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The Ball was deemed a huge success. Thanks to all who were involved in organizing this centennial event.

submitted by Cpl. P. Humphries

JASPER TO BANFF RELAY An RCMP team composed of 15 adventurous runners placed 13th in the Chasquis Invitational Rocky Mountain Road race last June 15/16, 1985, thereby capturing the police category trophy from the Bermuda Police team in the 6th edition of this demanding event. One hundred and twenty three teams representing over 2,000 runners, many of whom are world class athletes, participated in this endurance race. Over 280 teams had sought entry, however race organizers had to limit the participants.

Special thanks to the various headquarter recreation clubs and messes for the sponsorship and donations that helped make this grueling event possible. Participation was almost Canadian-wide. The event was televised in North America and received widespread coverage in the Western press.

The race is described in the race information pamphlet, but the true nature of this event is best summed up in the waiver signed by each participant:

"I am aware of the endurance nature of this event, that it is being run on a busy public highway, that it will be taking place con-

tinuously over a 24-hour period, that the weather conditions can be extreme and are subject to unpredictable changes, that I may be exposed to danger of contact with wild animals, and that in many cases the road surface will be uneven."

The weather was good throughout the race and the highway was in good shape. We only saw one grizzly — who didn't look too hungry. The team finished well within the 24 hours, to be exact it took 18:45:39.

The race started in Jasper at noon on the 15th of June at 3,200 ft. above sea level. Throughout the 180 odd miles, the course peaked twice at 7,000 ft. and finished in Banff at 4,000 ft. above sea level.

submitted by Dave Stewart and Brett White

PARKS CANADA/RCMP: 100 YEARS OF WORKING TOGETHER

On April 27, 1985, the members of Edson Sub-Division held their Regimental Ball in the Main Ball Room of the Jasper Park Lodge nestled high in the Rocky Mountains. This gala event also helped Parks Canada celebrate their centennial year. During the cocktail hour guests could watch films of the Musical Ride on a screen mounted outside the Main ballroom. Upon entering the ballroom, guests were greeted by a sea of color with flags, banners and posters put up under the direction of Cpl. Terry Shuttleworth of Jasper Highway Patrol. Local piper Ed Chilton piped in the head table who were: C.O. "K" Division, A/Commr. Dave Whyte

RCMP RELAY TEAM Front row (L-R): Steve Rowe (Toronto), Brett White (Calgary), Tim Gray (Ottawa), Jack Hes (Cranbrook), Bruno Arseneau (McLennan), Greg Nobson (Edmonton), Gerry Taylor (Calgary). Back row (L-R): Ken Murray (Toronto), Victor Dorian (Edmonton), Duncun Currie (Edmonton), Jim Moore (Ottawa), Dave Stewart (Ottawa), Ray Elrich (Ottawa), Clint Reynolds (Calgary), Garnett Wheadon (Toronto).

