

Editorial...

For determination and outstanding courage one N.C.O. and two constables of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police recently were awarded the King's Police Medal (For Gallantry). They qualified for the coveted decoration by their distinguished action in preventing crime, arresting criminals, and attempting to save life—Reg. No. 12963, **King's Police Medal Awards** Cst. W. H. Warner and Reg. No. 13610, Cst. T. J. Keefe for conspicuous gallantry in apprehending dangerous bank robbers (see *R. v. Lauzon*, 11 R.C.M.P.Q. 179); and Reg. No. 10288, Cpl. J. W. Pooke for conspicuous gallantry at Athabasca, Alta., on Apr. 20, 1945, when he rescued infant Gloria Bart from a burning building in a vain attempt to save her life.

Constables Warner and Keefe, it is clear from the actions of one of the men they arrested, would have been murdered without compunction had the criminal's revolver functioned properly. The desperado's Odyssey of crime, and that of his no less dangerous confederate, however, were brought to an abrupt finale because of the courage, dash and good judgment of the two constables, and once again justice triumphed over flagrant villainy.

As for Corporal Pooke, flames were shooting from the windows of the house when he learned that a baby was inside. One man in attempting a rescue had been driven back by intense heat and smoke; but Pooke, in a second attempt and without thought of self, succeeded where the other had failed. The baby, though still alive when carried from the blazing inferno, was so badly burned that she succumbed soon afterwards—but this points up rather than detracts from the meritoriousness of the corporal's action.

All three policemen showed heroism, great fortitude and resourcefulness in the face of grave danger. Each had a close call from Death, but an amazing chain of circumstances and good luck saw all of them through without mishap. The awards reflect honour not only on the brave peace officers directly concerned, but on the entire Force, and will be whole-heartedly welcomed, by all ranks.

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In July, 1938, the *Quarterly* published an article that traced the growth of the R.C. M.P. Marine Section from its sailing-ship days to the period just preceding the outbreak of World War II. Eight years have passed since then—**R.C.M.P. Marine Section** momentous ones for all of us—and in this number of our magazine we carry on with the story. Here, in what might be termed phases II and III of the Marine Section's existence, the same writer tells graphically of the splendid contribution made by a handful of men and ships in the battle for the ocean life-lines, and outlines the subsequent post-war period of reorganization.

To us the story makes fascinating reading, for it reveals the exploits of many of our comrades whose deeds until recently have been shrouded in secrecy. With reorganization now well under way, the *Quarterly* looks forward to further written contributions by members of the Force's Marine Section.

Our cover shows the newly-commissioned R.C.M.P.S. *French*. This colour photograph was taken by C.P.O. Eric Heywood, R.C.N., and the illustrations in the article are R.C.N. photographs.

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Following his retirement to pension on Jan. 31, 1944, after 44 years in harness as a soldier and policeman, ex-Deputy Commissioner Cadiz settled down in Vancouver, B.C., to what we hope will be many years of well-earned leisure. As one of its past chairmen, he has watched the *Quarterly's* development and progress with a jealous eye—his letters show that he continues to do so—, and we are pleased to run his picture as our frontispiece in this issue.

Colonel and Mrs. Cadiz have endeared themselves to a host of friends wherever they have been, and in retirement they have the cordial goodwill of Royal Canadian Mounted Policemen everywhere.