

OBITUARY

Reg. No. 10926 ex-Cst. Willard Thomas Irvine, 52, died Aug. 8, 1959 at Burnaby, B.C. He joined the Force May 21, 1931 and purchased his discharge Jan. 31, 1939, but re-engaged July 24, 1940. On July 23, 1947 he was invalided to pension. He had been stationed at Regina and Weyburn, Sask., Edmonton, Calgary and Banff, Alta., Vancouver, Grand Forks, Abbotsford and Esquimalt, B.C., and Dawson, Teslin and Whitehorse, Y.T.

Reg. No. 7821 ex-Cst. James Donald Harris Stewart, 61, died July 27, 1959 at Kamloops, B.C. He joined the RNWMP at Montreal, Que., on May 30, 1919 and took his discharge four years later when his term of service expired. He subsequently joined the B.C. Provincial Police and served at Vancouver, Chilliwack, Agassiz, Maillardville, Barkerville, Williams Lake, Prince Rupert, Penticton, Copper Mountain and Kamloops. Until his retirement about six months ago, he was Deputy Warden at the Kamloops jail.

Reg. No. 3002 ex-S/Sgt. Huntly Douglas Brodie Ketchen, 83, died July 28, 1959 at Winnipeg, Man. He engaged in the NWMP Jan. 29, 1894 and was discharged Apr. 2, 1901 after having received a commission in the Lord Strathcona's Horse. Returning to Canada, he was a Lieutenant with the Royal Canadian Dragoons and during World War I served as a Brigadier-General commanding the 6th Canadian Infantry Brigade. He retired to pension from the army in 1929 with the rank of Major-General. (See also Old-Timers' Column.)

Reg. No. 20528 Cst. John Thomas Roberts, 20, was accidentally drowned at Ottawa, Ont., on July 14, 1959. He joined the Force May 5, 1958 and after completing training had been stationed in Ottawa as a member of "A" Division.

Reg. No. 6432 ex-S/Sgt. James Stewart Cather, 73, died May 30, 1959 at Vancouver, B.C. He engaged in the RNWMP July 12, 1915 and was invalided to pension on July 11, 1944. He was stationed at Regina, Sask., Lethbridge, Alta., and Vancouver. He served in the C.E.F. during World War I from May 15, 1918 to Jan. 14, 1919.

Reg. No. 3613 ex-Sgt. Albert Pedley, 81, died June 3, 1959 at Salisbury, England. He joined the NWMP Apr. 18, 1900 and was discharged to pension on Apr. 17, 1924. He was stationed at Regina, Sask., Fort Saskatchewan and Fort Chipewyan, Alta. (See also Old-Timers' Column.)

Reg. No. 4340 ex-S/Sgt. Alexander Ruthven Douglas, 77, died Mar. 15, 1959 at Sherbrooke,

Que. He joined the RNWMP Mar. 6, 1905 and was discharged June 30, 1907. He served at Regina, Sask., Fort Macleod, Twin Lakes and Cardston, Alta., holding the rank of veterinary staff sergeant. (See also Old-Timers' Column.)

Reg. No. 6296 ex-Sgt. James Edward Freeman Wight, 72, died July 5, 1959 at Yarmouth, N.S. He joined the RNWMP Sept. 23, 1914 and retired to pension on Mar. 14, 1945. During World War I he served with the RNWMP Siberian Cavalry Draft, C.E.F., from Sept. 20, 1918 to July 21, 1919. Most of Mr. Wight's Police service was in the North at such places as Fitzgerald, Resolution, Port Burwell, Pangnirtung, Lake Harbour and Chesterfield Inlet. He also served at Regina and North Battleford, Sask., Ottawa, Ont., and Halifax, Yarmouth and Baddeck, N.S. (See also Old-Timers' Column.)

Reg. No. 18023 Cst. David Bartley Butler, 24, died May 15, 1959, at Montreal, Que. He joined the RCMP Jan. 2, 1953 and had served at Ottawa, Ont., Fredericton, Moncton, Dalhousie, N.B., and Montreal.

Reg. No. 9809 ex-Sgt. Francis McBride, 68, died July 10, 1959 at Ottawa, Ont. He joined the Force Aug. 3, 1921 and was discharged to pension Mar. 31, 1945. He served in "A" Division, Ottawa. Previously he had been a member of the Canadian Army from June 8, 1910 to July 31, 1921, and had served in Siberia during World War I.

Reg. No. 10387 ex-Cpl. Howard Seymour Traves, 62, died July 13, 1959 at Martin River, Ont. He joined the RCMP Jan. 26, 1928 and purchased his discharge Sept. 30, 1939. After serving basic periods at "Depot" Division, Regina and "N" Division, Rockcliffe, he was transferred to "O" Division, where he was stationed at Toronto, Oshweken, Camp Borden, Sudbury and Fort Erie, Ont. At the time of his death, he was the Chief of Police at Ajax, Ont. He has also been Police Chief in Dunnville, Humberstone and Port Colborne, Ont.

Reg. No. 10905 Sgt. Frederick Holmes Steele, 58, died June 17, 1959 at Grand Forks, B.C. He joined the RCMP Mar. 14, 1931 and purchased his discharge Apr. 12, 1933. On Aug. 15, 1950 he rejoined the Force after serving with the B.C. Provincial Police from Feb. 1, 1949. He had served at Regina, Estevan and Ogema, Sask., Trail and Grand Forks, B.C. From Aug. 1, 1934 to Jan. 31, 1949 Sergeant Steele had been a member of the Trail City Police.