

Summary Sheet

P1. Born 1904 in Carlisle. Father shoemaker and clogger. Three younger brothers.
Father bred canaries. Respondent won best budgie at Crystal Palace
Attended Ashley Street school then Creighton School then Carlisle Grammar after winning scholarships.
Intended to be a teacher but applied to Patrick O'Neill, Chief Constable of Kendal, and became a policeman in Kendal in 1924.

P.2. Wife was secretary to headmaster at Carlisle Grammar School
Hours worked/ paid/ £3.50 a week less superannuation.
Allowed a shilling a week for boots.
Lived in digs – Branthwaite Brow, Castle Drive then Sedbergh Road

P.3. Night shifts, oil lamps, making and fitting of uniforms

p.4. Hours worked while on night duty/ centre beat/ day shifts
Point duty at top of Finkle Street and Lowther Street. Different beats

P.5. Police Station at Town Hall. Bell rung at Police Station for firemen to attend.
Fire at Tannery at Netherfield. Respondent attended with iron handcart

P.6 Fire force was composed of volunteers
First ambulance: Arthur Musson, driver. Baby born in ambulance before reaching hospital

P.7. Dealing with a group of fellows in Highgate.
Respondent played soccer and rugby and fished in spare time. No police club

P.8. Attended police college in 1951 after amalgamation with County Police
Attended senior detective course at Wakefield whilst with Kendal Borough
Applied to join forces but not allowed to leave police
Three sergeants, 18 policemen in Kendal Borough Force
Amalgamated with County Force in 1941

P.9. Kendal one of the smallest police forces
Became sergeant in CID in 1937 (Kendal) then CID sergeant in County in 1946
Persuading detective constables to learn to drive

P.10. Ray Huddard and Geoff Coodhind protégés of respondent
1938 – woman convicted on manslaughter
Dealt with burglaries, shop break-ins; no crimes against children

P.11. dealing with drunkenness

P.11/12. Saving a boy's life at Stock Ghyll – awarded £20 from Carnegie Hero Fund

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P.12 Three cells at Kendal Police Station
Witnessed a birching for burglary offence about 1930
Prison above cells leading to court room where magistrates court was (until c.1988)
Young man admitted being fathe to three illegitimate children, because he had a bike!

P.13 Retired in 1954 at age 50. Became clerk to Powell, solicitor.
Arranged first cycle race for Milk marketing Board – the Milk Race

P.14 Secretary of Rugby Club – appointed referees and touch judges etc.