

memorial service and officiated the fixing of a perpetual commemorative plaque to Wayne's memory. We are indebted to the C.O. "N" Division, C/Supt. G. M. Allen and Insp. Ed Hamilton who cooperated and assisted in making the necessary arrangements.

Following the dedication, S/M Eric Young revived memories by forming up Troop 49 Long Service Medal recipients in the "N" Division Officers Mess. Families and invited guests attended and it was interesting to note that even C/S/M (Rtd.) Mel Gilby, resplendent in a scarlet regimental blazer, nodded approvingly as the group stood "at ease" awaiting the commencement of the medal presentation. A/Commr. D. J. Wright, the Director of Organization and Personnel, welcomed all those present and recounted a brief history of the Long Service Medal.

Troop 49 wishes to thank A/Commr. Wright for his valued participation and the many kind comments he made during the introduction regarding the uniqueness of our reunion. Reunions in the Force are not common and, as pointed out by A/Commr. Wright, an unusually strong bond of friendship and esprit de corps must exist to initiate the desire to reunite after a 20-year period.

The presentation of medals was made in order of service number, with Sgt. Chris Mew leading the parade. Troop 49 carried out the LSM parade with its traditional perfection, and all present congratulated S/M Eric Young for contributing his expertise and assistance. I might add that for some reason, yet unexplained, he was considerably more co-operative on this occasion than he was 20 years ago as our drill instructor.

Troopmate Ron Anderson was our only ex-member to attend, and we knew he would have wished to be included in the LSM parade, by forming up with all those other misshapen in-

dividuals displaying serges that showed the evidence of severe shrinkage over the years.

While the purpose of a reunion is to reunite old friends and relive memories, the presence of Mr. Ken Sinclair from Winnipeg was a new experience, resulting in a friendship equal in every respect to the bond we shared with our deceased troopmate.

We know that the Troop 49 reunion was a moving experience for Ken who, no doubt, remembered his brother in a different light. We would be remiss if we did not take this opportunity to thank Ken Sinclair for his contribution to the Troop 49 reunion and to also express sincere thanks to our Liaison Officer (now O.C. Public Relations Branch), Supt. J. R. Bentham, for arranging to have a special appreciation plaque made available for presentation to Mr. Sinclair on behalf of Troop 49.

A coffee and tea social followed the ceremonies and it was here that Troop 49 first had the opportunity to catch up on the last 20 years. That evening the troop commandeered the HQ Sgts. Mess for a stag. The "bull session" began in earnest, and as the hours flowed so did the yarns. Stories were told and facts stretched.

Saturday, May 26th, was a slower day, to be partly blamed on the festivities of the evening before. The day was free for visiting and sight-seeing with the evening reserved for a family get-together at the Sgts. Mess. The yarns continued (they did, however, lose some of the descriptive lustre of the evening before) and a hilarious and enjoyable night was had by all.

The reunion was an unqualified success. Except for a few pounds and a few wrinkles, we were the same wide-eyed, wise-crackers that rolled into "N" Division 20 years ago.

On a serious note, we cannot but reflect on the comments of A/Commr.