

Reg. No. 2802, ex-Staff Sergeant William Brankley

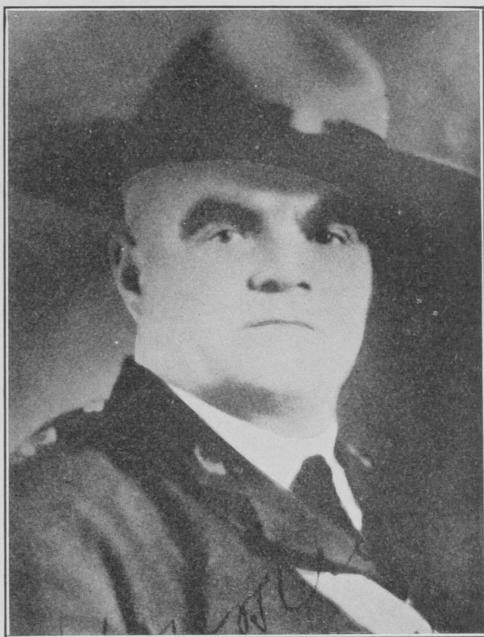
On Jan. 13, 1942, William Brankley, 71, died at his home in Victoria, B.C.

He was born at Barrow-on-Grange, Lincolnshire, England, and came to Canada with his parents at the age of thirteen. The family took up farming near Stayner, Ont.

Eight years later, William went to Winnipeg, Man., and on May 6, 1892, joined the N.W.M.P. He was sent to 'Depot' Division, Regina, for training. At the expiration of his five-year term of engagement he took his discharge at Calgary and moved to Kelso, B.C., where he worked as a miner for a few months. During this time he married.

On Sept. 13, 1897, he re-engaged with the Force and remained until his retirement to pension on Feb. 20, 1917. Ex-Staff Sergeant Brankley's career in the Force was marked by a steadiness and trustworthiness that won the rare classification 'Exemplary' on his discharge certificate. Most of his service was spent in the Calgary district where he was employed as Q.M.S. On July 10, 1895, he was promoted to corporal; following his re-engagement as a constable, he regained his corporal's rank, on Feb. 14, 1899; on May 10, 1902, he was promoted sergeant; on July 1, 1903, he received staff sergeant's rank.

After the death of his wife in Calgary, he married again, on Oct. 13, 1915. Two years later, when the Alberta Provincial Police were formed, he was offered the command of 'C' Division with the status of inspector.



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This appointment he accepted, and retained command of the district until his resignation in 1928. For the next eight years he worked as a premises surveyor for a Calgary gas company, and upon superannuating, moved to Victoria with his family.

Surviving are his widow, Grace, in Victoria; a daughter, Florence, in Calgary; three sisters and two brothers.

Reg. No. 12570, ex-Constable Sidney Stephen Lang

Sgt Pilot S. S. Lang was killed on Jan. 14, 1942, in action overseas. He had trained in Canada and left for England in the summer of 1941.

Sidney Lang was born in Ottawa on Oct. 29, 1911. After completing three years in high school he worked as a truck driver in Chicago, Ill., for three years, and later as a repair man for an electrical company in the same city. Subsequently he returned to Ottawa.

Mr Lang joined the R.C.M.P. at Ottawa on June 22, 1935, and was stationed at 'N' Division. In September he was transferred to Winnipeg, 'D' Division, and six months later was moved to Toronto, 'O' Division, where he was engaged in enforcing the Railway Act and in general duties at division headquarters. At the beginning of Janu-

ary, 1938, he was detailed to plain clothes duty on general investigations in the preventive service branch at Toronto.

In the spring of 1939 Constable Lang took a private flying course. While in the United States he had attended an aviation school for two months where he studied mechanics, rigging, elementary navigation and completed seven hours dual flying instruction. On June 21, 1940, at the expiration of his period of service, he took his discharge and enlisted in the R.C.A.F. Just before Christmas he wrote relatives to the effect that he had made twenty-four flights over Germany.

Surviving are his parents, Mr and Mrs S. J. Lang of Cicero, Ill., U.S.A.; two brothers, Gerald, in the U.S. Army, and V. Bernard, in the U.S. Navy. There are also two sisters in the United States.