

“N” Division

(Training Division—Rockcliffe, Ont.)

Arrivals Cst. S. M. Baird from “H” Division to join the Riding Staff.

Promotions Congratulations to Sgt. Major S. A. McKim and Cpl. D. J. Oates on their recent promotions.

Courses Sgt. W. F. MacRae to Pittsburgh, Penn., on a gas course and Sgt. J. Dubbin to Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., on a traffic course.

Exhibition Ride The Ride completed its tour at the Royal Winter Fair, Toronto, on November 21 after giving performances at Peterborough, Belleville and London, Ont., Springfield, Mass., Danbury, Conn., Harrisburg, Penn., and New York City. It received high praise in all the centres where performances were given and was the subject of a nationally televised show from Toronto on the final day of the tour. Much credit is due Insp. N. O. Jones, S/Sgt. R. R. Van Patten and all members of the ride for the good job they have done in maintaining the reputation of the Force.

Social A Hallowe'en dance was held on October 30 in the gymnasium, which was colorfully decorated in the spirit of the occasion with goblins, pumpkins, black cats and witches. Approximately 300 attended. A fine selection of dance music was provided by the “Beat 50”, a dance band made up mainly from members of 50 Troop. Band Leader was Cst. E. N. Seney with Csts. J. A. Travis, E. J. Mayer, M. M. McMahon, J. R. Weaver, M. S. Ritchie, S. A. Macauley and R. R. Kopp making up the orchestra. An enjoyable cold plate lunch was prepared and served by the Mess Staff. The committee responsible for the dance was under the chairmanship of S/Sgt. H. MacDonald assisted by Sgt. E. C. Curtain, Cpls. K. W. Ferguson, A. G.

Vaillancourt and T. Scott and Csts. K. R. Shipley, C. A. Phillion and L. G. Bellman. Some of the few recruits who did not bring partners to the dance volunteered their services to the mess staff and assisted enormously in this work.

Miscellaneous Sgt. W. E. (Paddy) Gardiner was singularly honored when, prior to the retirement of the Governor General, he received an invitation to visit Government House. He was presented a silver cup by His Excellency the Right Honorable Vincent Massey, who had often ridden in the State Carriage under the care of Sergeant Gardiner. In conversation His Excellency said he had been pleased with his connection with the Force and hoped the association would continue.

On Sept. 16, 1959, members of the staff made up the bulk of an escort formed for the occasion of the inaugural ceremonies when Maj.-Gen. G. P. Vanier was installed as Governor General. Following the ceremonies, Governor General Vanier was returned to Government House in the state carriage with the RCMP Escort.

Sports The semi-annual division boxing tournament was held on November 20. Organized by the P.T. Staff under Sgt. E. C. Curtain, elimination matches were held on November 13 with the finals the following week. Judges were Supt. P. B. Cox, Insp. A. Mason-Rooke and Sgt. Major J. Primrose; Referees, Sgt. E. C. Curtain and Cpl. W. R. C. Leitch; Master of Ceremonies, Sgt. Major S. A. McKim; Time-keeper, Cpl. H. M. Gilbey; Seconds, Sgt. W. F. MacRae, Cpl. J. F. Duthie and Csts. J. L. Miclette and R. D. Farnham. The recruits taking part exhibited a great sense of sportsmanship and an eagerness to win for their particular Troop. The results were as follows:

Action during the recent boxing show at “N” Division. The referee is Sgt. E. C. Curtain; judges were Supt. P. B. Cox, Insp. A. Mason-Rooke and Sgt. Major J. Primrose.

