

**Reg. No. 10655, Constable Harry Gilbert Rapeer**

At Regina, Sask., on May 23, 1940 an unfortunate accident Rapeer resulted in the death of Constable H. G. Rapeer of "Depot" Division.

Employed as assistant teamster, Constable Rapeer was standing by his team while the wagon was being unloaded. The team became frightened by a wind-blown piece of paper, and bolted. While attempting to stop the runaways, Constable Rapeer leaped for their heads, but was knocked down. The wagon passed over him striking his head and inflicting fatal injuries. He was rushed to the hospital but died shortly after admission. The accident occurred shortly after 11 a.m.

Constable Rapeer was forty-one years of age and had previously served in the Force from July 24, 1929 to September 12, 1930 during which period he was stationed at Saskatoon and Humbolt, Sask. Prior to joining the Force, Constable Rapeer had three years' military service with the South Saskatchewan Rifles. He was classified as an extremely good soldier, with the character notation "Exemplary." Before his army experience, he had been a farmer, office clerk and mechanic at different times, and was always known as a conscientious worker. Born in the United States to a naturalized Canadian father, Rapeer had been in Canada for thirty-seven years. After his discharge on September 30, 1930, he was employed in Saskatoon in various capacities, once as chief labor foreman in the relief Department, handling over 900 men, and again as relief investigator. Later he worked as a coal-miner for the Empire Coal Company, East Coulee, Alta. At Calgary, he re-engaged on September 25, 1939 for the duration of the war and was transferred to "Depot" Division.

Funeral services were held in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Chapel with the Rev. Harry Joyce of St. Andrew's United Church officiating. The Rev. Canon E. H. Lee, M.A., Assistant Chaplain to the Force, assisted. A firing party, team and gun carriage were supplied by "Depot" Division. About one hundred N.C.O.'s and Constables of "Depot", together with Members of "F" Division stationed in Regina, paraded to the Chapel. The service was attended by the Officers Commanding "F" and "Depot" Divisions, the other officers at Regina and relatives and friends of the deceased. The body was interred with full military honours in the R.C.M.P. cemetery.

He leaves a widow, and baby only a few weeks old; two children of an earlier marriage, Donald, 10, and Ethel, 8; his mother living at Tyvan, Sask.

**Ex-Superintendent Arthur Edward Snyder**

The death occurred on March 28, 1940 of ex-Superintendent A. E. Snyder, at his residence, 3847 Trinity Street, Vancouver, B.C. While his passing was not unexpected, it was nevertheless a shock to his many friends. He was a personal friend of Commissioner Wood's, their association dating from the Commissioner's boyhood.

Major A. E. Snyder was born at Peterborough, Ontario, on March 24, 1862. Three of his four grand-parents came from Canadian stock of several generations standing, while his maternal grandfather was an Irishman who served as Lieutenant of the 5th Foot in Wellington's Peninsular campaign and held medals and clasps.

Major Snyder's military career was begun as a private in the 57th Battalion Canadian Volunteers. He passed through and obtained a certificate from Kingston Military College. Then he joined the Prince of Wales Dragoon Guards as 2nd Lieutenant. He was selected by Major Turnbull out of eight cadet volunteers for duty in the North West.

On August 1, 1885, he was appointed Inspector in the N.W.M. Police. During service with the Force he was stationed in the Yukon and North West Territories, in the part now known as Alberta and Saskatchewan. In 1899 he was selected to accompany the treaty Commissioners appointed to make treaty with those Indians inhabiting that portion of the North West Territories tributary to the Peace and Athabasca rivers and the southern end of Great Slave lake.