

"N" Division

(Training Centre—Rockcliffe, Ont.)

Sorrow Walking home after duties on Jan. 12, 1953, Reg. No. 12738 Cpl. J. R. Gauthier, popular drill instructor of "N" Division suffered a heart seizure on the street and passed away before arrival at the Ottawa General Hospital. His funeral service was held January 15, with full RCMP Honors. Burial was in Notre Dame Cemetery. Pall-bearers consisted of nine ex-members of No. 1 Provost Company and the cortege included a firing party of 14. Included in the funeral procession were the Officer Commanding "N" Division, Supt. C. N. K. Kirk; Insprs. W. Dick, G. W. Mudge, members of "N" Division—including the Coronation Troop—together with Lt.-Col. J. R. Stewart, MBE, Canadian Army Provost Marshal and Lt. R. J. Stinson, WO2 C. W. Brown and Sgt. J. E. France of the Canadian Army Provost Corps.

Corporal Gauthier engaged in the Force on July 11, 1935, at Rockcliffe, served in various detachments in "C" Division, and on Nov. 27, 1939, enlisted in No. 1 Provost Company. Serving in the United Kingdom, Central Mediterranean area and Continental Europe he attained the rank of Captain in 1942. Corporal Gauthier re-engaged in the Force in June 1945 and was posted to "C" Division where he served in Montreal. On Oct. 1, 1951, he was transferred to "N" Division as a drill instructor. He will be sadly missed in "N" Division and elsewhere. He leaves to mourn, his wife, the former Albertine Larose, and three small children. (See also Obituary Column.)

To Pension On January 21, the staff of "N" Division honored Reg. No. 10156 Q.M. Sgt. W. H. Maffett, upon his retirement to pension after 27 years of service in the Force. Sergeant Maffett engaged in the RCMP at Regina on Jan. 20, 1926. He was stationed in Saskatchewan for a year, "B" Division for two years, Vancouver in "E" Division for a year, and "Headquarters" for two years before coming to "N" Division. On behalf of the staff members Superintendent Kirk presented Sergeant Maffett with an automobile radio and in a brief address paid tribute to his lengthy and faithful service.

Visitors Among visitors to "N" Division were Miss Cecelia Addy, secretary to



**Supt. C. N. K. Kirk says good-bye to
Sgt. W. H. Maffett.**

the FBI Liaison Officer in Ottawa, and Miss Margaret A. Lucey, secretary to the RCMP Liaison Officer in Washington on Nov. 19, 1952. Accompanied by Miss Florence Cosgrove of the office of the Director of Criminal Investigation, they viewed the pass-out parade of Refresher Class "A-1" and visited the riding school and small-arms range.

On Nov. 10, 1952, a group of 103 boys and nine girls, carriers of the *Toronto Telegram*, escorted by 15 men and two women, toured the barracks in two groups, observing displays of drill, riding and typing.

Staff Activities After disbanding the Musical Ride upon its return from the United States, members of the staff who could be spared from other duties, were kept busily engaged demonstrating their riding prowess, with the apparent intention of exercising the horses. However, since some had never previously taken equitation and many years had elapsed for those who had, thrills and spills were numerous and humorous. Aches and pains suffered by some of those participating would lead one to believe that the members may have received more exercise than the horses.

On July 1, 1952, Cpl. C. C. Munroe of the lecturing staff received notice that he had been awarded the Order of St. John. On December 1, along with many distinguished recipients, he was invested by the Governor-General at Government House. The investiture was followed by a reception. Commr. L. H. Nicholson, who received