

by Father Quinlan, followed by the drum roll and reading of names by Cpl. E. E. Jones, RCMP. After the Last Post was sounded by Kenneth Almond, Canadian Legion Trumpeter, a one minute silence was observed. Then the trumpeter sounded Reveille. During the one minute silence the only sound heard was the fitful drone of an aircraft high above the assembled group. It seemed for awhile as if the Beaver and its faithful crew were still flying—perhaps on some mission of mercy in that Far Country from which no traveller returns.

Staff Sergeant Nesbitt, Chairman of the Dedication Ceremony ended the service with a few well chosen remarks, expressing the sentiments of all persons present, when he stated that this had been an historic and moving occasion.

A white cross stands today on a lonely mountainside, overlooking the calm waters of Skaha Lake. It is dedicated to the memory of three men who died for Queen and Country, and if death was inevitable, they could have died in no better cause. It seems appropriate to remember the inscription written on the Tomb to the Unknown Soldier—"Friends Who Loved the Cause, So Busy Giving They Forgot To Leave Their Names." They are remembered now.

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In an editorial on September 19, the *Penticton Herald* had this to say about the memorial cairn and the tragedy it commemorates:

In Memory of Three Men Who Died Protecting Us

"Every sound shall end in silence, but the silence never dies."

That's the way it was and is on the lonely mountainside where three RCMP officers died a little over a year ago.

Caught in a down-draft their police aircraft roared into the barren ground shattering to pieces with violent sound, then bursting into flames.

Then it was all over. The silence of the hills once more descended bringing with it this time a great feeling of sadness, and heartache for many

To the three men who died, their duty that day was a routine task. They had no thought of death as they winged into the sky as part of a mass search for a madman and potential killer. All they knew was that this was their task as police officers. To protect, to the best of their ability, the general public. They left the airport in bright morning sunshine and minutes later a huge column of black smoke marked their funeral pyre.

Shortly after the tragedy we wrote in these columns that they were trying to help us when they died. We have not changed our opinion. The least we can do in return is to remember.

They would not wish us to weep for them, but we think they would be proud to know that we have not forgotten that their lives were given that ours might be safer, more secure.

(Submitted by Cst. L. V. R. Anderson, Penticton, B.C.)

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The Force made it four in a row over the Royal Air Force in the fourth annual "postal" pistol competition between the two groups by outgunning the airmen 4,588 to 4,472 in the 1959 match.

Mounted Police shooters completed their targets last August 6 at the "N" Division (Rockcliffe) revolver range, posting their highest aggregate to date in the series. The RAF team fired its targets at Bisley, England, in July, also running up its highest total to date.

The two groups donate spoons as prizes for the top men on the teams, and Cpl. J. R. Zavitz of Nanaimo Detachment received the RAF spoon, posting an individual score of 495. An RCMP crested spoon was sent to Flight Lieutenant Steele of the RAF who amassed a score of 467.

Personnel shooting for the RCMP included Supt. G. H. Prime, S/Sgts. E. C. Armstrong, E. Davies, Sgts. C. E. Gaines, N. Credico, J. A. O. E. Perrin, L. Libke and Cpls. R. Reynolds, J. R. Zavitz and N. C. Rahm.