

As important as these obituaries are to the Quarterly, other units of the Force — such as Compensation Branch — have a higher priority than us, understandably. They therefore must have access to a deceased member's file to complete their business before it is passed on to the Quarterly for obituary composition. Thus some obituaries appear in later issues than the one published at the time of a member's death.

The Quarterly still publishes "Old-timers" articles (refer to Spring and Summer issues of 1979, and Churchman's article in this issue) and will continue to do so. We welcome the submission of manuscripts from past members of the Force about "the good old days".

I would hope that these features, together with articles on present-day activities, would appeal to our subscribers. Although you and others of your age have been members of the Force, we do not consider you as "has-been", but as a lively and active part of our publication. **Ed.**

Dear Editor,

I am wondering what present policy exists regarding obituaries. Until about three years ago it was apparent that obituaries of pensioned ex-members were published automatically. Since then there have been a few notable gaps. What about the following for instance:

12081 ex-Sgt. J. F. Smith
11823 ex-S/Sgt. L. Smyth
11458 ex-Sgt. D. J. Brims
12256 ex-Cpl. J. E. Tucker
11526 ex-Cpl. D. J. Evans

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Dear Mr. Hunter,

In my reply to Mr. Hall, I explain why some obituaries are published later than others. Our policy is to print the obituary of every member/ex-member of the Force, regardless of service. In keeping informed on this matter, information from ex-members like yourself is a benefit.

12081, J. F. Smith and 11823, L. Smyth are presented in this issue. 11458, D. J. Brims and 11526, D. J. Evans appeared in the Winter 1980 edition. 12256, J. E. Tucker was published in volume 43, no. 4, Fall 1978. **Ed.**

Rough Riding

Dear Editor,

I was surprised to see the picture in the Summer '79 Quarterly of Cpl. Pilkington "Rough Riding" for the R.N.W.M. Police. I surmise this was sent to you by one of the retired members who had borrowed the picture from Ivan Inman of Islay, Alberta.

Ivan, my 82 year old father-in-law, lived in the Neutral Hills near Consort, Alberta, and knew Pilkington well. Pilkington had a ranch 3 or 4 miles east of Gooseberry Lake where he raised and broke horses. Ivan thinks the picture was taken in 1919 at the time that Pilkington broke horses for the Force. It was between 1917 and 1919 that Ivan got to know him. Ivan would drop in and have tea with Pilkington and sometimes help round-up horses.

He believes that Pilkington supplied some of the horses for the Force too, but does not know how Cpl. got attached to his name. As far as he can remember he was never in the Force.

This is about all I can tell you about this photo and hope it may help to