



Insp. Hogemark (centre) of the Norwegian Police Force with S/Cst. Bill Bradshaw (left) and Cst. Dan Magotiaux on a tour of the harbour in Stavanger, Norway. (Photo courtesy of Egil Eriksson, Stavanger.)

out to be Inspector Hogemark of the Norwegian Police Force. Hogemark had been to Alberta in 1981 with his son's hockey team and had been given a tour of "K" Division Headquarters by Cst. Randy Miller (now stationed in Whitehorse, Yukon). On December 30, 1983, Bradshaw and Magotiaux were invited by Hogemark to spend the day with him at police headquarters in Stavanger.

Stavanger, with a population of 90,000, is a major seaport for the offshore drilling platforms in the North Sea. Hogemark explained that 160 officers police the city, as well as approximately 400 square miles of North Sea and mountain terrain. The oil companies look after most of the policing on the oil platforms, but the police must investigate all industrial accidents on the high

sea. The Stavanger police also search for lost hunters and enforce the wildlife hunting laws.

Policing in Stavanger appears to be very similar to here in Canada. However, the officers do not carry side arms. There were no murders or armed robberies in their area in 1983, and their major concern was road fatalities (five in 1983). Impaired driving laws are drastic. The limit is .04 with mandatory blood tests. The conviction for a first offence is 21 days in jail. The stiff laws against impaired driving reduce accidents and save lives.

Insp. Hogemark and the Norwegian hockey team plan to return to central Alberta in the spring of 1987.

submitted by S/Sgt. W. S. Bradshaw

"N" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Rockcliffe, Ont.)

THE GREAT CANADIAN BED RACE After several years of trying, our 1984 Musical Ride team has finally captured the trophy as winners of the "Great Canadian Bed Race."

This race, which forms part of the National Capital Region's "Winterlude," was sponsored by the Ottawa Civic Hospital, with the proceeds going to a special bed for burn victims.

The 1984 contest drew 35 entries in the categories of "media," "firefighters," "police," "hospital" and "townships." The winners of each category earned a berth in the championship

race. The police race ended in a dead heat, and as a result, both the Musical Ride and the Ottawa Police Force teams were in the final.

This year's Musical Ride team, consisting of Csts. Len Meilleur, Bob Thomas, Phil Johnson, Jim Link, Rick Roy and Lance Martel, was first over the line by several lengths.

The grand prize of \$1,000 donated by the Pot 'O' Gold Lottery was presented to Graham Bird of the Ottawa Civic Hospital on behalf of the winning team.

submitted by Sgt. C. H. Spofford