

"K" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Edmonton, Alta.)

MARRIAGE Cst. R.D.T. Noack, Reg. No. 36263, to Mary Ann Jackson on August 31, 1985, at Castor, Alta.

BIRTHS To Cst. C.R. Corley, Reg. No. 32151, and his wife, Jill, a daughter, Kristen Marie, on January 12, 1985, at Calgary, Alta.

To Cst. T.P. Scotland, Reg. No. 35880, and his wife, Heather, a daughter, Stephanie Fay, on June 2, 1985, at High Prairie, Alta.

To Cst. Gary Popein, Reg. No. 36289, and his wife, Monika, a daughter, Jennifer Dawn, on December 15, 1983, and a son, Andrew Gary, on May 5, 1985, at Fort McMurray, Alta.

To Cst. B.P. Bates, Reg. No. 29012, and his wife, Eloise, a son, Barry Brock, on August 14, 1985, at St. Albert, Alta.

To Cpl. H.P. Eichman, Reg. No. 29208, and his wife, Linda, a daughter, Paula, on June 21, 1985, at Peace River, Alta.

To Cst. C.A. Duplessis, Reg. No. 31721, and his wife, Joan, a son, Curtis Wayne, on July 7, 1985, at Medicine Hat, Alta.

To Cst. G. Callum Hutton, Reg. No. 35947, and his wife, Lee, a son, Gregory Mark, on July 5, 1985, at Canmore, Alta.

To Cst. W.C. Ard, Reg. No. 33423, and his wife, Elizabeth, a daughter, Morgan Shanleigh, on May 3, 1985, at St. Albert, Alta.

C.O.'S COMMENDATIONS On February 24, 1983, Cst. McDonald who was off duty but in the Morinville RCMP office doing some paper work, responded to a call for assistance by other detachment members. Cst. McDonald went to Highway 28 near Morinville to assist in directing traffic and keeping the crowd away from an overturned propane truck which was on fire and leaking propane from its tank. Upon arriving at the scene Cst. McDonald was directed to stop a busload of people on the Greyhound bus and keep them back. The propane tank had been heated to such an intensity, it had become what is known as a blevy and it was obvious it would explode. Cst. McDonald directed people away from the scene, thereby placing himself in considerable danger. When the blevy blew, he was knocked into the ditch and suffered minor scrapes and abrasions but was successful in removing a large number of civilians from the scene who would have been injured or perhaps killed. On May 10, 1985, Cst. McDonald received the Commanding Officer's Commendation for: "noticeable and above-average dedication and courage under dangerous conditions on the 24th day of February, 1983, near Morinville, Alberta, while not officially on duty, and at the sacrifice of his own safety, [did] direct bystanders away from the scene of an explosive fire, minimizing personal injury to the public."

submitted by S/Sgt. D.C. Richardson

CENTENNIAL BALL To mark the centennial of the city of Lethbridge and to pay honour to the Force during its 100th anniversary in the city, members of Lethbridge Sub-Division were hosts to a Centennial Ball held at the El Rancho Hotel on June 1, 1985. More than 500 people from various communities in and around Lethbridge and as far away as Ottawa and parts of the U.S.A. attended this most memorable evening. Following a cocktail hour and receiving line, the head table was piped in by Alistair Gilchrist. A fabulous meal of stuffed Cornish game hen with all the trimmings followed.

As master of ceremonies for the evening, I had the honour of introducing the head-table guests: The Hon. Erik Nielsen, Deputy Prime Minister of Canada and the Minister of Defence; C.O. "K" Division, A/Commr. D.A. Whyte; O.C. Lethbridge Sub-Division, Supt. Y.E.J. Beaulieu, Mayor of Lethbridge, Worship A. Anderson, and President of the Lethbridge Centennial Society, Judge R. Jacobson. Mr. Erik Nielsen honoured us by being our guest speaker. During his speech he relived many fond memories of his father's career in the Force and how proud he was to be associated with the RCMP. Following his speech, the O.C. Lethbridge Sub-Division, Supt. Y.E.J. Beaulieu presented a framed picture of the NWMP Parade at Lethbridge in 1889 to Mr. Nielsen.

The colorful grand march led by A/Commr. Whyte and his wife Judy, together with visiting police and military personnel, made for quite a spectacular sight. Dancing to the tunes of "Anything Goes" followed. Numerous civilian guests were dressed in their centennial costumes which really added to the evening.

A rather unique and rare occurrence also took place at this Centennial Ball. Supt. Beaulieu was joined by three previous Lethbridge Sub-Division officers commanding: A/Commr. Glen Gordon (rtd.), Supt. Al Niedzwiecki (rtd.), and

C/Supt. G.J. Grieg, O.I.C. C.I.B., presented Cst. McDonald (left) with a Commanding Officer's Commendation during the Morinville Detachment Spring Ball.

