

Sergeant Donald Leslie Roberts

2 Special Boat Section

Inspector Roberts says farewell

THE CONCLUSION of business at Monday's sitting of Axbridge Magistrates Court brought an end to an association going back over the last 12 years.

For since 1955 Inspector Don Roberts, the Officer in charge of the Axbridge and Burnham Sub-Divisions, has been a regular visitor every fortnight, prosecuting on behalf of the police in an enormous variety of cases—but on Monday his association with Axbridge came to an end.

TRIBUTES

Because on Tuesday Inspector Roberts will end his 30 year Police career. That is not his official finishing day but he has some leave to come.

At the Court on Monday tributes to Insp. Roberts' work were paid by the Chairman of the Division, Mrs. Cynthia Wills, and Clerk of the Court, Mr. Leslie Fryer.

Mrs. Wills said they would be very sorry to lose him. She stressed how impressed they had been by his fairness in all his dealings.

Insp. Roberts said his stay at Burnham had been a very happy one and he thanked everyone for all their co-operation. He said he would miss Court work but would still follow it with interest.

COMMANDOS

After joining the Somerset Force in 1937 Insp. Roberts served at Taunton and Yeovil before he was called up in 1942 to serve in the Royal Marine Commandos. He served with the Special Boat Section and saw service in North Africa, France and the Far East before coming home in 1945 to re-join the Force at Taunton.

In 1947 he was promoted to Sergeant and in 1951 to Inspector, moving to Burnham in 1955. Insp. Roberts said that up until a few years ago the Police did a great deal more of the prosecutions themselves and this involved them in a lot of time.

His final Court appearance is on Monday at Burnham, which he also deals with in addition to Axbridge.

In his younger days Insp. Roberts was a keen and very successful sportsman and has captained the Somerset County Rugby and British Police teams. He is also a former member of the Weston R.F.C.

A Welshman by birth Insp. Roberts is to live at 24, St. John's Road, Burnham.

Cheddar Valley Gazette 06 October 1967

COMMANDO
VETERANS ARCHIVE