

Obituaries

Obituaries without full service histories are those of members whose service files have been destroyed. Thus, the information is no longer available. Ed.

ARSENAULT Reg. No. 13030, ex-Sgt. Roger Philippe Arsenault, 68, died May 13, 1982, at Regina, Saskatchewan. Born October 13, 1913, at Grand Etang, N.S., he joined the RCMP on August 16, 1938, at Halifax, and served on the cruiser "Madawaska" until September 30, 1939, when he left the Force to join the Royal Canadian Navy. Following the war he rejoined the Force at Halifax, was posted to "H" Division Marine Section, then in 1947 to the Crime Detection Laboratory at Depot Division, where he stayed for the remainder of his career. He was promoted corporal on May 1, 1950, sergeant on November 1, 1956, and retired to pension on March 9, 1968.

BEAUMONT Reg. No. 16312, ex-S/Sgt. Arnold Noel Beaumont, 62, died May 5, 1982, at Richmond, B.C. Born November 28, 1910, at Consort, Alberta, he joined the British Columbia Provincial Police (Reg. No. 628) at Vancouver on August 1, 1935. With the B.C.P.P., he served at Vancouver, Burnaby, North Vancouver, Nootka, and Ucluelet Detachments before purchasing his discharge on June 30, 1941, to join the RCAF as a flight lieutenant overseas during WW II. He rejoined the B.C.P.P. on January 14, 1946, and served at Campbell River where he became skipper 3rd class (corporal equivalent) to the "Patrol Motor Launch 9." In November of 1949, Cpl. Beaumont became the first B.C.P.P. pilot to the first B.C.P.P. aircraft, a Beaver seaplane. On February 1, 1950, he was promoted to sergeant-pilot, working out of Vancouver. Upon the amalgamation of the RCMP and B.C.P.P., he joined the Force (Aviation Section) in May of 1950. In the following years, he was stationed at Victoria, Vancouver, Winnipeg and Churchill, becoming a staff sergeant pilot in May of 1955. On June 29, 1957, he was transferred to the land forces, "E" Division, 2 i/c of Richmond Detachment, and subsequently i/c of Richmond, Prince George, then Trail Detachments before retiring from the Force on October 16, 1967.

BRUNTON Reg. No. 17073, ex-Cpl. Thomas Sadler Brunton, 51, died on August 31, 1982, at Calgary, Alberta. Born May 2, 1931, at Fernie, British Columbia, he joined the RCMP at Victoria, B.C., on June 25, 1951, and was posted to "N" Division and afterwards to Depot Division for

recruit training. On February 25, 1952, he was transferred to Calgary, "K" Division, where he performed general police duties. He then worked in Drumheller, Brooks, and Gleichen before taking up investigative duties with Security and Intelligence Branch, "K" Division HQ, Edmonton, on September 23, 1957. On April 17, 1962, he returned to general duties at Edmonton Detachment and before being discharged to pension on August 31, 1974, he had served at Leduc, Bow Island and Calgary Detachments. He had been promoted to corporal on April 1, 1965.

DEMERS Reg. No. 9109, ex-Sgt. James Roderick Demers, born May 7, 1894, died at Ottawa on May 24, 1982.

DesROSIERs Reg. No. 10431, ex-S/Sgt. Joseph Ernest Eucher DesRosiers, 96, died May 4, 1982, at Penticton, B.C. Born November 30, 1885, at Montreal, P.Q., he joined the Saskatchewan Provincial Police as Reg. No. 65 on March 24, 1918, at Wakaw, Saskatchewan. During his service with the S.P.P., he served primarily at Willow Bunch Detachment, and rose to the rank of corporal. On June 1, 1928, with the amalgamation of the RCMP and S.P.P., he was taken on strength of the Force at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. During the ensuing years he served at Wakaw, Melfort and Prince Albert Detachments, and Regina HQ in "F" Division. On November 4, 1940, he was posted to "C" Division and stationed at Montreal until April 1941 when he was moved to Quebec Detachment. He was promoted to corporal on December 1, 1927, sergeant on September 1, 1936, and staff sergeant on May 1, 1942. He retired on June 30, 1946.

DROZDIK Reg. No. C/936, ex-C/M Rosemarie Stefina Drozdiak, 41, died June 4, 1982, at Edmonton, Alberta. She was born December 13, 1940, at Edson, Alberta, and joined the RCMP at Edmonton on August 3, 1971. Posted to "K" Division, she worked in C.I.B. Services Section until January 28, 1977, when she took her discharge.

FAHIE Reg. No. 9162, ex-Sgt. Fulton Philip Fahie, 91, died September 13, 1982, at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

GAGNON Reg. No. 17218, ex-S/Sgt. Joseph Aurele Jean-Pierre Gagnon, 49, died March 14, 1982, at Quebec, P.Q. Born September 27, 1932, at Montreal, P.Q., he joined the RCMP at Montreal on August 31, 1951, and went to Depot for recruit training. He was later posted to "C" Division where he served at Huntingdon Detachment, then Montreal Post. In 1956, he was transferred to S&I duties, Montreal, in which he be-