

citizens are made of never ceases to amaze me. They still show dogged determination and courage even in their declining years. This is obviously why they did so well in the early years of our country's growth,

which paved the way for our modern day "softer" living styles. I will always remember Mr. Kelly and his twenty-two hour ordeal which again proves "You can't keep a good man down."

He Was Advised Accordingly!

The following letter was delivered to the NCO in charge of a local Detachment in B.C. The self-explanatory reply follows. Names have been changed to protect the innocent(?).

27th. October 1975

Staff Sgt. Schwartz, R.C.M.P.,
High Mountain Detachment,
High Mountain, B.C.

Dear Sir,

This letter, a complaint regarding procedures adopted by an individual under your command, is addressed to you for action.

At approx. 1840 this day I was stopped by a mobile patrol on 2nd. Avenue south of the Birch Street junction. After asking for my drivers licence the individual concerned returned to his patrol car and proceeded to write some form of 'ticket'. Returning to my vehicle he proceeded to present me with said document. When asked the reason for the ticket I was advised that the rear lights on my car were not functioning — a matter which was rectified in less than five seconds.

I have no objection to being stopped (in a proper manner) for a defect in my vehicle, indeed I am grateful to have the malfunction pointed out so that it could be rectified, but I do object most strongly to —

a) being stopped by full headlights in my rearview mirror from a distance of a few yards,

b) to being kept waiting unnecessarily whilst a ticket was written when I had not been advised of the reason for being stopped and,

c) being stopped by a 'policeman' for malfunctioning lights when he himself cannot produce a serviceable 'flashlight' — one of the most basic pieces of equipment which anyone who might have occasion to deal with emergencies could be expected to carry.

Whilst reason would suggest that these comparatively minor complaints (in these circumstances) can be attributed to youthful overzeal and oversight I have no intention of overlooking them. The individual who stopped me gave his name as Jones (presumably a constable). Kindly see that Mr. Jones is appropriately reprimanded and advise me accordingly.

Yours truly,

John Doe.

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28 October, 1975

Mr. John Doe
62 Crooked Street,
High Mountain, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Upon returning to my office at 9:30 p.m. last evening, I received your letter which you had delivered by hand and left for my personal attention. I will briefly outline the circumstances leading up to your vehicle being stopped on 2nd Avenue, near Birch, at 6:40 p.m. on 27 Oct. 75.