

returned the filter to those who preferred to smoke a "ladies cigarette."

Heartful condolences go out to his family, from his many friends and acquaintances at Depot Division, for the "man in white" who for twenty-five years served our needs as Post Hospital Orderly.

Greg Potts

In late March, 1978, Greg Potts entered the Ottawa Civic Hospital. For the past five years, Greg's life had been a series of medical treatments, painful drug injections and hospital stays, all characteristic of the cancer patient. Leukemia was the diagnosis in late 1972 when Greg was pursuing his degree in journalism, at Carleton University.

It was his love for journalism which eventually brought Greg to the RCMP Pony Express as an Assistant Editor. However, Greg's association with the Force was far more extensive than this particular job.

While his father, Supt. G. A. Potts (Rtd.), was Officer in Charge A&P at Depot Division, Greg, unable to work because of his medical condition, lived on the base, and during this stay he adopted and was adopted by Troop 7 — 73/74. He closely followed their progress through training and they developed a genuine liking for him.

During his many confinements in hospital, troop members would visit him and, in better times, he often accompanied them to the Paddock and Ole Gold. Greg looked forward to and was a guest at their Pass Out ceremonies and dance. This was not, however, a relationship based on sympathy or pity, for it was Troop 7 that benefited greatly from Greg's strength, determination and marvellous sense of humour.

Greg, sensitive to the loneliness and homesickness of recruits, responded with understanding, encouragement and friendship. He was a very special person,



Greg Potts.

the kind of friend everybody wishes they could have.

Growing up in an RCMP family, combined with his Depot experience, gave Greg a rare insight into the Force, an insight he carried to his work at the Pony Express. He was an ardent supporter of the Mounted Police and worked hard to develop the Pony Express into a real service for the members.

It was destined that Greg was not to leave the hospital this time. On April 13, 1978, Greg Potts lost his long and hard fought battle with cancer.

There are no rules to guide the terminally ill through their remaining days, but it can be said with absolute certainty that no one could have handled it better than Greg did.

Greg is survived by his wife Judy, his parents Supt. & Mrs. G. A. Potts (Rtd.) and the many who will long remember and cherish his friendship.

Greg Potts was indeed a very special person.