

# Congratulations to *RCMP Quarterly* on 65th Anniversary!

1998 represents not only the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Mounted Police but also the 65th anniversary of the birth of our most enduring communications vehicle: the *RCMP Quarterly*.

When the *Quarterly* was launched in 1933, the Commissioner of the day James H. MacBrien stated that he hoped that it would be “of interest and possible assistance to the members of the Force in the performance of their duties and in the maintenance of our standard of ‘Esprit de Corps’.” Our *Quarterly* has lived up to these expectations.

Essentially through most of the years of its existence, the Mounted Police has been somewhat of an extended family. Most of those who join its ranks never really leave it behind no matter where life eventually takes them. Those who wear the Red Serge and the civilians who serve with them seem to be, somehow, marked by the experience and maintain a life-long interest in the history, present conditions and the progress of the Force. The *Quarterly* has long been a means for employees, from recruitment to long past retirement, to keep informed concerning goings-on in the Mounted Police.

Some of the features of the *Quarterly* have been constant over the years. The divisional dispatches have long informed employees and veterans about the milestones of individual and collective achievements within the Force. These notes have at the same time served a historic record of these events for future reference by family and interested researchers. Similarly, the graduation photographs and the obituaries have been the opposite end markers of the careers of many members. And the *Quarterly* has always had a strong record for preserving the human face of the Force through the articles detailing events and memories of past and present employees.

So congratulations are most appropriate on this anniversary to a publication which has served the Royal Canadian Mounted Police well for more than half the time the Force has existed. And our thanks and good wishes go also to those dedicated individuals who have devoted time to the publication as editors as part of their duties or as contributors with their perspective on life in RCMP. Keep up the good work!

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