

Arisaig Police Station 1928-1931
R91/D/C/5/5/2 at Fort William Archives
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1928

- July 29 PC John Black. Started at Arisaig on 1st May 1928 (See R91/D/C/5/5/1) and left on July 30th 1929.
- July 30 Challenged tinkers camped on Kinloid road. 8 named - Stewarts, McMillans and Higgens.
- July 31 Attended sheep dipping at Carnoch Fank.
- September 17 Proceeded to Lochailort making enquiry re Hat Box lost on 11 September. Found no trace.
- October 11 Motor cycle without license ST3164
Private car without license ST4684
- October 12 Challenged William Pringle, (24), single, plumber for driving motor cycle ST4081 which had no license. Charged accused with this Contravention to which he replied "I had a smash and broke my licenses, but I've sent for a new one". Noted motor van ST5212 with no license at the Railway Station and motor lorry ST4746 at The Stores.
- November 7 Proceeded to Glenfinnan visiting that part of my beat. Conferred with PC Logan, Banavie and made enquiry re Hose Pipe lost off a Petrol Car on 30th October. Found no trace.
- November 12 John MacDonald (22), single, crofter, left the train by the opposite side and did not deliver a ticket. When found and asked, he replied "I had no time to get a ticket at Fort William and was afraid I would get into trouble at Arisaig".

1929

- January 10 Proceeded to Fort William by 7.30 train where I, along with other members of the Division, were instructed in Traffic Signals by Const. Allan Anderson. Returned by 4.50 train.
- January 31 Motor cycle tools belonging to Father MacKinnon Arisaig were found and handed in.
- March 26 Attended at Station while Allan MacKenzie, Roshven, Lochailort sat the examination for Glasgow Police.
- March 29 No license for Motor Van ST5212 of Allan Cameron Camasdaraich
Motor Cycle ST4749 of Angus McEachan.
Motor Cycle ST5177
Motor Van ST5363 of Ina MacDonald
Motor Cycle ST3164 of Angus Campbell postman
- April 12 Received report re Lawrence Anthony Walton, c/o Samalaman House, Lochailort and instructed to collect fine and expenses (£2/7/0) for Cambridge Police. Found no trace of Lawrence Anthony Walton. Learned from the Postman at Lochailort that this man staying at Samalaman House had left early this morning by motor car proceeding to Lochleven Lodge, Trinity, Edinburgh.
- May 9 Vagrant found dead at Laggan.
- May 29 Received Firearm Certificate for delivering to Charles MacDonald, upper Glenuig, Lochailort.
- May 30 Did duty at Polling Station, Arisaig Hall, at Parliamentary Election till 9.30pm.
- June 20 Census of Vagrants
- June 23 Census of Vagrants
- July 2 Checked Road Fund Licenses on motor vehicles.
- July 8 Learned that a fall of rock had occurred on LNER Track one mile south of Morar causing the 10.15 train ex Fort William to be delayed one hour.
- July 9 Firearm Certificate No 1424 was delivered to Charles Macdonald Hazelgrove and collected fee of 2/6 for renewal.

July 30 PC John Black was transferred to Fort William. He came on May 18 1928 and had been 14 months on duty.

August 1 PC MacBean left Fort William by train at 8.15 and arrived at Arisaig. Proceeded to lodgings at Keppoch Farm. Off duty at 11pm. (MacBean was on duty here until 15th December 1935. 5 years and 6 months on duty here).

August 6 Collected from W. and J. MacRae Lochailort Hotel Petroleum licenses for renewal and fee of 10/0.

August 8 Attended dipping of sheep at Traigh.

August 9 Attended dipping of sheep at Kinloid

August 13 Attended dipping of sheep at Sunnisletter. Found all correct.

August 16 Attended dipping of sheep at Glen Mamie.

August 15 I cycled to Skyview and saw Mrs Cameron. Disclosed that two boarded out children from Greenock were taken from her on 12th inst. and give to Mrs MacDonald Gortnachoelis and had returned on this date to her. I advised her to write the Inspector of Poor Greenock.

August 20 Tuesday. Left here 7.09 train to Fort William. Did duty in Victoria Park at Lochaber Gathering Game. Back to station at 7.40pm.

August 21 Proceeded by 7.09 train to Fort William, thence by motor bus to Inverness. Attended meeting of Joint Branch Board at the Castle Inverness at 4pm. Remained Inverness overnight.

August 23 Challenged Robert Coffield (69), single; William Hill (35) married; and Helen MacIntyre or Hill (33), all hunkers encamped at Tougal.

August 29 Received memo re Petroleum and Carbide of Calcium Licenses.

September 25 Received a Pamphlet on the Horses and Horse Drawn vehicles in time of National Emergency.

October 29 Attended dipping of sheep belonging to John Beaton , Keppoch Fank. Found all correct.

November 2 At 10pm on arrival of passenger train from Fort William received complaint from John Macnaghan (28), unmarried, Railway Agent, Arisaig that a man left the train and proceeded along the railway line without delivering his ticket. The man gave his name as John Cameron, a surfaceman at Lochailort and later c/o MacRae, Carter, Fort William.

November 4 Posted up notices of County Council Election.

November 11 Collected Firearms Certificate no. 1047 Mrs Cameron-Head for renewal and fee of 2/6. Collected Petroleum License of U. & J. MacRae, Hotel Proprietors, for renewal and fee of 10/0.

November 18 Received Firearm certificate No. 1047 for Mrs Cameron-Head Inverailort and No. 1751 for Peter Blackburn, Roshven.

November 19 Received Firearm certificate for Sir A. Nicholson, Arisaig House

November 27 (Photocopy available). Received letter by Rail from Archibald MacKellaig, Stage House, Glenfinnan, as follows, viz. Dear Sir, just a hurried note to inform you that I was driving 10 wedders, along the public road here tonight about 4-25 pm and a car supposed to be a 2 seater (sic) Morris Cowley came behind (going Mallaig way). I lifted my hand and pointed to the sheep in front of me, but he went on at a great speed. My man and myself lost sight of the sheep. Afterwards we found 2 of them, and further on we got the other 8, and they were heated so much that they were steaming. I am sorry I did not take the number of the car. My dog was handling the sheep, but I got no chance to bring him on. This kind of drivers deserve a lesson, and I will be pleased if you will trace him, but do not put yourself about it unless you can find him quite easy. yours faithfully (signed) A. MacKellaig.

As I had seen a 2 seater Morris Cowley No GE32, standing on the public road opposite the Hotel, Arisaig about 6pm the previous evening I made enquiry there, and learned the car had two occupants, both commercial Travellers, one a whisky traveller, and the other a Rubber Traveller, and that they had a refreshment in the Hotel bar, and afterwards they proceeded on their journey going Mallaig direction. Returned to station at 1pm. At 2pm left station and proceeded via Beasdale and Lochailort, making enquiry en route for the motor car to Glenfinnan. Noted statements from Archibald MacKellaig and Donald Gillies (32), Single, Shepherd, Lochavuaie, Glenfinnan. Was informed by complainer that he did not wish anything further done in the matter as the occupants of the car had called on him, and after talking the matter over, and as accused F.Y. Hunter, the driver of the car, had

apologised, he wished to withdraw the charge, and before my arrival complainer informed me he had wrote me and posted a letter to that effect. Returned to station at 8pm.

November 27 Received letter from Archibald MacKellaig, Stage House, Glenfinnan as follows viz. Dear Sir, With regards to my letter of yesterday's date, I now wish to inform you that I traced the car. The car came back today and I approached the men at once, and they admitted and said they were very sorry. I told them I reported the matter to the Police. Seeing that they gave in. I do not want to say more about it. I hope I did not put you to very much trouble. yours faithfully, (?) MacKellaig.

November 29 Made enquiry in terms of CC's memo re Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Act 1928 - as to any person slaughtering animals, without being licensed for the purpose. In the district got no trace of any. Carbide of Calcium License.

December 16 till December 31. On duty in Mallaig during absence of P.C. Ross on leave of absence.

1930

- January 7 Called at Castle to collect Firearms Certificate No 1115 of Frances Cameron Head and learned that he was away from house and was not likely to return till May. His address is 40 Lowudes Square London SW.
- February 10 Left by train at 7-9 am for Fort William and on arrival at 9am reported to Inspector MacKenzie, afterwards along with other members of Division was measured for new Uniform. Off duty 12 noon on leave of absence.
- March 4 Challenged Vincent Wilson (63), Pedler (No. 3 CaithnessShire Police) found in village going to Fort William.
- March 19 Received from Insp. Fort William C.C.'s memo of 11/3/30 re Unregistered Dental Practitioners.
- April 9 Received list of Persons in Parish of Arisaig and Moidart who have got Licenses to keep Dogs for year 1930.
- July 12 Received Railway Phone message from PC Mallaig.
- July 30 Proceeded by train to FortWilliam and afterwards did duty at Highland Hotel in connection with the visit of The Duke of York to Lochaber.
- August 3, 7, 21, November 1. Attended dipping of sheep. All correct.
- August 20 Received a piece of silk material to be delivered to Miss Margaret Bavetie, Inverailort Castle.
- August 26 Did duty in Victoria Park in connection with Lochaber Games. Returned by train to station at 8pm.
- October 3 Engaged checking Road Fund Licenses.
- October 11 Received from Fort William enquiry re Theft of Bicycle at B.A. Factory Fort William. (B.A. = British Aluminium?)
- November 4 Because PC Ross Mallaig was off duty unwell, was asked to deal with a prisoner Hugh Murray of Indecent Exposure at Mallaig. Conveyed him by 12.10pm train to Fort William.
- November 20 At 11am received complaint from Angus MacInnes (52), Head Gamekeeper, Millburn, theft on nights of Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th. A poaching raid had taken place between Beasdale and Lochailort at side of public road. Made enquiry from Murdo MacMillan (36), Gamekeeper, Arnipol, Lochailort and Angus MacNaughton, labourer, GlenMama, Lochailort.
- November 21 Served citation on Robert MacDonald, Farmer residing at Sunnisletter to appear before Sheriff Court Fort William 11am 25th inst, to give evidence for prosecution in case of Neil Gillies in contravention of Motor Car Act 1903 Sec. 1 (?). I served citation personally.
- December 4 Received copy of Road Vehicles Lighting (Special Exemptions) Regulations.
- December 21 Found no vagrants.

- January 7 Angus MacInnes, Head Gamekeeper, Millburn, Arisaig, reported that a .303 Long Lea-Enfield (?) rifle was found in the forest at East side of Glen Loch, by Lachlan Grant, Game Watcher, Borrodale. Arranged with MacInnes to take possession of the rifle.
- August 8 A. Gibson, Sub-Public Assistance Officer, Arisaig, asked for Police assistance to convey Lachlan Campbell, Isle of Eigg, a lunatic, to district Asylum, Inverness. I phoned particulars to Insp. MacKintosh Fort William and was instructed by him to assist as requested.
- August 9 I assisted in conveying lunatic by car to Inverness at 7pm. Returned to Fort William at midnight where I remained overnight.
- April 26 Found no vagrants.
- July 4 Was engaged checking Road Fund Licenses.
- July 31 Last entry. (Photocopy available). Received letter by post from Murdo MacLeod, Essan, Lochailort as follows. "Dear Sir, I am sorry bothering you for such a case, but I see it has to be done. Mr. Cameron, the Keeper at Inverailort, and I (Murdo MacLeod) had a few words today. He has threatened to break my head, and also struck me on the mouth (not head) but to get my temper up so that he could get a start. He has also pointed out to me that he would break my head in two before I would leave Inverailort service, which he repeated about half a dozen times. As I know the kind of man he is, I am placing the man in your hands, at present, until I consult a Solicitor. I would like you to come up as soon as possible and see about the matter. yours truly, Murdo MacLeod.
- Proceeded via Beasdale and Glen Mama to Lochailort. Saw Murdo MacLeod, (2?), Single, Under Gamekeeper at Essan as follows. I am employed as Under-Gamekeeper by Mrs Cameron Head, Inverailort Castle. On the afternoon of Tuesday 28th inst. I was engaged in weeding at the rear of said Castle along with William Cameron (accused). About 4pm accused left and I went for a cup of (sic), In about 10 minutes accused came back and called for me. I went outside, and accused got wild when I told him I was away for a cup of tea. Accused struck me a slight blow on the mouth, and said several times he would split my head, which he repeated several times. I afterwards noted statements from Peter Mitchell (34), Joiner, Inverailort, and his wife Anne Caldwell or Mitchell. I then warned, cautioned and charged William Cameron (38), Head Gamekeeper, Inverailort. He replied "I did not strike him hard. I am sorry".