



Letters to the editor...



SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

Dear Editor,

I am sending this in order to clear up a misunderstanding I noticed in the Fall 1996 edition of the *RCMP Quarterly*. In the "Obituary Section" and with regard to ex-Sgt. Hutchings, it states in part that he "converted to regular member status in September 1938". Hutchings joined the Force in 1935, as a trumpeter, and as such **was a regular member** from the day he joined. He received his regimental number on joining and took the same training as the recruit constables in his troop. A trumpeter was a regular member and his rank of trumpeter was just below that of constable. When I joined as a trumpeter in 1931, there were no classes of constable. A recruit constable received \$2 a day, the same as a constable with five years of service.

I also noticed that in Doug Minor's obituary that his regimental number is shown as 17788. As he joined in 1932, his number would have been much lower, possibly 12788.

Hope you do not think I'm being "picky," I just want to keep the record straight. I enjoy receiving the *Quarterly* and congratulate you on your fine job.

Yours sincerely,

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AFRICAN SWAP...

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the copy of the *Quarterly*; it

has probably been sent to me through the kindness of my friend from "Depot" with whom I have corresponded over many years.

I am a Warrant Officer of the South African Police Reserve and a collector of police insignia world wide. I would like to address all serious collectors through the medium of your magazine to communicate with me for the purpose of exchanging items. I can offer all badges of the S.A.P. and other African countries such as Namibia, Botswana, Swaziland etc. I also have for exchange our official models of police casspirs and armoured carriers in desert and bush camouflage. All letters will be welcome.

It is with great pride that I view my association with the famous Mounties and I am very happy to enclose a draft for two years subscription to your magazine.

Yours faithfully,

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SPECIAL TRIBUTE

Dear Editor,

I just read the article written by S/Sgt. Gilles Parent about Mrs. Line Côté, a long-time RCMP employee who passed away recently. I congratulate S/Sgt. Parent on his sensitive and moving tribute which