

February 1, 1962. Roy received a Commissioner's Commendation September 10, 1948, for perseverance and initiative displayed in the search which lead to the Excise Seizure of a large still, approximately 800 gallons of illicit alcohol and vehicles connected with this operation.

SHELL Reg. No. 13114, ex-Sgt. Eric Sanford Schell, 80, died September 18, 1997, at Ancaster, Ont. He was born March 24, 1917, at Barrie, and joined the Force as a reserve constable June 30, 1937, at Regina. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Schell was posted to "D" Division, Man., at Winnipeg, where he joined the Force as a regular member November 30, 1938. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Divisions, he was posted to "O" Division, Ont., namely at Ohsweken, Hamilton and Sudbury. On July 7, 1955, Schell was transferred to "A" Division, Ottawa, retiring November 29, 1958. He was promoted to corporal May 1, 1952; sergeant May 1, 1956. Schell received a Deputy Commissioner's Commendation September 16, 1941, for his part in the investigation of an assault case in Hamilton, Ontario, and a Commissioner's Commendation for his assistance in another Hamilton investigation. He subsequently served as Police Chief of Stoney Creek, Ontario, in 1959/60.

SLATER Reg. No. 12702, ex-Cst. Victor Slater, 86, died August 6, 1997, at Barrie, Ont. He was born April 10, 1911, at Moose Jaw, Sask., and joined the Force July 2, 1935, at Regina. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Slater was posted to "Depot," took his discharge September 4, 1937, and reengaged into the Force October 23, 1939, at Vancouver. Upon completion of training at "N" Division, he was posted to "O" Division, Ont., namely at Windsor and took his discharge October 22, 1942. Slater reengaged into the Force September 17, 1946, at Ottawa, and was posted to the following locations: "L" Division, P.E.I., at Charlottetown; to "H" Division, N.S., at Sydney and Halifax; to "A" Division, Ottawa and RCMP HQ, taking his discharge June 9, 1958. For his wartime service with the Royal Canadian Air Force from April 29, 1943, to June 1, 1946, Slater was awarded the Defence Medal, the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp and the War Medal 1939-1945.

SONDERGAARD Reg. No. 14695, ex-Sgt. Arne Sondergaard, 73, died September 29, 1997, at Calgary. He was born in Denmark November 25, 1923, and joined the Force April 16, 1946, at Edmonton. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Divisions, Sondergaard was posted to "F" Division, Sask., namely at Weyburn, Carnduff and Moose Jaw. On August 30, 1958, he was posted to "K" Division, Alta, at Medicine Hat, Edmonton, Wainwright, Calgary and Brooks, retiring April 20, 1970. Sondergaard was promoted to corporal May 1, 1956; sergeant November 1, 1964.

SPANTON Reg. No. O.383 (11034), Insp. Herbert John Spanton (retired), 88, died June 28, 1997, at Willowdale, Ont. He was born October 30, 1908, at Toronto, where he joined the Force September 11, 1931. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Spanton was posted to "D" Division, Man., at

Winnipeg. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: April 1, 1932, to "O" Division, at Toronto; March 1, 1948, to "G" Division, Y.T., at Whitehorse; December 12, 1949, to RCMP HQ; April 1, 1950, to "G" Division, Whitehorse; June 6, 1952, to "E" Division, B.C., at Kamloops; August 1, 1957, to RCMP HQ, retiring August 19, 1959. Spanton was promoted to corporal September 1, 1939; sergeant June 1, 1941; sub-inspector February 1, 1948; inspector February 1, 1950. Spanton received several Commendations, including six from the Commissioner: the first for his assistance in a counterfeit case in 1932; in 1935, for his investigative work in the theft of drugs at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto; in 1946 for exceptional work while on a special mission; twice in 1946-1947, in connection with the investigation of the Corby Case re: Espionage Enquiry, and for outstanding work which involved the assistance of his wife and three other members' wives in the caring of Igor Gouzenko's wife and children during this same trial. Spanton had been appointed Coroner of the Province of British Columbia in 1948, and appointed Honorary Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency the Governor General in 1953/54.

SPARKS Reg. No. 18558, ex-S/Sgt. Ernest William James Sparks, 64, died July 23, 1997, at Valemount, B.C. He was born November 16, 1933, at Edmonton, where he joined the Force February 16, 1954. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Sparks was posted to "F" Division, Sask., at Regina and Wadena. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: May 30, 1955, to "G" Division, N.W.T., at Fort Smith, Coppermine and Yellowknife; February 1, 1958, to "E" Division, B.C., at Burnaby, Prince George, Kamloops and Williams Lake, retiring July 2, 1980. He was promoted to corporal April 1, 1965; sergeant April 1, 1970; staff sergeant April 1, 1975. His son, Reg. No. 36182, Cst. W.D. Sparks is currently serving at Peace River Sub-Division, "K" Division, Alberta.

TABBUTT Reg. No. 16476, ex-Cst. Leonard John Tabbutt, 84, died September 17, 1997, at Vancouver. He was born February 12, 1913, at London, England, and joined the Force on August 15, 1950, when the BCPP — where he had been working at Burnaby since March 28, 1946 — amalgamated with the RCMP. Tabbutt was posted to "E" Division, B.C., namely at North Vancouver, at the Fairmont Training Centre and Vancouver, retiring July 10, 1967. Tabbutt had considerable military service prior to his police career (1928-1945) and for his wartime service, he was awarded the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and the War Medal 1939-1945.

WENTZELL Reg. No. 18128, ex-Sgt. Carleton Leroy Wentzell, 79, died July 27, 1997, at Riverview, N.B. He was born September 17, 1933, at Milton, Queens County, N.S., and joined the Force March 3, 1953, at Halifax. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Divisions, Wentzell was posted to "J" Division, N.B., namely at Bathurst, Chatham, Newcastle, Moncton, Port Elgin and Tabusintac. On July 5, 1965, he was transferred to "L" Division, P.E.I., at Souris and Charlottetown, retiring May 11, 1977. Wentzell was promoted to corporal May 1, 1963; sergeant May 1, 1970.