

Obituary

Reg. No. 2580 ex-Cst. George Henry Thomas, 83, died in February 1953 at Vancouver, B.C. He joined the NWMP Jan. 26, 1891 and was discharged at Dawson, Y.T. when his term of service expired Aug. 31, 1899. He re-engaged in the Force on Oct. 8, 1900 and served until June 25, 1901.

Reg. No. 1286 ex-Cst. James Moore, 88, died Jan. 10, 1953 at Calgary, Alta. He joined the NWMP on Apr. 28, 1885 and was discharged "time expired" Apr. 27, 1898. He served at Fort Macleod.

Reg. No. 4538 ex-Cst. Walter Victor Perraton, 67, died Feb. 2, 1953 at Edmonton, Alta. He joined the RNWMP on Feb. 18, 1907 and purchased his discharge Apr. 18, 1907.

Reg. No. 3486 ex-Cst. Arthur Boucher, 82, died at Aylmer, Que., on Feb. 2, 1953. He engaged in the NWMP on Mar. 24, 1900 and was discharged "time expired" on July 30, 1902. He served at Regina and at Dawson, Y.T.

Reg. No. 2547 ex-Cst. Floyd Rennie Gibson, 84, died at Vancouver, B.C. on Feb. 22, 1953. He joined the NWMP Dec. 6, 1890 and was discharged when his term of service expired Dec. 5, 1895.

Ex-Spl. Cst. George King Laphorne, 58, died Mar. 17, 1953 at Burnaby, B.C. He joined the Force as a special constable on Nov. 1, 1924 and was discharged to pension July 27, 1946. During that period he served from Apr. 1, 1934 to May 31, 1934 as a regular member of the RCMP, with regimental number 12112. He was employed in "F" Division C.I.B. office and for many years was in charge of the C.I.B. Records. During World War I Mr. Laphorne served Overseas and was wounded in action.

Reg. No. 3015 ex-Cst. Robert Haldane Lock, 85, died in April 1953 at Yorkton, Sask. He engaged in the NWMP Mar. 3, 1894 and was discharged when his term of service expired five years later. He served at Regina, Saltcoats, Fort Pelly and Yorkton.

Reg. No. 6530 ex-Cst. Albert deForrest Hilliker, 59, died Mar. 18, 1953 at Kamloops, B.C. He joined the RNWMP on Apr. 29, 1916 and was discharged "time expired" on May 5, 1920. During World War I he served Overseas with the RNWMP Cavalry Draft. He was stationed at Dawson, Y.T. and Merritt, Kamloops and Vancouver, B.C.

Reg. No. 10307 ex-Cpl. Walter James Gillissie, 45, died Mar. 18, 1953 at Ottawa, Ont. He joined the RCMP on May 30, 1927 and was discharged to pension Oct. 31, 1948. He was stationed in "A" Division, for many years in the Fingerprint Section at Headquarters.

Reg. No. 3213 ex-Cst. William Parker, 83, died July 5, 1952 at Cambria, Cal. He joined the NWMP on Mar. 1, 1898 and was discharged Mar. 31, 1900 after completing two years of service in the Yukon.

Ex-Asst. Commr. Cecil Henry Hill, MC, 67, died May 12, 1953 at Vancouver, B.C. He joined the RNWMP as Reg. No. 4750 on Sept. 1, 1908 and purchased his discharge June 1, 1916. He re-engaged in the Force on Feb. 19, 1919, was promoted to the rank of Inspector on Mar. 1, 1919, to Superintendent on May 1, 1932 and to Assistant Commissioner on Jan. 1, 1938. He retired to pension Apr. 1, 1944. During World War I he served Overseas as a commissioned officer, was wounded twice and was awarded the Military Cross. In World War II he was on loan to the Department of National Defence and served as Deputy Assistant Provost Marshal and Deputy Provost Marshal of the Canadian Forces Overseas, from November 1939 to March 1941. (See Old-timers' Column.)

Reg. No. 3155 ex-Cst. Arthur Bertrume Frank Solly, 77, died in April 1953 in British Columbia. He joined the NWMP on Oct. 2, 1896 and was discharged on Dec. 31, 1899 after completing two years' service in the Yukon.

Reg. No. 5626 ex-Cst. Alfred Baldry Kennedy, 66, died Apr. 18, 1953 in Huddersfield, England. He joined the RNWMP July 9, 1913 at Calgary, Alta., and was granted a free discharge on Jan. 31, 1918 while in England, to join the Royal Engineers. He served at Calgary, Macleod, Regina and was a member of the Baker Lake Expedition from 1914 to 1917. Prior to joining the Force he served in the Royal Navy for ten years and was a commissioned officer.

Reg. No. 12986 Cst. Alfred William David Lorne Butchers, 38, died at Niagara Falls, Ont., May 14, 1953. He joined the Force Oct. 28, 1937 after serving as a special constable from July 17, 1933 to Oct. 27, 1937 in the Fingerprint Section at Ottawa. He was stationed at Regina, Sask., Rockcliffe, Toronto, Sault Ste. Marie and Niagara Falls, Ont.

Reg. No. 2884 ex-Cst. Donald Sinclair, 82, died Jan. 20, 1953 at Shaunavon, Sask. He engaged in the NWMP Apr. 18, 1893 and was granted a free discharge July 31, 1897 after completing a term of Yukon service.

Reg. No. 2913 ex-Cst. (Arthur) Albert Edward Hopkins, 83, died Nov. 29, 1952 at Victoria, B.C. He joined the NWMP at Winnipeg, on June 9, 1893 and was discharged "time expired" June 17, 1901. He re-engaged in the Force Aug. 16, 1901 and took his discharge Aug. 15, 1904. He served at Battleford, Egg Lake and Fort Saskatchewan.

Reg. No. 5717 ex-Cst. Arthur Nalder, 65, died in February 1953 at Lacombe, Alta. He joined the RNWMP on Aug. 9, 1913 and purchased his discharge May 25, 1917. During World War I he served Overseas with the RCNVR.