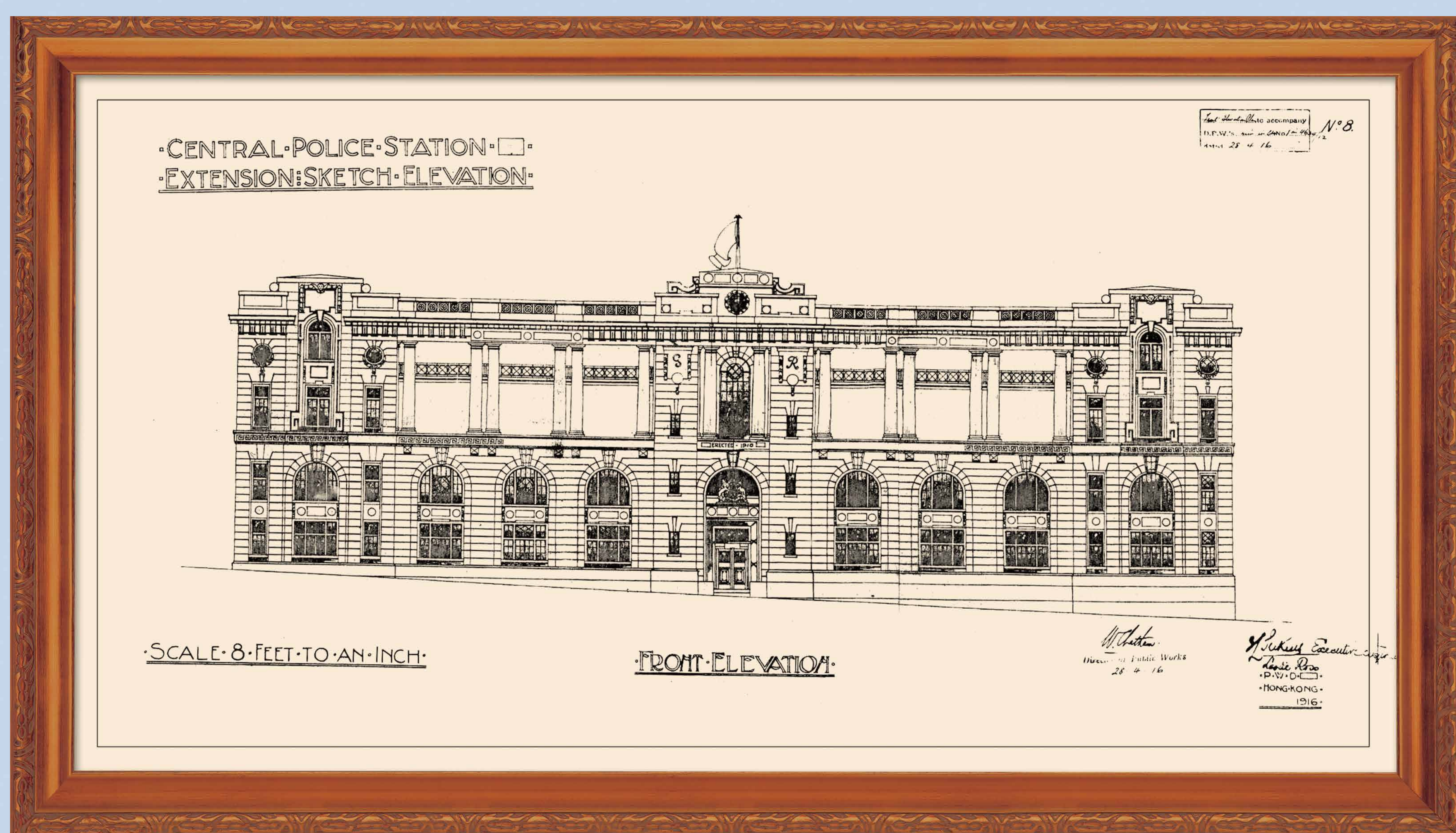


Introduction to the Central Police Station Compound



警察總部大樓的正面（一九一六年的繪圖）（英國國家檔案館提供）
Front elevation of the Police Headquarters Block
(1916 plan) (Provided by the National Archives, UK)

In 1841, after the British Royal Navy under Captain Charles Eliot took possession of Hong Kong Island, Captain William Caine, was appointed Chief Magistrate, responsible for the maintenance of law and order. At first his “magistracy” was only a makeshift on the site of the present Victoria Prison. This elevated site was selected at an early date as the centre for law and order, with the police station, magistracy and jail located close together to form an easily managed and dominating complex.

The oldest building still surviving in the compound is the Barrack Block dating from 1864, although it was originally constructed as a combined Central Police Station and Hong Kong’s first Police Headquarters. Its heavy granite staircases and floors are particularly impressive.

The elegant Police Headquarters Block facing Hollywood Road was built in 1919 and is notable for its red brick walls, granite features and imposing columns in the entrance hall.

Some fine historic buildings constructed for police officers’ accommodation are located at the left of the main entrance to the Central Police Station. These date from 1880s (Block 4, Married Inspectors’ Quarters) to 1900s (Blocks 6 and 7, Married Sergeants’ Quarters and Single Inspectors’ Quarters).

一九七七年的警察總部大樓
Police Headquarters Block in 1977



一九七七年的營房大樓
Barrack Block in 1977

