

# Obituary

Reg. No. 6720, ex-S/Sgt. David Hay, 70, died at Wilson Lake, Que., Sept. 5, 1947. He served in the Force from Aug. 25, 1909, to Apr. 30, 1917, as a special constable, and from July 30, 1917, until pensioned on July 29, 1939, being stationed at Regina, Sask., Macleod and Lethbridge in Alberta, and Ottawa, Ont., which was his home at the time of his death.

Reg. No. 3539, ex-Cpl. John Henry Cole, 70, died at Edmonton, Alta., Oct. 3, 1947. He served in the Force from Mar. 30, 1900, to Mar. 29, 1909, being stationed at Whitehorse, Y.T.

Reg. No. 12579, Cpl. Robert Holt Durfy, 34, died at Rochester, N.Y., Sept. 16, 1947. He served in the R.C.M.P. from June 24, 1935, until his death, being stationed at Regina, Sask., Winnipeg and Shoal Lake in Manitoba, and Rockcliffe and Ottawa in Ontario. A member of No. 1 Provost Company (R.C.M.P.), he was with the Canadian Army overseas in World War II.

Inspr. Hugh William Henry Williams, 53, died at Edmonton, Alta., Aug. 31, 1947. Veteran of World War I, he was also a member of the Saskatchewan Provincial Police from Oct. 1, 1919, until its amalgamation with the R.C.M.P. on June 1, 1928, and from then until his death served in the R.C.M.P. During the Royal Visit in 1939 he was in charge of Their Majesties' personal orderlies and performed excellent work. He received his commission on Nov. 1, 1939. His regimental number while in the ranks was 10433, and during his service with the Force he was stationed at Lanigan, Rosetown, Saskatoon and Prince Albert in Saskatchewan, Rockcliffe, Ont., Winnipeg and Brandon in Manitoba, and Fort Smith, N.W.T.

Reg. No. 3205, ex-Cst. John Robert Gibson, 77, died at Dawson, Y.T., July 22, 1947. He served in the N.W.M.P. from Jan. 10, 1898, to Sept. 2, 1901, being stationed most of this time at Tagish, Y.T.

Reg. No. 11318, ex-Cpl. Oscar Maitland Alexander, 53, died at Vancouver, B.C., Sept. 11, 1947. A veteran of World War I, he also served in the former Alberta Provincial Police from May 1, 1930, until the amalgamation of that force with the R.C.M.P. on Mar. 31, 1932, and from then with the R.C.M.P. until Mar. 30, 1946, when he was invalidated to pension. Throughout his service with the R.C.M.P. he was stationed at Calgary, Alta.

Reg. No. 9583, ex-Cpl. Horace Reginald Wilson, 48, died at Welland, Ont., Aug. 26, 1947. A veteran of World War I during which he saw service in the British Army, the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force, he served in the R.C.M.P. from Oct. 9, 1920, to June 12, 1923, from Oct. 16, 1923, to June 20, 1927, and from Apr. 1, 1932, to July 31, 1940, and in the Preventive Service, Department of National Revenue, from June 21, 1927, to Mar. 31, 1932. While in the Force he was stationed at Regina, Sask., and Ottawa, Toronto, Rockcliffe, Windsor, Fort Erie, and Port Lambton in Ontario.

Reg. No. 3567, ex-Cst. Frank Barrett, 69, died at Peterborough, Ont., Sept. 1, 1947. A member of the N.W.M.P. from Apr. 7, 1900, to May 28, 1903, he was stationed first at Leavings, N.W.T. (later Alberta) Detachment, and then in the Yukon Territory at Grand Forks and Dawson.

Reg. No. 3416, ex-Cpl. Burnett Laws, 70, died at Saskatoon, Sask., Oct. 8, 1947. He served in the N.W.M.P. from July 1, 1899, to June 30, 1904, being stationed at Dawson, Y.T., and Macleod, N.W.T. (Alta.). A distinguished soldier he was a member of the N.W.M.P. contingent that fought in the South Africa War, and a veteran of World War I in which he attained the rank of colonel and the military decorations. D.S.O., V.D., and Croix de Guerre. Colonel Law's home was at Lloydminster, Sask., where he was a past president of the local branch of the Canadian Legion. During the recent conflict he was area commandant for a while at Dundurn, Sask.

Ex-Inspr. Charles Arthur James, 64, of Woodbridge, Ont., died at Toronto, Ont., Mar. 25, 1943. A member of "A" Squadron, R.N.W.M.P. Cavalry Draft, he was with the C.E.F. in England, France and Belgium during World War I. He served in the Force from July 23, 1913, to July 22, 1925, and from Mar. 31, 1932, until pensioned July 27, 1939, and throughout the interval between these periods of time was an officer of the Preventive Service of the Department of National Revenue, which service was absorbed by the R.C.M.P. on Apr. 1, 1932. His regimental number in the ranks was 5632, and he was appointed inspector on Apr. 1, 1932, from the rank of sergeant major. During his service in the Force he was stationed at Regina and Weyburn in Saskatchewan, Winnipeg, Man., and Fort William and Toronto in Ontario.