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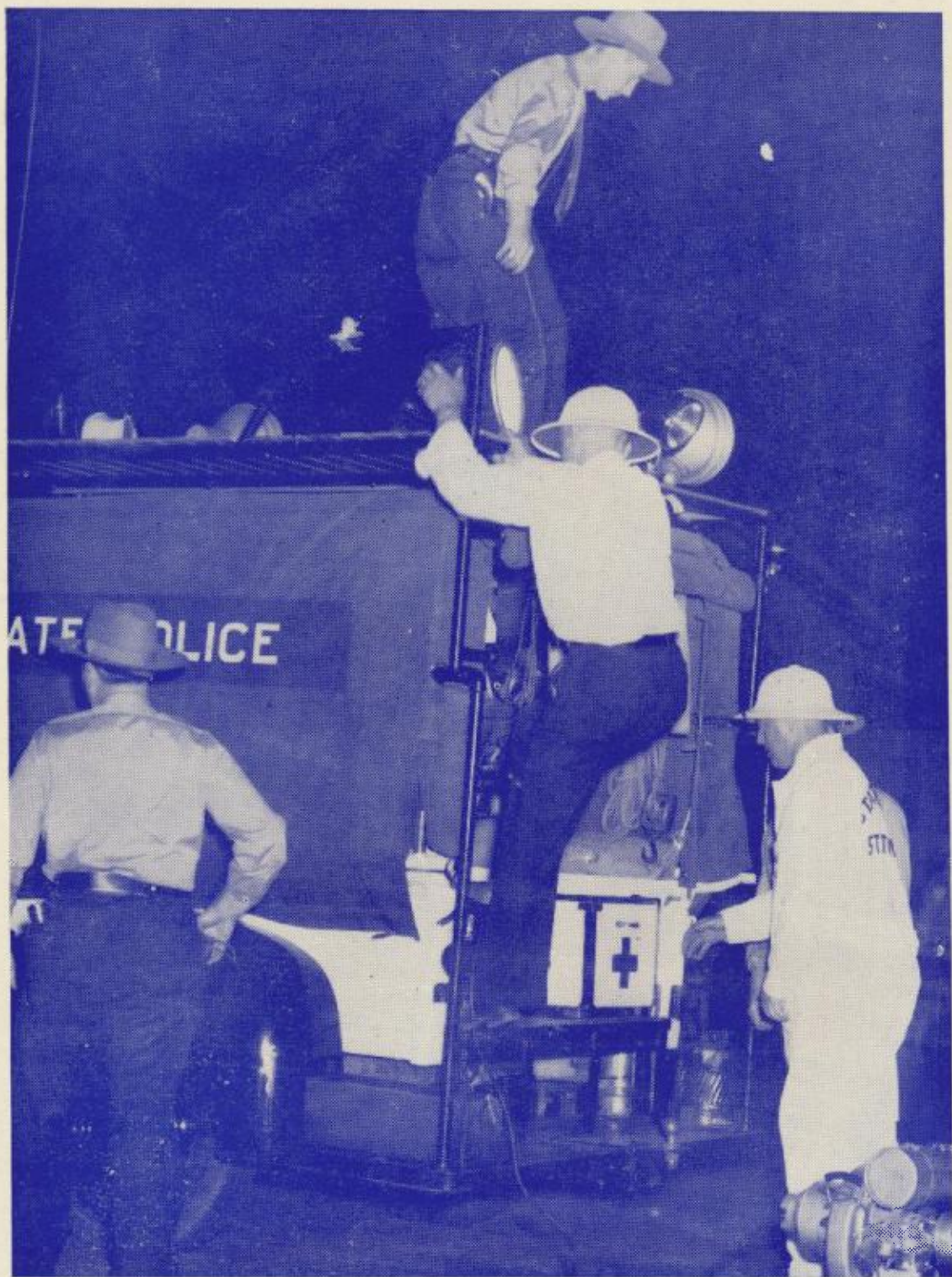
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## CONN. STATE POLICE DEPT.



EDWARD J. HICKEY,  
Commissioner

SEPTEMBER 1943





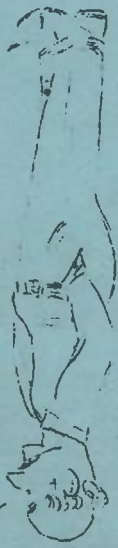
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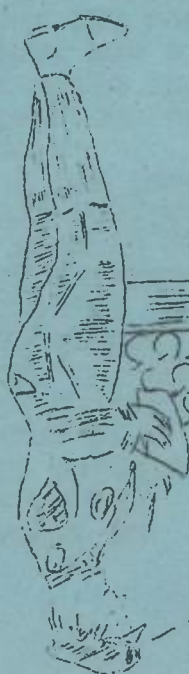
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"Keeds steel my  
Pandas"

\*Tops in Police Circles \*

## CHEESE IT, THE COPS!

Sartorially speaking, there is never an idle moment when the State Police are around. Last summer they blossomed out in pith helmets that made them look like nothing so much as a party of refugees from the Frank Buck exhibit at the World's Fair. (As one red-faced trooper is said to have explained to a jeering friend, "It isn't the heat; it's the humiliation.") And now, with tan sombreros tastefully trimmed with hatbands of "Connecticut blue," they've gone Texas Ranger on us. If they aren't the rootin'est, tootin'est, shootin'est outfit east of the Pecos, pard, appearances have deceived us again.

One of the leading masculine diversions used to be trying to guess what the ladies would think up next to put on their heads. But that was a dull game compared to speculating about the head-gear of Commissioner Hickey's boys. They abandoned the familiar peaked cap for the sun helmet and now they're in sombreros. But there is still the world to choose from. How about experimenting with the cross-cocked hat of the Italian carabinieri? The national police of Spain wear a neat little number in black patent leather that might appeal. Perhaps it's too much to hope that the Connecticut cops will break out in the brass helmets and horse-hair plumes of the French lifeguards, but now that the London bobbies have abandoned their riot helmets for a shell-proof variety, perhaps the State could fix up a trade. Or if Commissioner Hickey prefers hemispheric defense, how about borrowing the fur caps that are the winter wear of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police?

At any rate, one thing can be said about the State Police: If variety is the spice of life, the policeman's lot is no longer an unhappy one.

Hartford Courant

## THE LAW ON WHEELS

When you see the white car or the red marker indicating "State Police" and you slow down to the regulation thirty-five and get a little more definitely on your own side of the road and decide not to try to pass that truck on a curve, when you do all this do you realize that in addition to recognizing the majesty of the law you are also paying tribute to a potential barrister, possibly an expert in criminal law and one tutored in many of the devious elements of a first class mystery story.

We are reminded of this by the welcome arrival of the August issue of "Vox-Cop," the lively periodical of which Commissioner of State Police Edward J. Hickey is editor-in-chief. On page 4 there is a series of questions headed by the caption, "The State's Attorney asks: What Do You Know About the Law?" These questions relate to things about which the police are supposed to have a working knowledge. We glanced through them and came to the conclusion that we would have flunked badly if the examination had ever been handed out to us.

Right off the bat we were stumped by question No. 1 "Just what is corpus delicti?" We thought hard for a moment, then turned hastily to "Answers on page 14." Corpus delicti, it said, was "The body or substance of a crime. The material fact that a crime had been committed." This dry abstraction was so different from our idea of a battered corpse that we were disturbed by our ignorance.

Further on the questions got more romantic and exciting. No. 8, for instance, "The accused confessed killing a girl who had disappeared two months before and burning her body in a furnace. The State's Attorney proved all this but the court said it was not sufficient to establish corpus delicti. Why?"

Why, indeed, we said, and turned again to page 14 where we read,

"This corroborative evidence would have been sufficient to establish corpus delicti except for one thing--the State's Attorney did not prove the bones were human."

How simple, we thought. There are other fascinating questions involving burning buildings, bodies in the river, and headless torsos, and these are all part of the curriculum of our fast-flying constables. So the next time you hear the whine of official sirens are enveloped in the glare of full-blown headlights, be respectful and polite. You may be addressing not only a potential lawyer but also a possible S.S. Van Dine or Edgar Wallace.

By George S. Chappel  
Associate Editor  
Litchfield Enquirer

### AN APPARITION

The vacationers at Hawks Nest scratched their heads after seeing a large tank-like auto traverse the roads around this beach and suddenly plunge into the sound.

With Lieut. Carson of the Washington Arsenal at the wheel, accompanied by Comm. Hickey, this amphibious tank started for Long Island at a speed that would put a lot of motor boats to shame.

Those that hadn't noticed this vehicle enter the water were shocked, to put it mildly, when it pulled out of the sound ran up on the beach, and proceeded down the main road at a speed of 55 miles per hour.

Gambling equipment, valued at approximately \$1,000 and seized during a recent raid in Middletown, was destroyed under court order today and all metals were thrown into a convenient scrap bag which the Middletown Lions Club maintains near the Municipal Building.

Included in the equipment was a Western Union Teletype machine, headphones, an adding machine and other sundry items. According to Judge Kelly, this is the first local instance of the destruction of this type of equipment.

The order for destruction was issued several weeks ago, but not carried out until after the case had been concluded. At the time of the raid, the police found the equipment and what was described as a layout for placing wagers on horse races at various tracks.

Middletown Press 8-25-43

PETTY GAMBLERS CAUGHT

The arrest and arraignment of 14 petty gamblers in Waterbury last week for making books on racing reveals the low estate to which that profession has fallen in Waterbury. Police report that all of those picked up last Friday afternoon were operating out of their hats, that is they had no permanent headquarters. They took bets on the fly at various establishments in the city. That means that big gambling is through in Waterbury.

The persistence with which easy-money fellows try to carry on their illegal business in the Brass City is a reflection on their intelligence. Our alert State's Attorney has demonstrated on several occasions that he will not tolerate their activities here. Yet the lure of soft pickings is too much for these men. They know Waterbury war workers have plenty of cash with a scarcity of domestic goods on which to spend it. Why not separate some of them from it by the simple process of

giving them a chance to bet on the horses. The best reason why not is State's Attorney William B Fitzgerald.

The cases of the alleged offenders probably will be disposed of at the September term of the Superior Court. For several months there will be little if any betting on the races. But the gamblers will be back again. They can't help trying to stage a return. They will not work on legitimate jobs--and they must eat, so they will take another chance on becoming guests of the county at New Haven jail. We hope the state and local police continue to be on the alert for the operations of gamblers. They are an undesirable lot.

OUR WEEK END

LABOR DAY 1943

	M.V. arrests	Crime arrests	M.V. Warn.	Acc. Inves.	Off: on patrol
9/4	84	3	140	21	124
9/5	64	5	158	10	141
9/6	<u>79</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>188</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>150</u>
Tot.	227	15	486	39	415

Captain Pinnel had 40 of his Auxiliary Motorcycle Patrol on duty and they arrested 10 operators on the charge of operating under the influence of liquor.

## Plaster Casts of Footprints and Tire Tracks

Evidence of footprints and tire-tracks in soil and dust, at the scenes of crime, provides one of the more common types of physical evidence to the investigator. Plaster casts of such traces serve as a most permanent, simple and accurate means of reproducing this evidence. Further, it is a method familiar, at least in principle, to practically every investigator. Yet it is surprising to note the relative infrequency with which these methods and principles are utilized, and utilized correctly, in criminal investigation.

Some of the more common faults along this line are: Failure to search properly for these traces; failure to preserve the ground around the crime scene from trampling feet of curious bystanders; failure to photograph such tracks and traces as are found (because "a plaster cast will be better"; it isn't a very good track--we'll let it go"; we already have more evidence than we need"; etc.); failure to even attempt to cast such tracks in plaster; and lastly, failure to properly make up the plaster and apply it when the method is used.

Reasons for failure to even attempt casting footprints, etc., are similar to those accounting for failure to photograph them. But in addition may be added the fact that the print is "not particularly characteristic, and would be of no value", or "could n't be cast satisfactorily in that kind of soil." Any one or more of these reasons may be true. However, the little time and expense involved in carrying through such an operation will generally not seriously delay the investigation and may be well worth the slight effort necessitated.

Probably the most valid excuse offered would be the fact, as presented above, that the print was "not particularly characteristic." It is

quite true that a footprint, for example, may give only a rough indication of the size, shape, and nature of a shoe which made it. There may be no apparent uneven wearing of the heel or sole, no metal taps or cleats present, no nail-holes, no indication of the shoes being a non-standard type, no evidence as to the markings on the rubber heel which would indicate the brand, no evidence of peculiarity in the gait of the individual who made the track, etc. Should this, then, be taken as sufficient grounds for a failure to make the cast? The reply is a definite "No", for in spite of the fact that any or all of the above may appear to be true, it is possible that the peculiar nature of the track may not be observed even by the careful investigator under the conditions of poor lighting; and adverse weather conditions which may exist at the scene of a crime. In addition, a still more important reason may be presented. Namely that such a cast regardless of whether it has any outstanding peculiarities, may serve as concrete visible evidence that a trace was actually found. The mere presence of a track in certain instances would be significant in itself. The jury should the case go to trial - may wonder why a cast was not made and this wonderment will be increased by remarks of the defense. Even though they do not doubt the officer's statements regarding the imprint, if they have actually seen the three dimensional reproduction of it, the impression made will not only be stronger, but more lasting and effective as well.

Author - Missouri S. H. Patrol

## PERSONNEL OFFICER'S LAMENT

Oh! for the life of the open road  
Past cool green meadows and waving  
corn,  
Over the highways where once I rode  
Never again would I feel forlorn.

Instead of children calling merrily,  
Now what do I hear -- "Auxiliary".  
Badges, uniforms, patrols and things,  
Day and night my telephone rings.

Complain, console and compliment,  
Why in hell can't I be a sergeant?  
Powers of this and powers of that  
And who's going to pay for that mis-  
placed hat?

Before I forget--I must make a note  
How will we get those winter coats?  
The war's to blame for the Auxiliary  
Cop  
Let's win it quick - before I "blow  
my top."

Harry Jordan  
Auxiliary Officer #180

### GUADALCANAL

The brother of Officer John Foley  
of Station B, is back from Guadal-  
canal.

Private Foley joined the Marines  
some 16 months ago and spent four  
months on the island. His group  
was among the first to land and the  
boat carrying them contained T.N.T.  
and dynamite to be used to blast  
fortifications.

He reports that the Jap fights hard,  
but are regimented to the extent  
that once the Americans caught on  
to their tricks, it was an easy  
task to keep ahead of them. He  
went on to say that neither side  
takes prisoners and what is told in  
Guadalcanal Diary is true.

The Marines and Navy took the  
island and after four months there  
the Army moved in with its big guns.

Foley stated that for one month it  
was impossible to either bathe or  
get a change of clothing. That  
until the Army arrived and they

stole their uniforms, none  
other had been available.

Evidently the Japs were taken  
by surprise because they found  
a quantity of food and Jap beer  
called "sak", which is made out  
of rice and according to Foley  
carries quite a kick.

All of the fighting was done  
within a short range and knives  
were used constantly. A wound-  
ed soldier was a dead soldier  
if a Jap could get at him with  
a knife.

In one engagement, Foley's  
buddy had his head blown off;  
Foley was struck over the left  
eye with shrapnel from the  
burst. This wound coupled with  
malaria, caused his return to  
the States.

He expects to be hospitalized  
for a short time and although  
he desires to go back, he ex-  
pects to be assigned to "DI"  
drill instructor duty at some  
American base.

### F.B.I. REPORTS SELECTIVE SERVICE FIGURES

Since the passage of the Select-  
ive Service Act on October 16,  
1940, 4,828 persons have been  
convicted of various violations.  
Of these, 983 were convicted  
for failure to register, 1,522  
for evading induction; 317 for  
misrepresentation of draft in-  
formation, 703 for failure to  
notify draft board of change  
of address; 657 for failure to  
return questionnaire; and 444  
for failure to report for  
physical examination. Actual  
sentences total 7,996 years,  
2 months and 13 days.



ENTREE NOUS

Officer John E. Foley is going to start taking penmanship lessons from Officer Pequignot as soon as the work lets up a little here....

Officer Meagher trying to locate a rent in Canaan so that he can move his family up in the Berkshires.....

Officer Marchese is fast becoming known as the "Terror" of the Ridgefield Barracks and the scourge of Route #6 as those fast driving defense workers who have been summoned by Louis can testify.....

Officer Edward Giardina moved into his new home on Elizabeth Street, Bethel this past week. Looks like his vacation will be just so much more work.....

The meat shortage is beginning to show up in the Canaan area as the sound of guns on the mountain indicates that the deer in the area are about to bolster the failing stocks in the larders of some of our poorer type sportsmen.....

Officer Thomas Dunn (OPA) enjoying two weeks vacation. He will be back to work shortly.....full of his usual pep, vim, and vigor.....

Officer William McNamara recovering nicely from his operation and looking hale and hearty.....

Officer Charles McCarthy, the "Dr. Kildare" of the Ridgefield Barracks, polishing up the emergency equipment for the next Home Front Demonstration.....

Officers Adam Beaudry and Struzik eagerly awaiting next call for bloodhounds and claim that there is no truth to the rumor that they have purchased saddles for the ugly brutes and intend to ride them during the gasoline and rubber shortage. Incidentally we understand they have a "super" formula for fleas.

Officer Jim Tatro formerly assigned to Station K now with Anti-Aircraft Unit at Fort Eustis, Va.....

Officer McMahon studying intelligence work under former Chief Roach of Waterbury at Fort Custer, Michigan.....

Former radio dispatcher Bill Carpenter on recent visit to Hartford stated that his experience assisted him in gaining entrance to Army radio school at Truax Field, Madison, Wis.....

Charles Strouse, one time radio operator at "H" and later a buck private in an Engineer Battalion in the Army, is sergeant now and studying engineering at government expense in the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Good Boy.  
Charlie.....

Officer Frost has moved into a house vacated by Officer Pethick who left "God's Country" to go to Bethany. 5B is now 6-I and we listen to his melodious voice on the radio from Bethany.....

The two new men at Station B are working hard and getting to know their way around the territory. Officer Caprio has taken a decided interest in the automotive troubles of the barracks and his knowledge of motors comes in handy around here when some of the troubles that beset us arise in the keeping of the cars at this station in tip-top shape. Officer Meagher is getting to be well known as he cruises all around the territory.....

Lieut. Bob Ray, U.S.A. is visiting friends at Station "E".....

Visitors at Station "K" will remember Chef Julie Durand. At present, he is continuing that occupation with the Marines at Quantico, Virginia.....

Our former radio dispatcher at "A" Bill McNamara, has been appointed a reporter for the "Desk Pilot" - a sheet published for the Army personnel at Fort Collins, Colorado.

Officer George Noxon, while on patrol in the Town of Newtown on the morning of August 25 at 2:00 A.M. came across two well-dressed young ladies standing in the center of Sandy Hook. Noxon went over to question these young ladies as to why they were alone at this wee hour of the morning and his eyes bulged in astonishment when he perceived that each young lady had a live, cackling rooster under her arm. Noxon, believing that he had caught two poultry thieves, ordered Officer Marchese to take both girls and the roosters to the Ridgefield Barracks.

On the way in, one of the very pretty girls asked to stop at a rest room. Officer Marchese always the gentleman, was quick to oblige, and the young lady went into a crowded diner in Danbury with the crowing rooster clutched tightly under her right arm, much to the glee of the occupants of the diner.

At the barracks, statements were given by the young ladies in which they cleared themselves from further investigation.

Officer Stanley Sobolewski while on patrol in Norwalk, had his attention drawn to two cars in front of him by their excessive speed and upon overtaking them found that one of them bore the registration number of a reported stolen car from the city of New Haven. After a short chase he took into custody three men who readily admitted stealing the car.

Officer Ben Davis, patrolling the Merritt Parkway in Stratford, spotted a red pick-up truck leaving the parkway at route #8, and becoming suspicious pulled it to the curb. His suspicions were correct because it was found that the three occupants

were wanted by Station "F" for breaking into a gas station in their territory. Officer Mielke of Station F was grateful for the assist".....

Lieut. Bushy served as Acting Field Capt. during Capt. Carroll's vacation. Our former First Lt. and first Training School Instructor toured the Eastern District renewing "old acquaintances". He reached Saybrook where he enjoyed the river patrol inspection, until his uniform notebook, gun and clippings went overboard.

Officers Dick Carroll and Cliff Lyon patrolling the Boston Post Road in Fairfield apprehended two sailors in a car which had been stolen but 10 minutes earlier from Bridgeport and on which there had been no alarm.

Detective Backiel recovered a truck and apprehended thieves before truck was reported stolen.

Officer Masicotte picked up four boys in a stolen car, same being operated with switched plates. This officer also stopped a car reported stolen which had not been cancelled. He earned another day off for the tactful manner in which he handled this matter because, unknown to the officer, the rightful owner of this car was driving when stopped.

Officer Esposito arrested drunken driver who decided to use route #5 the same day the Commissioner was en route to New Haven. Not only was he the "Road Hog" type, but he also proceeded to chase 185 off the road.

Cuno Manufacturing Company, Meriden, reported unknown person or persons stealing paints, files, etc. Officer Panciera arrested company guard as he was driving away with stolen articles.

## JUDO

### Come Along Holds.

#### 1. Bent wrist hold.

a. Face the Subject, standing slightly to his right.

b. Grasp the subject's right wrist with your right hand, knuckles up, your left hand at the same time should momentarily take a firm hold of his elbow.

c. Bend the wrist down with your right hand, quickly pass your left hand to the wrist, keeping your arm next to his body.

d. Press his elbow firmly to your side, with your left arm, and bend the wrist down and twist towards your body.

In step "C" as your left hand goes to the wrist and takes hold, the right can be shifted to the elbow, in order to press it against your side. It is well for the left hand to grasp his wrist with the thumb down and the fingers over his knuckles.

Practice taking this hold quickly, while standing to the side of the subject holding his elbow with your left hand.

The effectiveness of this hold depends on securing his elbow against your side and bending the wrist quickly.

#### 2. Thumb and forefinger hold

a. Face the subject and stand slightly to his right.

b. Grasp the inside of the subject's right elbow and pull it towards you, at the same time with the fingers of your left hand turned down and the palm of the hand on the back of his wrist bend his wrist up and towards his body.

C. As you are bending his wrist up with your left hand, place your thumb on the back of his hand and slide it up between his forefinger and thumb tightly with your left hand, keeping the wrist bent all the time.

d. If you continue the action of pulling his elbow and bending his wrist up and towards his body, you should force his arm up on his back. From this position, pull his arm slightly away from his back and with the wrist bent and a firm grip on his forefinger and thumb push his forearm up under his armpit, placing your arm against his side and pressing his elbow firmly against your arm with your right hand.

e. His wrist should be bent with the fingers up and the palm twisted toward your face.

In step "d" it is not necessary to force his arm up his back if you can quickly push it up under his armpit.

#### 3. Belt Hold

a. Simply grasp the subject's belt and trousers in the back with the left hand and push him before you at arms length. Counteract any turning with your left hand and arm.

#### Wrist Throw #1

Stand facing your opponent slightly to his right or left. Movements.

1. Seize his right hand with your right. Turn your hand so the thumb goes down and place your thumb on the back of his hand and your fingers around his thumb with the fingertips in his palm.

## JUDO (continued)

### Wrist Throw I (continued)

2. With an upward circular motion to the outside, raise his hand and arm and bring your free hand up and take the same grip as the hand you used to seize the opponent's. (Thumb on the back and the fingers in the palm)
3. Force your thumbs into the back of his hand. Twist his wrist outward and bend the hand toward him, in order to throw him. Practice bending the wrist as soon as you grasp the hand and put enough pressure to make the opponent feel that you have control of the situation.

### Wrist Throw #2

Same as above, but applied with your right hand on his left. The thumb will be turned down on seizing the hand and the fingers will be in the palm, but going around the little finger edge of the opponent's hand instead of his thumb. Upon quickly raising his hand after you have taken the initial grip, bend the wrist against his arm and also twist out. In this position you should be to the side and rear of the opponent and you can very easily make him bend his elbow and force his hand up his back, always keeping a good tight grip on the bent wrist.

### Variations of the application of Wrist Holds #1 and #2.

1. Subject attempts to square off with you and puts left or right out with his fist closed. His closed fist should be within easy reaching distance. Quickly seize his fist with both of your hands and give it a quick sharp twist to the outside. Pressure applied as in wrist throw #1.
2. In the event, the subject resists the above actions and pulls his arm toward his body, go with him, but maintain a tight grip on his fist with both of your hands. As you step towards him twist and

roll his hand and arm to the inside and keep twisting until his palm is turned up, at the same time, turn the right side of your body to his body and allow your right armpit to drop over the upper part of his left arm. Apply weight of your shoulders down on the top of his upper arm and pull his wrist up. (This applies when you are working on his left arm, the reverse is true when working on his right arm).

Learn to apply the #1 wrist throw when a subject places his hand anywhere on your body or gives you an opportunity to seize his wrist.

### LT. PETTENGILL MAKES POLICE CAR ANSWER FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE

Lieut. Roy B. Pettengill used his First Aid Training to good advantage and called upon his ingenuity to solve a problem of transporting an injured woman in a hospital in a police car Thursday evening.

The Colchester barracks received a call from the home of Mrs Eva Brown of Amston that she had fallen and fractured both legs. The Intercounty ambulance ordinarily garaged in the State Police barracks had answered a previous call for assistance and this fact presented the challenging opportunity to the State Police to prove their ability to rise to an emergency.

Lieut. Pettengill answered the call in person, applied splints to both legs of the injured Mrs Brown and then improvised a stretcher which was placed across the tops of the front and back seats of the car, thereby providing a very good substitute for the injured person's trip to Hartford where the fractures were reduced.

Reporter: I've got a perfect news story.

Editor: How come? Man bite a dog?

Reporter: No, but a hydrant sprinkled one.

The Yale Review

THE VOICE OF THE SERVICEMAN

Camp Croft, S.C.  
August 22, 1943

Dear Commissioner:

I should have written you before this but lack of time has prevented me from doing so.

I read with great interest the issue of "Vox-Cop". Please keep them coming.

You may be interested to know that I am in a Message Center. This is a branch of the Infantry. However, my experience as radio dispatcher should stand me in good stead.

We have just completed five weeks of basic training. Tomorrow we start ten weeks of specialized training and after this phase of training we go out for two weeks of maneuvers. Perhaps after that we will get a furlough.

Until recently the weather has been quite warm but things have cooled off considerably. We have been out on several long hikes and each week the distance increases. At first these hikes were tough on our feet, but now we manage to get through them.

I hope the time is not too far distant when hostilities will come to an end.

Sincerely

Cuy Bonuomo

To: Comm. Edw. J. Hickey  
% State Police Hdqtrs.  
100 Washington Street  
Hartford, Conn. U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

Just an item for your "Vox Cop" - a copy of which I saw while in the U.S.A. I noticed my name in same but there is now a correction as to the address. As you will note, I am now in foreign service and so far like it very much.

(continued above)

The time can't come too quick however for this ruckus to end so that we can get back to our civilian status and take up where we left off. Would it be too much to ask, if a copy of "Vox Cop" be mailed to me. Anything to read here is priceless and I would appreciate it very much.

Hoping this finds you and the family in the best of health, I remain,

Sincerely

"Sergt." George

From: George H. Ferris SP,  
N.O.B. Navy #101  
% Fleet P. O N.Y.C.  
Aug. 29th, 1943

V -- MAIL

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Airborne Instruments  
Laboratory  
Columbia University  
Division of War Research

Dear Commissioner:

The third edition of Vox-Cop arrived today and it sure was like a letter from home. To those of us who are absent from the department, the news contained in your bulletin is the only means we have of knowing what the boys at the C.S.P. are doing. I know that this is true of myself and it must be even more so of those located at more distant points.

The "Our Gang" feature is of particular interest since it brings us back in contact with many fellows whom we have not heard from in months.

My mail address is Airborne Instruments Laboratory, Box 231, Mineola, N Y. If any of the boys get to New York, I can be reached by phone at Garden City 6880. Please give my regards to everyone at C.S.P. Sincerely, Syd Warner

(Voice of the Serviceman Cont'd)

North Africa

August 27, 1943

Hello Leo:

Your first issue of Vox-Cop reached me the other day and it's OK. The department has needed something like that for a long time and it can be developed into a publication of great value.

Things haven't changed much here except it gets hotter and dustier daily. No rain for four months and 130 heat.

At present I am on special duty away from my outfit. Have seen most of Africa and hope I never see it again. For the past three months I have been doing prisoner of war work and have been very busy.

Give my regards to the Commissioner, Capt. Kelly, Miss Collins and all my friends there at Hdqts.

Good luck,

"Buck" - Capt. Buckley

#### QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

The FBI Quarterly Police Conference will be held in the following places:

Hartford - State Capitol	Sept. 15
Waterbury - Wilby High School	Sept. 17
New Haven - Sprague Hall - Yale	" 21
Middletown - High School	" 24
Bridgeport - Klein Memorial	" 28
Stamford - High School	Oct. 1

The Commissioner is speaking on "Responsibility of Police in Safety Functions" while Off. Feegel is opening each meeting with singing "God Bless America."

#### SABOTAGE

During the year ending June 30, 1943 there were 90 convictions under the sabotage statutes. Of these 29 were for wilful destruction of war material, 21 for offenses against operation of government, 16 for train wrecking, 22 for injury to vessels, and 2 for arson in the territories of the U.S.

#### CONVENTION

At the 50th Annual I.A.C.P. Convention the Commissioner addressed the gathering on the subject, "Operating a Police Department with Limited Personnel."

He was also re-elected General Chairman of the State and Provincial Section I.A.C.P.

## AUXILIARIES

### PRIZE WINNERS

Not only Lieut. Smith, but the entire State Police Department should be proud of our Auxiliary Marching Unit attached to Sta. I.

This group, under the able leadership of Capt. Natovich and 2nd Lt. Samperi has taken first place in all of the competition marching drills staged at the War Games. It is with great pride that we call this unit "our own". They not only purchased their own uniforms but drill two nights a week throughout the winter, thereby molding themselves into one of the finest drill teams in the State.

After witnessing their "to the winds" and other precision maneuvers, at New Milford, we felt they reached their peak, but at Rockville they not only excelled in these but had several additional ones.

Fairfield and Rockville sent strong competition into the field in the form of an entire State Guard Company, carrying flags and rifles. Our men looked sort of sick alongside of this group, but only while waiting for the contest to begin. Capt. Natovich wisely kept his men from showing their stuff-until they entered the field--but once there they were the masters of all they surveyed. The applause which they richly deserved lasted long after they left the scene.

### STATION K

The 76 Auxiliary Police at "K" have all received their uniforms. Station K is receiving numerous calls complimenting them on the Auxiliary welding unit that is owned and operated by the Middletown Unit of The Auxiliary Police.

Aux. Officer Griswold assisted Off. Chmielecki of "H" in putting out a fire that was rapidly destroying netting covering the tobacco fields owned by the American Sumatra Co. in Bloomfield.

### STATION D ACTIVITIES

On August 15, the Auxiliary policeman of Station D held their regular meeting on the grounds of the cottage of Auxiliary Andrew DePasco, located on the beautiful shores of Alexander Lake in the Town of Killingly. A goodly number were present and after the regular meeting and special instructions were taken care of, the boys all enjoyed swimming and quits. To finish the meeting there was a hot dog and hamburger roast which they found much to their liking.

### GOOD WORK

Trial Justice William Raynsford of Salisbury made a complaint to the barracks that someone was destroying wrought iron signs running into quite a sum of money. Aux. State Policeman William Raynsford, the same person but in a different role picked up two young fellows as they were about to steal a large sign in the dead of the night, brought them to the barracks where he left them with Officer Gunning who arrested them. Chief witness at the trial, Citizen William Raynsford. Too bad he had to disqualify himself from sitting on the bench.

### STATION A

Once again the Auxiliary Police acquitted themselves nicely when a large fully loaded gasoline truck overturned on route #7 in Ridgefield on Saturday evening August 28. Inasmuch as the spilled gasoline became a very dangerous fire menace, several auxiliaries and the emergency truck responded to the alarm and under their direction - the accident was cleaned up without any trouble.

LETTER OF MONTH

Dear Captain Stiles

Your recent letter, enclosing my paid up membership card for 1943-44 in the Connecticut State Police Association was forwarded to me here by my mother. It arrived in the same mail with another letter from the Winsted Lodge of Elks also enclosing a year's paid up membership so I felt pretty good about the whole affair.

Working for the U. S. Navy is in many ways a lot different than working for the Connecticut State Police department. Although it is interesting work and you get to meet and know a lot of fine and interesting people, I would at times give most anything to be patrolling in Kent or some such place where the countryside is green and people are not shoving and pushing you around like they do here in New York. I miss the good substantial meals I had in Connecticut. In New York we do not have an organized mess and there are no quarters provided for the men. Living in a hotel and eating in restaurants is not all that it is cracked up to be.

There are a number of men here from police organizations of all kinds including the FBI, U.S. Secret Service, New York city and state police, New Jersey state police etc. Once in a while they get discussing their various organizations and when I tell them about the pay plus uniforms, equipment, transportation etc., that we have they appear surprised and envious. The military leaves extended and the \$100 that the state gives to each employee in the armed forces are cause for further comment. Several of the former New York city department members were denied leaves and complaints were filed against them in the department when they did leave to come into the Navy.

I am anticipating 10 days leave the latter part of the month which is the first I have had in the eight months I have been in the Navy. If I can get transportation of some kind I am coming into headquarters and will stop by and see you.

All for now.

Sincerely,

R. N. Starks  
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