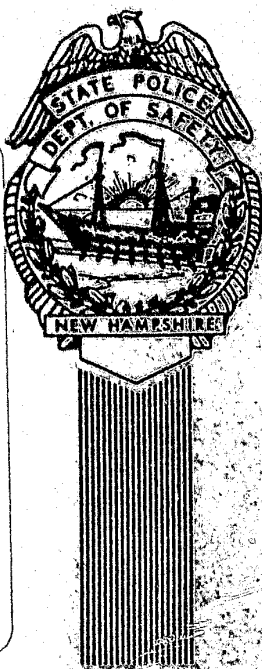


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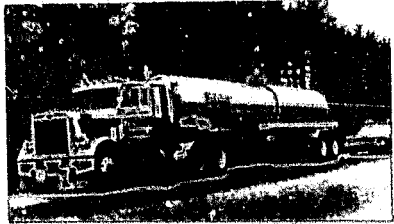
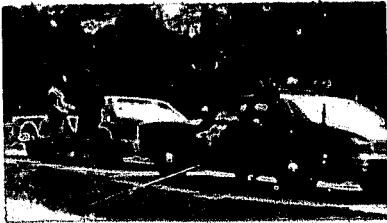
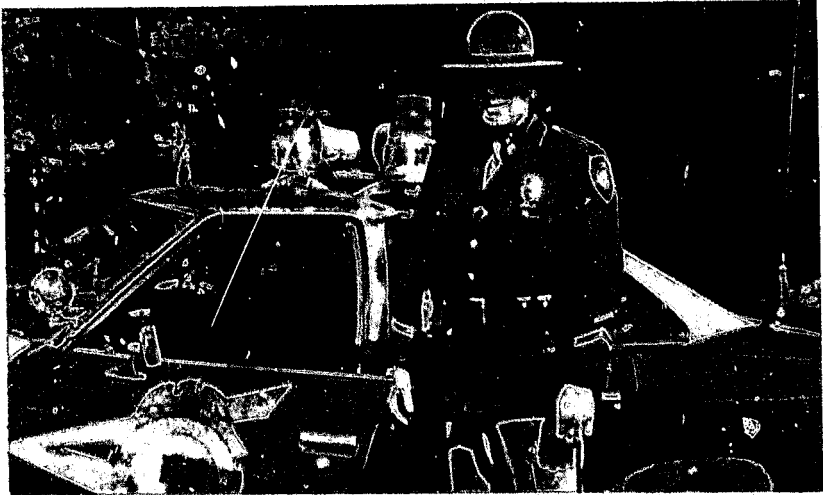


DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
EARL M. SWEENEY
DEPT. OF SAFETY

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NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATE POLICE



TO: Commissioner Richard M. Flynn
Department of Safety

FROM: Colonel Harold E. Knowlton
Division of State Police

SUBJ: Annual Report - 1978

DATE: March 1, 1979

It is with a great deal of personal satisfaction that I present to you the Annual Report of the New Hampshire State Police for the year January 1st through December 31st, 1978.

As you study the report, I am sure that the dedication of all of our employees will be evident. They have approached each assignment in a professional manner, and their actions are a credit to their individual capabilities.

It is only with your continued support, and that of the Governor and the General Court, that the New Hampshire State Police can continue to provide the best law enforcement for the citizens of our state. We look forward to serving with you in 1979.

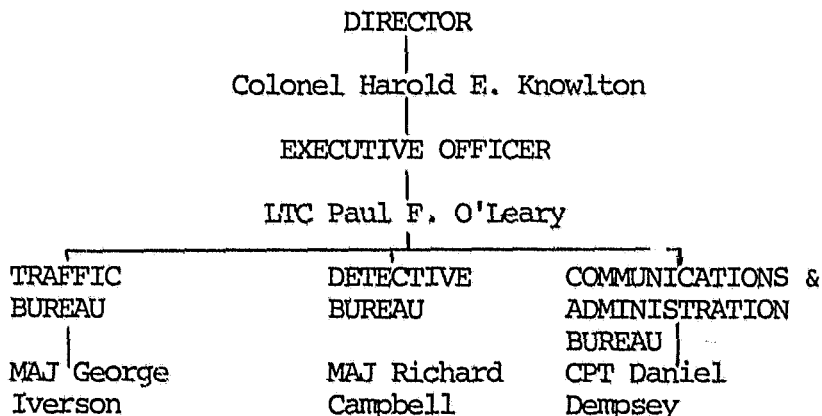


COLONEL
HAROLD E. KNOWLTON
DIRECTOR



LIEUTENANT COLONEL
PAUL F. O'LEARY
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE POLICE



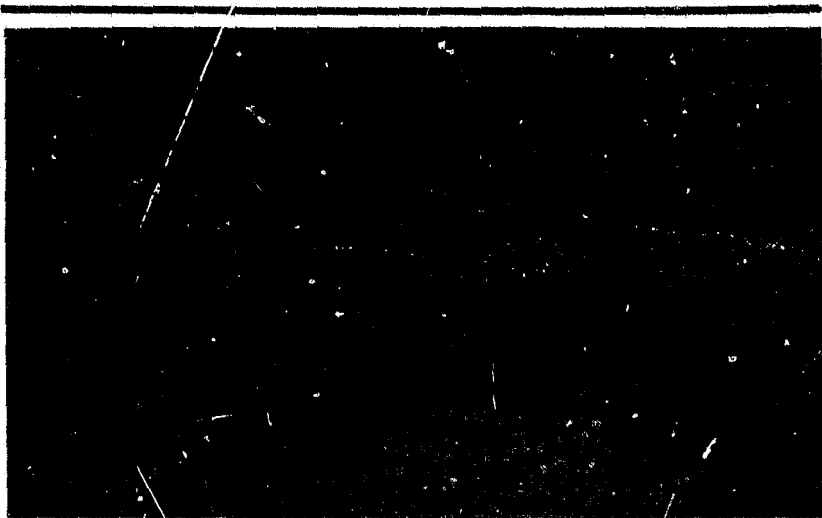
INTRODUCTION

In 1978, the New Hampshire State Police entered into the 42nd year of service and dedication to the citizens of New Hampshire. Substantial increases in practically all areas of activity and functions were noted within the three operating bureaus. With the continued escalating population of the state, so too increases the scope and requirements involved in the statewide preservation of law and order. To this end, all members of the division are justifiably proud of their accomplishments in 1978.

It is difficult to condense the many notable events that have marked 1978 for the New Hampshire State Police. Perhaps the busiest month, in terms of special activities requiring much coordination and manpower, was the month of June. Three special events, each involving thousands of man hours, took place one right after another. First, the state's chief executive hosted a national governor's conference in the White Mountains. This required the services of the state police in the form of security and escort, as governors from all over the nation attended. The week after the conference ended, the division turned out again for the annual motorcycle weekend in the lakes region. This annual event requires a different type of response than the one given the previous weekend. Tough, no nonsense patrolling is required to keep the lid on this potentially explosive situation, and it has been this all



PLATOON OF STATE TROOPERS AT BRIEFING FOR SEABROOK



SEABROOK PROTESTORS ARRIVE

out effort that has kept the violence to a minimum. As soon as the motorcyclists left, it was necessary to move our operation to the seacoast. Seabrook once again gained the attention of the nation as one of the largest, peaceful, anti-nuclear demonstrations in the country took place. Unlike the tumultuous demonstrations in the past, this one went off without an arrest. Much of the success of this operation is due to the total professionalism displayed by all troopers as they were confronted by the hordes of demonstrators. It was a long and arduous assignment, but the division withstood the test. The month of June, 1978, with three different requirements in terms of police response occurring in three different regions of the state, will long be remembered by those who served.



TROOP A - EPPING, NH

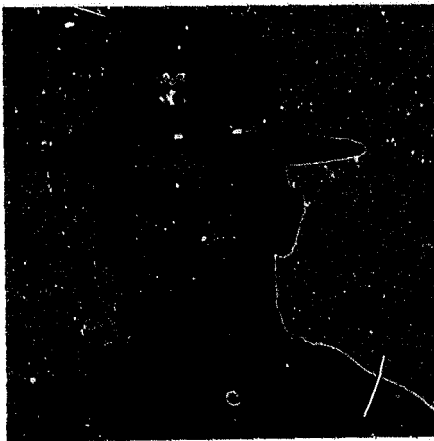
Other notable events during the year included the move of Troop A to a new troop station in Epping. This long awaited change marks another first for the division as it is the first new troop station ever built for the state police. Nineteen hundred seventy-eight will be remembered as a year of building in another way as well. Twenty-eight new trainees joined the ranks to fill the many vacancies created in the last few years. Their strength and dedication to duty will surely be felt in the years to come.

It is impossible to present all of the activities of the division in this report. However, the following summary of the activity for the three bureaus will serve as testimony to the many accomplishments of the men and women who make up the New Hampshire State Police.

THE TRAFFIC BUREAU

The Traffic Bureau, mindful of its responsibilities to patrol the highways, to prevent crimes and accidents, to enforce the law, and to render assistance to the public, instituted several programs in 1978 directed specifically to accomplish the missions.

Five motorcycles, radar equipped, were purchased with Highway Safety Agency funding. Assignments were made to patrol primarily in accident prone areas and specifically where traffic volumes were so high that routine cruiser patrols were not as effective. The high visibility, and "pack patrolling" effect created by these units operating as a team, resulted in causing a decrease in the traffic violations in the patrolled areas.



MAJOR GEORGE L. IVERSON
COMMANDING OFFICER
TRAFFIC BUREAU

During the months of August, September, October, and December, the Traffic Bureau, in cooperation with the law enforcement community throughout the state and the Highway Safety Agency, instituted OPERATION STOP DEATH. This program consisted of paying off-duty personnel to patrol in high accident areas and on the interstate system. Because of the escalation of highway deaths during the late part of the year directly attributed to the drunken driver, in December STOP patrols were directed specifically toward the apprehension and prosecution of this violation. D.W.I. arrests for the division in 1978 were 14% higher than in 1977. It is apparent that this program contributed toward this achievement.

Consistent with state police policy to provide ever-present service and assistance to the public, for the first year in our history auxiliary personnel were assigned to Courtesy Patrols during the summer months on the interstate system. The Courtesy Patrols, while providing increased assistance to motorists, added to the highly visible routine patrols. The Courtesy Patrols carried the majority of the "relays" over the high summer traffic period, thereby releasing the scheduled patrols for traffic



ONE OF THE NEW AND
HIGHLY EFFECTIVE
MOTORCYCLE TROOPERS

TRAFFIC BUREAU

MAJ George Iverson

Southern Area

CPT Newhall

Troop A - LT Feenstra

Troop B - LT Morse

Troop C - LT Anderson

Troop G - LT Robichaud

Northern Area

CPT Cray

Troop D - LT Loomis

Troop E - LT Russell

Troop F - LT Tuck

Troop I - LT Meier

enforcement priorities. Letters of appreciation were received by the division without a single complaint regarding the auxiliary personnel manning these patrols.

Daily road checks were instituted throughout the state in an effort to combat the rise in highway crashes and fatalities by concentrating public awareness of state police patrols and increased enforcement. The program was effective in increased visibility and, in many cases, local police joined in assisting state police personnel.

During each major weekend: Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day, Traffic Bureau personnel were scheduled during priority periods to major arteries for increased visibility and enforcement. Over several of these weekends, NESPAC and CARE

patrols were assigned to the interstate system to cooperate and combine with other New England states in increased visibility and enforcement of all traffic laws in a united front.

Public relations efforts were increased throughout the year 1978 to not only make the public aware of our traffic problems and safety programs, but also to solicit their cooperation. All segments of the media cooperated to accomplish this mission.

The bureau's attempt to lessen the fatality count from the year 1977 was not accomplished. However, the personnel in the Traffic Bureau were actively participating in this constant battle. This was noted at the year's end by the following statistics:

DWI ARRESTS WERE INCREASED BY 14%
HAZARDOUS MOVING VIOLATIONS INCREASED BY 44%
OTHER VIOLATIONS INCREASED BY 55%
REQUESTS FOR SUSPENSIONS 35%

The Traffic Bureau, in 1979, will direct its enforcement efforts toward the reduction of traffic accidents and highway fatalities by providing more effective and efficient patrols of the highways. Personnel will be constantly aware that, while the bureau is mandated to preserve and protect human life and property, this must be accomplished in a highly professional manner to promote respect for both the law and the division.

The activity of the Traffic Bureau is best portrayed by the following table of hours spent on different types of activity:

Hours Spent On:	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
Patrol	293095	278394	283792
Criminal Invest.	12198	12366	17322
Accident Invest.	5957	6964	7967
Court	16472	16092	13319
Training	26241	21497	26583
General Services	25702	27614	53744

The hours on patrol were generally spent on the enforcement of the following types of traffic violations:

	<u># Courts</u>	<u># Warnings</u>
Hazardous Moving Viol.		
Speeding	30802	17131
Traffic Signs/Sig.	1053	929
Passing	2161	1486
Right of Way	231	533
Turning Movements	424	247
Wrong Side	220	404
Following too Close	147	292
DWI	1663	
Other	1336	2566
Other Violations		
Inspection	6567	5199
License	2453	3171
Registration	3113	2942
Motorcycle	184	220
Truck	2173	1218
Other	2707	4754

Increase in activity for a three year period is compared in the following tables:

	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
Number of:			
Summonses	33997	37449	55234
Warnings	25544	29302	41561
Checkups	27180	25217	35135
Defective Equipment	15246	15042	21029
Suspensions	326	410	552
Number of Accidents:			
Property Damage	1554	1795	1621
Personal Injury	701	834	689
Fatal	74	56	74
Hours Spent On:			
Relays and Escorts	3895	4360	9211
Traffic	2819	2881	5762
Technical Service	3843	4253	11069
Emergencies	395	488	791
General Police	2926	4577	6055
Crime	3228	2720	7869
Special Activities	6354	6425	10080
Special Units	2242	1910	2907

THE DETECTIVE BUREAU



MAJOR
RICHARD J. CAMPBELL
COMMANDING OFFICER
DETECTIVE BUREAU

Investigative Section

One of the most demanding functions of the bureau is in the Investigative Section. It is impossible to predict the future demand for criminal investigations. The investigative hours available to provide this service is determined by the number of detectives assigned to the investigative units. Historically, there has never been enough time available to successfully complete all investigations. Only those with a high priority and classified solvable (except homicides) will be adequately concluded.

Although the Investigative Section has recently undergone a restructuring by decentralizing the felony investigation units, it has made significant accomplishments such as the arrest of three individuals leading to the solution of more than fifty antique burglaries and the subsequent recovery of one quarter of a million dollars worth of property. The bureau was also called upon to investigate the discovery of an apparent homicide victim, dumped after removal of his hands and head to prevent identification. The victim was identified; the suspects in the case were arrested; and are now awaiting trial. The bureau saw the successful prosecution of two robbers who had committed five bank robberies, including one where shots had been fired at police. Probably the most notable, but unheralded, investigation was conducted in anticipation of a massive civil disorder. Implementing a highly successful intelligence operation allowed for multi-organizational planning and negotiating, and resulted in a probable million dollar savings to the State of New Hampshire.

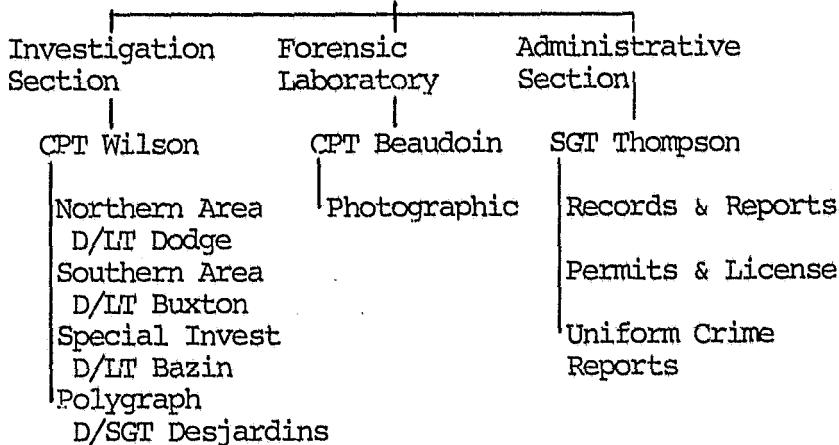
Among the units in this section are the:

Criminal Investigation Unit. This unit continues to primarily serve the state by providing experienced investigators in homicide investigation and other major crimes.

Special Investigation Unit. This unit provides the criminal intelligence function for the state police to assist in predicting criminal offenses as well as providing undercover troopers for the investigation of the illegal sales and importation of drugs. This small unit has drawn complaints against one hundred and fifty-six drug violators in 1978. The seized drugs included heroin, cocaine, LSD, amphetamines, PCP, hashish, and marijuana.

DETECTIVE BUREAU

MAJ Richard J. Campbell, Jr.



Polygraph Unit. The Polygraph Unit is composed of five felony investigators who specialize in the science of polygraphy, dividing their time between conducting criminal investigations and polygraph examinations for state, county, and local law enforcement organizations. The investigators generally utilize 35% of their work week in the area of lie detection both at State Police Headquarters and in the field. It is most notable that the confession rate of those examinations that are concluded to be deceptive is twenty-eight per cent.

Additionally, examinations in the area of police preemployment have increased statewide by ten percent. The division is currently planning new polygraphy facilities at all the new geographically located troop stations to better serve the law enforcement community.

Diversion Investigation Unit. This is a unique, federally funded unit whose enforcement efforts are directed in the area of illegal drug diversion. The division supplies three investigators who are supplemented by one federal Drug Enforcement Administration agent, a funded pharmacy investigator, and a secretary.

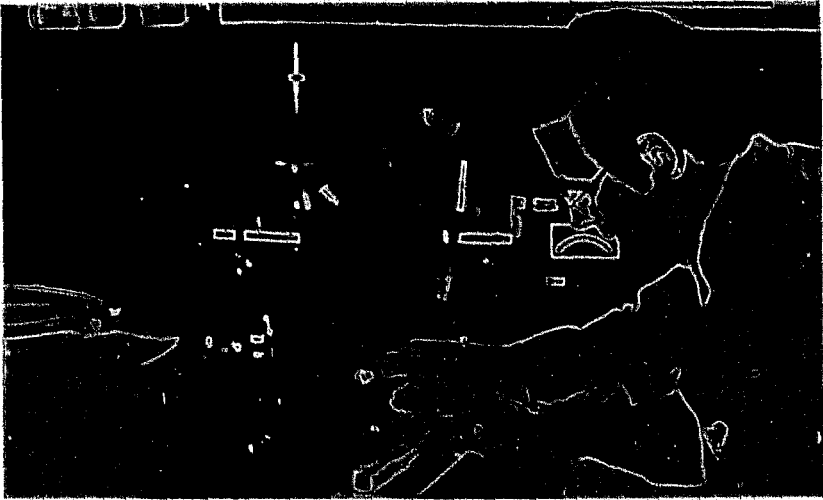
Investigations Opened	68
Arrests	8
Administrative Complaints (in lieu of arrest)	11

The Detective Bureau is generally looked upon as being the investigative arm of the state police. The bureau, however, is more than this as it has responsibilities in many diverse areas. Some of these are:

B. Forensic Laboratory Section

The scientific identification services of the Forensic Laboratory are available to all law enforcement agencies within the state. In 1978 the laboratory logged more than three thousand cases, an all time high, with seventy-two percent of these being for the state's local police departments.

We continue to update and provide new services in the laboratory as the demand dictates. This year new equipment was installed to analyze specific glass particles, substances composed of several materials, and to test firearms by installation of a bullet trap.



SEROLOGY ANALYSIS IN THE FORENSIC LABORATORY

The following figures demonstrate the increased activity of the Forensic Laboratory:

	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Forensic Cases	623	707	880	+24
Drug Cases	1906	1678	2165	+29
Total Cases	2529	2385	3045	+28

In addition to the identification services provided by the laboratory, a photographic unit services the state police in the area of motor vehicle and criminal investigations. With the purchase of 25 new cameras for the Traffic Bureau, the demand for service in the photo processing area has increased. However, the film costs have decreased with the use of roll film and the quality of the prints has improved. Color is necessarily being extensively utilized in the more serious crimes as evidenced by the 32% increase in the demands for color prints. We will continue to provide the best possible services to the state by continually updating personnel and equipment.



DATA ENTRY FOR FINGERPRINT COMPARISON

C. Administrative Section

1. Records and Reports Unit. Not only is this unit responsible for the criminal investigation reports submitted by the police employees of the division, but also it maintains crime statistics for the entire state. With the arrival and initial programming of an on-site computer, the unit began the task of automating the master name index of New Hampshire's criminal histories record information system (criminal rap sheets), and the master fingerprint files.

	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
#Fingerprints Rec'd	5600	7800	6319
#Court Abstracts	24000	28000	16009
#Record Requests	26350	31000	30277

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2. UCR Unit. This unit is responsible for collecting, recording, and analyzing criminal data submitted by the state's police departments for eventual submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Report Section. This data will also be automated to allow for the increased accuracy of criminal justice planning.

 3. License & Permit Unit. The Division of State Police is also statutorily responsible for the licensing and inspection of all explosive licensees. The first full year of this service provided the following statistics:

Use, Purchase, Transport Licenses.....	176
Storage Licenses.....	178
Dealers.....	9

Additionally, the responsibility for licensing security guard and private detective agencies and issuing non-resident pistol permits reveals the following:

Private Detective Agencies.....	43
Security Guard Agencies.....	46
Private Detectives.....	154
Security Guards.....	865
Pistol Licenses.....	2026
Combined Revenue.....	\$46,996.00

The following table shows a comparison of criminal offenses investigated by the division for the last three years:

<u>offense</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
Homicide	13	17	6
Rape	20	20	13
Robbery	15	20	21
Assault	51	72	86
Burglary	628	582	667
Larceny	402	393	352
Auto Theft	52	97	80
Other Assaults	58	92	106
Arson	25	30	21
Forgery	7	21	17
Fraud	15	16	26
Embezzlement	3	2	1
Stolen Property	42	60	64
Malicious Damage	138	222	140
Poss. of Weapons	11	9	11
Prostitution	1	0	2
Other Sex Offenses	35	33	28
Drug Violations	195	253	302
Gambling	1	0	0
Offenses v. Family	3	5	2
Liquor Laws	7	9	13
Drunkenness	26	35	36
Disorderly	50	55	94
all others	399	383	392
total	2197	2426	2480

THE COMMUNICATIONS
AND ADMINISTRATION BUREAU



CAPTAIN DANIEL DEMPSEY
COMMANDING OFFICER
COMMUNICATIONS AND
ADMINISTRATION BUREAU

The Communications and Administration Bureau experienced another year of increased activity in both the operation and the maintenance sections.

In the operation of the Communications Center for the past four years the overall message traffic has increased 19%. Much of this increase can be attributed to the stepped-up enforcement programs of the Traffic Bureau and also the publicity afforded our new statewide, toll free emergency lines.

In the spring of 1978 we took the first major step toward the eventual automation of our teletype and computer data bases. Through funding made available by the Governor's Commission on Crime and Delinquency, a consulting firm was engaged to conduct an evaluation of our message flow and provide a detailed plan for the eventual automation of the center. Armed with the resulting evaluation and proposal, we returned to the Crime Commission and also contacted the Highway Safety Agency, who collectively earmarked sufficient funds to accomplish this task. The present timetable indicates that automation will become a reality by the fall of 1979.

The Communications Maintenance section has also seen an active year. Although we have discontinued routine maintenance service to several major local police agencies, we still experienced a 13% increase in the number of units serviced. Major projects completed in 1978 included the relocation of Troop A's communications equipment along with the development of a new transmitter site in the town of Nottingham. In the fall of 1978, work commenced on a complete upgrade of the communications capability of Troop E in Moultonboro. This upgrade includes an entire new console, a multi-track recording device, emergency power generators for the troop station, and a transmitter site at the Castle in the Clouds. Our maintenance personnel were also involved in several special details, such as Seabrook and the motorcycle races where complete communications centers had to be set up and dismantled.

	1976	1977	1978
Radio Trans.	1566373	1571659	1679614
Teletype Msgs.	229299	288179	292536
Telephone Msgs.	106000	121000	135000
NCIC Trans.	346394	385866	379096
Troop A-Epping			
Radio	399508	430075	384404
Telephone	58048	63852	36556
Troop E-Moultonboro			
Radio	210750	373262	476830
Telephone	25750	43352	37204
Troop F-Twin Mt.			
Radio	384482	483857	503265
Telephone	49217	51391	54311

COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION BUREAU

CPT DANIEL Dempsey

Communications Center

SGT Eastman

Radio Maintenance

Mr. Cutting

The following activity took place in the Radio Maintenance Section. Units were serviced for the various agencies as indicated in the following table:

	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
Safety/State Police	4096	3323	3744
Local Police	1542	1639	1971
Public Works/Hwy	948	924	803
D.R.E.D.	251	213	276
Fish and Game	171	181	291
all others	188	117	175

Hours spent on various activities were:

	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
Repairs	7573	7639	7463
Preventative Maint.	203	76	76
Construction	4395	3503	3690
FCC Measurements	1013	906	605
Shop Time	1303	1184	1181
Travel Time	1692	1873	1766
Research/Eng	495	297	171
Special Details		216	399

RETIREMENTS

Lieutenant Louis Rougeau
Commanding Officer, Troop B
25 years

Trooper Edward Trentini
Executive Security
24 years

Corporal Robert Daniels
Troop F
20 years

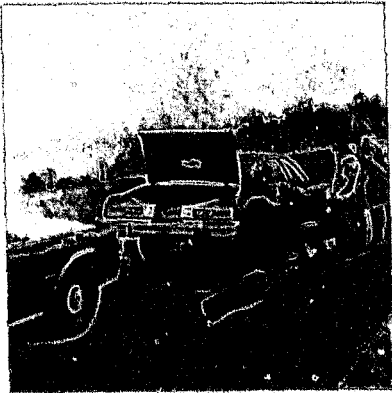
Trooper Richard Murray
Communications
10 years (disability)

The below listed individuals were promoted to the following ranks and positions:

MAJOR R. Campbell	CO Detective Bureau
LIEUTENANT R. Tuck	CO Troop F
SERGEANT F. Donahue	Troop F
SERGEANT T. Kennedy	Troop F
DET/SERGEANT L. Migneault	Detective Bureau
CORPORAL R. Landry	Troop F
CORPORAL B. Flanders	Troop C
CORPORAL R. Hartwell	Troop C



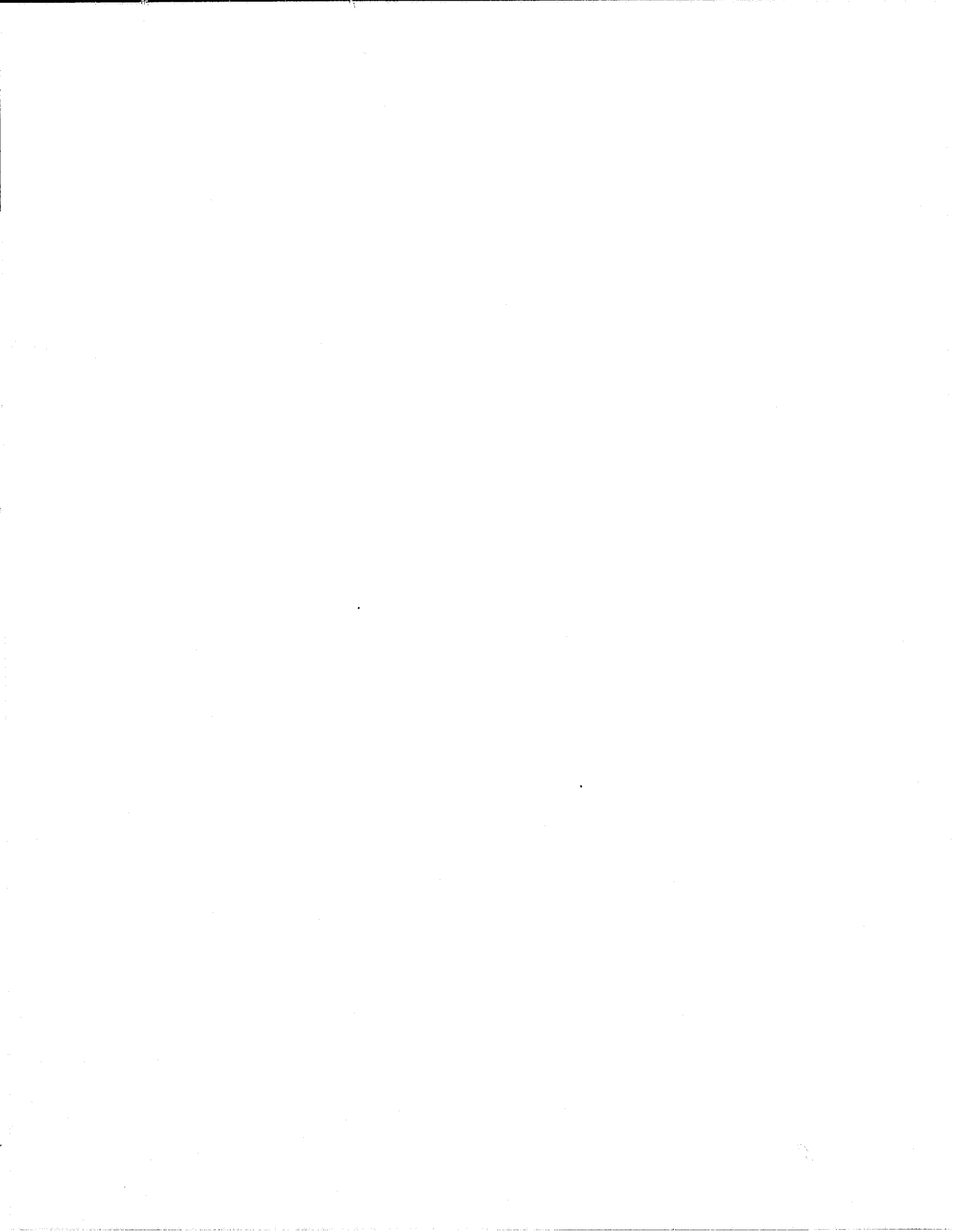
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SERVICE



FRIENDSHIP



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