

Obituary

Ex-Superintendent James Ritchie

On June 13th, Ex-Superintendent James Ritchie, died at Edmonton, Alberta.

Ex-Superintendent Ritchie joined the N.W.M. Police on September 4th, 1891, as a constable, serving continuously until February 5th, 1930, when he retired to pension. During his service, he held a number of Staff appointments at Regina, Saskatchewan, when the Headquarters of the Force were located at that place, for varying periods he was Adjutant, Paymaster, and also Supply Officer; in addition to being Adjutant he acted for many years as the Commissioner's Secretary. At the time of the South Africa War he proceeded overseas with the Canadian Mounted Rifles.

On being transferred to Ottawa with the rank of Superintendent in 1920, he continued in his duties as Paymaster and Supply Officer for three years, later proceeding to Edmonton, Alberta, where he assumed command of "G" Division.

Universally respected and extremely popular, Superintendent Ritchie's death will be sincerely mourned by his many friends in Edmonton and at Fort Saskatchewan, where he had resided since leaving the R.C.M. Police. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his wife and family in their bereavement.

Regimental No. 12102—Constable Errol Lampson Crawford Lindsay

Regimental No. 12588—Constable Lewis Roger Bartlett

Regimental No. 12036—Ex-Constable John Newton Murray

A most regrettable automobile accident occurred during the early morning of May 12th, when Constable E. L. C. Lindsay, Constable L. R. Bartlett, and ex-Constable J. N. Murray, lost their lives when returning to "N" Division Barracks, Rockcliffe, Ottawa, from the Gatineau Country Club, Hull, P.Q.

At the time of the accident, Mr. J. N. Murray, an ex-member of the Force, was driving, and would appear to have inadvertently turned from the main highway at a point where a side road makes a sharp descent to the Ottawa River, with the result that the car and occupants plunged over the bank and descended into the water sixty feet below. Three passengers who were travelling in the vehicle survived the accident but Mr. Murray and Constables Lindsay and Bartlett were drowned.

Constable Lindsay at the time of his death was twenty-one years of age and had served in the R.C.M. Police for a period of three and a half years, while Constable Bartlett was twenty-six years old and had been a member of the Force for nearly two years. Ex-Constable Murray was twenty-four years of age and had previously served in the R.C.M. Police from July 27th, 1933 to April 1st, 1936.

All the deceased were well known in Ottawa and their deaths will be sincerely mourned by their many friends and comrades in the Force. Our deepest sympathy is extended to their parents and relatives in their tragic loss.

Regimental No. 12270—Able Seaman Joseph Arthur Pineau

Able Seaman J. A. Pineau died on January 5th, 1937, at Biq, P.Q. A/B Pineau, prior to the amalgamation of the Preventive Service, Department of National Revenue, with the R.C.M. Police, was a member of personnel of the cruiser "Alachasse". He first joined the Preventive Service on November 2nd, 1931, and subsequently remained on the strength of the R.C.M. Police, Marine Section. During his period of duty with the R.C.M. Police, Marine Section, A/B Pineau served as a member of the crew of the cruiser "Chaleur" and also of the cruiser "Madawaska".