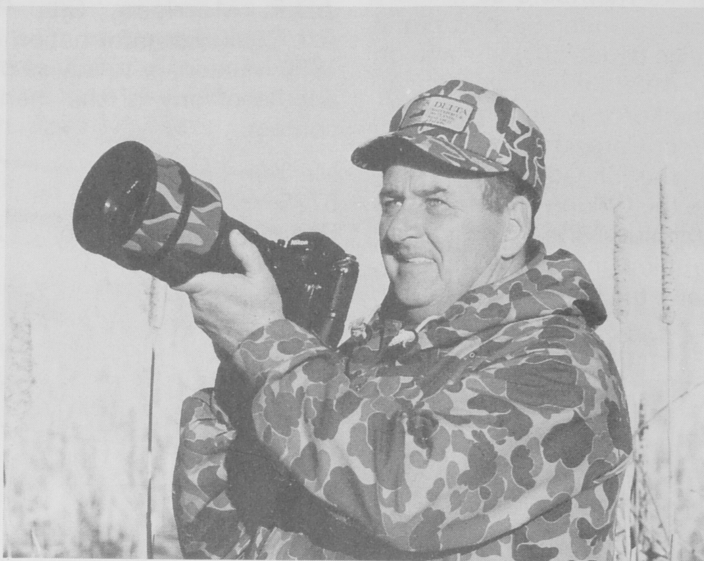


Photographer Extraordinaire

by Sgt. P.T. Hughes



Reg. No. 18441, ex-S/Sgt. Jack Arnold Barrie joined the Force November 12, 1953, at Victoria, British Columbia. He spent his entire service in "D" Division, Manitoba, serving at Winnipeg, Norway House, Hodgson, Fisher Branch and Portage la Prairie. In 1962, he was selected for the enforcement of the Migratory Birds Convention Act (MBCA) in Western Canada and the Arctic.

During this time, Barrie developed a great love for waterfowl in North America, and a driving desire to capture the birds in flight in their natural habitat. While enforcing the MBCA in the Delta Marshes of Lake Manitoba, north of Portage la Prairie, he was always armed with his camera and ready for photographing.

In 1966, Barrie was transferred out of MBCA and into other facets of police work. He had an extraordinary ability for

investigating major crimes, in particular murder cases. He became a very proficient lecturer in both areas of wildlife and major investigations.

In 1981, Barrie returned to Portage La Prairie as Detachment Commander, which lead to furthering his dreams of becoming a more professional photographer of wildlife, and it also afforded him the opportunity to utilize the Delta Marshes in his spare time.

On October 11, 1985, Jack Barrie said goodbye to his career (32 years) in the Force, and returned to Courtenay, British Columbia, to follow his dream of photographing wildlife in flight on a fulltime basis. Today, Barrie is recognized as one of North America's most prolific wildlife photographers, and has also become one of the world's foremost photographers of birds. ■