Officer Joe is now police girl Jennifer

From GEORGE GORDON in New York

POLICE officer Joe McCormick was back on duty after a month's leave yesterday —as Policewoman Jennifer McCormick.

During time off, the New York cop had undergone a sex change operation.

Yesterday, wearing high heeled boots, make-up, tight jeans and gold earrings, she said: 'lt's good to be back. I was treated like any other officer when I reported for duty.'

Police Commissioner Sam

Rossi said: 'I'd be naive to say it didn't cause a dilemma, but we live in a changing world.'

One of her fellow officers said the general feeling was that they hoped she would be transfered to another area.

Miss McCormick, who served in Vietnam, has been in the force for ten years. She was transfered to a desk job last year after hormone treatment to remove facial hair.

Now she is going through psychological tests to determine her next assignment.

She was divorced from her wife Louise last year, but the couple still live together.

Present : Sex-change Jennifer

Past : Officer Joe