



◆ **WORKING TOGETHER** Parks Canada Supt. G. Balding (centre) holding the plaque presented to him by Insp. Saunders (left) and A/Commr. Whyte.

◆ **MEMORIAL** A/Commr. Whyte (left), S/Sgt. P.R. Włodarczak, and Insp. A.D. Burchill unveiled a plaque in the Vegreville Detachment to the memory of the late Cst. Giesbrecht. (See RCMP Quarterly Vol. 50 #2, p. 74)



◆ **SWORN-IN** On September 6, 1985, C/Supt. G.J. Greig, O.I.C. "K" Division C.I.B., had the honour of swearing his daughter, Lori, into the Force. Regimental #38416 Cst. Lori B. Greig is a member of Troop #6 which is scheduled to graduate in March of 1986. Mrs. Greig is to the right of Cst. Greig.



and his wife Judy; the O.C. Edson Sub-Division Insp. Bill Saunders and his wife Renie; the Supt. of Parks Canada (Jasper) Mr. and Mrs. George Balding; the Hon. Dr. Ian Reid, solicitor general for Alberta and M.L.A. of the Edson Constituency and his wife Dr. Anne Reid; the NCO i/c Jasper Detachment S/Sgt. Don Rumpel and his wife Yvette; the Mayor of Edson, Mr. Ron Linford and his wife Evelyn; the Master of Ceremonies Cpl. Doug Bangle and his wife Fay.

After a great supper, appropriate toasts and speeches, Insp. Saunders presented a hand-carved plaque to George Balding marking 100 years of working together. The plaque was done by Frank Burstrom, a warden for Parks Canada and had Centennial logos of the Alberta RCMP and Parks Canada carved on the front with a plaque of the Province of Alberta with appropriate inscriptions between them.

Everyone then danced to the music of the RCMP Dance Band into the wee hours. Our hats go off to the chariman, S/Sgt. Don Rumpel of Jasper Detachment.

submitted by Cpl. Doug Bangle

CST. GIESBRECHT HONORED On August 15, 1985, the people of Vegreville gathered at the Elks Park to dedicate a plaque to the memory of Cst. Allen Giesbrecht. On January 13, 1985, Cst. Giesbrecht was slain while on duty and responding to a complaint in the Town of Vegreville. A citizens' group which was spearheaded by a ball team that Cst. Giesbrecht had played for raised funds to support the memorial. In addition to the plaque dedication two park benches were also dedicated to Cst. Giesbrecht's memory. The service was attended by approximately 300 people with messages being delivered by Mayor Ross Cairns of Vegreville, Insp. A.D.F. Burchill, O.C. Vegreville Sub-Division, S/Sgt. P.R. Włodarczak, NCO i/c Vegreville Detachment, Mr. Ken Motiuk on behalf of the Honourable Don Mazankowski, Minister of Transport and A/Commr. D.A. Whyte, C.O. "K" Division. A/Commr. Whyte then unveiled the plaque. A thank you was then expressed on behalf of Cst. Giesbrecht's family by Frieda Hooke, a sister-in-law.

While in Vegreville A/Commr. Whyte also unveiled a plaque in the Vegreville Detachment Office. This plaque was placed by personnel serving at the time of the tragedy. The Town of Vegreville and its people have enjoyed a long and historical relationship with the Force. It is gratifying indeed to have the community show their sorrow for the tragedy in such a meaningful way. The sentiments and thoughts behind this dedication will be long remembered and earnestly appreciated by all the personnel at Vegreville Detachment.