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**CHÉNIER** Reg. No. 13519, ex-S/S/M Joseph Hervé Ferdinand Chénier, 77, died October 2, 1997, at St-Bruno, Que. He was born February 9, 1920, at Montréal, where he joined the Force July 8, 1940. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Chénier was posted to "C" Division, Que., where he worked at Quebec City, Cap Tourmente and Montréal. On July 1, 1953, he was transferred to RCMP HQ, where he performed Visa Control duties in Paris and then worked at Ottawa. Chénier retired January 8, 1962. He was promoted to corporal October 1, 1949; sergeant November 1, 1952; staff sergeant May 1, 1956; staff sergeant major May 1, 1960. Chénier was awarded the Commissioner's Commendation in 1944, for his part in investigations which resulted in the apprehension at Quebec City, of a dangerous gasoline ration counterfeiting ring.

**DAVIDSON** Reg. No. 13888, ex-S/Sgt. Walter Davidson, 79, died July 10, 1997, at Winnipeg. He was born November 3, 1917, at Toronto, where he joined the Force January 6, 1941. Upon completion of training at "N" Division, Davidson was posted to "D" Division, Man., where he worked at Dauphin, Ethelbert, Russell, Roblin, Shoal Lake, Amaranth, Swan River, Flin Flon, Fort William, Norway House, Winnipeg and Selkirk, retiring July 6, 1969. Davidson was promoted to corporal January 12, 1951; sergeant November 1, 1958; staff sergeant November 1, 1962.

*NOTE: For the families of most deceased members and ex-members, the publication of Obituaries in the "Quarterly" puts a form of closure on their connection with the RCMP. Although many years have passed since the death of ex-Cst. Ellerton, we are printing the following Obituary at the request of his family. The "Quarterly" is routinely advised by RCMP Pensions Section personnel of the deaths of serving or pensioned RCMP members and civilian members. We rely on our readers to advise us of the deaths of former RCMP members who are not receiving an RCMP pension. — Editor*

**ELLERTON** Reg. No. 13214, (R/451) ex-Cst. John Canfield Ellerton, 71, died January 16, 1989, at North Vancouver. He was born December 6, 1917, at Hemmingford, Que., and joined the Force as a reserve constable December 30, 1938, at Toronto, converting to the rank of constable October 18, 1939. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Ellerton was posted to "F" Division, Sask., where he worked at Regina, Strasbourg, Yorkton, Foam Lake and Yorkton. He took his discharge October 17, 1944, to join the Royal Canadian Navy, and reengaged into the RCMP June 8, 1946. Ellerton was posted to "A" Division, Ottawa, and took his discharge December 23, 1946.

**FORTIN** Reg. No. 18680, ex-Sgt. Pierre Philippe Fortin, 65, died August 17, 1997, at Ville-de-LaSalle, Que. He was born December 10, 1931, at Deschailions, and joined the Force August 9, 1954, at Quebec City. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Fortin was posted to "C" Division, Que., where he worked at Sherbrooke, Caughnawaga, Coaticook, Dorval and Montréal, retiring April 4, 1988. Fortin

was promoted to corporal May 1, 1966; sergeant August 1, 1972.

**FOSTER** Reg. No. 18079, ex-S/Sgt. Robert Williamson Foster, 64, died August 24, 1997, at Rocky Mountain House, Alta. He was born August 18, 1933, at Regina, and joined the Force January 12, 1953, at Vancouver. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Foster was posted to "K" Division, Alta., namely at Calgary and took his discharge February 13, 1956. He reengaged into the Force April 1, 1958, at Red Deer, Alta., and was posted to "K" Division, namely at St. Paul, Coronation and Edmonton, retiring July 22, 1979. Foster was promoted to corporal April 1, 1975; sergeant April 1, 1975; staff sergeant June 19, 1978.

**GIROUX** Reg. No. O.0548 (15988) D/Commr. Joseph Émile Jean Bertrand Giroux (retired), 68, died September 6, 1997, at Ottawa. He was born May 2, 1929, at St-Prime, Que., and joined the Force November 19, 1949, at Montréal. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Divisions, Giroux was posted to "C" Division, Que., where he worked at Dorval and Montréal. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: July 29, 1963, to "G" Division, N.W.T., at Fort Smith; July 29, 1966, to "A" Division, Ottawa; July 13, 1970, to "C" Division, Montréal; August 25, 1972, to "J" Division, N.B., at Fredericton where he was promoted to the position of Commanding Officer; January 6, 1975, to RCMP HQ. Giroux took his discharge July 16, 1984. He was promoted to corporal May 1, 1957; sergeant May 1, 1961; staff sergeant May 1, 1962; sub-inspector May 1, 1963; inspector May 1, 1965; superintendent August 1, 1970; chief superintendent December 1, 1973; assistant commissioner October 1, 1975; deputy commissioner August 10, 1981. In 1985, Giroux was assigned to the office of Inspector General until his retirement April 3, 1986. On July 23, 1976, he had been appointed a Member of the Fourth Class, Royal Victorian Order (MVO) by Her Majesty the Queen. This designation was changed effective December 31, 1984, to Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order (LVO). He had also been appointed Honorary Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency the Governor General in 1972/73.

**GOW** Reg. No. 12453, ex-Cst. Lt-Colonel Harry Broughton Gow (retired), 84, died July 12, 1997, at Middleton, New York. He was born June 20, 1913, at Hampstead, England, and joined the Force November 13, 1934, at Ottawa. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Gow was posted to "K" Division, Alta., where he worked at Banff, Radium Hot Springs, Field, Edmonton, Calgary and Turner Valley, taking his discharge September 18, 1939. Gow enrolled in the Royal Canadian Army Services Corps and participated in D-day, the Battle of Normandy and the subsequent north-eastern campaign, and received "Mention in Dispatch."

**HOWK** Reg. No. 16517, ex-Cpl. Herbert Helmer Howk, 74, died August 4, 1997, at Thorsby, Alta. He was born April 18, 1923, at Waldeck, Sask., and joined the Force on August 15, 1950, when the BCPP — where he had been serving at Penticton and Ladysmith since June 17, 1947 — amalgamated with the RCMP. Howk was posted to "E" Division, B.C., namely at