

# The Chief Superintendents from A to Z

Each issue, platypus will profile two Chief superintendents of the Australian Federal Police, following on from the biographies of the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners published in our first issue.



**Chief Superintendent William Leslie Antill (Manpower Control and Development Division)**

Mr. William Antill, the youngest serving Chief Superintendent in the A.F.P., was born at Molong, N.S.W. on 6 August 1940. He joined the A.C.T. Police Force in 1960 and served in the General Policing and Traffic Divisions prior to specialising as a Police Prosecutor and subsequently as Sergeant First Class, O.I.C., Prosecuting Branch, in 1970.

Promoted to Inspector in 1973, he was O.I.C. of the Legal Division until 1976 when he transferred as Senior Inspector, O.I.C., City Division.

Following his promotion to Superintendent, Management Services, in 1977, Mr. Antill was seconded to the A.F.P. Task Force from February to September 1979, when he was attached to the A.F.P. Planning Headquarters.

He was the A.C.T. Police representative to the Australian Law Reform Commission.

Mr. Antill has been awarded the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal and the National Medal. Married with four children, his hobbies include gardening, hunting, fishing and golf.



**Chief Superintendent William Henry Bennett (Principal, Australian Police College)**

Chief Superintendent Bennett's police career began in 1946 when he joined the Perth (UK) City Police. After seven years he transferred to the Colonial Police, serving from 1953 to 1960 as Chief Inspector with the Kenya Police.

Transferred on promotion as Assistant Superintendent, Mr Bennett served the next two years with the Tanganyika Police.

Mr Bennett, together with his wife, Kath, and two daughters, emigrated to Australia in 1964, where he joined Compol.

Until 1968, Mr Bennett was a Sergeant Instructor at the Australian Police College, when he transferred to Canberra and attained Officer rank in 1970.

In 1972, he was promoted to Inspector First Class, Supervision and Inspections. In 1975 he assumed the position of OIC, A.C.T. District, and was promoted to Senior Superintendent.

Mr Bennett served as Commander of the 14th Australian Police Contingent in Cyprus from 1977 to 1978. On his return, he was transferred to the Australian Police College as Acting Principal.

Born in Gillingham, Kent in 1923, Mr Bennett served in Bomber Command with the RAF from 1941 until demobilised in 1946 as a Flight Lieutenant. He has been awarded the Queen's Police Medal.

Mr. Bennett's hobbies include walking, reading and fishing.

## EAGLE'S EYE

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