

# Glamorgan Constabulary

PRESENTATION OF KING'S POLICE MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE  
TO THE CHIEF CONSTABLE OF GLAMORGAN, C. H. WATKINS, Esq.

16th September, 1953.

## Programme.

1. Her Majesty's Lieutenant of Glamorgan (Major Cennydd G. Traherne, T.D., J.P.) will be received at the Glamorgan Police Headquarters by Alderman P.H. Rowlands, J.P., Chairman of the Standing Joint Police Committee.
2. Her Majesty's Lieutenant will proceed to inspect the Police units on Parade.
3. The Chairman will extend a welcome to Her Majesty's Lieutenant, friends and visitors present, and call upon Mr. Richard John, Clerk of the Peace, to read the official notification of the Award.
4. Her Majesty's Lieutenant will address the Parade and present the Medal to the Chief Constable.
5. Addresses by :-  
County Alderman W.A. Hancock, J.P.,  
Chairman of the County Council,  
County Alderman D.T. Jenkins, O.B.E., J.P.,  
Vice Chairman of the Standing Joint  
Police Committee,  
and  
County Alderman the Rev. W. Degwel Thomas, J.P.
6. "Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau" and "God Save The Queen" will be played.
7. The Police contingents on Parade (under Chief Superintendent A. Ewart Evans) will participate in a march past, Her Majesty's Lieutenant taking the Salute.

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The Swansea Borough Police Band will be in attendance during the proceedings.

(By kind permission of the Chairman and Members of the Swansea Watch Committee.)

BUFFET TEA WILL BE PROVIDED.

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**GLAMORGAN                      CONSTABULARY,**  
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**CECIL HAYDN WATKIN, HQ., CHIEF CONSTABLE  
 OF GLAMORGAN - AWARD OF "THE KING'S POLICE  
 AND FIRE SERVICES MEDAL".**

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Born at Treorchy, Rhondda Valley on the 30th January, 1901.

Eduated at Fourth Grammar School. Matriculated.

Joined the Glamorgan Constabulary on the 16th February, 1918, at the early age of 17 years.

Promoted Merit Class Constable ... ..	22/8/1925 at age of 24 years.
Promoted Acting Sergeant ... ..	1/5/1926 at age of 25 years.
Promoted Sergeant ... ..	3/1/1931 at age of 30 years.
Promoted Inspector ... ..	1/7/1933 at age of 32 years.
Promoted Superintendent & Chief Clerk . . . . .	27/3/1937 at age of 36 years.
Promoted Chief Superintendent ... ..	11/7/1942 at age of 41 years.
Appointed Assistant Chief Constable of Glamorgan	1/4/1946 at age of 45 years.
Appointed Chief Constable of Glamorgan ... ..	23/10/1951 at age of 50 years.

AWARDS

- Officer of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.
- Defence Medal.
- Coronation Medal, 1937.
- Coronation Medal, 1953.
- Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Early in his police service he was stationed in the large industrial Borough of Part Talbot, where he experienced the rigours and hardships of the beat for a period of four years. The training of a young Police Officer in these days was perfunctory, but with a readiness of mind he patterned his methods of dealing with the public and the performance of his duties on those devoted and trusted senior Officers under whom he served, and from whom he learnt that tact and industry were essential ingredients in the make up of a successful Police Officer.

The experience he gained as a 'beat officer' was an added qualification for administrative duties at the Headquarters of the Force, and in June of 1924, he was singled out for clerical duties in the Chief Constable's Office where he quickly assimilated the details of the structure of the Force by graduating through its various departments.

His ability for organisation and his interest in the welfare and efficiency of the Force were recognised by all ranks from Constable to Inspector in that he was chosen as their representative as he passed through these ranks himself. He was successively Secretary to the Constables', Sergeants' and Inspectors' Branch Boards.

His enthusiasm for the welfare and the efficiency of the Officers he represented did not cease on his promotion to Superintendent and Chief Superintendent; for in 1937 he was appointed as a delegate representing the Glamorgan Superintendents for "C" District, embracing a large number of Forces from Cornwall to Lancashire. He became the Conference Secretary, and was further honoured by representing his District on the Central Committee of the Superintendents in England and Wales. This brought him into contact with the Home Office on matters of high policy on Police Service matters.

He was elected as the first Secretary of the No. 8 (Wales) District Detective Conference upon its inauguration in 1937.

Appointed Secretary to the Chief Constables' Committee for the No. 8 District Police Training Centre in September, 1950.

Is President of the Force Benevolent Widows' and Orphans' Funds. His personal interest in the activities of these Funds is an inspiration to all

numbers, particularly those who by reason of ill-health or some other misfortune are in need of financial assistance. He was Hon. Secretary of these Funds for several years, and their financial success is largely due to his untiring efforts.

He was unanimously elected President of the Glamorgan Police Athletic Club on his appointment to his present office as Chief Constable. Under his guidance the Club, in the last two years, have developed from a moribund state into full activity in all branches of sport. The Rugby Section so well known throughout England and Wales is fast recapturing its old glories, and many charitable organizations in the administrative County are receiving, and will receive, financial help from the proceeds of police matches.

Since taking command of the Force two years ago, the Chief Constable has created an atmosphere of good will among his Officers and men who feel fortified by new bonds of comradeship, fresh inspiration and a desire to make a definite contribution to the reputation of the Force.

He has also secured the confidence and co-operation of the public by his integrity, impartiality and sense of fairplay, and it is an inspiring thought that the Glamorgan Police, in these times of change and cleavage, are ready to play their part in the preservation and reinforcement of those legalities, ideals and principles which find their expression in the character of the Police Service.

