Republic of Vietnam. The RCMP, through the liaison office in Bangkok, Thailand, is the first foreign police agency to become involved on a practical basis with the People's Police of Vietnam (PPV). Bangkok's two RCMP Liaison Officers (LO), Brian Williams and Luc Vidal, have developed a good working relationship with Vietnamese police officers and are receiving excellent cooperation in a variety of investigations.

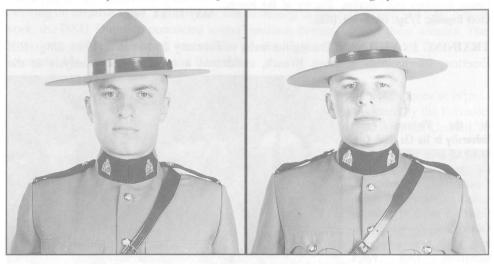
A diplomatic request had been received from the Minister of the Interior, Republic of Vietnam, for RCMP training assistance and the needs-analysis was conducted while S/Sgt. Emerton was in Thailand on other projects.

INTERESTING CANDIDATES In any given year, many interesting candidates come through the Canadian Police College. Some candidates meet for the first time, others know each other. We often say that the police universe is like being part of a large family; well, in November 1995, we had such an experience when twin brothers attended the same Executive Development Course (EDC 95-5). Dennis and Donald Schlecker joined the RCMP on February 25, 1966, at Edmonton, Alberta. They were in the same troop for basic training at

"Depot" Division, and upon completion of training, Dennis was posted to Regina "F" Station in Town Division. Saskatchewan, while his brother Donald was posted to Rossland Detachment, "E" Division, British Columbia. Since that time, both of them have had numerous transfers throughout Canada and followed each other through the ranks. Both were promoted to corporal in 1976; Donald became a sergeant in 1980, and Dennis in 1984. Donald was the first to receive his commission in 1988, followed by Dennis in 1990.

The Executive Development Course is the senior course offered to RCMP Officers at the Canadian Police College. Dennis and Donald did not have the opportunity to follow any other courses together throughout their careers, but they certainly took this opportunity to talk about the "good old days" in basic training. They shared their stories with the other candidates, who found it very interesting the way that these twins made it through basic training.

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Dennis and Donald Schlecker in 1966.