

performances of Nelson Eddy and Jeanette Macdonald in the film *Rose Marie*.

Holmes remembered the time he was ordered to patrol Lake Louise, where he met Corporal Tom Corless, Field Detachment. The corporal's horse had been condemned as unfit and he rode it up the big hill at Lake Louise, where they spent the night at Brewster's bunk house. The next

reasons that Sgt. Oliver detailed Holmes to ride a horse with a bad reputation. When he climbed aboard, the horse decided it would rather hang out around the corral with the others than cross Banff Avenue onto the nearest trail.

Determined to have his way and in an attempt to persuade the animal to change its mind, Bill cut him in a sensitive part under the belly. Sgt. Oliver



W.N. Holmes, Banff Detachment, 1922, on the site of the present post office.

day, Holmes rode the Field horse back to Banff, where it was cast and sold. It was an 86-mile patrol, but they were still using the more comfortable western saddle.

All detachment horses were not up to the standard and training of today's Musical Ride. It was perhaps for disciplinary

happened to look out the window in time to see what had occurred, and when Bill returned from patrol, he was placed under arrest. When paraded before Insp. Ryan, he explained the situation and the case was dismissed.

It was a time when Banff had characters who left their mark: names like Norman