

To Reg. No. 34085, Cst. T. A. Ashdown and his wife Karen, a son, Shane, on May 27, 1982.

To Reg. No. 35501, Cst. A. K. Huff and his wife Geri, a daughter, Jennifer, on June 18, 1982.

To Reg. No. 35155, Cst. T. J. Moore and his wife Julie, a daughter, Kristina, on October 18, 1982.

Alberta Law Enforcement Long Service Awards

In October of 1979, the Solicitor General of Alberta authorized the minting of the Alberta Law Enforcement Long Service Medal. This medal is to be awarded to all police officers who have served at least 25 years in the Province of Alberta. The Solicitor General's Department requested the assistance of "K" Division Headquarters in locating all serving and retired members of the RCMP who would qualify as recipients of the award. A total of 16 serving members of the Force were nominated for receipt of the award and with the assistance of the RCMP Veterans Association in Alberta, 43 retired members were also nominated. Presentation ceremonies were scheduled to be held at the Senior NCO's Mess, "K" Division Headquarters, on September 7, 1982, and at Fort Calgary on September 9, 1982.

The Honourable Graham Harle, Solicitor General for the Province of Alberta, made the presentations in both Edmonton and Calgary. Supt. S. W. Kelly, O.I.C. Administration and Personnel, acted as master of ceremonies at the Edmonton presentation and Supt. H. W. Hall, O.C. Calgary Sub-Division, was master of ceremonies at the Calgary presentation. Retired Supt. M. Laberge assisted in the presentation ceremony. Mr. Harle praised both the recipients and their wives for 25 years of dedicated police service in the Province of Alberta. Mr. Edward Buchanan of Edmonton was the eldest of the recipients at 83 years of age. He began his police service with the Alberta Provincial Police as Reg. No. 182, in May 1920. He joined the RCMP on April 1, 1932, and at the time of his retirement to pension, November 9, 1950, he was the Sub-Division NCO for Lethbridge Sub-Division. Memories were in abundance at both the Edmonton and Calgary presentation ceremonies and it was an excellent opportunity for old friends to reunite with recipients travelling from as far away as Vancouver.

submitted by Supt. S. W. Kelly

Regimental Dinner In our society many large organizations are frequently faced with a common phenomenon — a general lack of identification on the part of employees with the very institutions that provide their livelihood. The Force is a large organization by contemporary standards and yet members are able to retain a close sense of identity with the institution. This is due, in part, to the inclination of members to congre-



Insp. H. Burchill, O.C. Vegreville Sub-Division, presents a plaque to Chief Robert Lunney of the Edmonton City Police in appreciation of his attendance and effort as the guest speaker.

gate during the various social gatherings throughout the year.

One such gathering was the Regimental Dinner held at the Centennial Hall at Two Hills, Alberta, on Tuesday, March 16, 1982. This was the first event of this nature to occur in this region with members from St. Paul and Vegreville Sub-Divisions attending.

The head-table guests included: A/Commr. D. A. Whyte, C.O. "K" Division; Chief Robert Lunney, Chief of Police, Edmonton City Police Department; Supt. S. Kelly, O.I.C. "K" Division Administration and Personnel; Insp. J. A. Hart, O.C. St. Paul Sub-Division; Insp. A. Burchill, O.C. Vegreville Sub-Division; Cpl. Wm. McIlldoon, NCO i/c Two Hills Detachment; Mr. Walter Werenka, the Reeve of the County of Two Hills; Mr. Steve Shybunka, the Mayor of the Town of Two Hills; and Mr. Bob Watson, a piper from Grand Centre, Alberta.

The master of ceremonies was Cpl. Wm. McIlldoon of Two Hills Detachment. Cst. Pat Wasyluk of Vegreville Detachment performed the Toast to the Queen. The Toast to the Force was performed by ex-Cpl. Wm. Giroux of Viking Alberta with the reply to this toast by S/Sgt. F. K. Campbell, NCO i/c Vegreville Detachment.

Following the toasts and an excellent meal, Chief Robert Lunney, the guest speaker, provided several anecdotes about his earlier involvement in our Force while stationed in "O", "N" and "HQ" Divisions. Chief Lunney also com-