

## "N" Division

(Training Centre—Rockcliffe, Ont.)

**Births** To Reg. No. 14705 Sgt. and Mrs. E. C. Curtain, a daughter, Maureen, on Sept. 9, 1957.

To Reg. No. 15427 Cpl. and Mrs. H. M. Gilbey, a daughter, Janice Louise, on Oct. 10, 1957.

**Marriages** Reg. No. 15597 Cpl. G. W. Armstrong to Margaret E. Carnochan of Ottawa, Ont., on Sept. 23, 1957.

Reg. No. 17872 Cst. Eric B. Young to Eveleen Flavell of Regina, Sask., on Sept. 7, 1957, at Sudbury, Ont.

**Courses** Sgt. J. P. Slattery to C.P.C. Regina, Cpl. Ken Jensen and Cst. R. C. Culton to RCAF SIT Course at Trenton Station.

**Visitors** Reg. No. 12613 ex-Sgt. Reg. W. James, formerly an associate editor of the *Quarterly* at "N" Division, now in business as a motel proprietor at Ormond on the Sea, near Daytona Beach, Fla.

One hundred fifty delegates in Ottawa attending the Sixth Commonwealth Mining and Metallurgy Congress, visited the division. The delegates under the guidance of officials from the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys, saw 38 Troop on drill and P.T. under Cpl. H. M. Gilbey and Sgt. E. C. Curtain and 33 Troop on equitation under Cpl. P. J. C. Morin. The guests were entertained in the main recreation room, with tea being served by Miss Lorraine and her staff.

**Departures** Cpl. J. R. Zavitz, an instructor at "N" Division for the past 5½ years. During that time Jim Zavitz brought the Connaught Cup to the division three times. He represented the Dominion and the Force shooting at the World's Championships in Venezuela in 1954 and at the Olympics in Australia 1956. In between shooting matches he acted as small arms and typing instructor. He is returning to active police work in "E" Division. On September 27 the staff gathered to wish him well in his new endeavors. Csts. R. J. Stewart to "K" Division and W. J. S. Adams to "E" Division. Insp. J. G. C. Downey from Training Officer at "N" to Personnel Officer at "F" and "Depot" Divisions. The division saw little of Inspector Downey during the past year, as he was in charge of the Musical Ride, travelling throughout eastern Canada and the U.S.A. and then to the United Kingdom.

**Promotions** Our congratulations to Cpl. E. A. Hayes on his recent promotion.

**Arrivals** Cst. C. C. Conrod from "E" Division to join the Q.M. Staff. Cst. P. F. M. Peterson from "A" Division to the Driver Instructor's Staff.

**Musical Ride** The men of the Musical Ride, under Insp. J. G. C. Downey returned to Canada from the U.K. on the RMS *Saxonia* on September 18. The horses came back on the MV *Calgarian* on October 2, with 11 members of the Ride under Cpl. E. C. Hill. With the arrival of the horses, training was immediately started for the duties in connection with the Royal Visit to Canada under Insprs. N. O. Jones, Downey and S/Sgt. R. R. Van Patten.

**Miscellaneous** Cpl. W. E. (Paddy) Gardiner of the riding staff who was lead postillion on the State Carriage conveying the Queen and Prince Philip to the opening of Parliament was advised next day that Her Majesty wished to see him at Government House. Corporal Gardiner arrived at Government House in review order and was ushered into the study where he was presented to Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Philip.

Basic Training Troops No. 33 and 34 performed smartly in their performance on Parliament Hill on September 21, when an Honorary Distinction was conferred on the Force in recognition of the services of members of the RCMP with the Canadian Provost Corps during World War II.

Mounted and dismounted field exercises have been concluded for the season, the last one being held during the first week in September. Troops 33, 34, 36 and 37 took part under the supervision of staff members and woodcraft and survival techniques were taught. The instructors reported this phase of training was proving of great interest and value to the recruits.

It is seldom a troop leaves the training division without a pass-out, but members of 38 Troop were forced to forego it when the flu bug struck the barracks and called a temporary halt to the training program. On the day of their scheduled pass-out 38 Troop could dress only ten men and a pass-out ceremony was necessarily cancelled.

**Sports** During the summer the emphasis was on softball and 33 Troop was the inter troop league winner. A trophy was presented to Cst. J. A. Porter representing the troop by Supt. J. B. Harris, Commanding "N" Division, on the occasion of their Basic Training Pass-out.

A boxing tournament among the recruits was arranged for November 14. Judges were, Supt. L. M. Lapointe, Insp. W. G. Gordon and CSM W. Taylor. Referee, Sgt. E. C. Curtain, master of ceremonies, S/Sgt. J. Allen, time-keeper and recorder, Cpl. A. Vaillancourt. In the finals, welterweight—J. McCormick, de-