who sport Military Uniform.

The 5th November was, of course, Bonfire Day. The 25th November was the date for the members of the Division to send in their contributions in response to the invitation sent out three weeks earlier. Both days went by quietly - particularly the latter. Is no news good news?

BAKEWELL AND MATLOCK DIVISION

Officers of the B. & M. Division, which is essentially an agricultural division, wish to inform the industrial

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Divisions that they cannot accept any requests for Turkeys, Geese, Poultry, Game or Rabbits for the forthcoming festive season, chiefly because, as will be seen in the Exchange and Mart section, our dear shot, Res. Const. Holmes is selling his gun. It is rumoured that he with other officers, have completely exhausted the supply of game, rabbits etc., in the division and they finished up by shooting their own ferret, so now the industrial divisions will appreciate why we can not supply the festive pheasant.

One Section in the division reports that the pigs are still healthy and putting on weight and when the Section Sergeant visits the Divisional Office the officers there nearly raise their hats to him and solicitously enquire after his health, but then they make a 'faux pas' and enquire after the health of the pigs.

P.C. Morgans, Matlock Bath, is now getting into his stride as a policeman after serving in the R.A.F. and recently made a smart detection of two soldiers committing an act of Gross Indecency with each other for which they are being duly Courts Martialled. He also had to deal with another interesting case that of an illiterate Driver of a motor lorry, who could not read "SLOW" or "HALT" etc. but had according to his application for a driving licence, studied the Highway Code.

Several changes in the Division are about to take place and to those who are leaving us we desire to say "Good Luck" in your new sphere and to those who are joining us we welcome with open arms (traffic duty this summer).

Res. Inspr. "Bill" Bramhill has retired from the First Reserve but we are pleased to state that ^{he} is still remaining a member of the Sports Club. Mrs. Rathbone, our W.A.P.C. in the Matlock Office has also left us and we wish her the best of luck.

Our open arms welcome is particularly extended to Constable Jeacock who has resumed duty after a long illness and to Constables Macintosh and Twigg who, we hope, will be resuming duty soon after serving in H.M. Forces. The stork has again visited Constable Whetton this time with a daughter.

Sports News: Our two aspirants to the P.A.A. Shooting team were knocked out in the eliminating competitions, Sergt. Wedd in the first round and Constable Coupe in the second round. We did not do so well in the first match in the J.M.G. Cup, obtaining only 4 points out of 12, perhaps the Dominoe team let us down.

The new Rifle Range at Matlock Bath, 25, 50 and 100 yards is progressing and will soon be ready for use - providing we can get a good rifle. A Football match has been proposed and the Sports Representative is endeavouring to obtain a complete team without impressing the older men, whose spirit may be willing but whose flesh is weak.

Other Items: As this correspondent was only "briefed" at the very last moment, owing to the regular correspondent being on leave, the deputy desires to apologise for this brief news letter and in connection with this, the regular correspondent requests that all interesting happenings etc., be forwarded to him so that he may compile a really interesting letter for the News Letter or Magazine.

The landlord calls the knell of parting day,
The tankards slowly yield their final drop;
No free-born Englishman may longer stay,
For outside stands a young, ambitious cop.

For Sale: 20 Bore double barrelled shot gun, in good condition, about 100 cartridges. £6. Apply Res. Const.

Holmes, Matlock.

BUXTON AND CHAPEL EN LE FRITH DIVISION

It is regretted that the suggestions in the Honorary Editor's letter of the 7th November, 1945, have not borne fruit in this Division and it is hoped when these few lines are scanned readers may blush and with downcast eyes reflect on the fact that once again it is left to the lot of the Divisional Correspondent to endeavour to create at least a few lines which may be of interest to other members of the Force and the Division in particular.

There is a saying that one is never too old, but think what you like, the stork has visited Castleton Police Station and left a bundle of trouble in the shape of a baby girl.

It is with sorrow we record the serious illness of the wife of Constable (128) Batty. Mrs. Batty has been ill with a lingering malady for some time and it has been necessary to apply for compassionate leave for his two sons both of whom were serving abroad in the R.A.F. and we sincerely hope that the sight of her two boys and the thought that they will be home for a while will bring to her some relief and joy.

Detective Constable Whybrow is also troubled concerning his wife who has been ill for some years and has visited various hospitals. At the present time she is an inmate at Manchester Royal Infirmary and although she is not making much progress, we sincerely hope she will eventually derive much benefit from her treatment there.

Can any of our readers say whether or not a Foot and Mouth Disease Licence is required for a kangaroo? There have been several rumours and enquiries regarding such an animal having been seen in the Goyt Valley although we have not yet had police confirmation.

Varied are the duties which fall to our lot, but when a telephone message was received to the effect that A.T.S. had given birth to a child whilst on the Commanding Officer's inspection one began to wonder who was the most shocked, the C.O. or the Constable receiving the message for delivery to the girl's parents. However all such things are taken in our stride and we trust the message was delivered with the usual tact.

The release of the War Reserves at the end of the month (all of whom in this Division have given notice of their intention to resign) will leave quite a number of blank spaces and there will no doubt be some regrets at leaving the Force. In wishing them well for the future we hope their sojourn with us has been pleasant even though it has been hard going at times.

Sports Items. The result of the first round of the Police Athletic Association 25 yards Winter Shooting Championship is rather disappointing, but, considering the infancy of the Club, it reflects credit on the competitors and Rifle Section Committee in venturing to shoot against such formidable teams.

Few Divisions can yet boast of having a football team. Whether to christen our team 'The Peak Dynamos' (not because of their dynamic powers) or otherwise, is a decision which still remains in abeyance.

Up to the time of reporting the team has met Chesterfield Division at home (Buxton) and away (Markham). In the first match on 31st October, Chesterfield won by 8 goals to 2. (Some dynamos - Ed.)

Considering the average age of both teams it was really marvellous they were all standing on their feet when the whistle blew for 'time'. There were some quite good high lights during the match, especially when one of the Chapel players fell down in front of an open goal with the ball and pushed it through with his hand. However, the spectators were quite jubilant and although there were few thrills (that is football thrills) some were heard to say it was better than spending the afternoon at the pictures and had been well worth the money...? The return match at Chesterfield resulted in a score of 8 - 3 in favour of the latter which was one goal up on the first match, and if the team holds together long enough and plays sufficient matches they may eventually beat Chesterfield; but who cares about defeat providing the spirit of competition and sportsmanship prevails.

In passing we must thank our guest player (Const. H.M. Fraser - Matlock) for turning out and giving such a stalwart performance in both matches. A further fixture has been arranged with Alfreton Division.

The Divisional darts competition is in progress. Buxton Section (cup holders) have beaten New Mills Section and Chapel Section have beaten Whaley Bridge Section and it remains to be seen whether Buxton will win the cup for the third year in succession.

With the lifting of censorship we have received a letter from Constable Titterton serving in H.M. Navy. Space will not permit its reproduction in entirety, but, amongst other things, he expresses his appreciation and gratitude to all correspondents and the Editor for keeping him and fellow officers in touch with the activities of the Force. Leaving England on the 1st July, in a 4,000 ton L.S.T.s, he proceeded via the Mediterranean and the Red Sea to Bombay.

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and on to Malaya. Fortunately for them - he says - the Japs surrendered and they were allowed to leave their cargo on a beautiful golden sandy beach under tropical skies, such as Metro-Goldwyn Mayer portrays. (No: there is no mention of sarongs) From there on to Rangoon, Bangkok, Thailand and then to Singapore. On 28th August, his release came through in Fleet Orders in Group B but unfortunately he has to wait for a relief, the arrival of which seems to be very indefinite.

In closing the December contribution we once again convey seasonable greetings to our comrades still in H.M. Forces and to the remainder of our colleagues in the Force.

CHESTERFIELD DIVISION.

We are pleased that it has been decided that the News Letter is not being allowed to lapse and feel sure that once it gets under way in its proposed new form it will be one of the few popular police 'gazettes'. We have the following officers still serving in H.M. Forces who will share our pleasure:- Constables Ellis, Hanson, Porter and Walton.

Of home news the wife of Constable Donegan, of Langwith Junction, gave birth to a son on the 19th October and they now have two boys and two girls. There have been Branch Board changes, Sergt. (41) Metcalfe, of Cutthorpe, being the Sergeants representative, whilst Constable (415) Hutchinson, of D.H.Qrs. is the Constables representative and Secretary of the Constables' Branch Board.

In the sphere of sport the "J.M.G." Cup is now in our possession and other Divisions will have to play hard to take it from us (but please see result of the last match below). It was very nice to read in the last News Letter the congratulations from other Divisions on our success and we thank them and appreciate their sportsmanlike attitude. As mentioned in the last News Letter our Divisional Social Club held its first annual dinner and dance at the Ideon Restaurant, Chesterfield, on the 7th November. A very nice dinner was served. In proposing the long life of the Social Club the Chief Constable said that once a year for such functions was not sufficient and he would gladly sanction more. He stated that this was the first gathering of its kind in the history of the Derbyshire Constabulary and hoped it would be the forerunner to many others in the County. Our President, Superintendent Ridd, most ably responded. Constable Hutchinson proposed the health of "Our Guests", the responder being Constable Kelham of Barlow. The Guests included all members of the Divisional Force returning from service in H.M. Forces and their wives. The Chief Constable took this opportunity of presenting the "J.M.G." Challenge Cup to our Divisional representative and produced from nowhere, as it were, a bottle of champagne, kindly sent by Sergeant Hart, of Ranishaw, at present serving with the Allied Military Government in Germany, for the first christening of the Cup. Needless to say, all the 120 members and Guests present had a sip from the Cup. Thank you, Captain Hart. Speeches were cut down to a minimum. A dance followed until midnight, the bar being open until 11 p.m. Members were able to invite their friends to the dance and all seemed to have a good time. In the intervals of dancing members were entertained by an illusionist of the first class and songs were rendered by two well-known personalities from Chesterfield. The Club is being continued and 44 members are contributing and looking forward to another and even better function next year.

Three football matches have been played so far and we have a little better tale to tell than was the case with our summer pastime, having won two (against Buxton and Chapel Division) and lost one (against Alfreton). We had a very enjoyable game at Buxton on the Town Ground and there was very nearly a record attendance. The crowd certainly seemed to enjoy the performance. Constable Eltridge is to be congratulated on the arrangements made, both for the match and the refreshments afterwards, and it would be well if some of his enthusiasm could be imparted to other Divisions as he had some difficulty in raising a team but did not allow this small matter to daunt him. We in this Division do not profess to be much good at the game, but we are quite willing to take on any other Division interested. Both our 'home' games were played on the Markham Collieries ground and the management there spared no effort to make our visits successful. Constable Clarke of Duckmanton, again had a big hand in this and we are all indebted to him for his interest.

At the request of Eckington Division, our ties with their representatives in the "J.M.G." Challenge Cup and those from Derby and Belper Divisions were played off in the sports rooms at Chesterfield County Divisional Headquarters on the 3rd December. Playing at home did not stand us in very good stead as we allowed Eckington to walk away with ten points, we and Derby Division having to be contented with four points each. Constable Hutchinson goes to Derby on the 12th December, 1945, to represent the County at Table Tennis, whilst W.R. Graham, of Shirebrook, is the County Representative at Billiards, in the P.A.A. Championships. We have acquired,

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through the Sports Club, a punch ball and two pairs of boxing gloves and we shall see at our next Divisional meeting whether any members wish to "have a go".

Under the new scheme Sectional Officers were asked to send in their contributions, but as we have not heard from them in this Division up to the time of 'going to press' we can only presume that they have no items of interest for inclusion in the News Letter.

DERBY & BELPER DIVISION.

Gradually our 'mailing list' is being whittled down and now only seven of an erstwhile twenty-two members of H.M. Forces remain to be demobilised. They are Sergeant Walpole (Civil Affairs), Constables Barker, Clark, Cundy, Fraser, Gregory and Hoggett. The Forces' loss is our gain and we look forward to the time when we don't have to write all over the globe every month sending out money, collecting it in again and extorting rateable deductions.

We had high hopes this issue that our biggest headache - material for our distribe - would be handed to us on a plate on 25th November in accordance with certain valuable suggestions which had been put out earlier in the month. But no, everything in the Division is so peaceful that not one solitary bit of 'gen' has been forthcoming, so we must perforce stand upon our own feet and rely on hearsay.

Perhaps the most momentous event this month is the impending departure of the bulk of the War Reserves. So far as we in this Division are concerned their departure will be the cause for some regret, for during their stay they have done the work - strange to most of them and very often distasteful - honestly and conscientiously. They will admit, generally, 'we are not policemen by design but are doing our best', and it has been a very good best. In sport, too, they have played their part, and our cricket eleven will miss one or two of its 1944-5 stalwarts. We wish those who are leaving the best of luck in their return to 'civvy street' with the hope that they will maintain contact with us in some way or another in the years to come.

There is the suggestion that our forthcoming magazine should have an 'Exchange and Mart' section. Just to show how beneficial this would be let us quote the case of one of our members who advertised for sale an article of furniture, sold it almost immediately and had later amongst his disappointed customers another member of the fraternity who lives but a few yards away. And our rates are so reasonable, too. Would be advertisers are advised to carefully check their advertisements to avoid such things as 'Two old ladies want washing' and 'Gentlemen taken in and done for'.

In the field of sport, to wit the football field at the County Mental Hospital, Micklaover (how we gravitate to that spot) we thrilled the patients by our heroic effort against an Army XI, strengthened by the inclusion of members of the RAF, etc., all drawn from the Training School. These fit young men just managed to gain the odd goal in five against our veterans, and someone gained a pair of football boots after the match. If he will return them to us we will willingly commit misprision of felony. A rumour that 'someone from Derby County' was watching the match springs from the fact that a prominent member of the P.C.P.S.C., and not Mr. Wagner, was present, so budding Lawtons may now relax until our next match (which should be in a few weeks at least, as that is the time it will take some of the lacerations we have seen to heal).

We are asked to make a categorical denial of the statement that some members of the Police War Reserves are going to spend their next annual leave at the Station Hotel, Derby.

Noticing in the paper the other day one of those letters from readers headed, 'Is this a record?' we are prompted to ask, on seeing ex-Constable Barton come to the Charge Office to pay his funds, 'Has any Division had a pensioner on their books longer than 38 years?'. Mr. Barton tells us he retired in 1907 and when he starts off, "I remember when I went to ??? in 1883...", we get back into our cot and the Superintendent looks no older than an Inspector.

In conclusion may we, without causing offence, ask our readers to rally round and let us have a little contribution now and again.

ECKINGTON DIVISION.

The influx of 'foreign' correspondence is now very limited as the following are the only members now serving in H.M. Forces - Sergeant (108) Hart, Constables (520) Yeomans and (519) Willis. We hope we shall soon welcome these Officers back to the fold. Constable Willis writes a very interesting letter and we have recently received one describing a train journey from one end of India to the other - a distance of 2080 miles

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in seven days - from Calcutta to Coimbatore. How you managed to spell all those places names beats us Arthur! His desire to return to the force is stronger than ever and we certainly hope Class 'B' will come his way ere long. At the time of going to press Captain Hart is home on leave and looking very fit.

Items of Interest.

With reference to the Editor's memo of the 7th November, none of the Section Officers have anything for inclusion, with the exception of Inspector Brindley and Sergeant Wood.

What we should like to know - the thoughts of a certain W.A.P.C. at DHQ who, when making enquiries for the military at a nursing home, was asked which ward she would like to be in. Was her face red!

Which subject reminds us that no doubt some of our readers will be interested to know that ex-W.A.P.C. Argyle has had a visit from the stork, and there is a distinct possibility now of ex-Inspector Scoffield taking a slimming course pushing the pram (nice work grandpa).

A glider recently made a forced landing in the division, having become detached from the parent plane, and a dear old soul later exclaimed, "Constable I don't know how that there machine missed your roof." As the said constable was slumbering peacefully at the time it would have been very disconcerting to find himself in the middle of a field, in his night-shirt, at mid-day.

We hear whispers that when visiting London recently several officers from this Force (gentlemen of rank too) were in an underground station and wished to use the lift. The gate opened, the said officers walked briskly in, straight through the other side, the gate closed with a bang and the lift ascended, minus our Derbyshire Stalwarts. Up from country chums!!

Detective Sergeant Downes, our celebrated bird fancier, has been going great guns with his bantams and winning prizes all over the place including Newark and Mansfield. He is hoping his next big scoop will be at Bradford. How many eggs is this 'build-up' worth Sergeant?

A dance, organised by Inspector Brindley and Constable (160) Nelson, was recently held at the Drill Hall, Eckington, and it is hoped the W. & O. Fund will benefit to the extent of about £70.

The many friends of Constable (227) Smith, Holmesfield, will be sorry to hear that he is still on the sick list with sciatica, having been off duty since June last.

Constable (417) Cresswell has been off duty sick for two months, but is now back on the job again and is looking quite fit after a spell of convalescence at Harrogate.

Transfers: Constable (138) Knapp - Whitwell to Ambergate
" (197) Wilson - Chaddesden to Whitwell
" (443) Buist - Dronfield to Ridgeway
" (349) Milner - Marsh Lane to Long Eaton
" (315) Macdonald N.M. - Eckington to Dronfield Woodhouse.

Sports Club News. At the Annual reunion of the Frecheville Police Rifle Club held at Hackenthorpe a very enjoyable evening was spent by the members, which includes Special Constables and Regulars. The prizes won during the year were presented by the President, Superintendent Brailsford, who, with much wit, can tell a right good yarn. The Regulars held up to their traditions and did not let the Specials have things all their own way. A handsome trophy - the "Richardson Cup" - which has been presented to the Club by Special Constable Richardson for the best aggregate, was won by Constable (354) Orme. We hope to have it filled when there are not so many people about. A spoon was won by Constable (501) Simpson in Club competition shooting. He enquires if any one has another five to make up the half dozen? The Home Guard had a "do" at us a short time ago. They rashly challenged us to a shoot for a dinner to be held later, the losing side to defray all expenses. Needless to say we were all on our best behaviour and handsomely won our "meat ration" by 230 points. If there are any more dinners floating about we shall be very willing to relieve the donors. In fact we will even shoot you for nothing and be pleased to win. (Is this ambiguous? Ed.)

The sports activities of the Division are at present confined to the "J.M.G." matches and the equivalent games in the Divisional league. In the former we made a smashing start, obtaining maximum points in our first encounter, and after two visits have only lost four points. If only the team can keep this average up we might get someone kind enough to fill the flowing bowl with "fire water" with reasonable hopes of getting a taste.

ILKESTON DIVISION

Nothing has been received from the Saction Officers in answer to the note from Headquarters, but it is believed that a better response will be met with for the next issue. There is no doubt that a Force Magazine will be most popular.

Let us be in season and lift our heads from the news of strikes, nationalisation and political upheavals and wish all our comrades a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year; hoping that when they open their tins of dehydrated turkey they will spare a thought for the harrassed civilian with his extra ration of marge: also hoping that they are spared the exasperation of trying to make toys for the kiddies out of knotty orange boxes.

This Division has seen the return of a fair number of our colleagues. Here they are:-

Constable (481) Garrow	Constable (434) Ridland
Constable (487) Bowers	Constable (516) Shelley
Constable (263) Maternaghan	Constable (239) Noon
Constable (502) Stewart	Constable (390) McDonald
Constable (318) Anderson	Constable (377) Cameron
Constable (207) Greaves	Constable (245) Goodwin
Constable (272) Clarke	Constable (208) Bolton
Constable (324) Donovan	Constable (343) Bryant

All seem pleased and happy, but Constable Maternaghan is troubled with shrapnel wounds in the leg. Constable Cumberland also paid us a call. He, unfortunately, has received shrapnel wounds in the temple, rendering him temporarily deaf in one ear, but he is confident he can be cured before he is domobbed. Constables Bryant and Ridland are being transferred to Long Eaton.

The lifting of the "freezing" order has also meant departures. We shall miss Constable Harry Vickers of Stanton-by-Dale and those who are not aware of the splendid, unselfish and unpopular work as Secretary of the Constables' Branch Board will never pass their Sergeant's Examination. Constable (266) Bill Goodwin, the well-known figure at Shipley Collieries is also leaving us after fifteen years in this Division. We wish them luck and well-earned rest in their retirement.

The new Order asking for applicants for service in Germany has caused no little stir with such attractive remuneration. The seeking of a fortune, as so it seems, in a foreign field, is appealing.

Almost all of the War Reserve Constables in this Division have applied to resign at the end of the year and our present strength is most depleted.

Det. Const. McNaught has been transferred to Barlow in the Chesterfield Division and is being succeeded by Det. Const. Rayner.

Turning to sport, we can safely say that our hopes in the "J.M.G." Challenge Cup are on the upgrade since the infusion of new blood. Const. C. Smith at Codnor, transferred at Chelsea-ish fee from Spondon, and Constable Stewart of Heanor are strengthening our weakest point, that is, snooker, and points gained this season are very encouraging.

A request to organize a football team has shown that only ten players in the Division have stated their desire to play. One stout feller actually volunteered as referee. He cannot have watched Derby County of late.

We still have local do's at darts, but these have been neces arily curtailed with the disbanding of the N.F.S., Civil Defence and other such bodies. We are hoping to fix up some inter-Sectional matches and we extend an invitation to any member who happens to be home on leave.

Shooting matches with .22 rifles are being fixed up and we shall see whether our returned comrades really did scatter the Japs.

A most entertaining social evening was held at Heanor, organised by the Ripley, Langley Mill and Heanor Sections for the purpose of handing over to the Heanor Hospital the proceeds of a cricket match, held during the short summer, between the Police and Heanor Amateurs. Held at the Heanor Miners' Welfare, with a pleasing sprinkling of young femininity brightly furnished by the officers' wives, it produced songs and solos, competitions and refreshment to mind and body, and the total sum of £10 was gratefully received by the Hospital Management. Constable (Whip-round) Dumaslow again excelled in his choice of artists and choice of victims and Mrs. Wilson, wife of Sergeant Wilson excelled at darts when she won the sweep. Nice work, Sergeant. No, nice board, he says.

Interesting item; approval has been given by the Chief Constable to open a Police Club (of course it will be licensed) at Ilkeston and membership is open to Special Constables and War Reserves. This is still in infancy and

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a site is not yet fixed, but the time will soon be here when you can pop in for a quiet drink, a quiet smoke and a hand at cards, and pop out again.

Other Items:

No suggestions for a cover design for the proposed Force Magazine have been received, but I am informed that a number of chaps are still scratching their heads. No sketches, line drawing or cartoons have come in for this issue, but there may be some next time. No one wishes to exchange anything.

WOODVILLE DIVISION

This being the writer's first trip into the Realm of Divisional Correspondents, it is hoped this effort will be judged not entirely on its merits but partly on compassionate grounds. It appears to be a rather unfortunate time at which to take over the doubtful honour. The usual two or three pages cannot be filled this time with rather caustic reminders to Officers in the Forces that they have not written lately as all members of this Division, with the exception of Constable (467) D. McDonald, Melbourne, are now back with us. Some of them have already been 'Refreshed' and others are awaiting this interesting procedure. Constable S. W. Martin very nearly rejoined the Division but apparently during his long absence his knowledge of local geography became somewhat impaired for he finished up at Alfreton instead.

Constables Cooper-Keeble, Hardman, Venables, Reynolds, Downing, Lea and Bodsworth are now back on their respective Beats and Constable J. Coid is about to taste the joys of the Woodville Beat. Constable R. Woolley has also returned to the Division for a short spell before proceeding on transfer to Headquarters.

Having remarked on the Officers who have returned to the Division it is now possible to reverse the process and refer to Officers who are preparing to leave us. War Reserves Hogg, Higgins, Jones, Till and Bacon have all booked their passages to 'Civvy Street' at the end of the year as has also our very efficient and popular 'Wapka' at Divisional Headquarters, Mrs. A.M. Heape. Best wishes are extended to all these people on their return to civilian life after valuable and willing service in the Force.

Officers in the Swadlincote and Newhall Sections, after dealing with windows, etc. broken by enemy action, are now very concerned about numerous windows again being broken, also by enemy action of a different kind. An epidemic of window breaking by stone-throwing has been engaging their attention and spare time lately. This is probably a good opening for some remark about people living in glass houses not throwing nasturtiums but as the subject is a rather touchy one perhaps it is a case of least said soonest mended, including the windows.

Sporting activities are still thriving in the Division. In addition to the usual 'J.M.G.' Cup matches inter-sectional matches at darts, dominoes, snooker, etc. are being regularly played. There is a strong rumour that this Division is about to throw out a challenge to play somebody at Football, which may account for the rather hurried departure of the Russian Dynamos.

At the time of writing there is feverish activity, or at least activity, anyway, some signs of life, preparing for our forthcoming Victory Police Ball at Swadlincote. This will be the first Police Ball at the well known 'Rink' for 3 years and it is hoped it will be a great success. In addition to realising money for the 'Widows' and 'Orphans' Fund it will provide something to write about in the next News Letter.

It is a well known fact that animals become very much attached to their masters but the following extract from a recent accident report throws a new light on the subject - "Vehicle primarily concerned - four wheeled cart with horse attached."

Exchange and Mart. A well known Officer in this Division is very anxious to obtain a hump-backed rabbit owing to his wife's inability to make a rabbit pie without the middle falling in.

HEADQUARTERS:

Firstly we congratulate Constable J. McLean (C.I.D. Temporary) on the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross. When it comes to a silent Service the Navy has nothing on the R.A.F. but we have extracted some details - that the London Gazette giving the official citation relates that Flying Officer McLean showed zeal, courage and determination in bombing many heavily defended targets in Germany. On one raid his aircraft was severely damaged by heavy A.A. fire but with great coolness he carried on and successfully bombed the target, Bochum.

Farewell Auxiliaries! We shall miss you and here it is too late we bid you sincere good wishes in your fresh fields of labour. Recall the symphonic rhythm of Dr. Johnson:-

"The notice which you have been pleased to take of my labours,
had it been early,
had been kind;
but it has been delayed
till I am indifferent,
and cannot enjoy it;
till I am solitary,
and cannot impart it;
till I am known,
and do not want it."

Praise be, your labours have not passed unnoticed and the sound esprit-de-corps and relations of mutual confidence have built up a comradeship that cannot die. Many have candidly admitted they would not have a "Bobby's Job" for £10 per week. It is good that our problems are understood. And as we say goodbye to our war-time friends we report the majority of our regulars have returned and have been "refreshed".

The Control Commission for Germany has asked for police volunteers for service in that country. After reading countless peace-time articles on the super-efficiency of the German Police it appears somewhat paradoxical to call upon the English village 'bobby'. The experiment should be interesting. Sergeant (93) Bristow (Capt. C.A.) has been home on leave and looks forward to a return to normal service. We understand that he has little time for practical police duty owing to a constant deluge of forms in triplicate for completion. No news has been heard of other officers still away. Possibly they are just waiting for their home-coming.

Officers formerly associated with the Sherwood Foresters would have been proud to have witnessed Derby's Civic Welcome on Sunday (2/12/45) to the 1/5th Batt. Sherwood Foresters on their return from captivity in the Far East. Marching to the Market Place from the Cathedral the men were greeted by 6,000 of the inhabitants. It was a proud moment to those who won glory where glory was not to be looked for.

On the 14th December an auxiliaries Farewell Dinner and Social was held which was particularly enjoyable.

Detective Sergeant F. A. Palmer is retiring at the beginning of the year to take up a post at Ashbourne Grammar School and is being replaced by Sergeant D. Marriott, D & B. Sergeant R. Smith is leaving for Ashbourne Divisional Office at about the same time.

Sergeant F. E. Pegg is at present engaged in negotiations over a little matter of £8 damage to crockery when he was transferred from Staveley by Wm. West. The case has not yet reached the House of Lords. The question is, who dropped the packing case?

Extract from the Journal of Constable (102) Mitton Simpson stationed at Ashford

1859		a.m.	p.m.	
December	Ashford		9	Patrolled the above Places
25th	Ashford		11½	Patrolled Ashford being a
Hour of going	Great Longston		12	Many Drunken People
on Duty 9 p.m.	Little Longston	1		it being Christmas Night
Off Duty 2½ a.m.	Monsal Dale	1½		and found All Correct
	Ashford	2½		Patrolled home 5½ hours.

ARNHEM ASSAULT

A Story of the First Airborne Division

By a Member of the Derbyshire Constabulary who took part.

Please see back
cover for
Sketch Maps.

The Siegfried Line is not impassable, but it is a considerable barrier, extending as it does from the Swiss frontier, just north of Basle, along the German frontier northwards as far as a point in the neighbourhood of Cleves, a few miles east of Arnhem. The Rhine is also a considerable obstacle. This, too, runs from Basle northwards to the German-Dutch frontier just east of Arnhem, and then on to the sea. Beyond it to the north there is no barrier to the road leading into the Ruhr and Central Germany itself.

Arnhem is, therefore, a point of considerable importance.

From the Escaut Canal, over which on 16th September, 1944, we had a small bridgehead held by 30 Corps of the Second Army under General Dempsey, to Arnhem is sixty miles, with three stepping stones on the way - Eindhoven, Grave and Nijmegen. Arnhem itself has three bridges, a fine road bridge, a pontoon bridge erected by the Germans, and a railway bridge, all over the wide Lower Rhine. The Waal and the Maas can only be crossed at the bridges in Nijmegen and Grave respectively. If all these bridges could be captured intact a tank could drive direct from Brussels into the Ruhr, the Siegfried Line being turned at its northern end leaving Germany wide open.

Arnhem is something of a spa, of about 95,000 inhabitants. To the west the country resembles the lowlands of Scotland with plantations of firs and open pastures with folds of rough ground covered with broom. The western suburbs are of solid detached houses and hotels standing in their own grounds, the countryside around them being well wooded.

It was decided to attempt an airborne operation designed to capture the three great bridges, with the 101 U.S. Airborne Division at Grave, the 82nd U.S. at Nijmegen and the 1st British at Arnhem. At the same time the 30 Corps would drive out from its Escaut bridgehead to consolidate the success from the air, joining up the three Airborne Divisions, then splitting in two at Arnhem, one half turning N.W. for the sea, the other turning East into the Ruhr.

The First Airborne Division consisted of the 1st Parachute Brigade (of Tunisian fame), the 4th Parachute Brigade, the 1st Air Landing Brigade (glider-borne), the 21st Independent Para. Coy., a Reconnaissance Squadron, 1st and 2nd Anti-Tank Batteries, the 1st Air Landing Light Regt., R.A. (with which this story is mainly concerned), together with Div. troops composed of R.E., Signals, R.A.S.C., R.E.M.E., R.A.D.C. and Field Security Police. A Polish Para. Bde. was also under temporary command of the Div. for this operation.

Owing to a lack of sufficient aircraft to lift the Div. in one move, it was planned to drop 1 Para. Bde. and 1 Air Ldg. Bde. on 17th September, with 4 Para. Bde. coming in the following day. Owing to the enormous number of flak stations on the eastern and southern sides of Arnhem, it was necessary to drop all troops seven miles to the west of the town, the plan being as follows. The Recce Sqn. in jeeps was to race immediately on landing through the town to capture one or more of the bridges, with 2 and 3 Para. Bns. to move on foot behind them - incidentally these Bns. were allowed one hour to march the seven miles. 1 Para. Bn. was held in Reserve. 1 Air Ldg. Bde. was to hold the dropping zones (D.Z.) until the para. Bns. had moved off, and then to move themselves to hold the northern edge of a perimeter around the town. It was envisaged that 4 Para. Bde. would hold the western sector, the 1 Para. Bde. the southern and the Polish Bde. the eastern Sector. This then was the plan.

I was a member of the 2nd Battery, 1st Air Landing Light Regt., R.A. and stood by from 10 Sept. at Manston 'drome in Kent. The gliders stood loaded for five days awaiting the word, and promptly at 12 noon we became airborne, riding rather unsteadily behind a R.A.F. Albemarle. The trip lasted 2 hours 46 minutes, and strangely enough we were less excited than if it was just another three day scheme, probably because the flight over the North Sea was so boring - things became lively over Holland because of the intense light flak, which soon scored hits because of the altitude of the group - 1000 feet, and I saw several of the gliders carrying our own guns and amm. trailers going down, some to make a forced landing, some to crash. I found the safest way to travel was on top of the Jeep, with a large sized engine between the ground and my posterior! We came down to a nice landing, in contrast to some of the others, and were in action with three 75 mm. howitzers within 15 mins. of touching down.

Meanwhile let us follow the fortunes of the others.

The Recce Sqn. lost the greater part of their men and jeeps on the ride through the town, but the remnants managed to reach the northern end of the great road bridge and started to dispute possession with an 88 mm. fixed

on the southern side firing north. Two companies of 2 Para. Bn. got through to them later on, together with a few odd sappers and some of Bde. H.Q. but 3 Para. Bn. were held up at Oosterbeek and never reached the bridge at all. After that Sunday night no other troops reached the bridge, and consequently there were two separate battles, that of the men at the bridge and that of the rest of the Div., held up east of Arnhem in the suburbs known as Oosterbeek, Hartestein and Ommershol. It is with this latter battle that I was mainly concerned.

The fighting at the bridge was probably the hardest of the war. A total of 350 men reached its northern tip and held it against half a Panzer Div. and a Div. of infantry for nine days, the bridge itself being blocked by wrecked German tanks and vehicles which had attacked from the south, fleeing before the 30 Corps. The British positions were in houses around the northern ramparts, and were attacked by every known German weapon from dive bombers to Tiger tanks, the houses being reduced to shambles, and casualties so great that by the night of the 21st of the 350 men there remained only 70 still able to move - others were placed by windows with their arms and fought thus as best they could. Towards the end it was found impossible to hold these positions, and a final stand was made beneath the bridge itself, but with each hour the situation became more and more hopeless, the ammunition had gone and almost every man was wounded. The very ground on which the defenders crouched was seared by the flames from the burning houses, and in the end the remnants were killed or captured.

Whilst this resolute stand was being made at the bridge, the fighting for the rest of the Division had veered to Oosterbeek, and on Wednesday the 20th a perimeter had been established with the river to the south, Oosterbeek to the east and Ommershol to the north. This was the area which the rest of the Division held under force of circumstance until the order to withdraw was given on the 25th.

My own part of this battle was wrapped up in the fortunes of the 2nd Air Ldg. Battery, equipped with only six of the eight 75 mm howitzers which started the flight, the other two going down on the way over, together with a few odd P.I.A.T.'s, Brens, Stens and rifles, and an awful lot of hope. We first went into action on the landing ground and fired at targets south of the bridge to support our men there, but moved before dark to a position just east of Ommershol in a forest clearing, one end of which being planted with cabbages and the other laid out in grounds around a small mental hospital. Here we rapidly dug in just before an attack by 36 German planes which included two 'jets', and fired steadily at targets all round the compass until darkness intervened and we took up a defensive infantry role. Next morning an advance party set out to reconnoitre a more suitable position where we could join the rest of the Regt. known to be just south of Oosterbeek Church, whilst we remained firing in the clearing. Casualties were being caused by aircraft and mortar fire, but especially by snipers, who were found in the surrounding woods in great numbers - fortunately the majority of them were far from being marksmen. About an hour before darkness we were startled by the sound of very heavy artillery fire directed against the mental hospital, and saw that a number of German tanks had come right through and were engaging troops in the hospital without having seen us. Since our guns were not supposed to be effective against tanks, we made a rapid withdrawal, in which we became entangled with transport of other Units, and darkness found me on the main Arnhem-Utrecht road in my own Jeep, with two pals and a strange officer. Purely by guesswork and plain good luck we eventually found the new position two or three miles away, simply by trying different roads until we met Jerry, turning back and trying others until we could get through. Our second night in Holland was spent digging, and we were certainly ready for some sleep and some food - all we had had was twelve biscuits and three bars of chocolate since we landed. The new position was disastrous from an artillery point of view, being in a small piece of open ground encircled by houses which interrupted our line of fire. This, however, was to be our home until we were withdrawn. The Germans shelled us almost unceasingly from dawn to dusk, with occasional spells of hate during the night, whilst snipers gradually infiltrated into the surrounding houses and gardens and killed more and more of our men. Food and water were a very grave problem - foraging was out of the question, and for the last six days all there was for six of us was a tame rabbit which we 'liberated', and some odd jars of apple sauce (I knew about that apple sauce). On the occasions we were attacked by tanks we did very well indeed, for our guns proved very successful at close range, and their performance did a lot to raise morale. The continuous casualties became more and more serious, however, and it became impossible to maintain efficient gun crews - the majority consisting of one gunner, with perhaps a signaller or glider pilot as loader, instead of the normal teams of six gunners. The ground was so pock-marked by shell and mortar craters that I wondered several times how these chaps could still man the guns.

Being assistant to the gun position officer, I was mainly concerned with survey and plotting work, and spent most of the time in the Command Post trench. Staff was so short that when the last German armoured attack was put in against us, only a signaller and myself were in the C.P., the Officer being away after some support. Two Tigers rolled right on to the position and polished off all left there except myself and the signaller in the C.P. trench. One of the tanks saw our

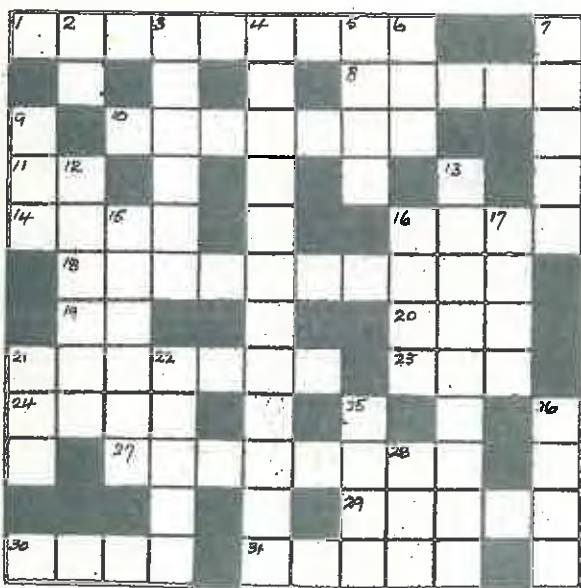
radio aerial and gave us an 88 mm. shell which wounded us both, then followed it up with cannon shells. Owing to the overhead cover of the trench it was impossible to get out direct, and after some very anxious moments, each one of which I thought was my last, we managed to dig a tunnel through the back of the trench into a shell hole nearby and from there a quick dash got us amongst the houses. We found a Bren gun and six magazines, and meeting a little more formidable retreated rapidly westwards until we met up once again with some of our own troops.

From then until nightfall we fought and ran alternately, and at dusk made a large house into a strong point, with about twelve riflemen, a Bren gunner, a large number of wounded, and some sappers with a few Hawkins grenades. Many of us were again wounded here from 25 pdr. shells fired by the advancing 30 Corps artillery in an endeavour to keep the Germans away from us, and by this time I think we had all abandoned hope of being relieved by General Dempsey. The following morning we found that the majority of the Division had been evacuated across the river during the night, and as fast as we could we made for it ourselves. Unfortunately the river here was up to a quarter of a mile wide, with a dangerous current of eight knots, and there was a quarter mile of open country to cross. When we got to the banks it was unfortunately a case of those of us who could not swim staying behind whilst the rest stripped and jumped in. It took me a long time to make up my mind to risk swimming in the condition I was in, but the Germans made up my mind for me and in I got. Luck was still with me and I reached a farmhouse which stood in ruins on the opposite bank. Here a good Samaritan gave me a half bottle of whisky, which gave me new life, and turned my thoughts to my appearance. The only garments I could find were some female knickers of ancient vintage and style, being decorated with blue ribbon in all the wrong places. Wearing these, along with an old shirt, I dived through the back window and finally met the Dorsetshire Regiment of the 30 Corps. From then on I travelled south in comfort via Nijmegen, Diest, Brussels and Amiens home.

It seems that the two American Divisions captured their bridges intact, and were promptly relieved by the 2nd Army, who got two miles north of Nijmegen (eight from Arnhem) and could get no further until the last day when they almost reached the river banks. Those of us who got back were very proud to have taken part in such an operation, which killed 11,000 Germans on their own admission, but the costs were heavy - of the 129 men in my Battery who set out, only 23 came back.

Many people have asked me questions regarding the whole operation and invariably ask, "What was the reason for the failure of the airborne operation." I would like to answer them now by saying that the task given to the 1st Airborne Division was to capture the road bridge and hold it for a maximum period of four days. Nothing more. It was held for nine days. The airborne operation was therefore 100% successful.

PEGASUS.



ACROSS. (1) One who examines or oversees. (8) A boring tool. (10) To compensate or repay. (11) The fact of being in a certain place. (14) One of the unpaid members of a County Police Force. (16) That which is owed. (18) (with (4) down) A body of civil officers organised for the preservation of order and the enforcement of laws in part of what was the ancient kingdom of Mercia including a capital thereof. (19) Inside of. (20) Turkish officer of high rank. (21) In the police - a number of men or a given area in charge of (13) down. (23) Legal word for hindrance. (24) One who uss. (27) Several of (21) down. (29) To go in. (30) Security given for the conditional release of a prisoner. (31) A journey or circuit - a Court of itinerant Justices.

DOWN. (2) Mark well. (3) An old slang name for a policeman. (4) See (18) across. (5) A solemn affirmation. (6) To regret or repent. (7) A piece of land or water of indefinite size and shape. (9) A rule of conduct established by authority. (12) The act of putting things in order. (13) Officer in charge of (21) across. (15) Slang - to have disposed of stolen property. (16) The graduated face of an instrument. (17) Where (3) down should have spent most of his duty time. (21) The aggregate of two or more numbers. (22) The formal examination of the matter in issue in a cause before a competent tribunal. (25) A layer - when arranged one above another. (26) in law - a wrongful act. (28) Unity.

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ODE TO A KIOSK.

Oh, how I loathe that little red box,
That little red box with the light in;
Cold, bleak and bare, no room to spare,
No elbow room for writin'.
What fiend devised the point outside
That little red box with the light in.

The telephone bell rings the P.C.'s knell
And starts his heart a-flutter;
That lag-like leer 'Insert coins here'
Makes menial mentors mutter,
Nor lessens loathe, nor love betroths
To that little red box with the light in.

Points once were made in the lonely glade
Where lovers' hearts go fleetin';
No kiss, no bliss in a box like this,
Taint even got a seat in.
No moonlight's spell, no bosoms swell
In this little red box with the light in.

No point with torch in the church's porch,
No goodnight smile from the rector;
The only tread to awaken the dead
'S from the tyres of the Section's 'Spector;
Not spires, but tyres, my gaze admired
At the little red box with the light in.

No sliving off to relieve dry cough
And lilt with the barman's sister;
Ere you can fly, tough urchins cry
"Oi! Telephone's ringing, Mister."
By heck, I'll wreck that ruddy red box,
That ruddy red box with the light in.

This road K and that road K
With D.H.Q. all link-up.
Don't stand and stare, you must be there
Or won't there be a stink-up!
That baloful blaro, that gaudy glare
Of that little red box with the light in.

My service through, till Rest is due,
That box I'll enter never
Till Peter calls within its walls
My earthly ties to sever;
Then to Hell with the bell and the sickly smell
Of the little red box with the light in.

H. FARMER.

THE POLLUTED VALLEY.

It is a very long time, certainly not within living memory, since anything so shocking as the murder of a young mother and her child despoiled "the valley." The Winnats and Main Tcr frowned their disgust and disapproval and Win Hill looked askance on Saturday, 6th October, 1945, when it became known that Mrs. Joyce May Bock and her infant son Peter had been found murdered in the cellar at the Peveril Cafe in the shadow of the hill upon which the Peveril Castle has stood sentinel for centuries. The blow was somewhat softened by the fact that all the principle actors in the tragedy were "foreigners" in the valley, but nevertheless it was a blow.

When she left Manchester Mrs. Edith Jane Breeze became the Proprietress of the Peveril Cafe and lived there with her daughter, Joyce May, aged 20, and her son, Fred, aged 18. Fred is now away serving in the R.A.F., but Joyce resigned from the W.A.A.F. when she married Ladislav Bock of the Czech. Squadron of the R.A.F. about two years ago. Life at the Cafe was fairly happy despite the separation of the parents by divorce and Joyce was looking forward to taking Peter in the near future to join her husband in Czecho Slovakia, where he was awaiting his discharge from the services and preparing a home. She had sold most of the property she could not take with her and had partly packed the remainder ready for the journey. It was thought she would be in possession of a fair amount of money from the sales, but none was found on the premises after the murder.

The Cafe is an old rambling house that was formerly an inn and catered mainly for hikers - the type who carry huge rucksacks and have their boots "neeled i'thrays" as they say in the valley. In addition to plain meals, sleeping accommodation was available at a very reasonable price and during the summer it was usually full to capacity.

On the 17th September, Mrs. Breeze went to Brighton for a holiday leaving Joyce in charge of the Cafe; she returned on 27th September, but went again on 1st October leaving in the house with Joyce and Peter only Tommy Jones, Harry Jarvis and two visitors who were due to leave on the morning of 4th October. Tommy Jones was a lodger. He hailed from Manchester and drifted into the valley before the war to work on "the dams." Early in the war he enlisted in the Sherwood Foresters, was captured at the time of Dunkirk and repatriated from Germany last May. 32 years of age, he now had no home nor near relatives so he returned to the valley to spend his leave and recuperate. Mrs. Breeze had persuaded him to open a Post Office account with his back pay, etc., and he had a credit of some £140. Like everyone else at the Cafe he made himself useful washing dishes and doing odd jobs. His tastes were simple and, apart from regular visits to the local, inexpensive. Singing and whistling in public houses was his recreation and according to the Manchester Police he had never offended against the law.

Harry Jarvis was a very different type - twenty years of age, secondary school education, self confident, had served three years of his apprenticeship as a gauge maker at the Admiralty, Sheffield. He was the only child of respectable parents and had a good home at Sheffield - he abused them and it. Said his parents were old fashioned, he wanted to live his own life, parental control of any kind was intolerable, not that there was any control; for years he had declined to discuss his comings or goings or anything else with them. If things were not just to his liking he would tear a shirt into shreds or display his temper in other objectionable ways. Mental experts at his trial talked of "Psychopathic personality" - you and I would regard him as a spoilt child upon whom the rod had been spared. Selfish, callous, wicked. Twice he had been a voluntary patient at the South Yorkshire Mental Hospital for short periods in 1942 and 1943 and much was made of it in his defence but nothing was said of his early addiction to expensive short drinks. In 1943 when he was 17 his father objected to him frequenting a licensed club in Sheffield so he disappeared. A fortnight later he was charged with drunkenness in London and was removed to Charing Cross Hospital. At the request of the Police his father fetched him from there and took him back to the Mental Hospital.

Drink and women were not his only weaknesses. In 1940 he was before the Sheffield Juvenile Court charged with housebreaking and larceny and was bound over with his father as surety.

His favourite literature was American gangster fiction, glorification of firearms and gun molls. One such book bearing his name and date 1944, found in his possession was "The Dead Stay Dumb."

His hobby was hiking and he neglected his work, in which he showed little interest, to associate with hikers who frequented the Huddersfield, Ingleton and Castleton districts.

For three years he had visited the Peveril Cafe at week-ends and for the past six months had acted as a part-time waiter there, receiving free board and lodgings and some pocket money for his services. He did not always sleep at the Cafe when at Castleton.

Mrs. Grace Sheppard, a sophisticated modern young woman worked at the cafe in the same way. Her husband was in the services and with her two young children and her mother, Mrs. Moore, she had been evacuated to Castleton from London. She lived rent free in a small one roomed bungalow opposite the side entrance to the cafe and received £1 a week for her services as a general help. To be quite fair to Mrs. Sheppard it must be said that, according to her letters found in Jarvis' possession, she resisted his advances for a long time. He wanted her to go away with him but she repeatedly pointed out that he had no job and no money and they could not exist without means. She had saved £21 for her husband's home coming but after August last most of it went to Jarvis. She said it was to pay his fares and for his lunches so that he could return to his work at the Admiralty. However that may be he also sold a piano accordion (a present from his parents) for £19 at about the same time and in September Mrs. Sheppard was reminding him that his money would not last much longer and she could not help him further as she was 'broke.' On 17th September Mrs. Sheppard went to stay at her mother's flat in London and there is no doubt she then hoped to break with Jarvis as her husband's return was imminent. Jarvis visited her in London however and she was considerably embarrassed thereby.

Then came 4th October. Tommy Jones had gone to Sheffield soon after the two visitors had departed, leaving only Joyce and Peter with Jarvis in the Cafe. Bill Holland, who lives nearby called in at 12.30 to telephone a bet and saw Joyce was sitting at the table writing a letter. Little Peter was climbing on to the table hindering his mother and Jarvis was at the sink washing dishes. Bill Holland returned to the Cafe at 1.30 to telephone again and Jarvis met him at the door. He was pale and perspiring and said he was upset because Peter had fallen from a chair on his nose and Joyce had carried him in her arms to the Doctor's. He said he had wiped up a pool of blood and indicated a wet patch on the floor. Bill Holland's visits, accurately timed by his boss, were very unfortunate for Jarvis for they cancelled out a carefully prepared statement he made when he surrendered to the effect that he shot Joyce accidentally and remembered nothing about Peter nor anything else until he was passing Hope Church at 2 p.m. that day. What he didn't want to remember was that he dragged Joyce's body to the cellar and slid it down the steps, that he hanged little Peter on the hand rail down the cellar with a piece of flex to silence him, cleaned up the mess with sheets, etc., from the laundry basket in the kitchen and then used them to cover the bodies, that he concealed the revolver in a drawer in Mrs. Breeze's bedroom and stole everything of value he could find including a gold cigarette case, two gold watches and a pair of ear rings.

No wonder the hills looked dark and foreboding - the valley seemed to have been misnamed - Hope - what a mockery for Mrs. Breeze, Ladislav Bock and Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis..

Tommy Jones returned to the Cafe at 1.45 p.m. and found no one in. Except for occasional visits to the local he remained in the house alone until Mrs. Breeze returned on the evening of the 5th October, when he told her what Bill Holland had told him. She telephoned local doctors and the hospitals, but found no trace of Joyce or Peter, so she informed the Police.

Retribution was on its way to Harry Jarvis.

Local enquiries and search were made and the same night the bodies were located in the cellar. The Sergeant used the telephone and he was soon joined by his Superintendent, the local Constable, the Doctor from down the valley, the local Detective Sergeant, C.I.D. Officers from Derby and the Chief Constable. The interior of the house was photographed, notes were made of the disposition of the blood stains and other relevant things, but the arrival of Professor Webster was awaited before the bodies were disturbed. In the meantime, the stories of Tommy Jones and Bill Holland were listened to. Jarvis had told a queer story: to Bill Holland and he had suddenly left Castleton about the time when Joyce and Peter were last seen alive. People who tell queer stories and disappear are of more than passing interest and by 6.30 a.m. on the 6th October the Sheffield City C.I.D. and the Metropolitan Police had been asked to detain Jarvis if he visited his home or Mrs. Sheppard's address. The old "cherchez la femme" line was as sound as ever - Jarvis arrived at St. Pancras at 6 a.m. that morning and was making for Mrs. Sheppard's flat when the message was sent - but let us get back to the enquiry. Professor Webster visited the scene in the early afternoon and made an examination. As the clothes were moved from the bodies, other photographs were taken and then the Professor performed autopsies on the bodies and it was seen that Mrs. Bock had been shot in the back of the head with a small calibre missile which had its exit in the centre of the forehead. The weapon had not been near enough to singe the hair or make a cruciform wound, but by the blackening of the skin, the muzzle of the weapon was thought to have been no more than three or four inches away. There were bruises on the left eyebrow, right cheek and right knee. The first could have been caused by striking the table as she fell from the chair and the others by striking the floor. There were no other injuries and no disturbance of the underclothes. Peter had died from asphyxia by hanging and the only other injury was bruising on the back of the head. The bullet that killed Mrs. Bock was not found at the prior examination and despite a long and thorough search of the Cafe, it was never found, nor was any mark found that could reliably be attributed to a gunshot. Jarvis may have found the bullet when he cleaned up the blood from the kitchen floor - the ashes were searched in case he had thrown it in the fire - but of course he wouldn't remember anything round about that time so it was of no use asking him and the mystery of the missing bullet remains.

It was also necessary to search the whole house for the property thought to be missing, home safes, gold bangle, etc. (which were never found) because Mrs. Breeze and Joyce knew Jarvis was a thief and they concealed their valuables and money when he was on the premises. It was possible that Joyce had hidden things during her mother's absence and the enquiry was therefore complicated by the fact that no one knew whether she had concealed them and, if so, where.

A plan of the premises was made and local enquiries continued, but time was passing and Jarvis had not been located. It was known that he had been in London on the Saturday morning and had apparently disappeared again and it was thought probable that he would return North. The Sheffield C.I.D. were kept informed and, as no further trace of him had been found by noon on Sunday, 7th October, an Express Message was circulated to Districts 2, 3, 4 and London, asking for Jarvis to be detained for larceny without any mention of the murders. He surrendered in London the same night, but none of the missing property was found in his possession. It was known that Jarvis went to Sheffield when he left Castleton on the 4th October and had then visited Ingleton, so the City C.I.D. were requested to intensify the search for the property and an officer was sent to Ingleton to continue the search there. After considerable enquiry the Sheffield C.I.D. traced some of the property and recovered it on the 11th October. They also pieced together how Jarvis spent his time in the City on the evening of 4th October, and as a result it became evident that a jury would need a lot of convincing that he was other than sane at that time.

Jarvis' movements after the murders could now be set out. At 1.40 p.m. he rather ostentatiously posted the letter Mrs. Bock had written that morning - possibly with a view to proving subsequently an alibi. He left Hope by train at 3 p.m. for Sheffield and on arrival telephoned a former workmate to meet him at 4.20 p.m. and he went home to tea with him. There he offered to sell his friend's wife the gold cigarette case. She could not afford to buy it, but offered to sell it for old gold for him. He then gave her the two gold watches to sell and asked her to ascertain the value of the ear rings. He was to send his London address so that the money could be forwarded to him. Leaving there at 6.30 p.m. he met a girl he knew in Sheffield and was with her until 11 p.m. He told her he was returning to London, where he lived and worked, by the night train. He left Sheffield at 2.15 a.m. for Ingleton, Yorkshire, where he changed his clothes, collected a trunk of clothes and books which he despatched to London and himself went to London the same night, arriving at St. Pancras at 6 a.m. on Saturday, 6th October. He had sent a telegram to Mrs. Sheppard to meet him at St. Pancras, but she was not there and he went to her flat. She would not admit him, saying one of the children had an infectious disease - she was stalling and very frightened. She knew Jarvis had a loaded revolver because she had seen it. She knew Joyce and Peter were missing because she had telephoned to the Cafe, when she received the telegram, to stop him coming to London. Receiving no encouragement from Mrs. Sheppard, he went to see her mother at her place of employment and asked her to find him lodgings. Mrs. Moore was sensible. She made an appointment to see him when she had finished work and informed the Police of the arrangement. Jarvis didn't turn up. Having committed two murders and stolen what he could lay hands on to enable him to join Mrs. Sheppard, he found he was not wanted.

Retribution was catching up with Harry Jarvis.

He returned to Mrs. Sheppard's flat but she talked to him "through the door." She asked if he knew that Joyce and Peter were missing and he replied that Joyce had spoken of visiting Ladislav's Uncle Joseph at Whitchurch because she was cross with her mother for going back to Brighton.

According to Jarvis he spent that night in an Air Raid Shelter and the following day went to the pictures. In the meantime Metropolitan Police Officers were watching Mrs. Sheppard's flat and Derbyshire Officers had interviewed Mrs. Sheppard and Mrs. Moore. They were not many yards away when he surrendered at Tottenham Court Road Police Station (where he had been charged with drunkenness in 1943) on Sunday evening and he was soon on his way back to the hills.

The Peakshole Water runs down the valley to the Noe; the Noe to the Derwent, and the Derwent to Derby. Jarvis arrived at Dart on the 13th November, when he was arraigned for murder. The jury were not long in arriving at their verdict and the passing of the death sentence affected Mr. Justice Denning much more than it did Harry Jarvis. On account of his age the jury recommended him to mercy.

When he has expiated his crimes the valley may be cleansed of the pollution.

NARRATOR.

W E L C O M E H O M E .

Back Row	(410)	(347)	(413)	(263)	(406)	(286)	(363)	(492)		
(Left to Right)	Charlton:	Allan:	Froggatt:	Maternaghan:	Fraser:	Thorpe:	Prince:	Venables.		
Middle Row	(274)	(521)	(443)	(163)	(397)	(514)	(371)	(361)	(496)	(388)
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(Left to Right)	Rowans:	Cooper:	MacDonald:	Austin:	Constable:	Gamble:	Gaffney:	Powers:	Bodsworth.	

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(Left to Right)	Hartley:	Poston:	Strachan:	Anderson:	Hayton:	MacKenzie:	Burnham:	Rayner:	Sanderson.	
Front Row	(199)	(320)	(164)	Insp.	(346)	(502)	(378)			
(Left to Right)	Hardman:	Child:	Walker:	Gamble:	Lofting:	Stewart:	Cooper-Keeble.			

Back Row	(315)	(503)	(299)	(429)	(117)	(249)	(130)	(489)
(Left to Right)	McDonald:	Waller:	Wilson:	Kinnear:	Taylor:	Martin:	Downing:	Woolley.
Middle Row	(290)	(516)	(509)	(523)	(494)	(257)	(511)	
(Left to Right)	Campbell:	Shelley:	Wheatley:	MacKenzie:	Ridland:	Richardson:	Finnon.	
Front Row	(481)	(522)	Insp.	(207)	(126)			
(Left to Right)	Garrew:	Burkinshaw:	Gamble:	Greaves:	Harris.			

Const. (377) Cameron attending this Course does not appear on the photograph owing to sickness.





1. SMITH, E.T. Flt.Sgt.Engineer, R.A.F.
 2. INSLEY, H. Sergt.B.A., R.A.F.
 3. LUCAS, G.M. Sergt., R.A.F.
 4. COOK, G. Pilot Officer, R.A.F.
 5. BURTON, L.G. Gunner, R.A.
 6. RICHINGS, D.A. Lieut., Welsh Guards.
 7. BIBBY, W. Flt.Sgt., R.A.F.

 BAKER, H.V. L/Cpl.Royal Warwicks.
 (Photograph not available).



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The path of duty was the way to Glory

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POLICE FEDERATION OF ENGLAND AND WALES

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DERBYSHIRE COUNTY POLICE JOINT
BRANCH BOARD (C.14).

Year 1944-45

TO: The Inspectors, Sergeants and Constables of the Derbyshire Constabulary.
GENTLEMEN,

It is with pleasure that our Annual Report for the year ending October, 1945, is presented to you. It is hoped that this is the last of austerity Reports and that next year it will appear in the pre-war printed form with a report from each Board.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD:

Chairman - Inspector H.C. Clark (Chesterfield)
Vice-Chairman - Inspector A Nield (Bakewell)
Secretary - Constable H. Vickers (Stanton-by-Dale) until 24/7/45
Sergeant R. Smith (Headquarters) from 24/7/45
Asst. Secretary - Constable R. G. Wilson (Chaddesden)

MEETINGS: The usual Quarterly Meetings were held on 31st October, 1944, 23rd January, 1945, 24th April, 1945, and 24th July, 1945.

RESOLUTIONS: During the year it has only been necessary to submit three resolutions to the Chief Constable and they dealt with Consecutive 'Time-Off' Days and the Production of Clothing for Inspection.

CLOTHING:- Owing to war conditions, difficulty of transport etc., it was rather a problem for some Officers to produce all their clothing at Inspections and the Chief Constable has therefore ruled that in future officers will be notified in advance which articles of uniform will be inspected.

CONSECUTIVE 'TIME-OFF' DAYS:

With regard to consecutive 'Time-Off' Days the Chief Constable's decision was that they would be granted as soon as Rest Days had been substituted for 'Time-Off' Days.

Under the Emergency Legislation the right to a weekly rest day under Section 1(1) of the Police (Weekly Rest Day) Act, 1910, was suspended for the period of the emergency but, wherever practicable Time Off was to be granted in lieu thereof. This was a Home Office ruling and therefore until notification is received from the Home Office that this suspension has been removed we shall be unable to enjoy this privilege. You are particularly asked to note this because it is a subject which is continually being brought forward and, until this notification is received, it is not the desire of the Board to trouble the Chief Constable again on this subject.

Although these were the only resolutions submitted to the Chief Constable you can rest assured that this was by no means the limit of our business. Many problems have been discussed including of course those 'hardy annuals' PAY, ANNUAL LEAVE, ALLOWANCES, WIDOWS' PENSIONS etc. Of course much work has been done by the separate Boards and cannot be dealt with in this report as this only relates to the JOINT BRANCH BOARD.

GENERAL: You will doubtless need no enlightenment from us regarding the new scales of pay which became operative from 1st April last and, although perhaps these scales do not give complete satisfaction, it was with pleasure we are sure you noted that Scale 'B' had been abolished at long last. This is a step in the right direction and although at first the increase only applied to Sergeants and

Constables it is gratifying to report that the Inspectors scale has now been increased retrospectively from 1st April. The Joint Central Committee have been most persistent in their efforts to effect this change and we are most grateful to them for all the work they have done. This is a most hard working Committee and from the last Annual Report, copies of which were supplied to each member, it would be obvious to you that the members work tremendously hard on our behalf and are unsparing in their efforts to obtain better conditions and pay in the Police Service. Particular mention should here be made to Constable A. Goodsall, Secretary of the Constables' and Joint Central Committees; we are specially grateful to him for the advice and information he has supplied on any aspect of Federation procedure. As in the years passed he can always be relied upon to give help and guidance and we are fortunate in having his services because ^{no press} there is little doubt he is a most able secretary and never misses an opportunity for anything which is favourable to the Police Service. Thanks are also extended to Sergeant King and Inspector McLaughlin who, like Constable Goodsall, carry a heavy burden with cheerfulness and are ever ready to help the Sergeants' and Inspectors' Branch Boards, it is indeed a pleasure to work with them.

Speaking of secretaries we report with regret that Constable H. Vickers, Stanton-by-Dale, resigned from the post of Secretary of this Board at the meeting on 24th July, 1945. It was with regret that his resignation was accepted but he asked us to realise, like he himself did, that the time was near when he would have to reluctantly sever his connection, or should we say active connection, with the Federation. He has been secretary of this Board for a number of years and has carried out this onerous duty cheerfully and with great ability, he has been a friend to all, nothing was too much trouble for him and we were indeed fortunate in having him amongst us so long because his knowledge of conditions of procedure in Federation matters were indeed an asset.

CONCLUSION

Opportunity is taken to welcome back members who have served in H.M. Forces, about one third have now returned and it is hoped that the remainder will not be long in following them. Many have gained promotion and decorations but we feel sure that one and all have upheld the high traditions of the Police Service and this Force in particular. Unfortunately six members have paid the supreme sacrifice and our sympathy is extended to their families and relatives. We can assure the Widows' that no efforts will be spared to obtain for them better pensions and, as in the past, both this Board and the Joint Central Committee have pressed, and will continue to press for an increase. It is a happy thought that we, through our own Widows' and Orphans' Fund, have been able to supplement the Police Pension. During the war the pension to widows and allowances to children were considerably increased, but to maintain this increase members should do all they possibly can in promoting dances, sports fixtures, concerts etc., for such a worthy cause. By doing this we shall get another step nearer our goal, namely, making the Fund self supporting.

Members should not hesitate to bring any matter to the notice of the Board so that it can be dealt with through the proper channels as we wish for contentment and we ask members to bring any suggestions forward for consideration. This is far better than keeping silent and then making insinuations against the Federation as you can depend upon any resolution being very carefully considered by the Board.

Our grateful thanks are extended to the Chief Constable, Assistant Chief Constable and Superintendents for the kind consideration of the representations made to them and, on behalf of all members, we should like to re-affirm them of our loyalty and ready response to the call of duty at any time. Much has been done by them for our welfare of which we are most appreciative and we can best show this by

always giving of our best, maintaining and increasing efficiency and as the Chief Constable said at a Sports Club Meeting "Work hard and play hard".

We have the honour to be, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servants,
On behalf of the Derbyshire Joint Branch Board,

(Signed) H. C. Clark. Inspector & Chairman.

(Signed) R. Smith. Sergeant & Secretary.

MY HOUR !

contributed by an Ex- W.A.P.C.

My first week at the office had not been what one may call a riotous success. You see men at work are not like men at play. However, during the second week the staff thawed slightly, so much so that on the Wednesday morning the Superintendent confided in me that he thought it would be a nice day later ! After lunch, the same day, the news broke - I was to be left on my own for an hour whilst the staff attended a lecture in the Drill Hall opposite. Should their presence be required I was to let them know immediately.

As they trooped away I looked around; the Office appeared very large and I felt so much alone. On the desk was the monthly Pay Sheet - just completed, quite a nice piece of work - must not touch that !

I prayed that no 'customers' would arrive. Working steadily the minutes crept along when suddenly there was a peal at the bell. Straightening my uniform, to wit, one overall and brooch, I proceeded - you see in the Service one does not walk - to the door. Maybe it was someone wishing to confess to an odd murder or two ? No, the 'customer' was quite harmless; none other than the kindly Mrs Bagshott from "The Cloisters". Clutched to her full bosom was an evil smelling pomeranian dog. Most indignantly she informed me that some heartless wretch had allowed the poor little thing to stray. It had almost been run over on the High Street. Mrs Bagshott entered the Office; it is a breathless affair holding an unwilling pom to one's bosom and quite naturally she placed the dog on the table - yes, you've guessed it, straight on to the sacred Pay Sheet and was that dog naughty ! I did manage to wipe most of it up and then we placed the pom in the kennels. Returning to the Office I felt quite worried about that Pay Sheet, it had looked so nice and clean but now... and then the Inspector came in. I told him all about it; he was a nice kind man, and said he was sure the Sergeant would not mind making out another Pay Sheet. Brightening up I asked him if he would like to see the dog. Off we set to the kennels. The hound appeared quite pleased to see our approach. And then the Inspector changed! The veins in his neck contorted as the blood rose, he let slip quite a naughty word - you see it was his dog !!

Why did Mrs Bagshott have to call during my hour ?

MAGAZINE LOADING.

The probability that in the near future the Force will inaugurate its own Magazine prompts me to make a few observations as to what I think a Force Magazine should contain, and a few suggestions which may be of help to contributors, or would-be contributors, who desire to help by sending something to the Divisional Correspondent for inclusion. I should add that I do not write as one experienced in journalism, but as a layman with his own (maybe peculiar) ideas of what he thinks is necessary to make a Force Magazine a success.

First an analysis of the Magazine and its contents:-


- a. An editorial is an essential, making reference to events of major importance to the Force, e.g. increases in pay (?), changes in the organisation of the Force - or the Magazine - and generally acting as a curtain-raiser to the Magazine by touching on subjects or articles which appear in it and are likely to be of special interest.
- b. Divisional Notes are an important feature and should be kept within certain defined limits, e.g. matters of domestic interest, happenings in the Sections either in anecdote form or as information likely to be of interest to former members of the Section, and sports news.
- c. County Notes should then deal with matters more general in their nature, e.g. transfers, promotions, retirements, etc., "J.M.G." Cup news, inter-force sport and personal notes such as awards of honours to members of the Force.
- d. Contributed articles should be readily forthcoming from a Magazine's readers, ranging from reports on cases of special interest, to hobbies. Included in this category are the humorous articles, doggerel or what-have-you common to most magazines. Surely we can find one or two raconteurs, be their material truth or fiction, who will come forward to fill the gaps between the more mundane matters.
- e. Non-literary contributions may vary from photographic exhibits, sketches and cartoons to puzzles and even suggestions for improving the Magazine, and might include a paragraph for the publication of "catch questions." There is much scope for ideas in this sphere.
- f. Competitions might well be included as an inducement to maintaining a regular flow of contributions, as well as for interest purposes. If the competition is for the best article on a given subject, the best cover design, the best suggestion for improving the Magazine or for the best contribution of the year, the flow of material will be guaranteed. In this connection caricatures and cartoons are an invaluable asset and can be kept for publication when an empty space is available. Perhaps it will be of interest to budding "black and white" artists to know that such work can invariably be reproduced perfectly in magazine printing. A prize, either cash or kind, e.g. books, should accompany any competition.
- g. Advertising may well form a basis of revenue for the Magazine and a source of self-help to its readers by the inclusion of an "Exchange and Mart" section. Obviously external advertising should be restricted to those firms whose goods might attract the readers generally, e.g. typewriter salesmen and repairers, etc.
- h. Police Federation matters, reports on the Police Funds, book reviews, etc., are other items which come to mind as likely to be of interest.

These then are my suggestions for the contents of the Magazine - readers may have other ideas and I do not doubt that the Editor will be pleased to hear them. So far as would-be contributors are concerned I would suggest that serious articles be written by those who have some subject or experience about which they can write knowledgeably, and that such articles be just long enough to put over what the authors desire to put over, but not so drawn out as to weary the reader who, perhaps conscientiously, perhaps because he wants his money's worth or perhaps because he enjoys reading, is determined to read every word. The humorists should beware of building up a rollicking edifice around a joke shared by members of his family, or Section, only, but should make sure his humour, be it literary or pictorial, can be appreciated by all readers.

Lastly it should be remembered that the Magazine will belong to the Force and be run by the Force and not by and for a few individuals; to succeed it must have the co-operation of its readers in the presentation, from time to time, of something tangible. Some time may elapse before it will go to print as a "pukka" magazine, and during that time prospective readers are earnestly asked to try and concoct some little "thing" for submission to the Editor, who assures us that anonymity, where desired, will be strictly respected. So go to it and let us have a tip-top Volume 1, No. 1.

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We never see the business card of Wm. West & Sons without reflecting on its comforting friendliness, and this photograph is published for the benefit of our colleagues whose goods have been transported by William West and who would not ordinarily see the card. On the reverse is a beautiful little text - "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver".

SOME OLD MAPS & RECORDS OF DERBYSHIRE.

Before the beginning of the 17th Century there was in existence only one good map of the county of Derbyshire. This was by Christopher Saxton, who was born in 1542, went to college at Cambridge, and was then attached to the household of one Thos. Sackford; "one of the Masters of the Court of Requests and Surveyor of the Court of Wards and Liveries". At Sackford's instigation and expense and with the authority of Queen Elizabeth, Saxton carried out a survey of England and Wales between 1574 and 1579 and drew maps of each of the counties to a scale of 10 miles to 4 inches. All the early map-making was done in this fashion, privately sponsored and all too often amateurishly carried out, but in Saxton we had a clever man and his work served as a solid foundation for the cartographers of the next Century. The maps were published in the first known Atlas of the English Counties and the one of Derbyshire is dated 1577.

In 1610 John Speed, who was sponsored by Sir Fulke Greville, produced an Atlas, basing his maps largely on the survey of Saxton but making improvements, aiming at what to-day is known as a 'Popular Edition'. Roads were included and the boundaries of the "Hundreds" (areas containing 100 families?) were shown; there were inset plans of the county towns, sketches of better-known features (St. Anne's Well, Buxton, appears on the Derbyshire sheet) and a wealth of information on the back of each double-page map. The principal market towns are listed as "Alfreton, Bankswell, Chappell in the Frith, Chesterfield, Darby, Tiddeswell and Workesworth", and the names of 106 Parish Churches are given. "The aire is good and very healthfull: the soile is rich, especially in the South and East parts: but in the North and West is hilly."

Working on the same lines as Saxton and Speed but chiefly concerned with the production of an accurate Guide Book of England, was Wm. Camden, the Headmaster of Westminster School. His "Britannia" was first published in 1586, with only one general map of England; but the 6th Edition, in 1607, contained County Maps based on Saxton. The text of Camden's Britannia was used, either in full or in part, by all who produced Atlases etc during the 17th Century.

Camden gives a general description of the County and lists the chief families living in the various Halls and Manors. Of the Derwent he says, "...and continues its course for near 30 miles almost due South. In so long a course it passes by nothing remarkable but Chattsworth, a spacious elegant house worth seeing."; of Derby, "...now famous for the Assize held for the whole County, and for its excellent malt liquor, which we call ale. The wealth of this town arises entirely from the buying up of corn and retailing it to the people of the uplands: and almost all the inhabitants are forestalliers* of this sort."; and of the Dove, "...Though it has in many places rough and slippery crags, there is in it a great number of grassy hills and vallies where herds of cattle and numerous flocks of sheep feed in security. There is no danger now from the wolves which were formerly troublesome." It is interesting to note at this point that one section of the valley of the Dove is still known as "Wolfscoote Dale".

The map opposite was engraved and published by a man who probably never saw Derbyshire, or even England. Johann Blaeu, whose name rhymes with 'thou', was a Dutchman whose father, an Amsterdam engraver, had established a reputation for the production of accurate Atlases and Globes. In 1631 Johann inherited his father's business and began work on the production of an Atlas of the World, in many volumes. Vol. 4 was the "Atlas Novus" of England and Wales, published in 1645 and based on the maps of Speed (and therefore, really, Saxton), and the text of Camden. The workmanship was very fine - there were 58 double-page maps 27" x 21" and over 300 pages of text: in this edition the text is in Latin and other editions were printed in Dutch, French, Spanish and German. The map illustrated carries the Royal Arms and the Arms of England at the top; and the Arms of William Ferrers: Ed.E. of Lancaster: John of Gaunt, D. of L.: and Thos. Standley, in the lower right corner.

Other maps of Derbyshire were produced during the 17th Century by Richard Blome and Robert Morden. Blome pirated his work from Camden, Saxton and Speed, and made no acknowledgment of his sources. His workmanship was poor and the maps of Derbyshire are roughly drawn in Indian ink with numerous mistakes and lack of balance and detail. Morden was a better craftsman and he engraved a series of maps of the counties to be included in Gibson's edition of Camden's "Britannia" in 1695.

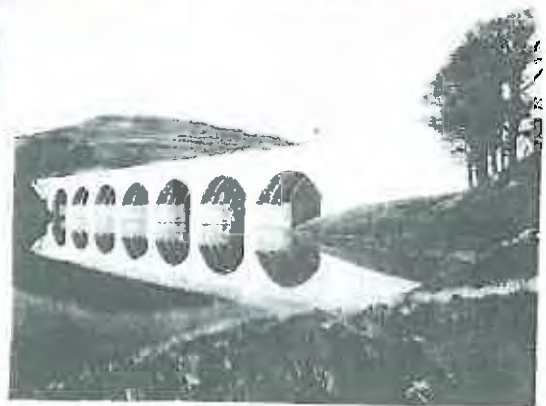
All these old maps were originally produced in black and white, but in some of the Atlases the maps were afterwards hand-coloured. Some of Saxton's maps were lightly tinted - hills, parks and rivers are fawn, green and blue, and the surrounding border either single- or multi-coloured. There are several degrees of skill to be seen in the coloured copies of Blaeu's maps: many are slap-dash affairs executed with a thick brush and ill-chosen colours but there are others, obviously the work of artists, that are to-day being used as pictures. The windmill-like Parish Churches are dots of scarlet, the Parks patches of bluey-green with darker trees, and the mole-hill hills stand brown against the rough white paper. The lettering is straightforward when the idea of seeing 's' written as 'f' stops causing trouble. The colouring is excellently preserved and the maps make pleasing pictures in addition to being full of interest in their quaint place-names and fine engravings.

THINGS PAST AND PRESENT



*Ashopton Viaduct —
Ashopton Inn with
Viaduct completed*

THE COUNTRY- SIDE



*Ladybower Reservoir and
Ashopton Viaduct*

THE SEAMY SIDE.



DERBYSHIRE CONSTABULARY

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Chief Constable's Office,
Iron Gate, DERBY.

1st November, 1945.

WELFARE ORGANISATIONS

Meeting held on Tuesday, 23rd October, 1945.

PRESIDE: J. M. Garrow, Esq., O.B.E., Chairman, W. Clarke, Esq., Vice Chairman, Supt. J. R. Webster, Hon. Secretary.
 Inspectors: H. C. Clark, A. Cartwright.
 Sergeants: W. J. Tombs, C. V. Cranham, A. E. Wedd, B. Muxlow, L. T. Wain, S. Brealey, F. Moon, R. Smith.
 Constables: J. R. Harrison, S. Joyce, W. T. Gee, G. W. Hill, W. Hutchinson, C. Carter, T. W. Rathbone,
 S. Hebb, J. H. A. Hallam, R. Sadler.

MINUTESWIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 24.7.45, copies of which had been circulated to members, were confirmed and signed.
2. Investments - Rule 9: It was reported that on 30.8.45 £1,700 was invested in 3% Savings Bonds (including £1,000 from redemption of 2% Conversion Stock)
3. Accounts: The audited accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 30th June, 1945, were presented and passed. Expenditure of £2,797 in the quarter ended 30th September, 1945, was also presented and passed.
4. Annual Report: The Chairman presented the Annual Report. The Report was adopted - copy below -

Annual Report 1944-5

At the financial year end on 30th June, 1945, 124 widows and twelve children were receiving allowances from the Fund, an increase of two widows and two children on last year. At the beginning of the financial year allowances were increased by 25% as a war-time measure and the total amount paid was £4,058, compared with £3,301 in the previous year.

Even so there was an excess of income over expenditure amounting to £974, the total revenue being £5,058. This was made up, speaking in round figures, as follows:- Members contributions £1,045; Donations etc., including £500 from the Benevolent Fund, £694; interest on investments £1,123; dances and concerts £2,193. Without the last item it would therefore have been necessary to increase members contributions by three times. Members as a whole are therefore much indebted to those, including auxiliaries and Special Constables, who worked so hard in connection with these events.

Eight members of the Force were killed or are missing on active service, six men being married, leaving 6 widows and 6 children.

The growth of the Fund since it was formed in 1897 is indicated by the following figures.

	<u>Capital</u>	<u>No. of widows</u>	<u>Amount paid in allowances</u>
1915	£9,372. 1s. 7d.	29	£477. 6s. 3d.
1925	£18,161. 16s. 1d.	52	£1,883. 15s. 9d.
1935	£27,457. 12s. 10d.	80	£2,375. 8s. 8d.
1940	£30,341. 10s. 9d.	110	£2,944. 19s. 2d.
1945	£33,838. 10s. -d.	124	£4,058. 5s. 6d.

It appears however, that it may be possible to continue for a further 12 months without having to decrease the allowances or increase subscription rates.

5. Committee:- Rule 3: The Chairman said he had pleasure in welcoming Ex-Supt. A. Campbell, M.B.E. who was present and offered his services on the Committee as Pensioned Members' Representative in accordance with the decision of the Committee on 31.10.44; no other person having come forward.
6. Rules - Reprint of: The Chairman mentioned that the Rules had not been reprinted for several years and there had been a number of amendments. It was therefore an opportune time to consider any further suggestions for amendments. This, and the other items being in the draft agenda which had been before the recent Divisional Quarterly Meetings. There was one proposal, namely, that the clause in Rule 5 requiring a person to be a member of the D.C.M.A.A. before he can be eligible for membership of the W. & O. Fund should be revoked and that membership of the D.C.M.A.A. should be optional. The proposal was not seconded.
7. Rule 7 - Remarriage of Pensioners: It was reported that the two following pensioners who resigned from the Fund on the death of their wives had remarried. They had applied for re-admission to the Fund, offered to pay arrears of contributions and asked the Committee to exercise discretion in their favour by making their wives eligible for benefit should they become widows: (i) Ex-Inspector J. Wright; (ii) Ex-Constable J. M. Cunningham. Resolved that neither be admitted to benefit. It was further resolved that only those who continue membership and subscriptions should be eligible under this clause of Rule 7.

ACCOUNTS

Year ended 30th June, 1945.

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Summary of Cash Account</u>			<u>Payments</u>				
		£.	s.	d.			£.	s.	d.
1.7.44. To balance at Bank		3836.	18.	11.	30.6.45. By allowances to Widows and Orphans (Net)		4054.	1.	-
Contributions from members		1045.	17.	6.	Children's Christmas presents		6.	15.	-
Donations		627.	19.	10.	Postages		3.	7.	3.
Collection Boxes		66.	9.	3.	Cheque Books		5.	-	-
Dances and Concerts		2192.	17.	-	Bank Commission		10.	10.	-
Interest on Investments		688.	18.	9.	Investment 3% Savings Bonds		2000.	-	-
Bank Interest		8.	13.	3.	Balance Carried forward		3301.	14.	10.
Principal repaid		490.	2.	2.					
Income Tax refunded		423.	11.	5.					
		£9381.	8.	1.			£9381.	8.	1.

REVENUE ACCOUNT

<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>Income</u>	
To Allowances to Widows (gross) (including £4. 4s. 6d. income tax on allowance, deducted before payment)	4058. 5. 6.	By contributions from members	1045. 17. 6.
Children's Christmas presents	6. 15. -	Donations	627. 19. 10.
Postages	3. 7. 3.	Collection Boxes	66. 9. 3.
Cheque Books	5. - -	Dances and Concerts	2192. 17. -
Bank Commission	10. 10. -	Interest on Investments	688. 18. 9.
Excess Income over Expenditure	974. 13. 9.	Bank Interest	8. 13. 3.
		Income Tax Refunded (gross)	427. 15. 11.
	£5058. 11. 6.		£5058 11. 6.