

Blackhall sergeant promoted

Two years after his promotion to sergeant and only six months after taking charge of Blackhall section of the Castle Eden Division of the Durham County Constabulary, Sgt. Robert Mahan has been promoted to the rank of Inspector. He left Blackhall yesterday to take up his new duties at Stockton today.

Married, with three children, Sgt. Mahan served with the Sunderland Borough Police Force before transferring to the County Constabulary in 1949. He joined the Borough Force in 1940 and two years later volunteered to serve with Lord Lovatt's No. 4 Commando Parachute Troop.

On being demobilized in 1945 Sgt. Mahan rejoined the Sunderland Force and remained with them until going to the County Constabulary, where he served in the Castle Eden Division until his promotion to sergeant.

His first appointment as a sergeant was at Hartlepool, where he remained until going to Blackhall in March this year.

The new Inspector is treasurer of the Durham Constabulary soccer team. He was formerly a member of the County Police lifesaving team, winning a number of awards in various competitions.