

DALE OF THE MOUNTED IN THE ARCTIC, by Joe Holliday. Thomas Allen Ltd., Toronto, Canada. Pp. 156. \$1.25.

This is the third in the series of "Dale of The Mounted" books which appeared on the market for the first time three years ago and this volume should find as much favor with its youthful readers as the others. Dale begins his adventures in this book where he left off in the last—on the brink of an exciting mystery in the Canadian Arctic. Some unexpected twists to this part of the story coincide with the current importance and development of the north as a vital zone of North American defence. Once past this arduous duty Dale moves on to other spheres of activity in the north, increasing his experience with the successful conclusion of each of his assignments. The book leaves us with a promise of a new field opening for our young hero to conquer in the next volume—the investi-

gation of a crime which has provided a difficult problem for the police forces of many countries.

Once again Mr. Holliday has seasoned his "main dish" of adventure fiction with a liberal sprinkling of facts—data on new developments in Canada's industrial program, on life in the Arctic and on the activities of the RCMP. As we have said on other occasions, Mr. Holliday has taken pains to get authoritative information for his young readers on these points, a commendable bit of detail that certainly adds to the interest of his books. We confess, however, to a moment of mild surprise at one error we noted in this volume—Inspector Larsen, on the *St. Roch*, is named as the first man to circumnavigate the North American continent. Sgt. F. S. Farrar of "Headquarters" Division, a former member of the *St. Roch* crew holds that distinction, as reported in *The Quarterly*, October 1950.

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Obituary

Reg. No. 7340 ex-Cst. George Marston Blake, 52, died at Arcadia, Cal., on May 4, 1953.

He engaged in the RNWMP on May 25, 1918 at Calgary, Alta., and on Aug. 29, 1918, volunteered to serve in the RNWMP Siberian Cavalry Draft. Due to a physical disability, he was discharged from the Force on Sept. 25, 1918 at "Depot" Division. (See Old-timers' Column.)

Reg. No. 17551 Cst. Willard Boehler, 21, was killed in an airplane crash at Ottawa, Ont., on June 24, 1953. He joined the RCMP on Feb. 14, 1952 and served at Regina, Sask. and "A" Division, Ottawa.

Reg. No. 11051 Cst. Ernest Frederick John Bowell, 49, died Apr. 20, 1953 at Ottawa. He joined the Force on Oct. 5, 1931 and served at Regina, Sask., Vancouver, Victoria and Esquimalt, B.C., Dawson and Whitehorse, Y.T., Edmonton, Lethbridge and Blairmore, Alta. and Ottawa, Ont. Prior to joining the RCMP he had served seven years with the King's Royal Rifles.

Reg. No. 4611 ex-Sgt. Percival Spurgeon, 66, died July 7, 1953 at Victoria, B.C. He joined the RNWMP at Fort Saskatchewan, Alta., on July 22, 1907 and retired to pension on July 21, 1931. He served at Regina, Sask.

and Lethbridge, Peace River, Athabasca and Fort Chipewyan, Alta.

Reg. No. 6522 ex-Cpl. Joseph Lewis Norman Ellis, 63, died at New Westminster, B.C., on Aug. 5, 1953. He joined the RNWMP on Mar. 10, 1916 and purchased his discharge May 16, 1921. He served at Regina, Wood Mountain, Sask., Fort William, Ont. During World War I Mr. Ellis served Overseas with the RNWMP Cavalry Draft "A".

Reg. No. 10199 ex-Cpl. Earl Robert Samuel Pink, 46, died at Washington, D.C., on July 13, 1953. He joined the Force on June 8, 1926 and was discharged to pension on July 17, 1949. He served at Regina, Sask., Toronto, Sudbury, Ohsweken, Ont., and in the Fingerprint Section at Headquarters.

Reg. No. 3264 ex-Cpl. William Cole Shuckburgh, 78, died Mar. 16, 1953 at Stettler, Alta. He joined the NWMP Apr. 18, 1898 and was discharged when his term of service expired Apr. 17, 1906. Mr. Shuckburgh served at Regina, Maple Creek and Whitehorse, Y.T. During the South African War he was on active service with Lord Strathcona's Horse and was one of those singled out by Col. S. B. Steele as a "very good man".