

Annual Report

OF

UNITED STATES

PARK POLICE



PERIOD

JULY 1, 1947-DEC. 31, 1948

OFFICE OF
NATIONAL CAPITAL PARKS
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
WASHINGTON D.C.

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Mr. Irving C. Root, Superintendent
National Capital Parks
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Sir:

I have the pleasure of submitting herewith a report covering the activities of the United States Park Police for the 18 months period, July 1, 1947, through December 31, 1948.

Previous to July 1, 1948, following a discussion of the matter with the Superintendent and upon the recommendation of the undersigned, it was agreed that the Park Police would hereafter submit an Annual Report on the basis of the calendar year rather than on the fiscal year. The reason for this change was a desire to submit our Annual Report to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for statistical purposes in compiling the Uniform Crime Report as prepared by that department, and since these statistics are based on Annual Reports from other law enforcement agencies throughout the United States, the figures as submitted by the United States Park Police could not be included unless submitted on the calendar year basis. I am confident that in altering the past practice a desired step forward has been made in compiling our information on the calendar rather than the fiscal year.

As the Commanding Officer of the United States Park Police and Chief of the Protective Division for the National Capital Parks, it is with pride that I report to the Superintendent that much progress has been made in the prevention and detection of crime in the park system; this in spite of the fact that since the submission of our last Annual Report, we have seen a decrease in our total personnel. At this report the total personnel is 113 as compared with 116 on the previous report. This decrease is attributed to retirements, deaths, dismissals, resignations and transfers, which vacancies we find it difficult to fill due to our inability to secure through the Civil Service Commission or by



interdepartmental transfers suitable and qualified personnel.

During the period covered by this report, two Lieutenants and two Sergeants were retired because of physical disability, and there was the regrettable death of one Sergeant. It was necessary to dismiss one Private, while the resignations of three other Privates were approved.

The inadequacy of personnel is being felt more and more with the passage of time and the increase of responsibility brought about by the addition of property acquired by the National Capital Parks and with the passage of legislation which extended the jurisdiction of the United States Park Police to the various areas in the environs of Maryland and Virginia over which disputed jurisdiction has existed for several years. At this report the exact scope of our jurisdiction has not been settled by reason of the failure on the part of the several agencies involved to sign agreements with the Department of Interior making our regulations applicable to the areas covered by the legislation referred to above. It is hoped that these agreements will be signed and our authority definitely established in the very near future.

During the period covered by this report, a total of 9,276 arrests were made by the members of the United States Park Police; of this number only 22 cases are pending solution or action by the courts. Other dispositions of these arrests are covered by a separate table in the following report.

It is gratifying to report the continued success in the solution of crimes reported to the members of the Investigative Unit. Of the 558 major offenses reported and acted on by the members of this unit, 362, or 65 per cent, were closed out by arrests. This is a high percentage. Also during this period, the Investigative Unit handled 58 cases through the Juvenile Court and processed 119 others through our Juvenile Crime Prevention Program. I feel that it is in order in submitting our report to the Superintendent to commend the members of this unit for their excellent work.

On October 1, 1947, a Sex Perversion Elimination Program was begun, and it is encouraging to note, since the inception of this program, a total of 543 persons have been processed, 76 resulting in arrests while the remainder were fingerprinted, photographed and a record made in this headquarters. The progress of this program, by months, is indicated in a table included in this report. By comparison, a total of 190 such persons were processed during the month of October, 1947, while the total processed one year later in October, 1948, amounted to only 25. It is evident by this report that much progress has been made by the members of the Park Police in eliminating this undesirable type of person from the park system. As a matter of information, a separate table is included showing the occupations of the persons processed under this elimination program.

During the period covered by this report, the members of the Park Police have handled many annual as well as special events occurring in the park system, including the Annual Cherry Blossom Festival, Army Day Parade, Fourth

of July Celebration and the President's Cup Regatta. All of these events were handled to the satisfaction of the persons in charge, which has been evident by the acknowledgments received orally and written by responsible parties. A total of 197 motorcycle escorts were provided for many notables from foreign countries as well as our own.

In submitting this report I am mindful of the fact that the police department could not have accomplished so much without the assistance and cooperation of the many agencies and bureaus with whom we are associated and the support of the citizens of the areas covered by the Park Police.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Superintendent of the National Capital Parks and his staff, the officials of the National Park Service and of the Department of the Interior who have consistently supported me and assisted this department in the many phases of its responsibility. My sincere thanks are extended to the officials of the Metropolitan Police for the District of Columbia, the officers and members of other law enforcement agencies in our immediate vicinity, and to the Federal and District Courts, the District Attorney's office, the office of the Corporation Counsel and to the United States Commissioners having jurisdiction in the areas where we operate. A special vote of thanks goes to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its Director, the Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, which department has cooperated one hundred per cent.

M. H. Raspberry, Captain
United States Park Police

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FUNCTIONAL DISTRIBUTION
OF
POLICE PERSONNEL

TABLE 1

JULY 1, 1947 - DECEMBER 31, 1948	Captain	Lieutenants		Sergeants		Corporals		Privates			TOTALS
		Plain-clothes	Uniform	Plain-clothes	Uniform	Plain-clothes	Uniform	Plain-clothes	Uniform	Police-women	
COMMANDING OFFICER HEADQUARTERS	1										1
NIGHT COMMAND AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.		3									3
INVESTIGATIVE UNIT						1		5		3	9
RECORDS DIVISION										2	2
HEADQUARTERS SERGEANTS				2							2
HEADQUARTERS CLERKS (COMMUNICATIONS AND RADIO DISPATCHERS)							2	3			5
UNIFORM SUPERVISORS, OUTSIDE RADIO PATROL CARS				4							4
OFFICER IN CHARGE, PROPERTY AND MOTOR EQUIPMENT, CRANE OPERATORS				1				2			3
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT, CHARGE OF RESERVATIONS PATROL, PATROLMEN				1		3		7			11
RADIO CAR PATROLMEN								30			30
MOTORCYCLE PATROLMEN (EXCEPT RESERVATION PATROL)				2				15			17
FOOT PATROLMEN (LESS SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS)								24			24
HORSE MOUNTED PATROLMEN								2			2
TOTALS	1	3		10		1	5	5	83	5	113

CHANGES DURING ABOVE PERIOD		RESIGNED	
RETIREMENTS			
Lieutenants	2	Privates	3
Sergeants	2	TRANSFERRED	
DEATHS		Privates	5
Sergeant	1	APPOINTMENTS PVTS. CLASS 1.	10
DISMISSED		TOTAL	24
Privates	1	TOTAL PERSONNEL PRESENT FOR DUTY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1948.... 113	

UNITED STATES PARK POLICE
Distribution of Personnel.

SUPERVISORY STAFF

Captain	1
Lieutenants	3
Sergeants (Cruiser)	6
Sergeants (Headquarters)	2
Sergeants (Motorcycles)	2
Corporals (Plain-Clothes)	1
Corporals	5
	20

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Plain Clothes	
Privates	5
Policewomen	
Privates	3
Privates (Records)	2
Radio Dispatchers	
Privates	3
	13

PATROLMEN

Motorcycle men	
Privates	22
Cruiser Patrol	
Privates	30
Footmen	
Privates	24
Horsemen	
Privates	2
Crane Operators	
Privates	2
	80

Total Strength 113

Average Daily Patrol Strength

FIRST RELIEF - 11.00 P.M. to 7.00 A.M.

Lieutenant	1	
Sergeant	1	
Patrolmen		
Cruiser	10	
Footmen	2	
Radio Dispatcher		
Private	1	
Off Duty	3	..... 18

SECOND RELIEF - 7.00 A.M. to 3.00 P.M.

Captain	1	
Lieutenant	1	
Sergeants	7	
Corporals	4	
Privates - (Motorcycle)	6	
" (Footmen)	7	
" (Cruiser)	10	
" (Dispatcher)	1	
" (Records) (Policewoman)	1	
" (Horsemen)	2	
" (Policewomen)	3	
" (Special Assignment)	5	
Off Duty	7	
Sick	3	..... 58

THIRD RELIEF - 3.00 P.M. to 11.00 P.M.

Lieutenant	1	
Sergeants	2	
Corporals	2	
Privates - (Motorcycle)	5	
" (Footmen)	8	
" (Records - Policewomen)	1	
" (Dispatcher)	1	
" (Cruiser)	10	
Off Duty	6	
Sick	1	..... 37

Total Strength 113

RECAPITULATION

Captain	1	.....	1
Lieutenants:			
First Relief	1		
Second Relief	1		
Third Relief	1	.....	3
Sergeants:			
First Relief	1		
Second Relief	7		
Third Relief	2	.....	10
Corporals:			
Uniform-Motorcycle-Supervisory	1		
" Footmen - Supervisory	3		
" Motorcycle - Reservations	1		
Plain Clothes	1	.....	6
Privates:			
Motorcycle Patrol	15		
Motorcycle Reservations	7		
Cruisers	30		
Plainclothes	5		
Policewomen	5		
Radio Dispatchers	3		
Horse Mounted	2		
Crane Operators	2		
Footmen	24	.....	93
		Total Strength	<u>113</u>

Average daily off-duty roster (sign-off
leave, sick, etc.) is approximately:

First Relief	2		
Second Relief	10		
Third Relief	9	.....	21
Supervisory Personnel	20		
Special Assignments	5		
Off-Duty (Average roster)	21	.....	46
Total Personnel	113		
Off duty and other wise employed	46		
Balance available for patrol duty (3 reliefs) average day	67		

TABLE 3

YEAR OF BIRTH - POLICE PERSONNEL
UNITED STATES PARK POLICE

DECEMBER 31, 1948

YEAR OF BIRTH	CAPTAIN	LIEUTENANTS	SERGEANTS		CORPORALS		PRIVATEES			AGE	
			UNIFORM	PLAIN CLOTHES	UNIFORM	PLAIN CLOTHES	PLAIN CLOTHES	UNIFORM	POLICE WOMEN		
1893			1							55	
1895			1							53	
1896			1		1					52	
1898			1		1					50	
1899			1							49	
1900		1	2							48	
1901		1	1		1	1				47	
1902							1			46	
1903			2					1		45	
1904	1							1		44	
1905		1						2		43	
1906					1			2		42	
1907							1	2		41	
1908					1		1	5	1	40	
1909								3		39	
1910								6		38	
1911							1	5		37	
1912								5		36	
1913								1	5	1	35
1914								5	1	34	
1915								3		33	
1916								9	1	32	
1917								4	1	31	
1918								7		30	
1919								4		29	
1920								9		28	
1921								2		27	
1922								2		26	
1923								1		25	

LENGTH OF SERVICE - POLICE PERSONNEL
UNITED STATES PARK POLICE

DECEMBER 31, 1948

YEAR OF APPOINTMENT	CAPTAIN	LIEUTENANTS	SERGEANTS		CORPORALS		PRIVATEES			TOTAL MEMBERS	TOTAL YEARS OF SERVICE
			PLAIN-CLOTHES	UNIFORM	PLAIN-CLOTHES	UNIFORM	POLICE-WOMEN	UNIFORM	PLAIN-CLOTHES		
1921				3						3	27
1925				1						1	23
1926		1		1		1				3	22
1927				3						3	21
1929		1		1						2	19
1930				1						1	18
1931	1					3				4	17
1932					1	1		1	1	4	16
1935		1						1	1	3	13
1936								3		3	12
1937								8		8	11
1938									1	1	10
1940								5		5	8
1941								3	1	4	7
1942							1	23	1	25	6
1943								11		11	5
1944							3			3	4
1945							1	2		3	3
1947								20		20	1
1948								6		6	

UNITED STATES PARK POLICE
 NATIONAL CAPITAL PARKS
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TABLE 5

Personnel and Equipment:

Authorized Strength..... 129
 (Includes 4 reimbursable positions on the Suitland Parkway)

Actual Strength, this date 113

Equipment:

Automobiles (two-way radio) 17
 Motorcycles 28
 Cranes (two-way radio) 1
 Horses 3

SCOPE OF JURISDICTION AND PATROL

Reservations 757
 Acreage 30,801
 District of Columbia 6,763
 Maryland (including C & O Canal) 6,395
 Virginia 17,643
 Catoclin Recreational Area, administrated 9,912

Roads and highways patrolled

District of Columbia 50.79
 Maryland and Virginia 30.76
 (Suitland Parkway) 9.5

Valuation of property:

Estimated value of park lands \$288,000,000