Reg. No. 2077, ex-Constable Frank Crompton Sewell

A native of Bolton, Lancashire, England, ex-Cst. F. C. Sewell, 75, died at Penticton, B. C. on Aug. 10, 1941. He was buried in Vancouver.

Mr Sewell came to Canada at the age of seventeen and took up residence in Calgary,

Alta (then N.W.T.), where he worked as a carpenter and engineer. On Jan. 27, 1888, he joined the N.W.M.P. at Calgary and purchased his discharge on June 16, 1890. He remained in Calgary for the next nine years and then moved to Sandon, B.C.

Reg. No. 3857, ex-Staff Sergeant Alexander Allan McDonald

On Aug. 16, 1941, the death of ex-S/Sgt A. A. McDonald, 59, occurred at the Ottawa Civic Hospital.

Mr McDonald was born at Beaver Meadow, Antigonish Co., N.S., on June 29, 1882. He joined the N.W.M.P. at Port Mulgrave, N.S., on Apr. 4, 1902. In April, 1906, he purchased his discharge at Dawson, Y.T., and worked as a contractor for the next eight years in British Columbia.

In August, 1914, Mr McDonald reengaged with the Force at Regina and was promoted to corporal on June 1, 1915, and to sergeant on August 1 of the same year. He was in charge of many important detachments in the west: Imperial, Sask., Regina Town Station, Big Muddy, Sask., Brule, Alta. For a time he was division orderly at 'Depot', Regina. While at Brule, he was commended by Commr A. Bowen Perry for his good work in connection with a Spanish influenza epidemic among non-treaty Indians at Fish Lake.

He was transferred from 'Depot' Division on Sept. 1, 1926, to headquarters at Ottawa. From Jan. 4, 1932, he worked in the Remission Branch until discharged to pension on Aug. 23, 1939, with over twenty-nine years' service to his credit. He was made staff sergeant on March 1, 1938, for long and faithful service.

Since his retirement from the Force ex-Staff Sergeant McDonald had been engaged as an employed civilian by the R.C.M.P. and assigned as an investigator to the Remission Service, Department of Justice, Ottawa.

Eighteen members of Headquarters Subdivision acted as official mourners. The funeral was also attended by Commr S. T. Wood, Supt F. A. Blake, Insprs A. Goodman, R. C. Bowen and Mr J. Stevens, M.B.E., Chief Treasury Officer.

Ex-Staff Sergeant McDonald is survived by a brother, John L. McDonald of James River Station, N.S., and two sisters in the United States.

Reg. No. 2902, ex-Constable Alfred William Owen

Ex-Cst. A. W. Owen, 66, died in a hospital at Chicago, Ill., on Aug. 25, 1941. A native of Prince Edward Island, he went to the west at an early age and joined the N.W.M.P. at Regina, Sask., on May 23, 1893.

For a time Constable Owen was stationed at High River, Alta, and later at 'B' Division, Dawson, Y.T., where he took his discharge on Sept. 11, 1899, at the expiration of his period of engagement.

At the outbreak of the Great War, Mr Owen trained with the 51st Battalion from Edmonton, and went overseas as lieutenant in the spring of 1916. In France he transferred to the 49th Battalion but in June, 1917, returned to Canada on leave with the rank of major, suffering from lumbago and rheumatism contracted in the trenches. For ten months he had commanded a company

in the field. Towards the end of the war he served with the Siberian Expeditionary Force. His senior officer said of him:

"I cannot speak too highly of the service performed by this officer; he has made an immense success as officer commanding, Western Division, and by his tact has handled many difficult situations in a thoroughly satisfactory manner."

Major Owen was sent to the United States on the staff of the British-Canadian Recruiting Mission, a recruiting agency established in Chicago to assist British subjects in joining the British and Canadian armies. He resided in Chicago ever since.

Major Owen's son, Flying Officer A. W. Owen, is at present stationed at No. 2 Equipment Depot, East Calgary; it is believed the major is also survived by his widow, living in Chicago.