

hope to obtain the loan of hobby horses for them so they won't get lonesome.

Cst. G. M. MacLean from "A" Division is now doing duty at Alberton Detachment, close to the high seas, just so he won't forget that he once was a member of "Marine" Division.

Sport Cst. A. M. Johnston, captain of the RCMP team shooting in the Charlotte-town Garrison Indoor Rifle League, reports favorably on the boys, although he claims

some of them could stand bigger bull's-eyes.

Farming Although a little early, it is noted that several pairs of eyes have been cast over the garden plot the last few fine days, and it won't be long before there will be a dividing of lots for plots.

Editor's Note: Sympathy is extended to the *Quarterly's* Associate Editor for "L" Division, Cpl. W. H. Morgan of Charlotte-town, whose mother died suddenly on Jan. 13, 1950, at West Hartland, N.B.

"Marine" Division

Births To Reg. No. 13020 Cst. and Mrs. J. A. W. Forgeron at Halifax, N.S., a son, Thomas Earle, on Dec. 28, 1949.

To Spl. Cst. and Mrs. C. W. Aitkens at Liverpool, N.S., a daughter, on Jan. 14, 1950.

General Welcome is extended by the "Marine" Division to the following new members: Csts. L. W. Barkhouse, A. L. Roache, H. A. Norris and Spl. Csts. R. A. Flemming, G. K. Wooden, J. R. Woodroffe, S. I. Hodder.

Recreation On December 28 a civvy dance was held in "H" Division gym, as a follow-up to the children's Christmas

Tree party of December 17. During the evening the Officer Commanding "H" Division spoke briefly on the history of the RCMP Long Service and Good Conduct Medal prior to making a presentation to Reg. No. 12164 S/Sgt. R. A. Conrad of this division.

Rifle Shooting A combined team representing both "H" and "Marine" Divisions has been entered in the Halifax Garrison Indoor Rifle League and placed in a division comprising approximately 23 entries from the RCN, Halifax City Police and various army units. Good progress is being made and the competition is keen.

"N" Division

Christmas On December 21 the annual Christmas Tree was held at "N" Division for the children. A sparkling display of magic by Borts the Magician kept the kiddies awestruck for a good part of two hours, to say nothing of the obvious, pop-eyed mysticism of some of the adults. Mr. Borts pulled rabbits, eggs, flags, cards, and sundry articles out of the air, and put them back in, with the expertness of a Houdini, to the noisy delight of the children. As a matter of fact, the only thing Mr. Borts did not make disappear was the gym, in which the party took place.

Santa Claus looked kindly on the division again this year. He visited the party with his usual jovial gusto, and had a present for each child. Sgt. C. R. Eves made such a thoroughly good job of this enviable posi-

tion that several high officials were heard to say that he would probably be the unanimous choice in '50. He really had to fight for the job last year. Our only suggestion to him is to go off his diet a little earlier this year—say around August—then less difficulty would be encountered in helping him to look the part.

New Band The first official appearance of the new band, which is stationed now in "Depot" Division, was made at the Christmas party. At present it is a 39-piece aggregation ably conducted by Cpl. C. C. Bryson. The band's first official concert was given in the "N" Division gym on Thursday evening, Feb. 2, 1950. Soloist was Cst. D. L. Clarke, cornetist.

Volleyball Once again a volleyball schedule is under way. Competition among