

Suggestion Award Program

The following members of the Force have been awarded cash and presented with a certificate from the Suggestion Award Program.

S/Sgt. R. D. Esau received an award of \$650.00 for his suggestion that metal storage cabinets be used as breathalyzer instrument cabinets, instead of having special wooden cabinets built to order. On December 20, 1977, S/Sgt. Esau appeared before Supt. G. D. Currie at "K" Division and was presented with his Suggestion Award and Certificate.

At Ottawa on October 21, 1977, A/Commr. S. V. M. Chisholm presented C/M E. J. Jestin with a Certificate and an award of \$1,400. Mr. Jestin designed a prototype system in the computer communications field whereby several terminals could be grouped together and allowed to utilize the same complement of line equipment.

A/Commr. J. R. Duchesneau presented Cpl. J. G. R. Bordeleau with an award of \$130.00 for his suggestion that a

"Visi Record" machine be used to sort pay cheques for Public Servants in "C" Division (Quebec). Although his suggestion could not be used on a Force-wide basis, the savings per year in Quebec alone were substantial. The presentation was made in Montreal on October 13, 1977.

On October 24, 1977, S/Sgt. C. Dyke was presented a cash award of \$150.00 by C/Supt. R. O. Walling, the C.O. "L" Division (P.E.I.). S/Sgt. Dyke proposed that electric water heaters be converted to oil-fired heaters. The cost of conversion would soon be outweighed by the savings in energy.

Cpl. G. J. Jared was presented a cheque for \$160.00 for his suggestion that form G-256C, "Certificate of Breathalyzer Operator" be made up in duplicate carbon sets. This would eliminate a possible court defense of a "true copy" being served on the accused. Supt. S. A. Rammage made the presentation at Red Deer, Alta., on November 16, 1977.

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Reg. No. 1809, Cst. Isaac Collins

Submitted by Sgt. L. P. Laronde

There is much data in official records about the more celebrated members of the Force who were instrumental in establishing it in its early years, but not often do personal impressions of the less prominent rank and file become known. Fortunately, a letter was recently made available to the Force by Mr. and Mrs. Morley Mills of Georgetown, Ontario. It was written by Reg. No. 1809, Cst. Isaac Collins, in July, 1886, to his sister, Miss Lavina A. Collins, in

Bernie, Bruce County, Ontario. Cst. Collins' service spanned a brief period from June to October, 1886. He became ill during a march from Battleford to Macleod, N.W.T., and died twelve days after his arrival at Macleod, on October 2nd, from what was diagnosed as typho-malarial fever.

It is interesting to have Cst. Collins' comments about his experience under the con-