

converted to constable. Beaulieu was still serving at Montréal at the time of his death.

BITZ Reg. No. 15733, ex-Sgt. Arnold Anton Bitz, 70, died December 29, 1997, at London, Ont. He was born February 24, 1927, at Allan, Sask., and joined the Force February 26, 1949, at Regina. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Divisions, Bitz was posted to "O" Division, Ont., namely at Toronto, Sarnia and Windsor, retiring on April 1, 1974. He was promoted to corporal November 1, 1960; sergeant November 1, 1964.

BUSH Reg. No. C/2741 (E/2206), C/M Jack Andrew Bush, 47, died December 5, 1997, at Whitehorse, Y.T. He was born May 1, 1950, at Brantford, Ont., and joined the Force as an auxiliary constable August 25, 1977, at Courtenay, B.C., where he served until joining the Force as a civilian member. Bush was posted to "E" Division, B.C., namely at the Courtenay Comcentre and in January 1991, he was transferred to "M" Division, at Whitehorse, where he was still working at the time of his death.

Bush had served with the Canadian Armed Forces from May 14, 1958, to July 20, 1978.

CHRISTIANSON Reg. No. 14305, ex-S/Sgt. Earl Victor Christianson, 76, died November 18, 1997, at Campbellford, Ont. He was born September 16, 1921, at Shaunavon, Sask., and joined the Force November 1, 1941, at Regina. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Divisions, Christianson was posted to "K" Division, Alta., namely at Edmonton, Edson, Fort McMurray, Edmonton, Westlock, Two Hills, Lesser Slave Lake, Peace River, High Prairie, Fort Vermilion, Athabasca, Red Deer, Olds and Banff, where he retired on October 31, 1963. He was promoted to corporal November 1, 1955; sergeant November 1, 1961; staff sergeant May 1, 1963.

Christianson subsequently served as Chief of the Camrose City Police Force for 19 years before retiring in 1982. His son, Reg. No. 35735, Cpl. R.M. Christianson, is currently serving in "K" Division, Alta.

COADY Reg. No. 16188, ex-S/Sgt. Hugh Coady, 77, died October 27, 1997, at St. John's, Nfld. He was born June 4, 1920, at Lamaline, and joined the Force August 1, 1950, when he transferred from the Newfoundland Constabulary — where he had been serving at St. John's since May 20, 1942. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and

"N" Divisions, Coady was posted to "B" Division, Nfld., where he served at St. John's and Deer Lake. On July 15, 1971, he was transferred to "L" Division, P.E.I., at Charlottetown, and on July 18, 1973, back to "B" Division, at Harbour Grace, then retired on August 31, 1974. Coady was promoted to corporal November 1, 1957; sergeant May 1, 1962; staff sergeant November 1, 1966.

FANNING Reg. No. S/123 (S/10745), ex-S/Cst. Walter Hebel Fanning, 87, died October 15, 1997, at Clearwater, B.C. He was born March 2, 1910, in the United States, and joined the Force as a regular member special constable May 22, 1953, at Cranbrook, B.C. Fanning served in "E" Division, B.C., namely at Cranbrook, where he retired on March 2, 1970.

Fanning served in the Royal Canadian Army Signals Corps (RCASC) from August 29, 1940, to July 26, 1946.

FRASER Reg. No. 14658, ex-Sgt. William Edward Fraser, 74, died December 1, 1997, at Duncan, B.C. He was born December 15, 1922, at Biggar, Sask., and joined the Force March 16, 1946, at Edmonton, Alta. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Fraser was posted to "F" Division, Sask., at Regina, Saskatoon, Humbolt, Rosetown, Kyle and Prince Albert. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: January 5, 1951, to "O" Division, Ont., at Toronto; in December 1951, to "E" Division, B.C., at Burnaby, White Rock, Ladysmith and Creston, where he retired on June 21, 1971. Fraser was promoted to corporal May 1, 1958; sergeant May 1, 1966.

Fraser served in the Royal Canadian Air Force from 1941 to 1945, and was awarded the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp.

GAGE Reg. No. 15805, ex-Cst. Thomas George Gage, 67, died April 10, 1997, at Coquitlam, B.C. He was born March 29, 1930, at North Battleford, Sask., and joined the Force June 9, 1949, at Vancouver. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Gage purchased his discharge on January 17, 1950.

Gage served in the Canadian Army Reserve from 1946 to 1948.

GASKELL Reg. No. O.776 (16535), Supt. Hugh Traves Gaskell (retired), 71, died October 12, 1997, at Sydney, B.C. He was born February 24, 1926, at Rocky Mountain House, Alta., and joined the Force when the BCPP where he had been working since