

Ex-S/M
Frederick
Camm, nearly
90 years old,
being presented to Her
Majesty
Queen
Elizabeth,
during
Queen's
Jubilee cele-

brations in 1978. (Photo 2): Ex-S/M Robert Camm meeting Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Philip, during RCMP Centennial celebrations in 1973, with former RCMP Commissioner Robert Simmonds in the background.

Courtesy of Sam Scott and the Camm family

in London, in 1953... some 30 years later. Both men shared a strong attachment to animals through their countless hours of horse-training and dog-handling.

In 1951, Frederick Camm received a letter from Commissioner L.H. Nicholson, informing him that his son Robert had been selected for the annual recruiting campaign. Judged to be the most photogenic RCMP member dressed in Red Serge, Robert Camm's face was to appear just about everywhere around the country, from menus to cups and saucers, to placemats, billboards, postcards and every possible, imaginable trinkets. His handsome face promoted the recruiting of new, young, potential RCMP members. Frederick annotated the copy of his son's photograph that he received from Commissioner Nicholson with the words "They sent me one which I have framed and am very proud of."

Travelling extensively with the Musical Ride prior to his marriage in 1952, to Lorraine Légère of New Brunswick, the thoughtful Robert left his young bride-to-be a full-size recruiting poster as he departed with the Coronation Contingent. She had only asked for a wallet-sized picture to remember him by. That same face subsequently stared from a recruiting handbook at Sam's future husband, as he embarked upon his career in the RCMP, unknowing that *his own* photograph would be dis-

played in the 1973 RCMP Centennial Caravan.

The Camm's experiences of family-life within the Force in New Brunswick, such as living in detachment houses which came complete with office accommodation and fully-furnished jail cells, are typical "Mountie" stories from the not-so-distant past, which have been instrumental in the decision of the Scott children to consider a life with the RCMP.

Robert also retired in Ottawa in 1971, also at the same honourable rank of Sergeant Major, like his father; and like her father and grandfather, Sam and her husband will probably also retire in the Ottawa area, thus completing a third cycle starting in Regina and ending, circuitously, in Ottawa.

It is through this constant rotation within the Force that Sam met her husband in the RCMP Headquarters cafeteria, during his second of four tours of duty in Ottawa. Newly arrived from New Brunswick, Rick and Sam had much to talk about. How was Rick to know that this very attractive young lady was the daughter of the Sergeant Major ... the very person who had most recently chastened the young constable over the condition of his Headquarters barrack room?

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