

what seemed to them to be the only way out, so they killed the officers.

Provincial Police Constable Wainwright was also mentioned. He had been a member of the provincial police, which had been taken over by the RCMP several years before this incident. Cst. Wainwright was posted in Benito, Manitoba, when he spotted three men driving an old Ford with no licence plates and took them in.

Deciding they looked like the men who had attempted robbery the night before, he telephoned Cst. John Shaw in Swan River, Manitoba. Cst. Shaw kept the RCMP car in our garage, so I was the one who filled up his car when he left for Benito. A very curious thing happened. Shaw was about to be replaced by regular RCMP Constable Larry Smythe, so after I filled the car up, Shaw told me that this was the last fill I would be giving him. Little did he know how true that was...



On page 127, Patricia Parker's book said "The paths of glory lead but to the grave." In this case, the paths of glory lead but to a very lonely grave — Cst. Shaw's grave as it is now, in the bush, in the farthest corner of the cemetery.

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## Mashed, boiled or poisoned?

A farmer rang Stokesley Police to report the disappearance of a quarter of an acre of potatoes from one of his fields. He was rightly concerned because the crop had been sprayed with an acid designed to kill the tops prior to picking. The police press office asked the investigating member if he had a description they could circulate to an anxiously-waiting world. "Certainly," he said. "About three or four inches long, brown covered in mud..."

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