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Editor's Notes

AIRCREW 2000 An international reunion of World War II Allied aircrew (and those selected for aircrew training between September 3, 1939 and September 3, 1945) to commemorate the end of the war and the signing of the Peace Accords aboard the *USS Missouri* in Tokyo Harbour on September 3, 1945, is being proposed for Perth, Australia, for September 2–9, 2000. Anyone who is qualified and who would like to attend this “Gathering of Eagles” can obtain more information from:

Thomas L. Scully
J.P. Box 78
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Bull Creek Drive
Bull Creek WA 6149
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DRAWING ON HISTORY A French designer/illustrator passionate about the modern RCMP is looking for back issues of the *RCMP Quarterly/la Trimestrielle de la GRC* (50s, 60s, 70s and 80s) to serve as examples. He would also like to correspond with a member of the RCMP who would be able to help him with some information needed to complete some of the illustrations and to acquire cap badges, shoulder flashes, ball caps, pins, etc. Please contact:

Eric Vigouroux
3, rue de Brest
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TALES OF THE NORTH Since March 15, 1997, “G” Division has had its own Internet web site, located at <http://users.internorth.com/~rcmpgdiv/>. One of the most popular areas of the site is “Tales of the North.” The bad news. ... there is nothing there, yet. We

are looking for your help in submitting tales, stories or anecdotes which would make interesting reading for visitors to this web site — old and new factual stories about all aspects of living and working in “G” Division, Northwest Territories. Tales can be funny, sad, exciting, heroic or just plain entertaining.

Please prepare your contribution in file format on a computer disk, or if you do not have access to such devices, please send it to us on hard copy — typed or handwritten — and we will do the typing for you. The story should be detailed enough for readers to get the picture, but brief enough so as not to lose their attention. If necessary, the final product will be edited to ensure it meets established standards. We reserve the right to reject any material deemed unsuitable. Please send submissions to:

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INVESTIGATOR’S CHECKLIST Having been in the field of law enforcement for over 21 years, and as a teacher of computer search, seizure and forensics, Michael J. West has long sought a handy reference guide to help with computer investigations. Unable to find one, West has developed a checklist that both new and experienced investigators can use. The checklist is copyrighted and is available to law enforcement-related personnel only. All names are subject to verification. To order the checklist, contact Michael J. West by telephone: (740) 699-0271 (evenings) or web site: <http://www.securedatasvs.com>.

MOUNTIE WOODCARVINGS Licensed by the Mounted Police Foundation, Bob Miller creates one-of-a-kind woodcarvings that are signed and dated by the artist. The woodcarvings, which are more tongue-in-cheek than realistic, can be customized to suit the customers by changing hair colour, moustaches, props etc. To place an order or to obtain more information, please call Bob Miller at (306) 924-1657.

COMMEMORATIVE LANCE Under licence from the Mounted Police Foundation, MPC 125 is producing a limited edition (1,000) commemorative lance to the standards of the lance used by the Force today. Constructed of bamboo, the lance measures nine feet long, and the tip and butt are polished aluminum. The sling, lacing and boot guard are made of leather. The pennant is pleated melton cloth affixed to the shaft with Velcro. Each sequentially-numbered lance is handcrafted and packaged to ensure quality and each one will be marked "MPC 125" and will come with a certificate with the owner's name and Reg. No. This offer is open to serving and former members, and their families. For more information, please contact:

MPC 125
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Brant Boles
or Keith Robinson
Surrey Detachment
Work telephone: (604) 599-7697
or via ROSS at khrobins
Home telephone: (604) 531-1230

RECOLLECTIONS AND ANECDOTES WELCOME Captain Larry Whittaker is interested in hearing from anyone who may have been a passenger or served as a crew member on an RCMP patrol/supply boat in the

Mackenzie Delta in the 50s and early 60s. The boat was about 44 feet in length, built in Upper Lahave, Nova Scotia, in 1953, and had an 85HP GM diesel. Bill Storr was her captain with S/Cst. Otto Binder acting as crew and engineer. She was originally the *Aklavik*, then *Aklavik II*, then *Jennings*, and was attached to Aklavik Detachment until about 1965, when she was transferred to Coppermine Detachment and shortly thereafter sold by Crown Assets to the Coppermine Co-Op.

Now known as the *Fort Hearne*, Captain Whittaker's company bought her in 1982, and had her refitted by 1998 for commercial work in the Coronation Gulf area. Any recollections and anecdotes about experiences on the vessel would be most appreciated. Please contact:

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Master, m/v *Fort Hearne*
PO Box 100
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BAKER LAKE PHOTOS The Inuit Heritage Centre in Baker Lake has started a computerized photo collection and is looking for past residents who are willing to loan their personal photos to be used for exhibits and photo albums. The photos will be scanned into the computer, put on a CD, filed and returned to their owners. Please contact:

Lucy Evo or
David Webster
Inuit Heritage Centre
Box 49
Baker Lake, NWT
XOC OAO
Telephone: (867) 793-2598

LOOKING FOR TROOP MATES Mr. Ben Walsh is trying to obtain addresses for the following members of "F" Troop (66/67): Reg. No. 25018, R.S. Chamberlain; Reg. No. 25008, G.A. Garthshore; Reg. No. 24988, T.R. Gilbert;

Reg. No. 25015, J.M.R. Laliberté; Reg. No. 25017, K.W. Swanson; Reg. No. 25012 or 24997, Sprout or Sprutt. Please contact:

Ben Walsh
99 Matheson Crescent
Regina
Saskatchewan S4R 5C3
Telephone: (306) 545-4684

ASIAN ORGANIZED CRIME The 21st Asian Organized Crime International Conference will be held in St. Paul, Minnesota, May 17–21, 1999. For more information, please call Tom Campbell at: (651) 917-4836, or via e-mail at: IAOCC@CO.RAMSEY.MN.US

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR AIR CADETS The Royal Canadian Air Cadets are celebrating their 50th Anniversary in Newfoundland and Labrador this year. The Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Committee of the Air Cadet League of Canada is in the process of planning events to celebrate this occasion, and is trying to locate as many ex-cadets as possible. If you were ever an air cadet in Newfoundland and Labrador, please contact:

Air Cadet League of Canada
P.O. Box 13982, Station "A"
St. John's, Newfoundland
A1B 4G8
Telephone: (709) 738-3995
Toll free: 1-877-4-CADETS(22-3387)
E-mail: aircadet@nfld.com
Web site: <http://www.nfld.com/~aircadet>

COP CARDS, SHOULDER FLASHES AND LAPEL PINS A proud member of the air cadets, 12-year old Jason Wood is looking to add to his extensive collection of over 500 cards, patches and pins from police, fire departments and customs officials all over North America. If you can help please contact:

Jason Wood
4974 52A Street
Delta, British Columbia
V4K 2Y8
Telephone: (604) 946-2116

RCMP TAPESTRY International Art Promotions has been licensed by the Mounted Police Foundation to reproduce the 125th Anniversary Tattoo poster into a woven tapestry. Sales of the tapestry help fund RCMP Community Policing programs, and right now a special low price is being offered to RCMP employees. To view the tapestry, check out their web site: www.envirosafechem.com/RCMP. To place an order, please contact:

Sandra Davey
International Art Promotions
Telephone: (306) 221-0061
Fax: (306) 933-4805
E-mail: info@envirosafechem.com

RCMP WEBSITE A HIT Last September, there were 31,505 hits to the site's main page — English and French — as well as 343 e-mail comments. Both figures represent new highs for the site. The 1998 statistics from January to October amounted to 216,451 hits, with a monthly average of 21,645. The *RCMP Quarterly* site (English and French) averaged 707 monthly hits — that's almost 8500 hits last year! The most popular areas of the RCMP web site are: Wanted by the RCMP, Recruiting, News Releases, RCMP 125, Musical Ride Tour Postcard and Organization. Check out the RCMP Website at <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca>.

MARCH WEST UPDATE The March West Steering Committee and its sub-committees have been working diligently to get everything ready for the 1999 reenactment beginning May 8, in Manitoba and winding up at Fort Macleod on July 3, and Fort Saskatchewan, in Alberta, on July 25. People across the country and around the world are being encouraged to participate, and registration is underway. Last December, March West information kits were sent to all Detachments, and a number of promotions have begun. The sponsorship/marketing committee has been securing sponsorship, donations and corporate partnerships to help finance the event. March West memorabilia is being sold to raise funds, and can be

75TH ANNUAL AGM

The Ottawa Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association will be hosting the 75th Annual General Meeting in Ottawa, June 24-28, 1999. The program will include the following:

Thursday, June 24

- early registration (noon to 17:30, Westin Hotel)
- Ottawa Division reception for delegates

Friday, June 25

- general registration (9:00 to 17:30, Westin Hotel)
- Board of Directors Meeting and Luncheon
- Dominion President's Reception, Hall of Honour, Centre Block, Parliament Hill (*)

Saturday, June 26

- late registration (9:00 - noon, Westin Hotel)
- Annual General Meeting and Luncheon (*)
- Reception, Dinner/Dance (semi-formal), Congress Centre (*)

Sunday, June 27

- Special Commemorative Memorial Service, Christ Church Cathedral
- RCMP Musical Ride
- BBQ and Ottawa Valley Show (casual dress) (*)

Monday, June 28

- Departure

Registration fee — Single: \$145, Couple: \$290 — includes the above denoted with (*) as well as the Ladies' Program and Luncheon and Shuttle Bus Service (guest — dinner and dance only: \$75 per person)

Accommodations

Blocks of hotel rooms with preferred rates have been reserved in the centre of the city. All reservations should be made by April 15, 1999.

Château Laurier Hotel

Tel.: 1 (800) 441-1414
(RCMP Vets Assoc. AGM 75)

Les Suites Hotel

Tel.: 1 (800) 267-1989
(RCMP Vets reservation No. 169675)

Lord Elgin Hotel

Tel.: 1 (800) 267-4298
(RCMP Vets Asssoc. AGM 75)

Novotel Ottawa Hotel

Tel.: 1 (613) 230-3033, ext. 201
(Event No. RCM-0624)

The Westin Hotel

Tel.: 1 (800) 560-7000
(RCMP Vets AGM 75)

Market Square Inn

Tel.: 1 (800) 341-2210
(Event No. RVA 99)

Most events are taking place in downtown Ottawa, near these hotels for your convenience. Please register early as hotel space is scarce in early summer. Reservations can also be made at the RCMP Long Island Camp, located on the Rideau River on the outskirts of the city, by contacting Tim Gray at 1 (613) 993-8834 or the camp manager at 1 (613) 692-3601. A shuttle bus service will be provided.

Travel

When making reservations with Air Canada, our official carrier, please quote event CV991004. This will help us earn complimentary hospitality service tickets on Air Canada and its connectors — valid for flights anywhere in Canada/U.S./Caribbean, excluding Hawaii and Bermuda — which will be raffled off during the AGM. You could be a lucky winner.

When making reservations with VIA Rail Canada, our official rail carrier, please quote promotion number CP8028 for a 30% discount on economy class, or CT8028 for a 10% discount on Via 1/ business class/sleeper class.

For more information please contact:

RCMP Veterans' Association AGM/75

P.O. Box 83004

Ottawa, ON

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ordered through your Division RCMP 125 coordinator, and is available at the Detachment/Unit level.

The committee will be selecting a team of core riders from any interested serving or

retired RCMP employees or community members. These riders will be required for a minimum of three days, and will be expected to provide organization and daily order to the trek through the use of para-military control, but without becoming overly regimented.

Registration fees will be paid for, but any other costs will be the responsibility of the rider. Period uniforms will be provided at no cost, however, core riders must provide their own horse and related equipment.

Anyone interested in participating in the March West is encouraged to call 1 (800)-575-9600 or check out the RCMP web site: <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca>.

RENDEZVOUS '99 On September 26, 1799, the North West Company and its rival, the Hudson's Bay Company arrived at the junction of the North Saskatchewan and Clearwater rivers to start building their respective posts — "Rocky Mountain House" and "Acton House" — within sight of the mountains. These were the first of five trading posts that would bear the name Rocky Mountain House. For most of its existence, Rocky Mountain House was the most southwesterly trading post on the east side of the mountains. The history of Rocky Mountain House is, in large part, the history of Central Alberta — a colourful history, which included the establishment of the North-West Mounted Police and the creation of a nation. Years later, pioneers took pride in this heritage and named their new town after the trading posts. This pride would lead to the establishment of Alberta's first national historic site.

In preparation for the bi-centennial celebrations in 1999, a group of mounted riders will be travelling from Fort Normandeau, near Red Deer, Alberta, to the Rocky Mountain House Historic Park — site of the original North West Company and Hudson's Bay Company posts. Since 1999 also marks the 125th anniversary of the arrival of the North-West Mounted Police in the province of Alberta, it would be only appropriate that the mounted riders be serving and former RCMP members. Through the kind sponsorship of the Hudson's Bay History Foundation, uniforms have been purchased for the 70 riders from across Canada. Bearing a western flare, the scarlet uniform will no doubt stir the pride of spectators along the route of the four-day trek.

Departing from their camp near Red Deer on the morning of June 28, the Rendezvous '99 Ride will travel through the towns of Sylvan Lake, Eckville and Rocky Mountain House prior to arriving at the National Historic Site on the afternoon of July 1 — Canada Day. In effect, Rendezvous '99 will be celebrating three events. For more information on the bi-centennial celebrations, please contact:

Rocky Mountain House
Bi-Centennial Steering Committee
Box 2141
Rocky Mountain House, Alberta
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Telephone: (403) 845-2412
Fax: (403) 845-5320

ERRATA In the Retirements section of the Summer 1998 issue of the *Quarterly*, some members who retired in "HQ" Division were mistakenly quoted as being from "O" Division. These members will find their names reprinted in this issue. We apologize for any embarrassment this may have caused. — Editor



NIAGARA FALLS, EH? Rosemary Mooney won 3rd prize with a little help from the Mounties in a creative splinting material contest sponsored by Smith & Nephew and open to all occupational therapists, worldwide. The theme of the competition was cultural heritage and the goal was to depict an identifiable cultural image from the participant country using Smith & Nephew products to create the image. Mrs. Mooney chose to depict Niagara Falls because, one of the best known, most visited landmarks in Canada. She chose a Mountie going over the falls in a barrel because the Mountie is a very significant figure in Canadian Heritage — and 1998 was the RCMP's 125th anniversary. Mounties also represent the time Mooney spent in Regina, when she came to Canada as an immigrant from Northern Ireland. Congratulations Mrs. Mooney!



Letters to the editor...

☒ LET'S GIVE CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

Dear Editor,

I appreciate the *Quarterly*, look forward to receiving it and very much appreciate the hard work and dedication of the people who put it together. However, I (for one) was not aware of the budget cuts at the *Quarterly*, and the pressures which currently affect the publication. (This is why I wanted to know why I was paying for a magazine that I was not receiving.) There used to be a footnote in an intelligence bulletin which stated "Information to be useful must be shared." Could I suggest that the membership be made aware of the restraints under which the *Quarterly* is being published.

Keep up the good work! The Spring 1998 issue was a work of art!

Sgt. Ted Emanuels
Fairmont Academy, Vancouver

We have received hundreds of calls, faxes and letters echoing those words. We are happy and proud that the Spring issue of the "Quarterly" was so well received, world-wide. It is reluctantly however, that I feel that we must come clean ...

The Quarterly Unit was curtailed considerably as a cost-saving measure a few years ago. Although help was available from time to time from other units who themselves were buried under mountains of work, or from High School (Grade 12) Coop Program students, or from an RCMP veteran on an intermittent basis — and we are very grateful for all the help they provided — needless to say that without permanent staff it has been very difficult to keep the magazine on schedule. The amount of work required to produce the "Quarterly" is over-

whelming, and loyalty alone and a sense of responsibility (and 12-hour days) were not enough for one person to keep the magazine afloat. Consequently, the magazine is behind schedule. However, more help has arrived and, now that we have moved to larger quarters to accommodate volunteers, we hope to get the "Quarterly" back on schedule soon.

We are all working under incredible (financial) pressure, especially the frontline personnel across the country. It is thanks to them and to our 15,000 faithful subscribers that the "Quarterly" magazine has been of service to the Force since 1933. Thank you all for your continued support. — Editor.

☒ POLICE BACK-UP

Dear Editor,

The Member of Parliament currently representing the St Ives Constituency of Cornwall expressed concerns last week, regarding the low ratio of police to population in our beautiful, but geographically remote area of the United Kingdom.

Cornwall shares only one border with another country and is surrounded by ocean on three sides. This geographical location, though providing spectacular scenery, presents a problem in obtaining "police back-up" when needed. Our MP, Andrew George, remarked to the press that the nearest police service to the west, is in Newfoundland (...)

The Devon & Cornwall Constabulary, along with many other police forces around the world are experiencing the challenge of modern-day policing with diminishing financial resources and MP Andrew George's comments, while expressing a real problem, struck a chord of humour (...) I wonder if any RCMP members currently serving on the

east coast of Canada would be available to back-up the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary, and what their response time would be?

Incidentally, thanks to all the friends and former colleagues who responded to our letter published in the *Quarterly* last year. We have enjoyed many personal visits and gain great pleasure in keeping in touch with you all by the various forms of mail.

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✉ **LETTER OF THANKS**

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the people of Nova Scotia, I would like to take this opportunity to offer my personal thank-you for the professionalism and true compassion demonstrated by RCMP employees and volunteers during the investigation and recovery efforts following the crash of Swissair Flight 111.

I would like to extend my appreciation to the many employees who took part: to the divers, boat operators and recovery teams out on the water; to the employees at Shearwater, Peggy's Cove and your divisional operation centre; to those ground search and rescue workers and volunteers scouring the shores; to the victims and employee assistance personnel and chaplains who were there for the families; to the RCMP laboratory personnel working endless hours in labs across the country; and, also to the employees who remained behind to maintain policing services across the province.

From the first moments following the crash, employees of the RCMP jumped into action and became immersed in virtually every aspect of the operation. The all-consuming

nature of this tragedy has been emotionally and physically exhausting for everyone involved and your employees have been exposed to sights and emotions few people will experience in their lifetime.

Many of the families of those who died, as well as Swissair representatives, have already expressed their deep appreciation for all that you and your colleagues did. Time and again, they said the thoughtfulness and sympathy that surrounded them helped to ease some of their pain.

This note is to add my own small measure of thanks. You have much to be proud of, and I know I speak for many Nova Scotians when I say we, too, are proud of all you and your people did during this difficult time.

Russel MacLellan
Premier of Nova Scotia

The "Quarterly" will be publishing an article on the RCMP's role in the Swissair Flight 111 disaster in a future issue. — Editor.

✉ **NOSTALGIA CORNER**

Dear Editor,

In your Spring issue (see p. 77, Vol. 63 No. 2, 1998), four historical vignettes were published together as "Nostalgia Corner." The second story, "Getting to the Job Site in the Early Days," recounts the story of Reg. No. 691, Cst. John Hayes, and the trials and tribulations he experienced as a young recruit. Unfortunately, the story contains several inaccuracies which I would like to address below.

John Hayes joined the North-West Mounted Police (NWMP) at Toronto, Ontario, on April 17, 1882 (not 1884), as part of a 200-man contingent recruited in Ontario by Supt. Alexander Mackenzie. The contingent departed from Toronto on May 12, 1882, and travelled by rail to Sarnia, Ontario, and by the lake steamer *Ontario* to Port Arthur's

Landing (now Thunder Bay) and Duluth, Minnesota. There, the recruits transferred to a Northern Railroad "Special" bound for Bismarck, North Dakota. The NWMP party arrived on May 18 and, early the next morning, boarded the stern wheeler *Red Cloud* for the long trip upriver to Fort Benton, Montana, approximately 1,000 miles to the north and west.

The *Red Cloud* called at a number of locations along the river, including Fort Berthold, Fort Buford and finally, Coalbanks — a United States Army depot some miles east of Fort Benton itself — where on June 3, the men of the contingent were met by Supt. J.H. McIlree and a long wagon train to transport them and their equipment to Fort Walsh. The recruits arrived at Fort Walsh on June 12. Hayes himself remained there for about four weeks, until he was posted to Fort Macleod. He departed for his posting on July 11, in his own words, "facing showers of snow and sleet," and arrived at Fort Macleod on July 23. Hayes was subsequently transferred to Pincher Creek where, on February 12, 1884, he broke his left leg after jumping from a runaway wagon. He was invalided from the NWMP on June 12, 1884, and returned to Ontario. For his injuries, he received a small disability pension from the Force for the next 65 years! John Hayes lived to the grand old age of 91 and died in Toronto on May 27, 1949. He left us a brief account of his trip to Fort Walsh in 1882, which was published in the *Quarterly* in October 1949, and re-printed in John Peter Turner's *North-West Mounted Police, 1873-1893, Volume 1* (Ottawa, 1950).

I might add that the Ontario contingent was raised to fill vacancies in the NWMP and in this respect, it was successful, although the entire undertaking was marred by tragedy. Supt. Mackenzie died at Port Arthur's Landing, one recruit committed suicide near Duluth, a dozen or more deserted before the *Red Cloud* reached Coalbanks, and two men drowned in the Missouri River. One of them, Adam Wahl, is commemorated on the RCMP Honour Roll. The *Red Cloud* met a tragic end

as well. On a subsequent return trip down river in July, 1882, the *Red Cloud* hit a snag, sank and was a total loss.

Glenn Wright
RCMP Historian

✉ SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT — AGAIN

Dear Editor,

I read with interest the letter to the Editor on p. 12 of the 1998 Spring edition of the *Quarterly*, under the caption, "Setting the Record Straight." For several years I worked with many members of the Force holding the rank of Special Constable. All too frequently, they would erroneously be referred to as other than regular members. Many found this to be quite demeaning, especially as this error was usually made at the Headquarters or Divisional Headquarters level.

Your response to Cst. Cyril Cameron's letter does not completely address all of the errors of the past. A regular member of the Force holding the rank of Special Constable, is not "converted to regular member status," but is **promoted** to a higher rank. Changes to this inequity were made some years ago and since then, promotion of special constables has been recognized as such in the *Commissioner's Bulletin* as well as in the promotion section of the *RCMP Quarterly*.

In your concluding paragraph following Cst. Cameron's letter, it would be more accurate if the wording read, "joined the Force as a special constable and on (date) was promoted to constable."

Ex-S/Sgt. G.A. Loepky
Richmond, B.C.

✉ THE BAND'S PLACE IN HISTORY

Dear Editor,

We continue to enjoy the *Quarterly* which has been coming into our home for the past

43 years. 1998 has brought untold celebrations for the Force's 125th Anniversary — all over the country special events have been undertaken. Last summer, I attended the RCMP Tattoo in Regina where all performances were sold out. I am aware, as well, of many historical writings that have appeared in the press all across Canada (...) I've noticed, as a former member of the RCMP Band, that nowhere has there been mention that this public relations vehicle ever existed. This seems strange because there are many writings of the Band's participation in significant historical events in our 125 years.

It was 122 years ago, on May 24, 1876, that the first record was made of the Band. Signings of major treaties with our native people were always attended by the Band. A/Commr. Z.T. Wood saw the importance of the Band in 1900 when he set up a Force Band in Dawson City, Yukon, to counter the American influence in that area of Canada.

In 1938, Commr. S.T. Wood saw the importance of the Band in day-to-day operations and the Band was given official status. Royal visits, World Fairs, of which I was privileged to attend on four occasions, appearances with such notable stars as Greer Garson (...) were only a few of the activities we were called upon to participate in. On July 1st, I had occasion to sing for a Canada Day function at which our Olympic star Barbara Ann Scott was in attendance and she recalled her procession through the streets of Ottawa, 50 years before, led by the RCMP Band.

Lately, it was deemed necessary to remove the Band from the books — that does not mean we never existed. We did exist and we brought considerable credit to members serving large urban centres as well as the smallest communities visited. We also had in our midst some of the finest musicians in Canada. Often I hear their names mentioned in CBC programs coming out of Halifax and Toronto. Our former Director of Music, the late Bramwell Smith was honoured by the Canadian Band Association with a national award in Vancouver in May 1998. It read:

"Presented in grateful appreciation of a lifetime of devotion and significant contributions to the development of Canadian Band Music." The award was accepted by his son who is currently a member of the U.S. Army Band in Washington.

To give you an example of the Band's popularity, I recently organized a Band concert of former members and friends to perform as part of the "Friends of the National Gallery" series. The concert was sold out immediately and people were obliged to stand in the outer foyer once the standing room only section was filled.

Music has and will always be a part of our day to day living. The RCMP Band was an important vehicle for the Force and although we are no longer a part of it, please do not forget that, on many occasions in 122 years of our 125-year history, we played our part too. Please keep up the good work of keeping us informed.

Garth Hampson
Gloucester, Ontario

✉ REVISITING OUR STORIED PAST

Dear Editor,

It was with great interest that I read the article "Revisiting Our Storied Past" in the Winter 1998 edition of the *Quarterly*. During my four years of northern service in the late 60s through August 1970, I had the opportunity to visit the Albert Johnson grave in Aklavik, the site of the Albert Johnson cabin in the Rat River area and the cabin marking the spot where Cst. Edgar "Spike" Millen was fatally shot by Johnson on January 30th, 1932.

The article also brought back fond memories of a "G" Division reunion dinner and party we had at the then new "O" Division HQ building (...) June 7, 1975. One of my duties for the particular event was to locate our special guests for the evening, retired Major Earl H. Hersey and ex-Cst. Alfred "Bunce" King,

and provide them with transportation to Toronto for the reunion. I did locate both gentlemen and throughout the evening, their stories of the “Mad Trapper” incident kept us all spellbound. In addition to a photograph of Hersey and King taken that night, I also have another memento of the evening — a copy of Dick North’s “The Saga of the Mad Trapper of Rat River” personally signed by both gentlemen.

Donald B. Kilpatrick
Gloucester, Ontario

✉ **RCMP 125 FESTIVITIES IN THUNDER BAY**

Dear Editor,

On July 4, 1998, we attended the RCMP 125 celebrations in Thunder Bay, Ontario, with our son, Cst. Joe Harding, who is stationed there with the RCMP. During the banquet held in conjunction with the festivities at Old Fort William, the MP for Thunder Bay asked our son to read the speech prepared by Solicitor General Andy Scott — MP for our city. We know him and his parents very well.

(...) Joe has been with the Force for eight years and we have another son, Cst. Alan Harding in Halifax, who has just received his Long Service Medal for 20 years of service. We have been receiving the *Quarterly* for many years and enjoy it very much!

Yours truly,

Mrs. Wanda Harding
Fredericton, New Brunswick

✉ **SOME LONG-FACED FRIENDS REMEMBERED**

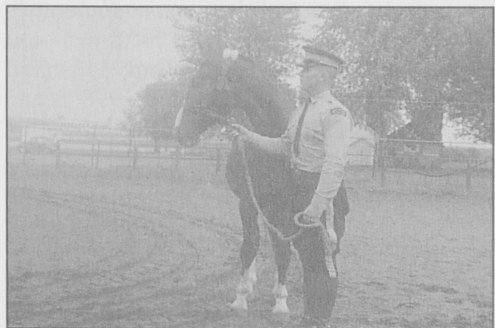
Dear Editor,

I enjoyed ex-S/Sgt. Ralph Cave’s story entitled “Some Long-faced Friends Remembered” in the Winter 1998 *Quarterly*. It created some flash-backs to the 60s and made me chuckle out loud. First, I was reminded of my infamous horse Sinbad who

I rode for recruit equitation training, and the second memory was of ex-S/Sgt. Ralph Cave who wrote the interesting article.

First, the Sinbad story — as the horse always came before the man, particularly in this era. When Cpl. Sam Baird assigned me Sinbad he warned, in no uncertain terms, that the muzzle would be on when grooming. Should I fail to heed his advice, and Sinbad caused me an injury requiring hospitalization, rest assured, I would be paraded first. Being a country boy who grew up with horses, avoiding Cpl. Baird’s wrath and Sinbad’s bite became a challenge which I needed to meet. I had the advantage of knowing that a “biter” looks for the groomer’s exposed buttocks when brushing the horse’s under belly. At the first opportunity, when Cpl. Baird was having a smoke break, I set the trap for old Sinbad. Sure enough, as soon as I assumed the position, in my peripheral vision I saw Sinbad’s ears go back as his head edged closer to my posterior. I grabbed his halter and introduced him to a couple of “love taps” on the end of his nose. No one can convince me that horses don’t have good memories. I rode old Sinbad for another 8 months and he never once attempted to bite me. Apart from his belief that he was a carnivore from time to time, Sinbad was a pleasure to ride and I remember him fondly.

My second memory from Ralph Cave’s story took place in the Toronto International Airport in 1964. I was on the departures concourse, in uniform, when suddenly my forage cap went flying from a cuff on the back of the



Ex-S/Sgt. Carl B. MacLeod with “Sinbad” in the summer of 1963.

head. I turned to face a smiling Ralph Cave who had remembered me from Rockcliffe training days. His memory for faces amazed me as I was a lowly recruit and he the exalted "S/Sgt. Ridemaster." Ralph told me he was en route to the West Indies to teach equitation to law enforcement personnel there.

The equitation staff were a breed apart and known to communicate with animals, so my first thought was that Sinbad had directed Ralph to extract revenge for our earlier encounter. Some 35 years has not totally convinced me that I was wrong. Be that as it may, the horse and the Force were and still are synonymous. Thanks for the memories Ralph, Sam and last, but by no means least, Sinbad.

Ex-S/Sgt. Carl B. MacLeod
Burlington, Ontario

✉ THE POLICE CONNECTION

Dear Editor,

In February 1998, my wife and I travelled to Geelong in Victoria to meet Cst. Bill Mueller who was in Australia visiting family. Cst. Mueller and I have kept in touch since I subscribed to the *Quarterly* in search of obtaining a stetson. Although we've been corresponding, we finally met in person February 11, 1998. It was as though Bill and I had been friends for a long time because we had so much in common. We exchanged items of uniform and it was surprising to



(L-R): Police officers Jeff Gill, Bill Mueller and Glen Styles enjoy a summer's day in Geelong, Australia.

learn how your police force and ours share similar problems (e.g. reduced funding but the need to be professional and get the job done).

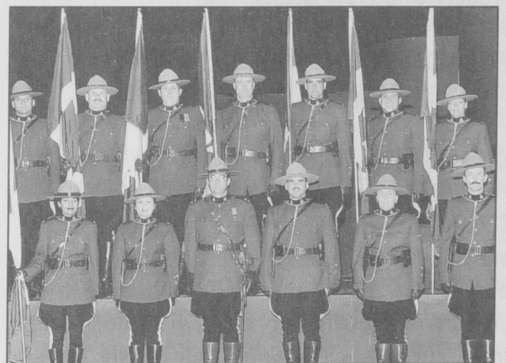
Cst. Mueller's family invited my wife and I to join a barbeque tea with friends and family. Of those who attended, I had something in common with one relative in particular — Glen Styles, a police officer in the State of Melbourne, about 70 km south-east of Geelong. It was a very pleasant day and night and my wife and I felt relaxed considering everyone were complete strangers.

I have continued corresponding with Bill and hope to travel to Canada in the year 2000. I enjoy reading the *Quarterly* and look forward to continuing my association with your publication.

Jeff Gill
South Australia, Australia

In spite of all our efforts, errors sometimes slip into the magazine. This picture should have appeared on the bottom, left-hand side of page 13, of the Fall 1998 issue. We apologize for any embarrassment this mix-up may have caused. — Editor.

1996 CONTINGENT (L-R) Front row: Csts Jessie Rai and Doreen Keefe, Insp. Keith Sherwood, Csts Rick Head, Devri Coles and Mike Hall. **Back row:** Csts John Athanasiades, Al Harding, Earle Nini, Mike Taylor, Paul Vickers, Harold Stewart and Lise Hamel. **Missing:** Insp. Stan Ferguson.



✉ **A PROUD HISTORY, A
CHALLENGING FUTURE**

Dear Editor,

I have enclosed a photo that for me depicts the RCMP 125 logo: "A Proud History, A Challenging Future." I took this photo in October 1997. The member is my husband, Cst. D.M. Haney and our son, Gabriel Anthony, who was 2 years old at the time. Gabriel wants to be "a Mountie like Daddy" and was very proud and excited to wear the little Red Serge that I had made for Halloween. Gabriel comes from a family of Mounties; in addition to his father, he has an uncle, Cst. R.M. Haney in Victoria, and a cousin, Cst. J. Haney in Valleyview, Alberta.

I thought that *Quarterly* readers might enjoy this photograph as much as our family and friends do. It is always a great topic of conversation in our home.

Sincerely,

Rosa-Anna Haney
Langley, British Columbia



Poaching with a new twist

There is gold in the woods for cedar log poachers. Some can earn up to \$1,000 per cord (3.6 cubic metres), and that means that a lot of wood is going missing. Forests Minister Dave Simhelt estimated that the annual value of trees lost to rustlers is between \$10 and \$20 million. However, catching the thieves is tricky. Recently an RCMP vehicle was destroyed in a bush car chase near Port Renfrew, in which the poachers escaped by hurtling cedar blocks from the van as the police and forestry vehicles were in pursuit. The forestry vehicle was damaged and the police 4X4 wasn't worth fixing after it ran into a ditch on the abandoned logging road. Under the *Forest Practices Code*, the maximum penalty for destroying or stealing Crown timber is a fine of \$1 million or jail for three years — or both. Police do not have the personnel to patrol logging roads, but believe that the problem could be solved by getting sawmills to stop buying the stolen wood.

RCMP Media Summary

The Red Rooster

Early one morning, a call of a high-speed pursuit came over the police radio. A member from Prince George Detachment listened intently to the events as they unfolded. In between the huffing and puffing, the constable attempting to pursue the suspect on foot, related over the radio that a red rooster had just sped by him and that it was travelling east on Highway 16.

Cars in the area immediately responded to the call and gave chase. Extra members were dispatched. But how could a red rooster outrun a man, speed by numerous police officers and leave everyone behind?

What the excited officer was referring to was a RED ROADSTER.

*By Cst. J. Wolfenden,
Prince George, British Columbia*

Bring Forrit The Tartan!¹

By Insp. R.G. Muir

"A" Division Commercial Crime Section

It is the best dress fitted for the country of Gael, ... they required a dress which united the recommendation of lightness and comfort, and in no other dress are these so completely obtained as in that which is a plaid, formed during the day a graceful ornament, and at night a comfortable covering when forced from their pastoral employments to repose upon their native heath ... It is an ancient dress, a martial dress, and a becoming dress ...

Sir Walter Scott



This is a tale best told from its closing chapter: Cst. Colin Grinstead from Vancouver, B.C., stands on the battlement at the Nova Scotia International Tattoo as the "lone piper," resplendent in the new RCMP tartan and kilted Red Serge uniform. (See *"The Nova Scotia International Tattoo" article, Vol. 63 No. 4, Fall 1998 issue of the "Quarterly". — Ed.*) With the Canadian flag filling the stage backdrop, he plays his lament to a packed house at North America's preeminent marshal music festival. In honour of the RCMP's 125th anniversary, the Force is show-cased throughout the week-long evening performances. On this, the closing night, Commissioner Philip Murray has travelled to Halifax in the company of C/S/M Yvon Mercier to take the final salute.

It is a defining moment, not only for the Force, but for the RCMP 125 Tartan Sub-Committee which laboured long and hard to bring the "tartan initiative" to fruition. The tartan, kilt and unique uniform for pipers and drummers had been the sole domain of this sub-committee for fully one year.

Just days earlier, in Fredericton, Her Royal Highness Princess Anne arrived for a four-day visit to New Brunswick, escorted by Federal Solicitor General Andy Scott. The Princess visited the RCMP's "J" Division Headquarters where, accompanied by the music of the Codiac Regional RCMP Pipe Band, she inspected the RCMP honour troop and presented the official *Certificate of Accreditation* from the Scottish Tartans Society to D/Commr. Terry Ryan. Having been registered at Pitlochry, Scotland, the RCMP tartan was, thus, formally presented to the Force and to the Canadian public.

A tradition long in the making

This had been an RCMP 125th anniversary project. However, it was hardly an idea conceived and carried out in the anniversary year. The tartan, along with other Celtic traditions such as bagpipe music, has long been associated with the RCMP. Regimental dinners frequently begin with the "piping of the head table." Regimental weddings and funerals often include the playing of the pipe. For many years "Depot" Division has engaged "recruit pipers" for parade and ceremonial purposes. National and divisional headquarters routinely call on the services of pipers for the hosting of conferences, Mess functions and community-related special events. Indeed, police pipers and pipe bands are common-place in Canada and abroad. Most major police forces of the Commonwealth foster strong traditions associated with the "pipes and drums." The playing of the bagpipe has become integral to ceremonial occasions for the police and the communities they serve.

Thus it would follow that the RCMP would adopt an official tartan into its complement

¹"Bring forrit the tartan!" the motto of the Scottish Tartans Society commemorates the occasion in 1857, when General Sir Colin Campbell and his Scotland Highlanders laid siege to the fortress of Secundrabagh, in India. After several unsuccessful attacks by other units, the command to his regiment became historic. "Bring forrit the tartan: let may ain lads at them!" The Scots successfully breached the walls, winning no fewer than six Victoria crosses in battle.

of uniforms. However, the road to the RCMP tartan was a long one, paved with ambivalence and reluctance by the management of the day. In March 1972, Insp. Feagan, OC, Yellowknife Sub-Division, noted that a "Fathers of Confederation" series of tartans was designed by Fromm Brothers Ltd., of Galt, Ontario, as part of Canada's centennial year celebrations, and that a "NWMP Tartan" formed part of the series. In July, 1975, as consideration was being given to adopting the NWMP tartan as the Force's official tartan, it was concluded that the colours were "not altogether satisfactory" and registration was not officially pursued by the Force.

Over the years, in fact, there were to be several star-crossed attempts to convince the mandarins that tartan and kilts were congruous with the affairs of the Force. Honourable mention goes to Cst. Ewen Booth of Shoal Lake, Manitoba, who submitted a detailed written proposal in 1990 to (then) C/S/M Eric Young to adopt a tartan and kilted uniform for RCMP pipers and drummers. Cst. Booth fell heir to a polite but tepid response. Sgt. Graham Muir and Cst. Dan Roy, of the National Capital Region, followed hard on the heels of Cst. Booth in 1991, and again in 1992, with the same disappointing results. Their submissions disappeared into the bureaucratic morass that was National Headquarters of the day. There just seemed to be too many good reasons to say "no."

A foothold was gained in 1992 when the Commanding Officer, "K" Division (Alberta), A/Commr. Les Holmes (now retired), took up the cause of his members to adopt a kilted uniform for pipers and drummers as a "Canada 125" initiative. A small corps of pipes and drums was formed in Edmonton, sporting the MacLeod of Harris tartan in honour of the Force's second Commissioner, James F. MacLeod. The Red Serge was modified to wear with the kilt and, thus, a precedent was set. This same group was to form the core of the composite band that would be travelling to the Nova Scotia Tattoo over the years.

From good ideas to good deeds

Significant strides in Alberta aside, promoting the idea of a unique tartan and Force-wide acceptance of a kilted uniform was akin to "sewing seeds on barren ground." Getting Headquarters' approval had proven a tortuous, tiresome and tenuous undertaking.

However, early in 1997, C/S/M Mercier sought out S/Sgt. Muir, one of the last-standing champions of the cause, to announce that the tartan issue was "off the back burner!" It appeared as though the enthusiasm surrounding the Force's 125th anniversary celebrations might just provide the necessary impetus to breathe new life into this cause. C/S/M Mercier was to provide the much-needed stewardship to make it all a success: guiding the process through sundry rounds of consultation and committee work; carefully currying favour and crafting consensus; and prevailing in the face of gruelling bureaucracy.

It was recognized early on in this venture that there could be no legitimate progress in the absence of cross-country consultation — and so was formed the RCMP 125 Tartan Sub-Committee, comprised of: Sgt. Colin Abel (Pacific Region), Supt. Gerry Simmonds and Sgt. Jim Medley (North West Region), S/Sgt. Graham Muir and Cst. Dan Roy (Central Region), and Cst. Marion Fraser (Atlantic Region), and C/S/M Yvon Mercier as honorary chairman.



Regimental RCMP weddings and funerals often include the playing of the pipe, like Supt. Joe Healy's wedding recently, in Ottawa.

Courtesy of Insp. G. Muir



Mrs. Violet Holmes, artist.

Photo by Kathy Naiman (1992)

For most of 1997, there was a myriad of meetings, cross-country video-conferencing, and a flurry of telephone, fax and e-mail traffic — a Trojan effort that led to a nationwide communication strategy announcing the search for a unique RCMP tartan. The RCMP's tartan, it was decided, should be an original design. The contemporary significance of tartans is that they express a sense of identity and of belonging to a family. Provinces, cities, universities, corporations and even police departments have adopted tartans. The RCMP is seen by many as a symbol of Canada and this is why the sub-committee wanted the RCMP to have its own tartan.

A dozen submissions from prospective designers were whittled down to a single design: "A Unique RCMP Historical Tartan," submitted by Mrs. Violet Holmes — wife of retired A/Commr. Les Holmes — in collaboration with Mr. Gordon Kirkbright. Mrs. Holmes was one of about a dozen people who submitted a tartan design after the sub-committee requested the input of RCMP employees through the *RCMP Quarterly* and the *Pony Express*.

The "Canada 125" project leading to kilts and MacLeod tartan had piqued Violet Holmes interest. As an accomplished artist in her own right, she had clearly envisaged a tartan that would one day be worn to complement the Red Serge tunic. The water colour studies of 1992 found their way through several iterations, including a final computer rendering, to become what is now the Force's very own RCMP tartan.

From colours to cloth

By September, 1997, it had been determined that the Holmes' tartan would be ours. But

the true test of partnership was upon the committee. There was an urgent need to get from colours to cloth. The prototype tartan would need to pass muster with the artist and the Scottish Tartans Society would need cloth-in-hand before the registration process could be properly completed. And most important, Commissioner Murray needed to know and to see what he would be saying "yes" to!

As Christmas approached, Burnett's and Struth Scottish Regalia Ltd. of Barrie, Ontario, came on board. Margaret Struth, business person and kilt maker extraordinaire, took to the project as though it were her own. As Canadian agent for Lochcarron Mills of Scotland, Mrs. Struth saw to much of the minutiae associated with rendering colours to cloth. There was to be a spate of eleventh hour consultation "across the pond" involving S/Sgt. Muir, Mrs. Holmes and the very accommodating Mr. Alistair Buchan of Lochcarron Mills. And once there was consensus on colour, there was to be "work into the wee hours," while Margaret Struth and her staff made the kilts to be worn by the RCMP band in Halifax.

Bringing it all together

As 1997 turned to 1998, things proceeded at a frenetic pace. There is much to be said for concurrent activity — the fine art of having all of your irons in the fire at the same time. And so it was with the "tartan initiative." Extensive consultation took place with those who know the business: Mr. Scott MacAulay,



Kilt-makers, Burnett's and Struth Scottish Regalia Ltd., Barrie, Ontario.

Courtesy of Insp. G. Muir

RCMP tartan colours and what they represent

The design of this tartan was undertaken to mark the 125th anniversary of the RCMP. The tartan colours are as rich and varied as the heritage they represent. They are true to RCMP tradition as they are derived from the colours of the Force's uniform and badge. The colours weave into a perfectly balanced tartan design; the overall effect is pleasingly subtle, reflecting a harmonious interplay of colours that provide an excellent complement to the Force's world-renowned Red Serge tunic.

Dark Blue. The background or theme colour is dark blue. It is the colour of the riding breeches traditionally worn by Mounties and is also characteristic of the shabrack or saddle blanket used by the Musical Ride. The dark hue of this blue lends a subtle character to the tartan and assures that it complements the Red Serge tunic.

Scarlet Red. Scarlet is the colour of the tunic for which the RCMP is known the world over. The rich red recalls the early years of the Force and Canada when scarlet was worn "in the service of Her Majesty," manifesting the presence of the Monarchy throughout the British Empire.

Yellow. Yellow represents the cavalry stripe of the RCMP's distinctive ceremonial uniform. It also adorns the regular working dress, on both the hatband and trousers, of the dedicated men and women who serve Canadians on a daily basis. This yellow is also taken from both the crown and guilt letters of the Force badge. It is, in many ways, as distinctive to the RCMP uniform as the scarlet tunic itself.

Sienna Brown. Sienna is taken from the bison which is the centre-piece of the RCMP badge. It is symbolic of Canada's expansive western plains and the heartland of the RCMP.

Forest Green. The green is representative of the maple leaves which surround the scroll and bison on the badge. The maple leaf, itself, is distinctively Canadian — it symbolizes Canada as a nation. The dark green of the tartan is a link to the land, the country, and the people served by the Force from coast-to-coast.

White. The fine white accent of the tartan is reminiscent of the lanyard worn as an accoutrement to the RCMP's ceremonial uniform. It is also intended as a link to Canada's First Nations people as this colour has special spiritual significance, symbolizing strength and endurance — traits which are the legacy of the RCMP in Canada.

Sky Blue. The bison on the RCMP's badge is set into a background of sky blue. This same hue of blue is readily associated with the United Nations and has special significance to the Force, given its new-found role in international peacekeeping.

Director of the College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts in Summerside, PEI, was there to lend advice and guidance; Major Archie Cairns (retired), Pipe Major of the London City Police Pipes and Drums and "eminence grise" of Canadian piping, provided sage counsel born of decades of experience; S/Sgt. Patrick Hayes, Pipe Major

of the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police, offered an attentive ear and was a sounding board throughout. This broad consultation kept the process grounded and headed in the right direction.

Furthermore, A/Commr. Frank Richter stepped forward to assume nominal costs



*Playing the pipes,
wearing the new
RCMP tartan and
modified Red Serge.
Courtesy of Insp. G. Muir*

associated with kick-starting the process; Mr. Emanuel Lavidiotis, Master Tailor, applied his talent to fashion a prototype tunic that would be worn with the kilt; C/M Rick Van Gastel, HQ Forensic Identification Unit, tended to the studio photos that would accompany future committee deliberations up to and including the Commissioner's Senior Executive Committee (SEC); Sgt. Brent MacDonald, HQ Materiel and Services Management Branch, steadfastly shepherded after policy issues and logistical chores; Insp. Gord Finck offered up the National Operations Centre (NOC) and its state-of-the-art video conferencing facilities, allowing committee work to proceed apace. Thanks to the miracles of modern technology, much of the necessary ground work required to vet, register and certify the RCMP tartan was accomplished via the Internet. With the able assistance of Mr. Keith Lumsden of the Scottish Tartans Society, "killing trees" readily gave way to electronically fast-tracking our efforts. Mr. Lumsden also lent his considerable talent and experience to suggesting appropriate protocol for Princess Anne's presentation of the Certificate of Accreditation.

Strategy is everything!

If the tartan was to be approved and if the kilt was to be worn in time for any of the RCMP 125 anniversary celebrations, key dates had to be nailed down, around which energy and enthusiasm could coalesce.

Talks were well underway between Halifax and Edmonton about the prospects of a "Mountie band" at the 1998 Nova Scotia Tattoo. At the urging of Insp. Keith Sherwood, in Halifax, Supt. Gerry Simmonds and the "K" Division crew threw themselves into the breach and committed to making the trip — one way or the other. The tartan they would wear very much depended on how successful the tartan sub-committee would be in stick-handling its recommendations through the national policy centre and on to the Commissioner and SEC.

During the bitter cold days of February 1998, C/S/M Mercier and S/Sgt. Muir, worked back from critical dates pending in June and July — the Royal Visit and the Nova Scotia Tattoo — and locked in on deadlines to ensure the necessary approvals for tartan, kilts and accoutrements. These two events were to be the beacons towards which the committee would navigate — the first opportunities to showcase the new kilted uniforms.

At the end of the day, the Clothing and Equipment Design Committee (CEDC), chaired by A/Commr. Richter, received and supported the Tartan Sub-Committee's recommendations and sponsored them to the Commissioner. By mid-April, it was left to Commissioner Murray and SEC to decide. With a clear appreciation for what lay ahead, the record of decision was straight and to the point: the tartan was to be adopted and there was to be a kilted uniform for RCMP pipers and drummers — make it so!

Just in the nick of time, Keith Lumsden, with "pen poised," completed the all-important certification process in Scotland. "J" Division was in the final throes of completing Princess Anne's agenda. C/Supt. Garry Leoppky had things well in hand, and thanks to the yeoman service of Insp. Barry Harvie and S/Sgt. Jacques Ouellette, it all came off without a hitch. As various members of the "Mountie band" were winging their way to the maritimes for Tattoo rehearsals, boxes of kilts and accoutrements were moving cross-country by courier.

Looking to the future

Cst. Colin Grinstead's fine performance may have been the closing chapter in the RCMP 125 "tartan initiative," but it is just the beginning of a much bigger and better story. As the acting Pipe Major, Cst. Grinstead was joined in Halifax by 25 other pipers and drummers from six provinces, forming the first-ever RCMP composite band of pipes and drums. Some of the men and women forming the band were regular members of the Force, while others were civilian volunteers. Under his direction, and that of Drum Major (Cst.) Mike McGinley and Drum Sergeant (Cpl.) Rob Smith, the band gave an outstanding account of itself.

When Commissioner Murray ratified both tartan and uniform, he expressly encouraged its wearing by regular and retired members, employees, and civilian volunteers. His decision reflects the reality of police community bands of pipes and drums across the country and the Commonwealth. On receiving the Certificate of Accreditation from HRH Princess Anne, D/Commr. Ryan had this to say:

Over recent years we have made a commitment to "partnership." The RCMP tartan we see worn here today could not have been possible without true partnership. More than this, though, is the very real potential that the tartan has as a device to encourage future partnership. As an example, the tartan will be worn by a composite band of pipes and drums at the Nova Scotia Tattoo. This group is comprised of volunteer serving members of our Force, along with community members from as far away as British Columbia and Alberta. The future looks promising indeed for community-based initiatives that will witness the wearing of the tartan in partnership with the public we serve.

Now the approximately 200 RCMP pipers and drummers across Canada will have an opportunity to be identified as members of the Force when they volunteer their time and talent in community bands ("A" Division has about half a dozen pipers). In the past, a large

S/Sgt. R. Graham Muir (recently promoted inspector) and his father, Supt. D. Muir (retired), at the Ottawa area's Officers' RCMP 125 Mess Dinner.

*Photo by
Cpl. Bob Jeffrey,
"A" Division Ident.*



majority of these men and women had to wear the uniform of other bands — including other police bands. Now the people who make up RCMP bands will be able to wear a tartan that specifically represents the RCMP. Needless to say that civilians wishing to participate in RCMP community pipe bands will be expected to adopt the same standards of uniform dress and conduct as is already expected from regular members of the Force.

There are already three RCMP pipe and drum bands in Canada. The first band was formed in 1992 in Edmonton, by (then) CO, A/Commr. Les Holmes, as a Canada 125 initiative. A second band was subsequently formed in Sherwood Park, Alberta, and the RCMP just inherited a pipe and drum band when it recently took over policing duties in Moncton, New Brunswick.

As this article goes to press, the National Capital Region is well on the way to establishing its own band and others will surely follow. The NCR Band is looking for donations of second-hand Red Serges to be worn with the newly approved RCMP tartan kilt. Please take a trip to your closet and enclose your "old" Red Serge in a box to send to: Insp. R.G. Muir, "A" Division CCS, Léomont Bldg, Room 534, 155 McArthur

Avenue, Vanier, ON K1A 0R4. The future does indeed look promising. Bring forrit the tartan!



Hats off to those who made it happen (in alphabetical order):

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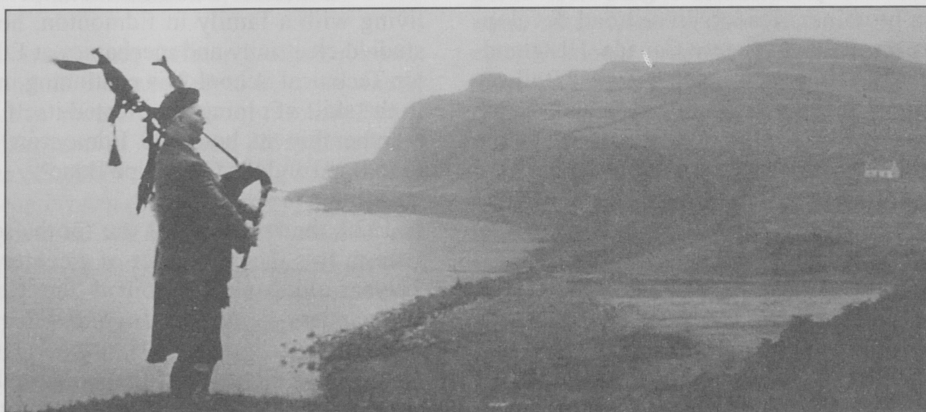
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Malcolm MacCrimmon: Piper Extraordinaire

— a short story of his life and legacy —

By Sgt. R.B. Worthington, Edmonton, Alberta



Malcolm MacCrimmon at Borreraig, Isle of Skye, 1959.

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Throughout Scottish history, clans would appoint their own men as pipers. A passage in Sir Walter Scott's immortal *Rob Roy* cites a piping contest between MacGregor and a contemporary: "Aye, y'er as fine a piper as there e'er was, but y'er still no contest to a MacCrimmon." *The MacCrimmons were the hereditary pipers to the Clan MacLeod. They played every day at Dunvegan Castle and at all special occasions. Originally, the pipers led the clan into battle*¹. The tradition of the MacCrimmons being hereditary pipers to the Clan MacLeod started in the 16th Century with Iain Odhar MacCrimmon, born circa 1500 — who was appointed the First Hereditary Piper to MacLeod of MacLeod. "Known the world over for their extraordinary talent in the Ceol Mor (Pioaireachd) of The Great Music, the MacCrimmons were responsible for one of the greatest piping schools of all time"². In 1825, with the demise of the 8th Hereditary Piper to the Clan MacLeod, Donald Ruadh MacCrimmon, the link in this hereditary chain was broken.

On December 21, 1918, the first of four children, a son, was born to Roderick and Christina MacCrimmon in Edmonton, Alberta. Named Malcolm Roderick MacCrimmon, the child was destined to return to the enigmatic island home of his ancestors and be officially appointed as the 9th Hereditary Piper to the Clan MacLeod of Scotland. This is his story.

Malcolm's first childhood home was located in Edmonton's Saskatchewan River Valley area. Throughout his youth, he learned of the positive impact that prominent Scottish families had in settlement of the west throughout the 1800s. Names such as MacInnes, MacArthur, MacCrimmon and MacLeod were among those at the forefront. One eminent Scottish man was Colonel James A.F. MacLeod, second Commissioner of the North-West Mounted Police. The bull's head within the MacLeod family crest was incorporated as the principal feature of the badge of the NWMP.



Malcolm in the backyard of his North Vancouver home, as a member of the Vancouver Seaforth Highlanders, 1930; Malcolm playing the pipes for a "K" Division Sgts' Mess Regimental Dinner, 1974-80.

*Malcolm MacCrimmon
private collection*

Both the boy's father and grandfather had been prominent leaders in railroad development throughout Western Canada. His grandfather "had the last Canadian Pacific Railway contract leading to the 'last spike' being driven³," and, as part of this contract, in the late 1800s, *supervised the surveying and grade work for the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway through the massive Rocky Mountains ... Travelling to Fort MacLeod you can see his results when you pass through the Kicking Horse Pass*⁴.

In 1927, the MacCrimmons moved to the Lynn Valley vicinity of North Vancouver, British Columbia. It was here, at the age of 10, that Malcolm heard bagpipes for the first time, played by a man (Donald MacLean) who lived within three blocks of his home. That event, combined with family stories passed down through the years, was the spark that ignited Malcolm's interest in his highland ancestry and his desire to learn how to play the bagpipe. Between 1930 and 1932 he was a member of the North Vancouver Pipe Band as well as the Seaforth Highlanders. Five years later Malcolm's father was asked to manage a mixed farming operation at Scotford, Alberta, so again the family moved.

In the absence of mechanization, this type of enterprise required the year-round employment of a harness maker and a blacksmith. All family members played an active part in planting and harvesting, and Malcolm was no exception. Horsemanship came easily to this athletic youth who rode or ran two-and-a-half miles to school.

Malcolm's continuing education meant completing Grade 11 high school in Josephburg,

a five-mile horseback ride from home. While living with a family in Edmonton, he later studied electricity and mechanics at Edmonton Technical School. His continuing interest in the skill of piping manifested itself in his membership in both the Edmonton Boy's Pipe Band and the CNR Pipe Band⁵.

In 1939, the world was at war for the second time in less than a quarter of a century and 21-year-old Malcolm joined the Calgary Highlanders — *the only Highland Regiment around without going to Winnipeg*⁶. History would later record that the Calgary Highlanders would suffer a high casualty rate, attributable to being the lead contingent in the majority of battles involving them.

By the spring of 1940, following one-and-a-half months of training at Shiloh, Manitoba, Malcolm was sent to England as part of the 2nd Division. He remained there with his regiment for three-and-a-half years. During this time, Malcolm pursued his driving interest in genealogy, creating a complete compilation of all hereditary pipers of the MacCrimmons of Skye, ending with Malcolm himself. The young soldier wrote to Dame Flora, Mrs. MacLeod of MacLeod and 28th Chief of the Clan MacLeod telling of this genealogy, and anxiously awaited an answer.

A response, written by Flora MacLeod of MacLeod herself, dated October 10, 1940, from Dunvegan Castle, Isle of Skye, addressed to Malcolm's Commanding Officer read:

Dear Sir,

I venture to write you as the Chief of the MacLeod Clan who for 300 years were proud

to have a celebrated family of the MacCrimmons as their hereditary pipers ... Your young piper, Malcolm R. MacCrimmon, wrote to ask me whether he would have my approval in wearing the MacLeod tartan attached to his pipes if he were permitted by the military authorities to do so. I should of course be proud if he is so authorized. ...

Sentiment means so much to Highlanders, and very many Canadians are of Highland origin, I am proud to think.

Yours truly,

Flora MacLeod of MacLeod⁷

The Commanding Officer granted permission, and all that was left to be done was to arrange a meeting: *Meeting Dame Flora, Mrs. MacLeod of MacLeod (28th Chief), he was successful in re-establishing the link that had been broken (over a century) before. He was appointed 9th Hereditary Piper and was entitled to carry the clan ribbons on his pipes*⁸.

In battle conditions, pipers were used primarily as stretcher bearers, but were trained to fill in as required. In the seaport town of Portsmouth, England, for two days and two nights, Malcolm's regiment was bombed while awaiting embarkation as reinforcements to the doomed Dieppe Operation. It was apparent from the high casualty rate and the number of wounded officers returning that no second wave would be dispatched. Slightly built Malcolm recalls being loaded down "in battle gear, and tommy-gun ammunition" and claims that "if [he'd] fallen off the dock they'd never have found [him]." His Commanding Officer had left him with the responsibility of handling the incoming wounded who were arriving by landing craft, separating the British and Canadians and giving directions to waiting ambulances and first-aid stations. The scene was grim. "I could just see on deck. The bodies were just shoved in some of the corners around where the guns had been firing. It was a pretty scary sight when you saw what happened to those guys and how they came back ... It sort of made you think?" Malcolm recalls that "the first guys who came off were members of the Winnipeg Cameron Highlanders, who I'd trained with at Shiloh. Lots of them didn't have any clothes, or anything¹⁰ ..."

The three and a half years in Britain with the Calgary Highlanders increased Malcolm's contemplation of making a life out of piping, as opposed to the frustration of just "marching and playing for the Regiment up and down the length of Britain." He also encountered opposition from a senior officer who objected to his wearing the MacLeod Clan Ribbons on his pipes (even though the War Office had sanctioned it). A verbal exchange took place between Malcolm and the officer. Malcolm recalls saying "I want to get out of here, even if it means going to Churchill to get it." The officer commented, "MacCrimmon, what would make Churchill so official?" Malcolm responded "Well sir, you tell me what makes him unofficial!"¹¹ With typical military dispatch, Malcolm was marched out by the Sergeant Major and transferred shortly thereafter to the British Army's Scot's Guards. *Unique to the red tape of the War Office, Piper MacCrimmon was the only Canadian during the course of the war to be transferred into a British Regiment*¹².

Barracked in London¹³, next to Buckingham Palace, Malcolm remained with his new Regiment for two-and-a-half years — until the end of the war. His time overseas had presented him with some interesting opportunities — the chance to visit his mother's family in the Outer Hebrides, and study under Pipe Major William Ross, world champion piper of the day, and himself formerly of the Scot's Guards and Chief Instructor of the Army Piping School in Edinburgh.

It was on his travels to and from London that Malcolm would meet his future wife Mairi McLeod Chisholm of Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, who was a nurse at Gartloch Military Hospital, near Glasgow. They were later married at Stornoway, on May 7, 1945, the same day that peace was declared in Europe.

At war's end, Malcolm's piping expertise was required to parade the Guards Armoured Division (of which he was a part) when the Division was presented with Belgium's highest military honour, the *Croix de Guerre*¹⁴.

Following the war, Malcolm and his wife returned to Edmonton. In 1951, they moved to their current home in the Highlands District. Malcolm, given his farm boy back-

Malcolm MacCrimmon playing at the last NCO Regimental Dinner held in the old "K" Division Headquarters building, February 20, 1998. (Photo 2, L-R): A/Commr. D.N. McDermid, CO "K" Division; Malcolm MacCrimmon and Sgt. R.B. Worthington. Malcolm was



scheduled to appear at the "K" Division Regimental Ball, February 26, 1999.

Malcolm MacCrimmon private collection

ground, went to work for the Edmonton Exhibition Association from 1952 until 1972, as foreman and icemaker of the old Edmonton Exhibition Arena. He ensured that all arena events ran smoothly: "Ice capades, hockey games, rodeos, curling bonspiels¹⁵." Working 16-hour days was not uncommon. When the current Northlands Coliseum was built, Malcolm, at 54 years of age, declined the offer of continued employment and accepted his 20-year pension.

Throughout his years with the Edmonton Exhibition Association, he was often away from home, so Malcolm credits his hard-working wife Mairi "with rearing their three children — Flora, Padruig and Iain¹⁶."

Malcolm is well known and highly respected for playing at weddings, funerals, Citizenship Court Sittings, Robbie Burns Nights gatherings and Remembrance Day services. Following in his father's footsteps, his son Iain was appointed the *Tenth Hereditary Piper to the MacLeod of MacLeod*¹⁷ on September 16, 1978, by John MacLeod of MacLeod (grandson of Dame Flora).

Malcolm's story is unique. His lifetime of piping excellence has been enjoyed by all who relish highland tradition, ceremony and bagpipe music. The history of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Alberta, originating with Colonel MacLeod, continues to be enriched through our association with the legendary 9th Hereditary Piper to MacLeod of MacLeod, Malcolm MacCrimmon — "Piper Extraordinaire."

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The Colour of Pride: A Celebration of History

By Janice Burrow



Courtesy of Clark Photographic Limited, Halifax

The Colour of Pride Tour is probably one of the most talked about RCMP 125 celebrations — even long after the tour has ended. In a 90-minute show like no other, the illustrious history of the RCMP was presented through music, skits and visuals in a lively, humorous, dramatic and emotional production. Beginning on August 17, 1998, in Pictou, Nova Scotia, a cast of eight serving RCMP members toured the four Atlantic provinces in what was to be the first leg of the tour, before finishing up in Ottawa, Ontario, on October 8.

In January, 1999, the tour was extended with performances in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Saint John, New Brunswick, Edmonton, Alberta, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Regina, Saskatchewan, ending with two big shows back in Halifax in conjunction with the Swissair VIP nights on February 1 and 2. Two of the original cast members — Cpl. Les Chalmers and Cst. Kim

Hendricken — were replaced during this part of the tour by Csts Craig Kennedy and Robbie Drake.

Renowned music producer and writer Bob Quinn of Quincept Productions Limited created a wonderful score featuring a collection of songs and instrumental music to accompany the show's vignettes. The production used three giant screens to project over 500 slides, depicting different points in the RCMP's long, and colourful past. Against this back-drop, the cast performed their music and dramatic vignettes, showing the courage, triumphs, tragedies and the human side of being an RCMP officer.

The performance began with an RCMP officer discovering photos and letters from the past, from a time when his father and grandfather were in the RCMP. Memories take him on a journey from the March West in 1874

right up to present day. The audience was introduced to a time — from 1874 to 1905 — when the role of the Force was primarily one of general law enforcement, establishing friendly relations with Aboriginal peoples and containment of the whiskey trade. They witnessed the challenges the RCMP faced when it assumed provincial policing duties in Alberta, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in 1932. The show also explored the Force's role in the 1990, how its duties have expanded beyond that of peacekeepers to role models for new generations, and promoters of national unity and the Canadian image to the entire world.

The show examined the human side of being an RCMP officer. "We're not perfect, we're just ordinary people, like those we serve," said show headliner Insp. Andy Arsenault, Officer in Charge of the RCMP Halifax Integrated Proceeds of Crime Section. "To face challenges in society, we need the community's help just as they need ours."

The talented cast and crew brought enthusiasm, pride and passion to the production. During their two-month tour of the Atlantic provinces, they performed approximately 40 times in front of sold-out audiences. The members of the cast were:

Insp. Andy Arsenault: Presently, Insp. Arsenault is the OIC Integrated Proceeds of Crime, in "H" Division, Nova Scotia. Anyone who has served in the Maritimes knows him — and his voice. Originally from Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, he spent the majority of his service in "H" Division and "L" Division, Prince Edward Island. He was a member of the RCMP's cross-Canada Centennial Tour in 1973, and sang the national anthem at a nationally-televised opening of the Young Canada Games.



Cst. Kim Hendricken: Posted to Charlottetown Detachment, "L" Division, Prince



Edward Island, Cst. Hendricken is a native of Mount Stewart. Before being disbanded as a result of budget cuts, Cst. Hendricken was a member of the RCMP Bison Band in Ottawa.

Cpl. Jim Hadley: Presently posted at "J" Division, New Brunswick, with CPIC Field Operations, Cpl. Hadley is originally from Beresford, and served previously in "H" Division, Nova Scotia. He plays the 12 string guitar, the harmonica and the spoons, and does a wicked "Elvis" impression. Cpl. Hadley represented Canada and the Force in Louisville, Kentucky; Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas; and gave many performances while stationed at "Depot" Division in Regina, Saskatchewan.

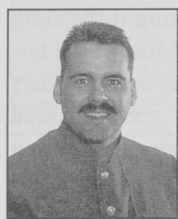
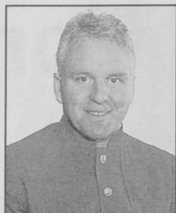


Cst. Steve Conohan: Presently posted to Drug Section in St. John's, Newfoundland, in "B" Division, Cst. Conohan is a native Cape Bretoner who doesn't need much of an excuse to break out into song with his powerful voice. He represented Canada and the RCMP in Berlin, Germany, in May, 1977, singing the national anthem in Red Serge in front of a large crowd.

Cpl. Glen Rowsell: Presently the NCO i/c of Sherbrooke Detachment in "H" Division, Nova Scotia, Cpl. Rowsell is well known for his guitar and accordion playing. He played a part in keeping the show lively and upbeat. He comes from a musical family in Leading Tickles, Newfoundland, and has been entertaining RCMP employees and members of the public for many years. He, and two other "H" Division members, play in a band that performs Irish and Newfoundland traditional music.

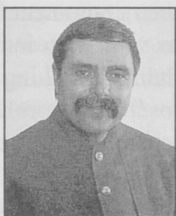


Cst. Boyd Merrill: Cst. Merrill is well known in both "B" Division, Newfoundland, and "H" Division, Nova Scotia, for his story telling, especially for the characters "Norm and Fred - think about drugs." In a performance that he has given in front of many students, he takes the audience through drug addiction and its consequences.



Cst. Rick Head: Cst. Head is presently a member of Antigonish Detachment in "H" Division, Nova Scotia. Besides playing a mean set of drums, it was Rick's wonderful voice and guitar skills that had the audience sitting on the edge of their seats.

Cpl. Les Chalmers: Born and raised in Verdun, Quebec, and now a member of St. John's Drug Section in "B" Division, Newfoundland, Cpl. Chalmers is a proficient guitar and banjo player, and singer. He is also a member of a band called Tickle Aces. His enthusiasm and good nature were real assets to the Colour of Pride tour.



Cst. Craig Kennedy: Cst. Kennedy is presently posted to RCMP Headquarters in Ottawa, Ontario, with Public Affairs and Information Directorate. A former member of the RCMP Band, his talents as a guitar player and singer were definite assets to the tour when he joined the cast for its performances in 1999.

Cst. Robbie Drake: Presently posted to "E" Division at Courtenay, British Columbia, Cst. Drake brought her angelic singing voice to the cast when she joined the second leg of the tour earlier this year.

In each town where the Colour of Pride performed, the local Detachment received a

portion of the production's revenues, to go towards community policing programs in their area. Local sponsorships were secured to assist with the costs associated with theatre rental, the printing of tickets, etc. The show also brought with it an increased public awareness of the RCMP's 125th anniversary celebrations, its history and the commitment and sacrifices made by its members over the years.

Following the show, there was an opportunity for the cast and audience to meet and a chance to purchase a special memento of the show — a keepsake programme, and a tape or CD of the soundtrack. A portion of the revenue from the sale of the Colour of Pride programme also stayed in the community. The troupe held special afternoon performances, featuring Atlantic Canadian tunes, at shopping malls, hospitals, in town squares and other local venues.

The production was produced by Quincept Productions — an Atlantic Canadian production and touring company with a wealth of experience in multi-media productions. Recent productions include the show A Coast of Difference, which featured many RCMP performers and was presented in many countries. The crew of Quincept Productions who took part in the Colour of Pride Tour were: Music Director/Composer Bob Quinn; Visual Coordinator Wally Hayes; Administrative Staff Amy Kenney (for Quincept Productions), and Kitty Lee (for the RCMP).

The 125th anniversary year provided a perfect opportunity to rediscover the RCMP's past, and to give something special back to the communities it serves in appreciation of their continued support. The Colour of Pride was an ideal vehicle for paying tribute to the role this national police force, with an international reputation, has played and continues to play in Canada's history. This was also a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the performers as well as for the audiences, to gain a renewed sense of pride of being Canadian! ❖

Mount Wood Expedition

By Janice Burrow

A remote mountain in the Yukon, located amidst some of the most spectacular mountain landscapes in North America, was the scene of “M” Division’s official event marking the RCMP’s 125th anniversary. A six-member team of law enforcement officers — Cst. Chris Pratte and Cpl. Pat Egan of “M” Division, at Whitehorse, Yukon; Cst. Blake Leminski of “A” Division, at Ottawa, Ontario; Cst. Dave Olson of “E” Division, at Surrey, British Columbia; Alaska State Trooper Paul Randall and Andrew Lawrence, a Park Warden at Kluane National Park — reached the summit of Mt. Wood on April 29, 1998, after a 10-day trek and climb. The expedition became only the 10th successful ascent of this heavily glaciated peak that is named after A/Commr. Zachary Taylor Wood — a member of the NWMP who, in the early 1900s, played a significant role in establishing the Force’s solid reputation in the Yukon. During the many months of planning for the climb, funding was secured from several corporate sponsors as well as through the sale of T-shirts commemorating the event.



Climbers on a ridge above Hodgson glacier. (L-R): Cpl. Pat Egan, Kluane National Park Warden Andrew Lawrence, Csts Dave Olson and Chris Pratte, and Alaska State Trooper Paul Randall.

Photo by Cst. Blake Leminski

Located in Kluane National Park in the southwest corner of the Yukon, Mt. Wood stands at 4,842 m above sea level, making it the sixth highest mountain in Canada. Most of the terrain is covered in glacier ice, and climbers must detect and cross many snow-covered crevasses even before the steep climbing begins. Weather conditions can be both unforgiving and unpredictable, changing in a matter of hours from clear skies to a blizzard with gale-force winds.

The team began their expedition on April 20, 1998, after establishing Base Camp — the first of five camps to be set up along the way — at the base of Mt. Wood. To transport their equipment between camps, the team had to split it up into different loads and retrace their steps along the trail in a series of “carry tos.” Skis were used until just past Camp 2, where they switched to crampons for scaling the icy surfaces. Ropes were utilised for fixed lines as well as for rappelling. On the seventh day into the climb, the constant high winds and blowing snow worsened, causing whiteout conditions that forced the team into a day of rest.

The team’s morale remained high throughout the expedition, and there were no injuries. Except for headaches caused by the high altitude and cases of minor frostbite, they all remained in good health.

To maintain daily communications with the outside world, the team carried a radio telephone and laptop computer. In keeping with today’s practices for this kind of event, an Internet web site dedicated to the expedition was set up, which published daily progress reports and photographs taken with a digital camera, submitted directly from the mountain.



The Expedition standing on the summit of Mt. Wood. (L-R): Cst. Dave Olson, Warden Andrew Lawrence, Csts Chris Pratte and Blake Leminski, and Cpl. Pat Egan.

Photo by Trooper Paul Randall

This site also provided information about the expedition, background on A/Commr. Wood, biographies of the team members, as well as a comprehensive list of their sponsors — it can still be accessed at: www.hyperborean-web.com/rcmpclimb.

Through School Net, students across the country were able to e-mail their questions directly to the team, a selection of which appeared on the web site. However, due to problems with the laptop computer as well as the lengthy amount of time it took to recharge the batteries, the team switched to radio telephone intermittently to submit their reports.

Split into two teams of three, the expedition reached the summit of Mt. Wood on the ninth day. Straightening out the RCMP Ensign for photographs proved to be difficult in the strong winds. And when the cold temperatures began to take effect, the team began their descent after about 25 minutes — long enough to enjoy the spectacular view, make a phone call to the CBC, and to congratulate each other on the teamwork that helped them to achieve their goal.

The Mt. Wood Expedition generated some attention from the media. Prior to the climb, a CBC news crew flew to the expedition's Base Camp to interview the team for a report that

would air on a national news broadcast over the CBC network, as well as on Newsworld. The story was also carried by various newspapers.

This ambitious accomplishment made by the team members of the Mt. Wood Expedition was a true demonstration of teamwork and dedication — some of the very characteristics that the RCMP has represented with pride throughout its 125 years. Cpl. Pat Egan said after the climb, "The expedition on Mt. Wood was a great success due to the great support we received from our friends and sponsors. On behalf of the climbing team I would like to thank Hyperborean for an outstanding job of doing the web page. I would also like to thank all the other sponsors who made it possible for the event to go so well. The members of the climbing team are also to be congratulated for a job well done on the mountain and in particular for the dedication to the project. The display of teamwork was outstanding."

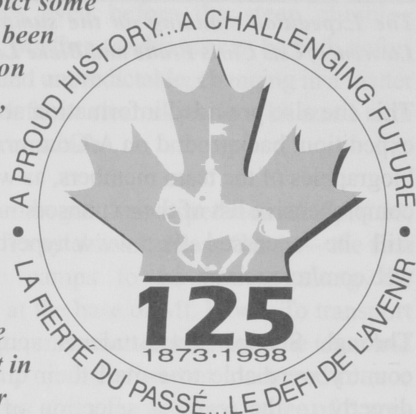
Planning is already underway for the next climb. The same team members will participate in an "RCMP Millennium Expedition" to Mt. Walsh — another peak dedicated to the RCMP — in May 2000, to raise awareness for the Bruce Dennison Bone Marrow Society. — Editor. ❖

*Displaying the wealth of tradition, history and stories
of the RCMP's 125th anniversary*

RCMP 125 Celebrations, in Retrospect

Hundreds of events were held across Canada in 1998, in partnership with various organisations in the communities we serve, to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the RCMP. Although other articles in this issue like, "The Colour of Pride: A Celebration of History" and "Mount Wood Expedition" depict some of the main events, the following are the ones that have been written up, photographed and forwarded for publication in the "Quarterly" by organizers and/or participants, and they are just as significant. However, space being at a premium in the magazine, other RCMP 125 events will have to be featured in a subsequent issue.

The following RCMP 125 events have been regrouped to appear by Region — from east to west, like Division Dispatches — as a tribute to everyone involved in these celebrations, and in recognition for their heartfelt input in a very special year in the history of the RCMP. — Editor



ATLANTIC REGION "B" DIVISION (NEWFOUNDLAND)

WELCOME SIGN

Bay St. George District formed a Committee to erect a sign welcoming visitors to the island of Newfoundland. The Committee approached students at the Visual Arts Department, College of the North Atlantic, and gave them the task of painting a sign designed by the Committee. In addition, the

students painted two murals on the marine Atlantic ferries that run between Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. The sign was unveiled on June 12, 1998, at the Tourist Chalet in Port aux Basques. The sign will serve as a permanent reminder to tourists and returning Newfoundlanders of the pride which the RCMP takes in serving the province.

(L-R): Visual Arts Instructor Ray Mackie, student Stephen Hodder, Csts Boyd Merrill and Cathy Whitehead, Sgt. Bob Connell, Mayor Anita Sheaves of Port aux Basques, Insp. Gary Barnes, Cst. Mike Dawson, S/Sgt. Dave Barrett, student Jason Johnston.



COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

On July 1, 1998, an RCMP commemorative plaque was presented to Mr. Michael Earle, Battle Harbour Historic Trust, by the members of Mary's Harbour Community Office, Reg. No. 33443, Cpl. Law Power and Reg. No. 34112, Cst. Dave White. The plaque commemorates RCMP members who served at Battle Harbour Detachment in Labrador, from 1950 to 1967: Reg. No. 16220, Cst. R.J. Forward (1950/52); Reg. No. 16251, Cst. J. Butt (1952/53); Reg. No. 17307, Cst. R.G. Moffatt (1953/56); Reg. No. 17975, Cst. W.L. Davis (1956/58); Reg. No. 19332, Cst. M.H. McGregor (1958/60); Reg. No. 20075, Cst. D.R.C. daSilva (1960/61); Reg. No. 19548, Cst. J.F. Clancy (1961/63); Reg. No. 19993, Cst. P.G. Searle (1962/63); Reg. No. 20074, Cst. G.R. McLaughlin (1963/66); Reg. No. 22151, Cst. R.P. Dionne (1965/66); Reg. No. 20299, Cst. A.D.M. Daye (1966/67); S/Cst. H.C. Spearing (1963/66).

Although Battle Harbour Detachment was originally staffed by members of the New-



COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE PRESENTATION

(L-R): Cst. Dave White, Laurence O'Brien, MLA; Mr. Michael Earle, Cpl. Law Power.

foundland Constabulary in 1934, and later by the Newfoundland Ranger Force in 1935, it wasn't until 1950 that policing services were assumed by the RCMP. Battle Harbour was not a feasible location for a Detachment due to isolation on the island after freeze-up, poor water supply, and low population rates which, all combined, contributed to its official closing on October 28, 1967.

By Cpl. Law Power

"H" DIVISION (NOVA SCOTIA)

ENFIELD COMMUNITY DINNER

On March 29, 1998, Enfield Detachment hosted a community dinner at the Milford Community Recreation Centre. With the assistance of the Ladies Auxiliary, a roast beef dinner was catered to 150 citizens and served by Enfield Detachment members dressed in Red Serge. It was the perfect opportunity to make new friendships and to renew old ones. S/Sgt. D.R. King, NCO i/c Enfield Detachment, took this opportunity to thank community volunteers for their past support.

Some of the dignitaries in attendance included Richard Steeves, Mayor of Stewiacke; Lloyd Matheson, Warden of East Hants; MLAs John MacDonnell and Brooke Taylor; D/Commr. Terry Ryan, Atlantic Region; A/Commr. Dwight Bishop, CO, "H" Division; Supt. Larry Baker, Manager, North East Nova District. Cst. C.E. Gillis received a gift and many best wishes in honour of his

upcoming retirement on April 5. The *Weekly Press* staff made a presentation to Cst. Gary Hicks, Master of Ceremonies for the evening, in honour of his transfer to the "H" Division EAP. Many thanks to all Enfield Detachment employees who ensured the success of this evening.

LOBSTER SOCIAL

On May 23, 1998, Tantallon Detachment celebrated in true Nova Scotia style, by holding a lobster social for the residents of Eleanor Hubley Villa who share a laneway with the Detachment. The seniors were treated to a lobster boil and steak barbeque held in the parking lot between the two buildings. Participants included D/Commr. Terry Ryan, Atlantic Region; A/Commr. Dwight Bishop, CO, "H" Division — who along with S/Sgt. Keith McGuire, Tantallon Detachment Commander, served lobster to the seniors. Highlights of the evening included bagpipe music by Cape Breton's own Lilly Gillis and magic

acts by Detachment magician, Cst. Lloyd Doucette.

This was also an opportunity to unveil the Detachment's new RCMP 125 sign located along Highway 213, depicting the RCMP 125 logo and sporting two slogans outlining Tantallon Detachment's pledge to the community: *Working With You to Keep Our Communities Safe*, and *Ensuring a Healthy Environment for Our Seniors and Our Youth*. This was a joyous and proud occasion for everyone involved, and was just as good a tribute to RCMP history as any — Nova Scotia style, of course.

By S/Sgt. Keith McGuire

CELEBRATIONS AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

On May 23, 1998 — official RCMP 125 Day — festivities commenced with the inspection by The Hon. J. James Kinley, Lt.-Gov. of Nova Scotia and patron of RCMP 125 in Nova Scotia, of a troop in Review Order, under the command of C/Supt. Steve Duncan. A/Commr. Dwight Bishop, CO, "H" Division, presented the Lt.-Gov. with the "H" Division Ensign and asked that it be flown over Government House throughout 1998.

After the raising of the Ensign, Lt.-Gov. Kinley and Mrs. Kinley invited participants to attend an awards presentation and a recep-

tion at Government House. In his capacity of Vice Prior, Lt.-Gov. Kinley also presented the Commander Brother award from the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem to Supt. Ronald Bourne (retired).

CAPE BRETON REGIMENTAL BALL

RCMP dignitaries and their wives greeted their guests on May 30, 1998, at the Riverview High School in Coxheath, and presented them with commemorative RCMP 125 pins depicting Cape Breton Island. Each couple also received a commemorative bottle of wine. Masters of Ceremonies, Csts Herb Martell and Sylvie Tremblay kept everyone informed of the evening's proceedings. Cst. Curtis Stone, junior member of Cape Breton Detachment, said *Grace*; the Toast to the Queen was made by Cst. François Hébert, the Toast to the Force by ex-Cst. George MacLean, and the Response was made by Insp. Darrell LaFosse. Csts Aubrey Thibault and Joe Gaudet received the Bronze Clasp and Star. Ex-S/Sgt. Tom Doyle received the Silver Clasp and Stars; his contributions to the RCMP prior to retiring on April 22, 1998, were outlined by Insp. LaFosse and a standing ovation indicated how much Tom was appreciated and that he will be missed. Two \$125 Scholastic Awards were presented to Riverview High School and remarks given by D/Commr. Terry Ryan concluded the official portion of the evening, leading into a fun-



The Hon. J. James Kinley raises the "H" Division Ensign which utilizes the RCMP regimental colours — a royal blue canton edged with yellow on a field of deep scarlet. The centre of the canton is charged with a representation of the current RCMP regimental badge, and the lion is used in the fly as it is present in the Arms of the Province of Nova Scotia. (Photo 2): Lt.-Gov. J. James Kinley and A/Commr. Dwight L. Bishop.

Photos by S/Sgt. Gerald Martell

filled night of dancing to the music of local band The Accents.

By PSE Terri MacIntyre

LOWER SACKVILLE CELEBRATIONS

Lower Sackville Detachment demonstrated the true meaning of community involvement in their celebrations. Although RCMP 125 coordinator, Cst. Kerri Leyte received many suggestions for developing partnerships with the community, one particular suggestion stood out: to plant an RCMP 125 flowerbed.

Many community organizations quickly got together for the planning, design and implementation. The Lions Clubs, the Legion and the Girl Guides donated money to buy flowers, Kel-Ann Organics donated the topsoil and bark mulch, Shaw Bricks contributed the brick chips used to create the centre design, local landscaper Eric Pronk donated his expertise and time to create the bed and design, Cathy Phalen from Atlantic Gardens provided the flowers at a discounted price and helped with the design and plant-

ing. Gordon Morgan from the Sackville Community Development Association, Debbie Bishop from the Girl Guides, Jean Sherry from the Lions, Barbara Williams from the Sackville Rivers Development Association and the Lower Sackville Youth P.A.C.T. also got their hands dirty.

Lower Sackville Detachment was also involved in other RCMP 125 initiatives, including the annual Patriot Days Parade on July 1, with an RCMP contingent of four members in Period Dress, 16 members in Red Serge, 20 RCMP Venturers, volunteers from the Fall River and Beaverbank Community Centres, police motorcycles, Mounted Riders and Safety Bear.

A third community partnership consisted of a Detachment open-house on July 22, where members dressed in Red Serge and in period dress greeted members of the community, gave tours of the facilities and handed out RCMP 125 pins, posters and prizes. Everyone enjoyed refreshments, including pieces of an RCMP 125 cake.

By Cst. Kerri B. Leyte



(Photo 1): The outcome: a beautiful flowerbed that can be viewed by motorists and pedestrians on the Old Sackville Road. (Photo 2): Lower Sackville Detachment used three police Harley Davidson motorcycles in parades and special events held during the summer. Seen here (L-R): Csts Al Seward, Roger Long and Roy Smith.

Photo 2 by Cpl. Frank Skidmore

RCMP WEEK IN NOVA SCOTIA —
MAY 24-31, 1998 On May 19, 1998, Nova Scotia Premier Russell McLellan made the proclamation as a tribute to the RCMP's 125th anniversary. (L-R): A/Commr. Dwight L. Bishop, CO, "H" Division; Premier Russell McLellan, Justice Minister Jim Smith, M.D.; C/Supt. Steve Duncan, Criminal Operations Officer.

Photo by S/Sgt. Gerald Martell



"L" DIVISION (PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND)

THE RCMP GET THEIR TOURISTS

If you were a tourist rolling down an Island highway during the summer of 1998, the police were waiting for you. The RCMP was stopping one car with out-of-province license plates every week to give away prizes and name the tourist of the week. They tried to pick people who probably wouldn't have known much about the Force. Tourists were typically surprised when greeted by the Mounties in Red Serge, and were given bags stuffed with RCMP posters, pins, key rings and Prince Edward Island T-shirts and sweat-shirts.



RCMP 125 CELEBRATIONS

A visit to Charlottetown by the RCMP's famed Musical Ride, a charity golf tournament and an "L" Division reunion were among the many community events planned by the RCMP in Prince Edward Island. PEI Premier, Pat Binns, recognized the RCMP's 125th anniversary by honouring the Force at his annual levee and invited RCMP employees to be part of the January 1, 1998, receiving line. The official launch of RCMP 125 activities was held at the Lt.-Gov. House in Charlottetown on May 27, 1998. RCMP employees and their families attended the celebration where the RCMP Corps Ensign was raised by the Lt.-Gov.

NEW YEAR'S LEVEE (L-R): Cst. Al Cameron, S/Sgt. Phil Pitts (both in 1873 period uniforms), Cst. Dominique Landry, Premier Pat Binns, Insp. Steve Graham, C/Supt. Ken Byrt, CO, "L" Division. Csts Cameron and Landry formed the honour guard at the entrance while approximately 2,500 people passed through.



OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF FESTIVITIES

(L-R): Sgt. D. Mullally, Cst. B. Lidstone, Sgt. K. MacQuarrie, Cst. R. MacDougall, S/Sgt. R. Narhgang, Csts M. Mercer, D. Landry, K. Lidstone and D. Crosier, Insp. John Ferguson, C/Supt. K. Byrt, Sgt. L. Robinson, Cst. K. Hendricken, Cpl. D. MacGregor, S/Sgt. P. Pitts, Csts R. Rose and D. Leblanc, Sgt. C. Snow, S/Sgt. I. Drummond.



Mr. Gerald Dougan, CEO of Credit Union Central of PEI, presented a cheque to S/Sgt. Phil Pitts, chairperson of the RCMP 125th committee. Funds from the sponsorship were used to support 125 events which will raise funds for community programs such as Camp Gencheff and Anderson House (a refuge for abused women).



During the official launch of festivities, ex-Sgt. Dave Holmes, PEI Veteran's Association, presented the Caring Canadian Award to C/Supt. Lou Pantry (retired) on behalf of the Governor General of Canada, with Lt.-Gov. Clements looking on.

RCMP COLOUR PARTY — CANADA DAY 1998

Each member carried a different provincial flag in recognition of Prince Edward Island's 125th anniversary of joining Confederation and the RCMP's 125th. (L-R) Front row: Park Warden U. Robishau, Lt.-Gov. Gilbert Clements, Mrs. Clements, PEI Premier Pat Binns, MP George Proud, Mayor of Charlottetown George MacDonald. Back row: Csts Donnie Leblanc and Leanne Butler, S/Sgts Phil Pitts and Bob Narhgang, Cst. Mariam Galina, Sgt. Keir MacQuarrie, Insp. Steve Graham, Summer Student Robert MacNevin, Sgt. Lou Robinson, Cst. Ron Rose, Cpl. Jack MacNeil, Csts Tom Butler and Blair Ross. High above: The Charlottetown Town Crier.



CENTRAL REGION NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

RCMP 125 BARBEQUE

On May 30, 1998, nearly 6,000 RCMP employees and members of the general public attended a charity barbeque held on the grounds of the Canadian Police College. Coordinated by S/Sgt. Denis Auger, "A" Division RCMP 125 Coordinator, the event consisted of displays, musical entertainment, clowns and face painting for the kids, a performance by the Musical Ride and a cake-cutting ceremony.

It was an excellent opportunity for the RCMP to present many of its programs and initiatives to the public. Kids were invited to test the web site for the newly-launched DEAL (Drug Education and Awareness for Life) Program. In conjunction with the RCMP, the site, located at www.deal.org, is designed by youth for youth, to teach problem solving, promote the right choices and provide drug awareness information. There was also a radar demonstration by the "A" Division Traffic Unit, and "A" Division's Sea Marine Unit had on display its newest marine patrol boat. The event was a great success, with all proceeds going to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario.

By Jennifer Ashworth

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S GARDEN PARTY

On June 27, more than 10,000 people flocked to the grounds of Rideau Hall in Ottawa for an afternoon of socializing and activities with Governor General Roméo Leblanc. The

RCMP was invited to be a special guest in honour of our 125th anniversary. The annual Garden Party reinforces the Governor General's very direct link with people from across the country with a variety of backgrounds. The best of the old tradition of the Garden Party is maintained, along with activities for the whole family, exhibits and entertainment.

An RCMP Air Services' helicopter was on display with Ottawa pilot S/Sgt. Greg Lester on hand to answer the many questions posed by the public. Members of the RCMP Alumni Band, under the direction of Cst. Craig Kennedy, and singers Michelle Glover, the wife of a "K" Division member and Fara, a Cree native from British Columbia, performed on the RCMP stage to the delight of the crowd.

In the main RCMP area, with the 125th anniversary portable display as a backdrop, Safety Bear greeted guests and the volunteer team handed out over 5,000 anniversary pins. Safety Bear colouring books were also available for children and a cut-out of a horse and rider was available for photos. Force historian Dr. Bill Beahen also attended the event, but instead of answering questions about the RCMP's illustrious past, he spent the day applying tattoos to the arms of the many children who came to the party.

Members in both current and period uniform were on horseback riding around the

grounds. The state landau was placed in front of the water fountain with members on hand to answer questions. RCMP members providing security for the Governor General and his wife, Diana Fowler-LeBlanc, also had anniversary pins to distribute.

By Stephanie Richardson

CANADA DAY — RCMP ON STAGE

On July 1, 24 RCMP members were showcased on CBC's Canada Day celebration on Parliament Hill to recognize the RCMP's 125th Anniversary. Members performed with Paul Gross of *Due South* fame and provided an honour guard for other Canadian entertainers which included Myriam Bédard, two-time Olympic gold medalist; Lynda Lemay, Quebec chanteuse; Gordon Pinsent, from *Due South*; and other Canadian performers.

PROJECT "RENDEZ-VOUS"

On August 13, 1998, from noon until 16:00, the west lawn of Parliament Hill was crawling with RCMP members. No, it wasn't a manhunt or police operation. The Parliament Hill Security Unit, which provides security for Parliament Hill personnel, its buildings and grounds, had organized this showcase to raise the awareness of Canadians and tourists alike to the RCMP's work in the National Capital Region. Project Rendez-Vous was an open invitation to the public to come out and meet personnel from many other different sections who were on hand to display their equipment and vehicles, put on demonstrations and answer questions.

Visitors dropped by to see the RCMP boat, police car, mobile field command centre and patrol bicycles, and to check out the new Harley-Davidson Police Road King motorcycles. They also met members of the Emergency Response Team and watched demonstrations by Mr. Wonderful (remote-control bomb disposal robot) and the dog master and his specially-trained dog. They also saw RCMP Mounted Riders who were at Parliament Hill every day of the week from 10:00 until 15:00, from July 1 to Labour Day.

MESS DINNER

The Ottawa area Officers' Mess Dinner was held at the West Block, Parliament Hill, May 22, 1998, with 177 serving, retired and honorary Mess members in attendance. The evening was presided over by A/Commr. Joop Plomp, President of the Mess. Mr. Roy Henry Vickers, Tsimshian artist, was the guest speaker for the evening, and presented his artist's proof serigraph "M.L.15" to the RCMP. The serigraph represents Mr. Vickers' initial contact with the RCMP when, as a young boy, *Motor Launch 15* backed into the beach of his village. The native custom has always been to arrive at another's village by backing their canoes into the beach — a non-aggressive approach showing full trust in their hosts not to attack them.

By Insp. Steve Roberge



(L-R) Front row: D/Commr. R. Berlinquette, Mr. Vickers, Commr. Murray. Back row: D/Commr. C. Allen, D/Commr. L. Proke, A/Commr. J. Plomp, D/Commr. T. Ryan, D/Commr. G. Zaccardelli.

Photos by Cpl. Bob Jeffrey, "A" Division Ident.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S RECEPTION — A SALUTE TO PEACEKEEPING

On June 9, 1998, about 300 employees attended a late afternoon reception hosted by the Right Honourable Roméo Leblanc, Governor General of Canada and his wife, Diana Fowler-Leblanc, in the gardens of the Governor General's residence in Ottawa. The event was held in honour of the RCMP's 125th anniversary with a special focus on peacekeeping. Guests were invited to tour the



(Photo 1): The Governor General met with a few of the peacekeepers and Commissioner Philip Murray to honour their work around the world. (Photo 2): Force historian and chair of the RCMP's 125th anniversary celebrations, Dr. William Beahen, gave the Governor General an autographed copy of his book, Red Coats on the Prairies. (Photo 3): Commissioner Philip Murray, former Solicitor General Andy Scott and Governor General Roméo Leblanc enjoying the late afternoon gathering at the Governor General's residence. (Photo 4) Members of the Dominion Executive as well as the Ottawa Division of RCMP Veterans Association also attended the event.

Photos by Sgt. Christian Coulombe, Rideau Hall

grounds and gardens as well as wander through rooms in Their Excellencies's residence not normally opened for public viewing. Guests had the opportunity to meet the Governor General and his wife as well as sample some of the delicacies prepared by the Governor General's kitchen staff.

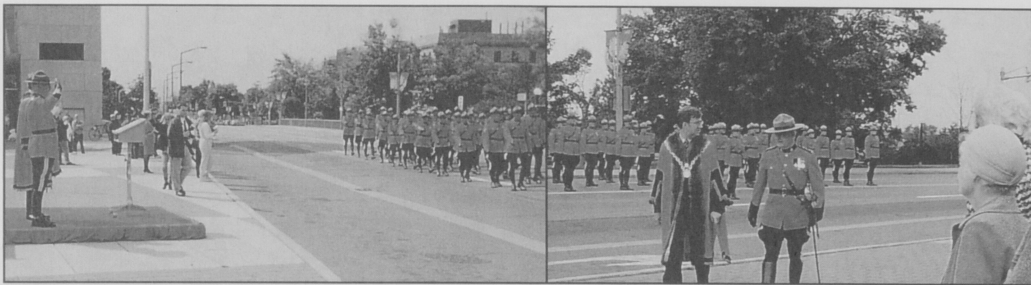
Most of the people attending the event have served in the various peacekeeping missions that the RCMP is involved in, including representatives from other police agencies, such as Toronto and the Montréal Urban Community who are also involved in the CIVPOL program. A contingent of peacekeepers set to leave on a mission the following day said they appreciated such a wonderful send-off. During the official part of the reception, the Governor General thanked the RCMP for its 125 years of service to Canadians and to the citizens of the world and Commissioner Murray presented the Governor General with a blue anniversary pin.

By Stephanie Richardson

FREEDOM OF THE CITY

In a ceremony that has its origins going back hundreds of years, the RCMP was granted Freedom of the City on September 11, 1998, by Mayor Jim Watson in front of Ottawa City Hall. Traditionally, it is an award bestowed on military or paramilitary units by municipalities to recognize their services within that community. The RCMP became the 16th recipient since 1953 of this prestigious honour. The symbolic ceremony originates back to medieval times when an army approaching a city had to ask permission to pass through.

Adding colour to the parade was a Colour Party carrying the Canadian Flag, the City of Ottawa Flag and the Force's Ensign. After knocking on the front doors of City Hall three times with the pommel of his sword, Commissioner Murray was greeted by the Mayor, City Clerk and members of Council. Freedom of the City was requested and granted by proclamation from the Mayor. Speeches were given by Commissioner



FREEDOM OF THE CITY *In front of a crowd of approximately 300 spectators and media representatives, the ceremony began with a colourful parade down Sussex Drive to City Hall, led by Commr. Philip Murray and A/Commr. Ray Mercier, CO, "A" Division. Four horses from the Musical Ride, a pipes and drums band consisting of members of the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Pipes and Drums Band, and the Ottawa Air Command Pipes and Drums Band, and more than 100 members in Red Serge made up the marching contingent.*

Photos by PSE Linda Holmes

Murray and Mayor Watson, followed by a March Past. Participants and invited guests then gathered inside City Hall for a reception, during which a gift exchange between

Mayor Watson and Commissioner Murray was held.

By Janice Burrow



To celebrate RCMP's 125th Anniversary, U.S. Ambassador Gordon Giffen (pictured here with Commissioner Murray) held a reception at his residence on the sunny afternoon of April 23, 1998. RCMP Central Region employees, representatives from U.S. agencies and U.S. dignitaries were all gathered to celebrate the momentous occasion in style. The highlight of the afternoon came when Ambassador Giffen read letters of congratulations from President Bill Clinton and other U.S. police forces to those in attendance.

Photos by Raul Alf  rez

"C" DIVISION (QUEBEC)

GASP   CELEBRATIONS

More than 275 young players from various towns and villages along the Gasp   peninsula participated in the 30th annual Atom Hockey Tournament held in Gasp  , February 12-15. The organizing committee selected Safety Bear as the official tournament mascot and his likeness was painted at centre ice with the inscription "125th Anniversary of the RCMP" to celebrate the milestone. Pucks with the RCMP emblem and a 125th anni-

versary pin were given to every player. The house announcer took advantage of every opportunity to address the RCMP's 125th Anniversary and more importantly, to promote awareness about the dangers of drugs. With Safety Bear wandering among the crowd and uniformed officers in attendance, RCMP presence at the tournament was appreciated by both children and parents alike.

By Cst. Guy Durocher, "Echoes"

OFFICIAL LAUNCH

The official launch of RCMP's 125 celebrations was held April 29 at a press conference in the Montréal HQ mess. The CO, "C" Division, A/Commr. O. Emond and Insp. P. Droz unveiled the official logo for the celebration and presented a program of over 80 planned activities. Events included the Drummondville Folklore Festival, the Valleyfield Regatta, car races, open-house days for the public, sporting events as well as scheduled tours of the Musical Ride and Ceremonial Troop to 14 Quebec municipalities. Other activities included a golf tournament that raised money for the Children's Wish Foundation and a Remembrance Day dedication of an RCMP commemorative plaque to veterans.

By Cst. Frances Porelle, "Echoes"

THE MOUNTIES ON CANVAS

Last June, 33 professional and amateur artists from the St-Jérôme area depicted the history of the RCMP in honour of its 125th anniversary. The President of the St-Jérôme Visual Artists Association, Lorraine Bergeron, said that 10 or so members of her association, including a cartoonist, attended the exhibit and sale of 42 paintings at the St-Jérôme Detachment. Sgt. Noël Saint-Hilaire, one of the organizers of RCMP 125 at the Detachment, had approached Mrs. Bergeron and suggested that her group portray the milestones of the Force.

REGIMENTAL BALL

The Concourse of the Windsor Station, a Montréal landmark, was turned into a magnificent ballroom for the Regimental Ball on June 13, 1998. A four-course meal was especially designed for the occasion by the caterer from the Queen Elizabeth Hotel and was served with the RCMP 125th Anniversary vintage wine. After the meal, a 20-member orchestra serenaded those in attendance. The Regimental Ball also served to build bridges between the RCMP and the Quebec business community whose response was beyond all expectations. The ballroom accommodated 950 dinner guests, half of whom were members of the business community while the other half consisted of RCMP employees and friends, including about 200 members of the Force.

The Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, the Mayor of Montréal, Pierre Bourque, Commissioner Murray, Sûreté du Québec Director, Mr. Coulombe, as well as MUCPD Chief Rochon, were among head table guests. The Prime Minister joked that he felt "comfortable surrounded by so many Mounted Police, almost as much as at 24 Sussex." A \$10,000 cheque — the entire evening's profits — was presented to the Foundation for Research of Children's Diseases.

By Patrick Prévost, "Echoes"



Guests, which included Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and Mrs. Aline Chrétien, were piped into the ballroom.

"O" DIVISION (ONTARIO)

CELEBRATIONS IN KINGSTON

Kingston Detachment held a poster contest between January 1 and March 31, 1998, for all elementary schools in the Detachment area. The six finalists from South Crosby Public School had the opportunity to fly to Ottawa aboard the *West Wind* aircraft and visit the Musical Ride facilities, meet Commissioner Murray, visit the Forensic Laboratory's Facial Reconstruction Section, as well as the Ottawa Air Services Section — without whose assistance this trip would not have been possible. Then, on May 8, 1998, 29 employees of Kingston Detachment and Proceeds of Crime Unit rode a 29-seat bicycle in downtown Kingston to raise funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

By Cst. C. Viens

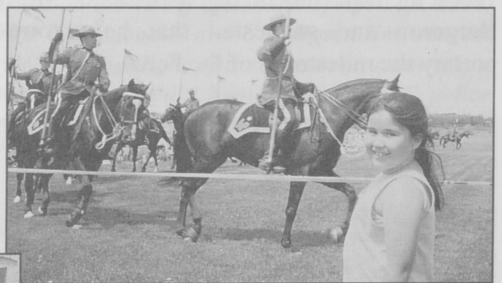


The finalists in Kingston Detachment's poster contest (L-R) front row: Tyler Swaffield, Amanda Ramdhanie, Emma Jaspers-Fayer and Claire Grady-Smith; back row: Cst. Chantal Viens, Stacy Murray, Cst. Donna O'Connell and Laurie Russett who met with Commissioner Murray during their trip to Ottawa.



MUSICAL RIDE VISIT TO AKWESASNE

On May 17, 1998, the Musical Ride made a stop at Akwesasne Territory during their 1998 tour. The Musical Ride was hosted by the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and the Cornwall Island Recreation Centre, Kawehnoke (Cornwall Island) Akwesasne Territory in conjunction with Cornwall Detachment which serves Akwesasne. The performance on Akwesasne Territory had been four years in the planning, given the bridging needed between the Akwesasne community and the RCMP after many years of poor communication and lack of partnership. The event was held at the A'now Ara'ko:wa arena in front of approximately 700 spectators, and served as a closing activity for the Akwesasne Spring Festival. The event was successful in bringing people from in and around Akwesasne together and raising money for the Cornwall Island (Kawehnoke) Recreation Committee. Many community leaders from Akwesasne as well as representatives from the RCMP Central Region took the opportunity to attend this worthwhile function. The Akwesasne community appreciated the Musical Ride's presence and gave the performance an open



Cst. Kevin Nanticoke's daughter, Tekonwakwenni, enjoyed the Musical Ride at Akwesasne last May.

BIG BIKE FOR STROKE *Employees of Kingston Detachment and Kingston POC raised more than \$2,700 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, as they rode a 29-seat bicycle for approximately 3 km through downtown Kingston.*

Photo by Rob Mooy, "Kingston This Week"

invitation to return to Akwesasne in the future.

By Cpl. A.L. Bennett

CELEBRATIONS AT THUNDER BAY

On July 4, 1998, Thunder Bay Detachment re-created the landing of the first 150 North-West Mounted Police recruits at Prince Arthur's Landing, on Lake Superior. From Prince Arthur's Landing, the recruits travelled along the Dawson Route to Lower Fort Garry by foot, birch bark canoe, row boat and barge towed by steam tugs. Members from the Sault Ste. Marie Detachment and "O" Division's London HQ also participated in the events.

The highlight of the day was the re-creation of the "landing" at the Old Fort dock. Commissioner Murray, A/Commr. Hutchinson, CO, "O" Division, accompanied by Fort William First Nations Counsellor John Cornell and interpreter Ann Magiskan, landed at the dock and were met by the gentlemen of the Fort, led by Simon McGilivray and a squad of Pointe de Meuron Guards. Commissioner Murray addressed the assembled tourists and Old Fort staff about the mission of the newly formed North-West Mounted Police and their soon-to-be role in the North-West Territories.



(L-R): Commr. Murray, Linda Britt, Mel Hardy, Mrs. R. Murray, Mrs. D. Hutchinson, A/Commr. A. Hutchinson.

In the evening, participants and their guests joined Commissioner and Mrs. Murray, A/Commr. and Mrs. Hutchinson, Thunder Bay Police Chief and Mrs. Toneguzzi, Ontario Provincial Police Insp. and Mrs. Burns for a traditional Regimental Feast *circa* 1873. Local dignitaries in attendance included Counsellor John Cornell of Fort William First Nation, Mr. Joe Comuzzi MP for Thunder Bay/Nipigon, Lynn Macleod MPP for Thunder Bay, and Thunder Bay Mayor Ken Boshkoff.

By S/Sgt. B. Wiese

NORTH WEST REGION

"D" DIVISION (MANITOBA)



More than 600 people attended the RCMP 125 Celebration held at Rossburn Detachment, which included many displays as well as demonstrations by the PSD Unit. (Photo 1): PSE Irene Tanasychuk greeted guests and had them sign a guest book. (Photo 2): Cst. Terry Hamelin (background, in Red Serge) and Cst. Sonny Richards (in Patrol Jacket) speaking with guests. (Photo 3): Sgt. Ralph Sutherland with guests looking at ATVs.

"F" DIVISION (SASKATCHEWAN)

RCMP "MAGICAL" RIDE

More than 8,000 people packed Saskatoon's SaskPlace on June 13, 1998, for the RCMP Musical Ride performance that was part of the RCMP Tattoo — a two-performance show commemorating the 125th anniversary of the Force. Visitors described it as a wonderful experience, and several of them sought the autograph of RCMP members in attendance, for whom this was an emotional day. There were feelings of pride that Saskatchewan is the home of the Mounties, making it that much more special.

RCMP 125 PHOTO ALBUM

For its author, Cpl. Lynn Spring, the object of the "F" Division RCMP 125 photo album was to preserve the image of the RCMP and its personnel serving in "F" Division during the RCMP's 125th anniversary year. The 135-page book took one year to complete and consists of 212 group photographs depicting the Headquarters staff — Admin. and Operations — district management teams, all 117 Detachments and the plain clothes units. Regular members, civilian

members, public service employees, guards and matrons throughout the Division are also represented. A section of 23 pages is dedicated to and is comprised of photographs of the "F" Division Veterans, historical scenes, memorial service, RCMP memorabilia, post cards, RCMP transportation and Canada Post stamps commemorating the RCMP over the years. The 800 limited edition books published by Publishing Solutions (a division of Printwest in Regina) are now sold out.



On August 31, 1998, Cpl. Lynn Spring presented a copy of the commemorative book to the former Commanding Officer of "F" Division, A/Commr. Brian Watt, at "F" Division HQ.

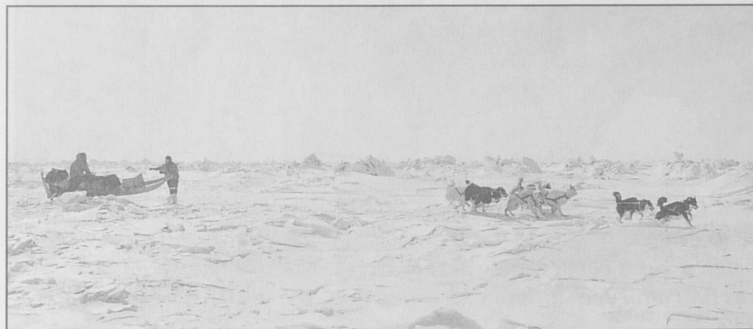
Photo by Jerry Paul

"G" DIVISION (NORTHWEST TERRITORIES)

MAIL RUN BY DOG TEAM

A special mail run to Kimmirut by dog team was undertaken in honour of RCMP 125. This was the usual way of doing patrols and mail runs before the days of the snowmobile and aircraft. On April 11, 1998, Insp. Dan Fudge and Jeff Carter, an instructor from the

Nunavut Arctic College, departed by dog team for the 180-mile trip to Kimmirut, which took five days to complete using a traditional route. The two brave travellers can now attest to the hardships that our members endured in the past, before the modern conveniences of today.



Insp. Dan Fudge and Jeff Carter en route to Kimmirut (Lake Harbour) by dog team.

HERITAGE MUSEUM OPENING

On June 3, 1998, Governor General Roméo Leblanc and Madame Fowler-Leblanc, attended the opening of the Inuit Heritage Museum in the Hamlet of Baker Lake. The day commenced with a traditional meal followed by the official ceremony which included the lighting of the traditional kudlik as well as the cutting of the sinew. The Heritage display included a plaque designed by members of Baker Lake Detachment in honour of past special constables who have served in Baker Lake over the years.

By Cpl. D.D. Perrett



(L-R): Insp. D.H. Fudge, OC, Nunavut Policing District; S/Cst. Titus Seeteenak, S/Cst. Francis Iyago, Governor-General Roméo Leblanc, Cst. D.D. Perrett and Cpl. C.M. Hennigar, of Baker Lake Detachment. Ex-S/Csts Seeteenak and Iyago have service going back to 1956. We are sad to report that S/Cst. Iyago passed away in October 1998.

Photo by Sgt. Christian Coulombe, Rideau Hall

*On May 5, 1998, the Yellowknife RCMP Ladies' group presented Cpl. R.W. McBride, President of the Yellowknife All-Ranks Mess, with a 125 Commemorative print, *Maintaining the Right*, by Arnold Freiberg. (L-R): Mrs. L. Hurry, Mrs. R. Demmon, Mrs. D. Walde, Mrs. J. Goudie, Mrs. S. Mayer, Mrs. D. Bergman.*

"K" DIVISION (ALBERTA)

PARADE CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

As the haunting wail of bagpipes cut through the expectant hush midmorning on May 23, 1998, at Fort Edmonton Park in Edmonton, a troop of past and present RCMP members, dressed in review order with full Sam Browne, proudly marched through the streets of the largest historic park in Canada. Hundreds of spectators took pictures and tried to impress upon their children what a sight they were seeing. The RCMP troop marched by and saluted the dignitaries positioned in front of the NWMP Detachment that was donated to the Park. A brief news conference was held to explain to the public and the media what the 125th anniversary celebration was all about.

Music could be heard throughout the day as school bands and native singers entertained the crowds. Highland, Native, Irish and Metis

dancing were highlights of the day, with many spectators finding themselves being drawn in and learning the basics themselves! The RCMP's Search and Rescue Service Dog Teams wowed the crowds as they demonstrated their skills. The Alberta Mounted Rifles demonstrated their riding expertise, and with the help of London Drugs Section and a group of Venturers, nearly 200 children were fingerprinted and photographed for their parents' files.

The merchandising booth sold nearly \$2,000 worth of memorabilia, and we may see some new recruits thanks to those who worked at the information booth! The day was a resounding success, with Fort Edmonton Park reporting that attendance on this special day was more than double the usual numbers.

By Deleen Schoff



RCMP 125, FORT EDMONTON PARK (Photo 1): The troop of former and present RCMP members proudly marching through the streets of Fort Edmonton Park, lead by the "K" Division Pipes and Drums Band. **(Photo 2):** Mountie cowboy poet, ex-S/Sgt. Robbie Robertson reciting his acclaimed works. **(Photo 3):** A document that re-affirmed "K" Division's commitment to the people of Alberta was witnessed by the dignitaries and a copy was put into a time capsule. **(L-R):** Front row: Senator Jean Forrest, Senator Thelma Chalifoux, A/Commr. Don McDermid, The Hon. John Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General; Audrey Poitras, Metis Nation of Alberta Association; Harold Healy, Treaty 7 First Nations. Back row: Mel Buffalo, Indian Association of Alberta; C/Supt. Rod MacKay, Supt. Ed Spaans, Insp. Gary Buss, Insp. George Shilliker, Supt. Peter Curley. **(Photo 4):** It was also a wonderful day to show some changes in technology as uniformed riders posed for pictures by the RCMP Street Legal race car.

Photos by Betty Bradley and René Huot

FREEDOM OF THE CITY

The RCMP has served Edmonton for 124 years, and on September 19, 1998, the CO, "K" Division, A/Commr. Don McDermid, was honoured to accept the Freedom of the City scroll on behalf of the RCMP, from Edmonton's Mayor Bill Smith, during a ceremony held at Sir Winston Churchill Square in front of Edmonton City Hall, which included a military parade with colours flying, beating drums and fixed bayonets. This honour, typically given to military and paramilitary units in acknowledgement of valued service to the community, is the highest military honour conferred by a city. The scroll displayed in

the front entrance of the "K" Division HQ building reads as follows:

Since 1874, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police has proudly served the people of Edmonton and area. Peace Officers have faithfully protected our citizens through prudent resolution of conflict, and with great courage and distinction. 1998 marks the 125th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, a proud national symbol of peace and security.

Therefore, I, Mayor Bill Smith do hereby grant the Royal Canadian Mounted Police



FREEDOM OF THE CITY Members in period uniform with one of the 9- pounder guns brought out on the March West; D/Commr. Roy Berlinquette, North West Region, addressing the audience; A/Commr. McDermid and Edmonton Mayor Bill Smith reviewing Colour Party, Honour Troop and the "K" Division Pipes and Drums band.

"K" Division Freedom of the City and the right to march through the streets of Edmonton with colours flying and drums beating.

Special recognition was given to the RCMP Veterans who participated in the ceremony. They remain an integral part of "K" Division and their presence and participation is always appreciated. A special thanks also went to the "K" Division Pipes and Drums who were superb in the Parade, in spite of the inclement weather.

PEACE RIVER CELEBRATIONS

Proudly celebrating the 125th anniversary of the RCMP along with the rest of the country, members of Peace River S/Div. also cele-

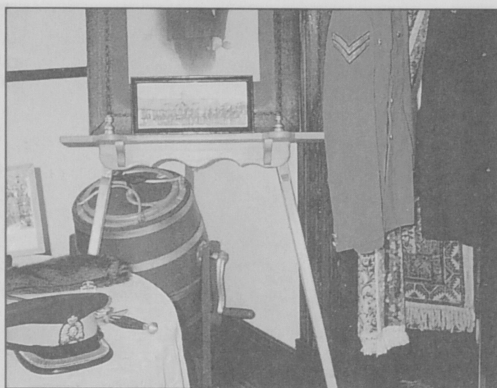
brated the 100th anniversary of the establishment of their first Detachment. On April 13, 1898, Cpl. G.D. Butler, along with one carpenter and two special constables had arrived at Peace River Landing (now the town of Peace River) and built the first detachment. As part of the centennial celebrations, a group of community volunteers worked together to fund and build a replica of the first post. On Friday, May 29, 1998, a parade and opening ceremony were held to help dedicate the building. Lt-Gov. H.A. Bud Olsen officiated at the ribbon-cutting ceremony, with Supt. John Spice, OC, Peace River S/Div. raising the flag to complete the ceremony.

By Cpl. S. Visnoski



(L-R, Photo 1): Lt-Gov. Olsen, Supt. Spice, Committee Chairperson Bev Tailleir; Committee Vice-Chairperson Evelyn Mercer, Sgt. Chris Stuart, NWMP Commemorative Association (Calgary).
(Photo 2): Cst. Tom McLeod and Cpl. Dan Tait, NWMP Commemorative Association.





RCMP 125 STRAWBERRY TEA *The annual Strawberry Tea was held July 25-26, 1998, at the Michener House Museum, in Lacombe — birthplace of the late Governor General Roland Michener in 1900. A special RCMP display was coordinated by Mitchener House Museum Director, Marlene Isnor, with the assistance of retired RCMP members Al Bunn, Gord Kelly, Murray Isnor and Julian Veuger, collector of police memorabilia, as well as Betty Gilmour whose father, Arthur Nalder, was a member of the RNWMP and a WWI veteran. Other information was taken from the history of ex-NWMP member Ed Barnett, the first settler in Lacombe.*

PACIFIC REGION

"E" DIVISION (BRITISH COLUMBIA)

SURREY CELEBRATIONS

On May 15, 1998, Surrey Detachment — Canada's largest — officially opened their RCMP 125 display at the Cloverdale Rodeo and Exhibition. In four days, more than 50,000 guests visited the display that took them through 125 years of proud RCMP history: the very beginnings of the Force, original uniforms, a taste of northern service, tales of the voyage of the *St. Roch*, and a comprehensive overview of the current sections in today's modern Force.

Previewed during a social evening held for sponsors, volunteers and RCMP employees, the event was officially opened by D/Commr. Larry Proke. The Force was well represented

by a full marching troop, the "E" Division Motorcycle Escort Team and S/Sgt. Ken Medford, Cst. Darren Campbell and Cst. Kim Reilly on Mounted Patrol. The event was organized by Insp. C. Busson, Sgt. J. Robinson, Csts J. Meagher, D. Parker, D. Campbell, L. Norman and ex-S/Sgt. Ralph Cave.

By Cst. D.C. Campbell

COURTENAY CELEBRATIONS

In celebration of RCMP 125, members of Courtenay Detachment and Island District took part in several large-scale events shared with the community. On June 20, 1998, 200 RCMP employees, guests and local community leaders attended the Courtenay Detachment Regimental Ball. Then, on June 26, Courtenay Detachment personnel participated in the 3rd annual Pow Wow, recently revived by the Upper Island Women of Native Ancestry. The RCMP 125 Celebrations were an ideal platform to promote the RCMP, establish and renew community ties and maintain the respect and traditions associated with the RCMP. The number of members taking part in these events, each of them volunteering their own time, confirms that the RCMP and its members are an integral part of the Canadian way of life, and are doing more than just a job.

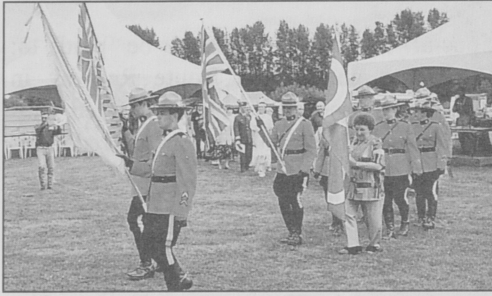
By Csts Ray Brown and Anthony Massie



S/Sgt. Ken Medford and Sgt. Jack Robinson, wearing uniform from 1876, and Mounted rider, Cst. Daren Campbell, in Surrey.

COURTENAY REGIMENTAL BALL

(L-R): Comox Councillor John Marinus, Cst. Anthony Massie, A/Cst. Dave Mellin, Insp. Bob Boyd, OIC, Courtenay Detachment; Col. Brian McLean, Comox Base Commander; Supt. C.E.C. Weigum, Island District Officer; Courtenay Mayor Ron Webber.

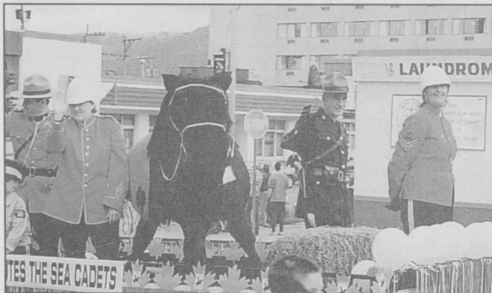


GRAND ENTRY MARCH (L-R): Sgt. W.D. Hodgson (Canadian flag), Cst. R.A. Brown (UN flag), Cst. T.R. Martin (B.C. flag), Cpl. B.J. Paul (Union Jack), Csts J. Thurlbeck, C. Henry (hidden behind Metis flag), C. Petrovic and B. McCormick. Following the Grand Entry and the Flag Song, members participated in an open dance before departing the sacred circle. (Photo 2) In accordance with Pow Wow protocol, members wore an eagle feather in their Stetson. Kneeling: John "Chicken Pie" Nelson, Host Elder. Standing: George Pimlott and Garry Grigg, Host Family; Csts J. Thurlbeck, R.A. Brown, L. Petrovic, J. Carignan and C. Henry; Ray Thunderchild, Pow Wow consultant; Cpl. B.J. Paul, Csts S.A. Lachapelle and W.D. Hodgson, Rita Pimlott, Host Family; Cst. B. McCormick.

Photos by Cpl. J.G.A. Richard



RCMP 125/CANADA DAY 1998 The parade down the main street of Courtenay included a 36-member troop led by Insp. Bob Boyd, as well as a horse and rider, an RCMP motorcycle, bike patrol and Safety Bear — which the crowds lining the parade enthusiastically applauded. Afterwards, even the most grizzled of veteran members admitted it was a proud day! (L-R): Insp. Bob Boyd, Supt. C.E.C. Weigum.



SEAFEST Prince Rupert Detachment personnel and their families built a float for the Annual Seafest Parade. The accompanying marching troop, led by Cst. Ted Luscombe, won 2nd place in the marching category. (Photo 2, L-R): Cst. Eric Montpetit, Cpls Grant Wilson and Berni Hopp, Sgt. Howard Logan, Csts Tina Brake, Darryl Hall and France Burke, Cpl. Ivan Hiscock, Cst. Len Meilleur, Cpl. Al Goodyear, Cst. Ted Luscombe.

By Cst. France Burke

"M" DIVISION (YUKON)

GRAVE REDEDICATION

Carcross Detachment rededicated the grave of Cst. Ernest Edward Pearson of the NWMP on the 100th anniversary of his death from typhoid fever, August 30, 1998, in conjunction with RCMP's 125th Anniversary. The extremely poor condition of Cst. Pearson's grave came to the attention of the RCMP during the annual inspection of Mounted Police graves in the area, when members of Carcross Detachment travelled to Bennett cemetery in British Columbia in 1997. To avoid further deterioration and the eventual loss of the inscription, plans were made to replicate the grave marker.

In July 1998, Carcross Detachment members removed the original grave marker and brought it to Frank Jurak, a local craftsman known for his excellent restoration work, who spent a lot of time studying records provided by Parks Canada historian, David Neufeld, to ensure that the original inscription was complete before working his magic. On August 30, more than 150 RCMP employees and former members, some dressed in Red Serge, others in Period Dress, along with Skagway Police employees and their families, boarded a train on the historic Whitepass and Yukon Route Railway, en route to Bennett cemetery for the rededication ceremony and the unveiling of the new grave marker. The group con-

gregated at the grave of Cst. Pearson where Cpl. Merv Pointer, NCO i/c Carcross Detachment, welcomed everyone and Cst. Jeff Mercier briefly chronicled Cst. Pearson's life and death. Then, Cst. Tony Park of Carcross Detachment introduced the Very Reverend Des Carroll who gave a soulful and thought-provoking service.

Special recognition should be paid to: Whitepass and Yukon Route Railway in Skagway, Alaska, who kindly offered their train free of charge to transport the rededication party to Bennett cemetery, the Yukon RCMP Veterans Association for providing lunch and refreshments to participants, and Parks Canada for providing the grave requirements in Chilkoot Trail Historic Site and for assisting in guiding the group to the cemetery and providing tours after the service. Individual recognition should be paid to: the Very Reverend Des Carroll, "M" Division Chaplain, who agreed to perform the grave side service, Glen Kubian of Parks Canada who led the participants through the wooded area, Carcross Detachment PSE Darci Johnston, with assistance from Kay Miller, the wife of an RCMP Carcross veteran, who both worked tirelessly in organizing the event.

By Cpl. M.L. Pointer



Photo 1: Carcross Detachment personnel (L-R): Cst. J. Mercier, Cpl. M. Pointer, PSE D. Johnston and Cst. T. Park. Photo 2: Contingent of members at Cst. Pearson's grave rededication.

Some of the people who travelled to Bennett via Whitepass and Yukon Route Railway, photographed with the train's brakeman and conductor.



*Photos by
Sgt. Bruce Drover and Cpl. Phil Warren*

On July 26, 1998, "M" Division held a church parade and memorial service to commemorate the 15 police officers who lost their lives in the line of duty in the Yukon, in the last 103 years. Following the service, Commissioner Murray presented long service awards.



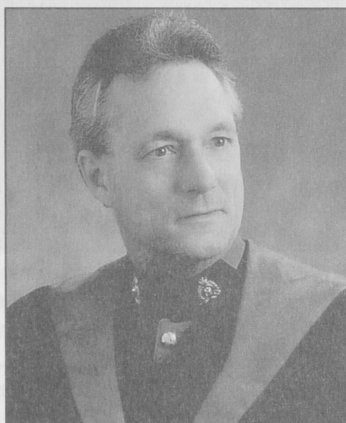
(L-R) Front row: D/Commr. Larry Proke, Pacific Region; Commissioner Murray, The Hon. Lois Moorcroft, Minister of Justice, Yukon Territorial Government; Ms. Louise Hardy, MP Yukon. Back row: Sgt. Brian Roger, master of ceremonies; S/Sgt. Alan Hubley (BCS), Insp. Brian Huddle (BCS), Cpl. Patrick MacIsaac (LSM), Cpl. Ross Milward (LSM), Sgt. Dale McGowan (LSM), A/Commr. Murray Johnston, CO, "E" Division; Supt. Brian Phillips, Commissioner's Executive Officer.

Legend: Bronze Clasp and Stars (BCS); Long Service Medal (LSM)



University Graduate

*In May 1998, Reg. No. 31234,
Cpl. I.A.M. Black graduated with a
Masters of Business Administration from
Dalhousie University, in Nova Scotia.*



"DEPOT" DIVISION GRADUATES



Troop 12 (1997/98) began training September 9, 1997, and graduated March 16, 1998. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. D.E. Smith, S/M J.C.R. Tardif, Supt. J.C.G. Doucet, Insp. C.C. Villeneuve, Sgt. G.J. Vincent, Cpl. R.A. Fullerton. First row: D.M. Greig, D.D. Dyson, S.R. Ingerey, R.J. Grouette, J.P.A. Rivet, M.D. Lefebvre, M.Y.N. Lou, P.E. Cutler. Second row: J.M. Hayward, R. Hung, S.P. Fassbender, D.J. Gray, P.S.C. McLellan, T.A. Cooke, M.J. Townsend. Third row: P.D. Brown, K.K. Maitre, T.M. Laham, G.T. Bryson, C.J. Loughheed, M.M. Kerpan, J.E. Diabo.



Troop 13 (1997/98) began training September 30, 1997, and graduated April 6, 1998. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. P.E.M. Maeda, S/M J.C.R. Tardif, Supt. J.C.G. Doucet, C/Supt. J.G.H. Boucher, Insp. C.C. Villeneuve, Cpl. C.L. Griffin, Cpl. D.S. Warren. First row: N.L.M. Tjensvold, B.E. MacInnis, G.C. Spekat, A.R. Brown, D.J. Fookes, J.P. Devoe, J.S.C. Li. Second row: J.P.P. Isabelle, P.W. Bradbury, R.J. Dlin, R.D. Jodrey, S.J. O'Brien, M.S. Mattu, D.E. Fossen. Third row: F.A. Cormier, D.S. MacRae, R.C. Gray, D.W. Coker, D.R. Bristow, E.R. Broadhurst.



Troop 14 (1997/98) began training October 7, 1997, and graduated April 14, 1998. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. D. Bazowski, S/M J.C.R. Tardif, C/Supt. J.G.H. Boucher, Insp. C.C. Villeneuve, Cpl. D. Dambrasuskas. First row: A.E. Forrest, P.C. Verge, A.M. Hernandez, J.S. Irvine, S.C. Mark, K.A. Hawkins. Second row: E.F. Laliberté, D.J. Smith, C.J. Attlesey, G.L. Ouellet, L.D. Montgomery, S.L. Gastaldo. Third row: J.A. McGowan, G.D. Todd, J.P. Goodfellow, J.C. Roberts, D.K. Lerat, J.J. Colon, J.D. Strowbridge.



Troop 15 (1997/98) began training October 14, 1997, and graduated April 20, 1998. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. S.A.M. Lepla, Cpl. P.H. Kirchberger, S/M J.C.R. Tardif, C/Supt. J.G.H. Boucher, Sgt. J. Lechner, Cpl. D. Flood. First row: S.J. Bailey, K.J. Chapman, F.W. Coupal, S.J.C. Reynolds, J.L.R. Piton, D.A. Santosousso. Second row: J.D. Coulton, F.M. Kube, J.T. Butler, G.G. Myers, M.G. Galina, D.S. Barha, J.L. Waslak. Third row: K. Skanes, J.G. Karran, A.F.H. Horvath, K.P. Banse, C.N.R. Halaburda, A.B. Mundle.



Troop 16 (1997/98) began training October 21, 1997, and graduated April 27, 1998. (L-R) Seated: P.G.I. Douek, Cpl. J.J. Boyce, S/M J.C.R. Tardif, C/Supt. J.G.H. Boucher, Sgt. J. Lechner, Cpl. B.M. Lucki, Cpl. G.M. Gourlay. First row: J.R. Krasnikoff, S.A. Rea, S.L. Bird, S. Sonier, G. Luk, M.R. Ouellette. Second row: M.J. Atkinson, J.L. Fritzke, J.J.J. Poulin, T.K. Deobald, P.G. Merrifield, K. Mah, D. Spyrka. Third row: G.S. Aitken, K.K. Dahl, B.R. Pitcher, S.T. Power, J.W. Hall, C.E. Brophy, K. Klair, D.A. Francis.



Troop 17 (1997/98) began training November 4, 1997, and graduated May 11, 1998. (L-R) Seated: P. Costisella, S/M J.C.R. Tardif, Supt. J.C.G. Doucet, Supt. R.M. Castonguay, Cpl. B. Lemieux, B.A. Pitawanakwat. First row: M. Diffin, D.M. Sayers, A.U. Chaudhari, R. Pang, M.D. Korn, E.J. Purvis, M.S. Manon. Second row: K.J. Roblin, T.M. Doughty, S.G. Telfer, C.J. Colbourne, C.J. Gabber, L.M. Davidsen. Third row: C.G. Thomas, D.S. Michels, G.C. Kooiman, R.N. Mortensen, W.E. Henderson, D.R. Bidockha.

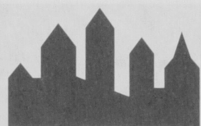
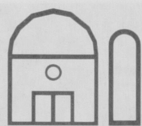


Troop 18 (1997/98) began training November 18, 1997, and graduated May 25, 1998. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. T.K. McCabe, S/M J.C.R. Tardif, Supt. J.C.G. Doucet, C/Supt. J.G.H. Boucher, Insp. C.C. Villeneuve, Cpl. D.J. McNaughton, Cpl. R.P. Garside. First row: T.L.F. Chan, E.L. Maisonneuve, C.J. Prince, S.D. Murphy, K.R. Lechner, G.A. Fishbrook, M.L. Fequiere. Second row: M.S. Karimullah, W.L. Zielke, M. Benjamin, M.A. Pears, R.A. Marshall, J.C. Gallant, C.C. Harley. Third row: A.N.V. Weber, F.M.R. Lloyd, D.R. Bérubé, M.R. Jordan, S.K. Kennedy, D.P. Jenkins, K.B. Coish, M.L. England.



Troop 19 (1997/98) began training November 25, 1997, and graduated June 1, 1998. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. G. Ancil, S/M J.C.R. Tardif, Supt. J.C.G. Doucet, C/Supt. J.G.H. Boucher, Insp. C.C. Villeneuve, Cpl. T.J. Sisk, Cpl. D. Ross. First row: T. Gramiak, J.L. Johnston, K.J. Sutherland, L.T. Dornstauder, H.J. Dukhedin-Lalla, S.M. Desjardins, L.A. Cadieux, S.J. Wiltse. Second row: M.G.L. Lacombe, C.J. Ducharme, F.W. Stevenson, G.M.J. Léger, M.B. Bloxham, C.M. Zummack, A.L. Powder. Third row: J.A. Rico, K.A. Wilson, C. Horn, C.K. Swim, C.R. Lambert, J.R. Thoreson, R.F. Parris, M.A. Nutbrown.

Photos by Instructional Support Service Unit



DIVISIONAL DISPATCHES

ATLANTIC REGION

"B" DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS — ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

MEMORIAL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Deer Lake Detachment hosted the annual Cst. Robert Amey Memorial Hockey Tournament at the Hodder Memorial stadium in Deer Lake, March 6-7, 1998, raising \$4,000 for minor hockey and figure skating programs in Deer Lake. The tournament is held in memory of RCMP Cst. Robert Amey who was killed in the line of duty at Whitebourne, in 1964, when apprehending four escapees from a minimum security prison at Salmonier Line.

The tournament originated in St. John's and was played amongst RCMP members in that area. The monies collected during the tournament were directed to Cst. Amey's hometown to purchase chimes for the local church. The tournament was then hosted by different

RCMP Detachments and has become a major event for RCMP employees with teams participating from all regions of Newfoundland and Labrador. This year's tournament had a record number of eight hockey teams — each playing six games culminating in the championship game which saw the St. John's "Selects" claim victory over the host team of Deer Lake.

The success of the 1998 tournament was due in large part to the Deer Lake community who planned events which included benefit dances, beer gardens, and a food court while local business organizations offered special hotel rates and meal packages to offset the hockey players' accommodation and meal expenses. Special thanks to the following businesses for their support: Investors



TROPHY PRESENTATIONS

(L-R): Ex-Sgt. Derek Anthony (Deer Lake), Best Goalie; Cst. Gary Styles, MVP, also accepting trophy for tournament champions St. John's Selects; Sgt. Barry McNeil (Gander Blues), Best Sportsman trophy in memory of Cpl. Ron Bear; Cst. Reagh Ellis (Deer Lake), Best Defenceman; Sgt. Bob Humes accepting Best Sportsman trophy in memory of Cpl. John Richards for Cpl. Jim Hare (St. John's Dream Team HQ).

OFFICIAL FACE-OFF

(L-R): Capt. Terry Lane (Harbour Grace team), Mike O'Neill, Councillor Smokey Ball, NAHA Vice-President Charlie McCarthy, Mark Ryland (Minor Hockey), S/Sgt. Ed North (Deer Lake), Insp. Gary Barnes (Corner Brook Sub-Division), Capt. Terry Barrett (Corner Brook team).



Financial Group, hockey jerseys and socks for the Deer Lake team; Deer Lake Motel, \$500; Driftwood Inn, \$250; Parsons Funeral Home, \$250; and Mike O'Neill of Newfoundland's Labatt brewery, refreshments. Special recognition to "St. John's Dream Team HQ" who exemplified esprit de corps both on and off the ice.

By Cst. Jason Derry

COASTLINE ATTRACTIVE TO DRUG DEALERS One of Newfoundland's claims to fame is its vast number of sheltered and largely un-patrolled harbours. In the world of organized crime, the province is a target for

the flow of narcotics and contraband into the country because of its strategic location. "We've taken down a number of off-loads over the past 10 years," said Insp. Landry. With limited resources to attack the problem, it is likely that organized criminal groups will continue to scan the horizon to find other weak links that will allow them to offload narcotics. The cost to the average person of organized crime is in drug and alcohol addictions, health care and policing costs, rising insurance premiums and the loss of tax dollars to the government to pay for services.

RCMP Media Summary

"H" DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS — HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

SURFING NET FOR TECHNO CRIME

The new Technological Crime Unit in Halifax has quietly been getting their operation up and running, hunting for weirdos and helping to crack down on computer fraudsters. In a short time, Sgt. Al Langille and Cpl. Ian Black have helped nab a Halifax man who allegedly downloaded hundreds of kiddie porn images off the Internet, seized almost a dozen computers in searches and worked on other investigations. It's a catch-up game because, as an organization, it's hard to adapt quickly to such a tremendous change in technology that has exploded within the last four or five years. As a result, the two police officers say Nova Scotians can expect technology crime — whether kiddie porn, high-tech drug dealers, computer fraud or hackers — to become more prominent in daily news.

The Halifax Technological Crime Unit uses a variety of gadgets and gizmos, including special software created at RCMP HQ in Ottawa and mirror-imaging software. But the pair say they won't win the battle against computer crime without help from the public. Most importantly, they say that parents must take an interest in what their kids are doing on the Internet.

RCMP Media Summary

VENTURERS GATHERING GARNERS

PRAISE Violence in Canadian schools is a widespread problem. On July 11–12, 1998, more than 150 youths from across the country met in Halifax to search for answers at the RCMP's first-ever Venturers Against Violence program. The national event is aimed at violence prevention, helping teens to better deal with conflict in their communities. Cst. Heidi Burkholder, Liaison Officer at Cole Harbour High School, thinks that the key to ending violence is through peer counseling. She says that the whole idea of peer pressure is when, for example, kids are saying that it's not cool to fight in school. The message gets across more effectively this way than if a teacher, principal or police officer says "don't fight." Role playing and discussing various situations are a big part of the workshops. They teach the RCMP Venturers the practical skills needed to deal with conflict, giving them other options and tools they can use to resolve a situation peacefully.

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REMEMBERING UNSUNG HEROES

Nova Scotia's black communities gathered in Pictou, on July 11, 1998, to honour their unsung heroes of the First World War — the No. 2 Construction Battalion. Sgt. Ted

Upshaw — the highest-ranking black member of the RCMP — says it is important that young people learn about these heroes, and that it should become general knowledge. Many black citizens in the battalion worked hard to make changes that have enabled blacks to now be included in most Canadian services. Many blacks are still working to make similar gains.

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RCMP YOUTH P.A.C.T. The RCMP Youth Partners Against Crime Team (P.A.C.T.), a group of 15 young adults with the Lower Sackville Detachment's Community Policing Section, developed a series of skits and plays around some of the issues facing junior high school students today. Skits on alcohol, drugs, date rape and violence have rocked schools throughout the metro-Halifax area and the five regions served by Halifax Detachment. This six-month project has already affected the lives of the more than 7,000 students who attended the performances.

By special invitation, P.A.C.T. have delivered their high-impact performance to several other locations, including North Sydney and Digby, as well as Mill River (P.E.I) and Fredericton (N.B.). Students have reported that the skits have made a difference in their lives — there have been at least two occasions of disclosure by victims of sexual assault. Standing ovations were common for this group and someone at the Fredericton Conference on Crime Prevention said that it was the best crime prevention program they had ever seen.

By Cpl. Frank Skidmore

COPS FOR CANCER It was a “hair-razing” experience for 21 Bible Hill and North East Nova District Office employees, as they shed their curly locks on June 13, 1998, in exchange for pledges and donations to the Cops for Cancer. Six members of the Valley-Kemptown and Truro Fire Departments showed their support by raising funds



P.A.C.T. members with (L-R): W. MacNeil, P.A.C.T. Coordinator, and Cpl. F. Skidmore, Detachment Community Policing Coordinator.

and also having their heads shaved. The event, jointly organized by Csts Bart Leppan and John Currie, Bible Hill Detachment, raised almost \$15,000 and showed no mercy to rank as the fine hair styles of Supt. Larry Baker and S/Sgt. Al Burke, North East Nova District Office, and S/Sgt. Gord West, NCO i/c of Bible Hill, fell victim to the clipper. Also, three brave female employees from the Truro Telecoms/911 Centre also got their hair shaved for this worthwhile cause.

The entire event was supervised by S/Sgt. (for a day) Matthew MacDonald, a 12-year-old cancer patient from Bible Hill. “S/Sgt.” MacDonald was an exemplary representative of the RCMP and an inspiration to everyone involved.

By Cst. John Currie



BIBLE HILL AND NORTH EAST NOVA DISTRICT COPS FOR CANCER

VETERANS' NEWS The Nova Scotia Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association welcomed the following new members: Reg. No. 23330, ex-S/Sgt. A.R.J. Carter; Reg. No. 21908, ex-S/Sgt. E. Crandall; Reg. No. 18672, ex-S/Sgt. M.A. Keeping; Reg. No. 27599, ex-Sgt. D. Waterhouse; Reg. No. 23263, ex-Sgt. W. Bishop; Reg. No. 24184, ex-Sgt. A.D. Squires.

"J" DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS — FREDERICTON, NEW BRUNSWICK

NAVY HELPS ANTI-DRUG PROGRAM

As part of the RCMP's Coastal Watch Program, *HMCS Fredericton* (dubbed the "Stalker of the Seas") — eight storeys tall and as long as one-and-a-half football fields — patrolled the New Brunswick coastline in the fight against drug-running through Atlantic Canadian ports. Cst. Michel Boissonnault, of the Bathurst Joint Forces Drug Section, pointed out that the east coast is very vulnerable to importation and deserves the extra effort. The coastline is still one of the main ways to import narcotics.

The sight of the *Fredericton* anchored off Bathurst marked the first time that a Canadian patrol frigate took part in the RCMP Coastal Watch Program. On July 14, 1998, RCMP officers and naval officers paraded up and down the Bay of Chaleur in a zodiac boat, handing out pamphlets to boaters. Navy divers also took to the waters conducting environmental studies near Petit-Rocher and other areas. Cst. Boissonnault believes that the Coastal Watch Program is paying off in the war against drugs to the point where drug smugglers are starting to change ways of importing drugs into the country.

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KIDS' CARNIVAL, MAY 16, 1998 *The first annual Kids' Carnival held on Grand Manan raised \$7,000 for the IWK Hospital. The theme of the event was "Kids Helping Kids" and consisted of games, a pie-throwing contest, a mock jail and pony rides. Local RCMP members participated in the mock jail and pie throwing contest. The event was special for Cst. Norman and his wife, Deborah, as their first child, Melissa Catherine, was born at the IWK. (L-R) Front row: Cst. Pierre Parenteau, Deborah Norman and Rhonda Stanley (event organizers), Ann Small. Back row: Csts Steve Norman and Jason Tremblay, Cpl. Ross White, Danika White, A/Csts Emma Bagley and Barry Bagley.*

By Cst. Steve Norman

Photo by Lori Parenteau

GEORGE GALLANT RUN The Saint John Drug Section "Drug Runners" put in many hours of training to prepare for the 19th annual George Gallant 10k-run, held in Shediac last July. The race was named after the internationally renowned runner and holder of several records in Canada and the U.S. — Mr. Gallant is also the father-in-law of Saint John Drug Section's Cst. Dave Mazerolle. Members of the team are busy training for next year's run — they would like to extend an invitation to anyone who wishes to attend.

By Cst. Greg Ferguson



(L-R) Front row: Sonja Travis and Maria Henderson. Back row: Cpl. Steve Gourdeau, Cst. Greg Ferguson, Dan Houle, John Stevenson (winner of the RCMP group with a time of 00:43:00), George Gallant, Ross Henderson, Robert Keays and Darrel Travis.



"L" DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS — CHARLOTTETOWN, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

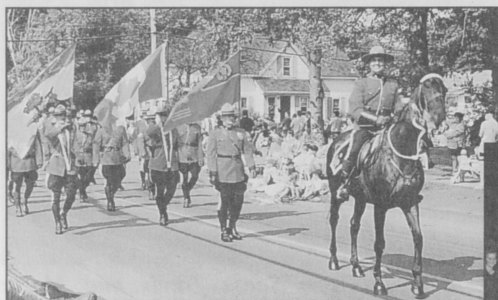
MOUNTIE RACES CARS Cpl. Ken Murray is a man with a big heart and lots of racing talent, and has added three more wins to his resume. On July 25, 1998, Cpl. Murray picked up his first triple win of the season in the Street Stock Division, at Raceway Park in Oyster Bed Bridge. He graced the Vogue Optical victory lane after the first heat, first semi, and feature races. Prior to receiving his trophy in the feature race, Cpl. Murray presented a brand new bicycle and helmet — donated by Zellers — to an excited Kerry Fry of Port Hawkesbury. She was the winner of one of five bicycle draws taking place throughout the summer, sponsored by the RCMP and Racing Against Drugs program.

SOURIS DROP-IN CENTER A youth drop-in center officially opened its doors in August 1998, offering Souris youth the opportunity to play billiards or ping pong,

enjoy the games room, watch television or just hang out and listen to music in a chemical-free environment. Despite the initial island-wide support which provided a considerable amount of money and equipment to the center, the youths are now responsible for maintaining it. This responsibility encourages pride of ownership and respect for the property.

By Cst. Doug Lee

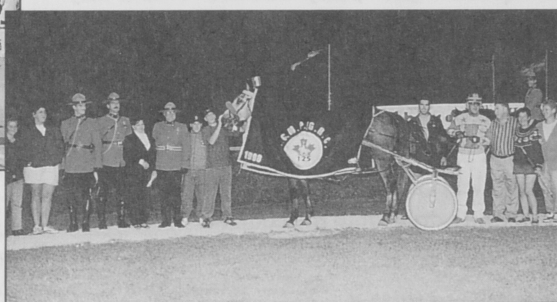
OLD HOME WEEK August in PEI means "Old Home Week" filled with family activities, a large parade, the running of the Gold Cup and the Saucer Horse races. The Gold Cup and Saucer parade were held under sunny skies on August 14 and "L" Division's float featuring aspects of yesterday, today, and tomorrow in the Force's history, won for the "Best Institutional Float."



The 39th annual running of the Gold Cup and the Saucer races were held August 15. Race 8 was sponsored by the RCMP pace.

The winner was "Sorciere Fantasia," owned and driven by Blair Saunders of Truro, Nova Scotia, who received a beautiful RCMP cooler displaying the 125th anniversary crest, presented by S/Sgt Pitts. Also seen here are family members and Cst. Ron Rose and Cst. Brian Kelly (official escorts of the Gold Cup and Saucer Ambassadors).

The Gold Cup and Saucer parade also featured Cst. Ben MacConnell on "Trent" and the "L" Division Marching Troop.



COPS FOR CANCER The Charlottetown Civic Center hosted a family emergency response day on August 29, 1998, for the Charlottetown City Police (CCP), Fire Department, ambulance drivers, Provincial Park wardens and the RCMP. Although the demonstrations of accident emergency

response, cliff repelling and a dunk tank received donations, the real highlight of the event was the Cops for Cancer head shave which raised \$16,000. Approximately 35 people shaved their heads for the cause, including 17 RCMP members who took it all off (hair that is) for the cause.

(L-R) Front row: Cst. L. MacClure, CCP Csts A. Kelly and P. Pittman. Back row: Csts S. Leclerc and R. Millard, S/Sgt. P. Pitts, Cst. A. Cameron, C/M D. MacAulay (Charlottetown CCP), Cst. J. Taylor.



Cst. Ben MacConnell and "Trent," the Musical Ride horse who retired to greener pastures in PEI, made quite an impression on the tourists in the Cavendish area who were in search of a "real" Mountie in Red Serge. Cst. MacConnell and "Trent" spent the summer in Cavendish, visiting Province House one day a week for the tourist's enjoyment and also visiting senior's complexes.

CENTRAL REGION

"A" DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS — VANIER, ONTARIO

RCMP MOTORCYCLE PATROL The official launch of the Executive/Diplomatic Protection Section (EDPS) motorcycle patrol was held July 17, 1998, at the American Ambassador's residence. For the occasion, Ambassador Gordon D. Giffen greeted patrollers in front of his residence. Members of the motorcycle patrol were available to answer the media's questions about the new service. Seventeen EDPS officers will share four Harley-Davidson Police Road Kings, as they carry out their duties protecting diplomats, foreign mission personnel, judges, senior government officials and many more. The motorcycles are based out of the RCMP's Technical and Protective Operations Facilities in Orléans. Patrollers will be riding from early spring until late fall every year, 24 hours a day, rain or shine.

By Carl Martin

RCMP DISMANTLES DRUG NETWORK

The Integrated Proceeds of Crime

(IPOC) and Drug Sections have dismantled a well-organized network of drug traffickers operating in the National Capital Region. A six-month ongoing investigation, dubbed "Project Aversion" culminated August 5, 1998, with raids at 26 locations in the Ontario municipalities of Ottawa, Kemptville, Alexandria, Kingston as well as in the Quebec municipalities of Chelsea, Sutton and St. Bruno. Approximately 75 police officers conducted searches which resulted in the seizure of large quantities of drugs and cash. Over the course of the investigation, items seized include: 200 marijuana plants, 12 kg of marijuana, 27 kg of hashish, about 1.5 kg of magic mushrooms, three ounces of cocaine, 10 revolvers, two rifles and about \$375,000 in cash. Other offence-related items were also seized, including three vehicles. Charges have been laid against 23 individuals arrested during the raids. Most of the suspects were previously known to police. Investigators believe the drugs came from Montréal and Kingston and were

distributed in this region by members of the network.

IPOC is a unique partnership between the RCMP, the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Service, the Ontario Provincial Police, Revenue Canada and the Federal Justice Department. It's aim: to go after illegally-gained assets of criminals and have them forfeited to the Crown.

HIGH-TECH MOUNTIES The RCMP put on an exciting high-tech day at the Rideau Falls Park, on Sussex Drive, September 6, 1998. The latest police technologies, including demonstrations of how forensic science and technology help the RCMP uncover evidence and solve crimes, were on display. Two of the RCMP's most unusual bomb experts: a robot and a dog were on hand. Other feature attractions included getting fingerprinted, having a mug shot taken, or finding out what you'll look like in 10 years. An RCMP helicopter, police car, mobile field command centre boat, the new Harley-Davidson Police Road King motorcycles and a bicycle patrol were also on display. Mounted riders made an appearance, as did an RCMP dixieland quintet dressed in period uniform and the ever-popular Safety Bear.

WW II MAPS RETURNED TO HOLLAND On April 27, 1998, Cst. Paul Richards, War Crimes Section, made a special presentation to the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Ottawa. Through his volunteer work with the Army Historical Archives of the Department of National Defence (DND), he was able to facilitate the transfer of over 300 historical maps of Holland from World

War II used by the Canadian army in liberating the Netherlands from Nazi occupation. The maps are being transferred to the Netherlands Military Historical Archive to further study and research the World War II period. The maps are over 50 years old and contain the markings of enemy defensive positions. The transfer took place at the Dutch embassy with his Excellency, Dirk van Houten, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and was facilitated by defence attaché Colonel Erik J. Oliemans of the Royal Netherlands Air Force.

This presentation completed a historical map distribution projects in cooperation with Mrs. Donna Porter, archivist with the DND History and Heritage Section. Historical documents and maps were supplied for educational purposes to the Government of Norway, the Korean Veteran's Association, the Hong Kong Veterans' Association, and the map library of the University of Ottawa.

By Carl Martin



Cst. Paul Richards (R), examines some of the 300 donated maps with his Excellency, Dirk van Houten (L), and Colonel Erik J. Oliemans.

"C" DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS — MONTRÉAL, QUEBEC

ABITIBI CYCLING RALLY On July 27, 1998, Amos hosted the 30th annual Abitibi Bicycle Rally — one of the most important junior-level competitions in North America. As part of the RCMP's 125th anniversary celebrations, Rouyn-Noranda Detachment participated in the event which attracted

21 teams, including teams from the United States, Germany, Hungary, China, Switzerland, Israel, Holland, Mexico and Norway. Each team was made up of each country's six best juniors, aged 16-18. Cpl. Claude East, coordinator of RCMP activities for this event, along with Cst. Robert St-Jules and

Maurice Lamarche, acted as officials at the start and finish lines. Two members in Red Serge also participated in the awards ceremony. Special thanks to the RCMP 125 Committee for providing the funds needed to participate in this activity.

By Cst. Robert St-Jules

FESTIVAL IN DRUMMONDVILLE The 17th Annual Festival Mondial des Cultures and parade took place in Drummondville July 7, 1998. To mark the occasion within the context of RCMP's 125th anniversary, the "C" Division Ceremonial Troop performed a display of precision drills and participated in the parade. Members of Drummondville Detachment would like to thank the Troop and Mounted Riders for their outstanding performance, as well as Sgt. Yvon Poirier and ex-S/Sgt. Powell for their attendance, as well as Cst. Gilles Lagacé of Drummondville, who organized the event.

By Cst. Jim Moffatt



The residents of Drummondville really appreciated the RCMP presence — so much so that 800 Polaroid photographs were taken with the public.

MONEY LAUNDERING CONFERENCE The International Money Laundering conference was held in Montréal, September 21-23, 1998, with 500 representatives from 44 countries attending. The private sector was also present as well as members from the legal profession and judges from Europe. The focus was the need to improve international cooperation to combat organized crime and to develop a new awareness among the technology industry that should lead to partnerships. The sessions, breakfast talks and live chats on the Internet gave participants and people around the world an opportunity to discuss

the many aspects of money laundering. A second conference is planned for October, 2001, in Montréal.

MOUNTIES NAB VENDORS AT MARKET Mounties used experts when they raided vendors selling fake brand-name clothing at the Marché aux Puces in Saint-Eustache. In the September 26 sweep, RCMP brought in representatives from the companies making the genuine item who were able to spot the fakes in a second. The operation, about 30 km north-west of Montréal, resulted in the seizure of more than 2,500 knock off items, including Nike T-shirts, Oakley sunglasses and Tag Heuer watches. As 18 RCMP officers waited to make arrests, company experts and lawyers examined the items, noting the flaws confirming they were illegal copies.

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DUE SOUTH IN THE COMPUTER AGE Cpl. Marc Gosselin, of the Commercial Crime Technological Crime Unit in Montréal, proudly represented the RCMP at the 13th International Symposium on Criminal Justice held in Chicago, August 5-7, 1998. This symposium, which focused on computer crimes as well as conventional crimes perpetrated with the help of information technology, attracted prosecutors, police investigators and representatives of the informatics industry. As one of the conference speakers, Cpl. Gosselin presented his thoughts on the current computer crime situation in Canada, as well as the organization



Cst. Gosselin and Dr. William Tefoya, Director of Education at the University of Illinois in Chicago, and organizer of the 13th International Symposium on Criminal Justice.

of Canadian courts and police in response to this phenomenon.

In recent years, the Technological Crime Units in Quebec City and in Montréal have built up a reputation that is coveted on an international scale. Being asked to present at the International Symposium is but one more example of this reputation. Several law enforcement organizations from around the world are presently requesting assistance from these investigators in several cases of cross-border computer crime investigations.

By Insp. Yves Roussel

WASESKUN HOUSE/RCMP PARTNERSHIP Waseskun House is a charitable, non-profit and non-political organization that operates the first and only totally Native community residential centre (CRC) in the province of Quebec for Aboriginal men. The residents of Waseskun House are on condi-



Cpl. Fern Breau, Aboriginal Police Coordinator, Stan Cudek, Waseskun House Executive Director, C/Supt. Pierre Lange, CO, "C" Division, and Joe Mell, Waseskun House Executive Committee Vice-President, after signing the leasing agreement.

tional release from federal or provincial institutions either awaiting trial in court, or instructed to participate by the court or by probation orders, or sent by their communities to engage in a healing process.

The program-intensive holistic approach is geared to aiding First Nations men in regaining a balance in their lives. Program activities are specifically related to Native spirituality, traditions and values, and reflect current social realities. The final objective of all Waseskun House programming is the eventual reintegration of the individuals into the family and community. This goal is achieved through the mutual efforts of the resident, Waseskun House personnel and community members. So far, Waseskun House can boast an 80% success rate as a healing centre.

The "C" Division Aboriginal Policing Community Relations Section, has been working to build and strengthen relations with all the Native communities in the province of Quebec, and as such, has assisted Waseskun House in a number of areas i.e. preventive searches of the residents' rooms with the use of Police Dog Services, assistance in obtaining aerial photographs of a potential site for a new location, attendance and participation in residents "graduation ceremonies" and the launching of the "Waseskun Network" Gala, and most recently in providing a vehicle (GMC Suburban 1991) which is no longer useful in the "C" Division fleet for the use of Waseskun House located on St. Jacques Street to their new location in the Laurentians. Further information on Waseskun House can be obtained by visiting their Web site at www.waseskun.net.

By Diane Savard

WOONSOCKET AUTUMNFEST "C" Division's Ceremonial Troop, led by Insp. Richard Dupuis under Sgt. Robert Boivin's command, was welcomed to Woonsocket, Rhode Island, which has a rich French-Canadian heritage. Historically, around 1840, the Woonsocket textile industry was in a state of rapid expansion thanks to growing markets

The "C" Division Ceremonial Troop members are very grateful to the people of Woonsocket for their hearty welcome.



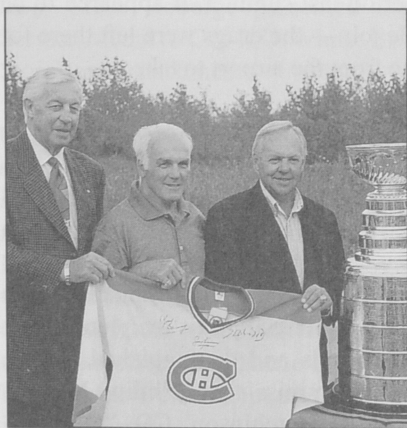
for materials and clothing. While conditions were ripe for a proliferation of textile factories, one thing was missing — workers — and the owners of these manufacturing plants hired recruiters to find people to fill this shortage. These recruiters travelled through towns and villages in Québec, as well as other regions, promising happiness and prosperity to those men and women who would leave their country for the United States. This recruitment campaign coincided with a high unemployment rate among French Canadians and, as a result, they pounced on the jobs available at textile mills in the Woonsocket region.

By 1901, enumeration records show that 500,000 people had already left Quebec to seek their fortunes in Rhode Island. As soon as they were established, the French Canadians founded the social and religious institutions which would guarantee the survival of their cultural heritage. Consequently, Woonsocket became, and remains to this very day, "the most French city in the United States." Many Woonsocket residents have preserved the language and traditions which link them to their native land.

Highlights of the week-end included a demonstration of military marching at Mount St. Charles College by Troop members, visits to bedridden children at the Hasbro Children's Hospital, seeing expositions bearing witness to the region's era of textile manufacturing at the Museum of Work and Culture, and a tour of the Newport Naval Base.

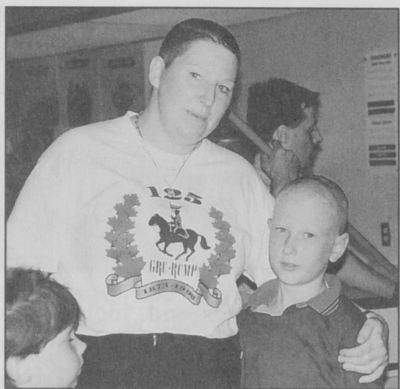
The Woonsocket tour proved to be a smashing success and Canadian police officers made the front page of local newspapers. The high point of the weekend was without question the 3-km Autumnfest parade. This parade was a great chance to pay our respects to tens of thousands of spectators, to hand out pins, and to exchange many hellos. Woonsocket citizens engaged in a Herculean effort to guarantee a rich welcome to all Canadian police officers. Many thanks to the Woonsocket Mayor and her administration, the Autumnfest organizing committee, the Museum of Work and Culture administration, the National Parks Department, and the Woonsocket Tourism Office.

By Laurent Léger, "Echoes"



RCMP VERSUS THE CANADIENS On August 28, 1998, members of the RCMP's all-star team faced-off against players from the Montréal Canadiens in a friendly softball game to raise funds for the Quebec Society for Disabled Children at the Pierrefonds Sportsplex. This event, organized by George Springate, a specialist in charity fundraising events, collected more than \$309,000 for this important cause. More than 7,500 spectators gathered in the stands for this evening of sport, which was crowned by a demonstration of the famous Musical Ride — and to have their picture taken with some Hockey Legends (L-R): Maurice Richard, Henri Richard and Yvan Cournoyer.

By C/M Gaëtan Girard



HELPING CANCER VICTIMS On September 11, 1998, about 400 officers from the RCMP and various other municipal police forces participated in the Cops for Cancer fundraising event held at the Olympic Stadium — raising about \$150,000. The 40 RCMP members brave enough to go under the razor, for their part, collected about \$15,000. Worthy of note is the presence of two very courageous female members: Cst. Eliza Lauzon and Cst. Barbara Kelly. Cst. Kelly's son, Alex Booker, even decided to get his head shaved to encourage his mom. As for Cst. Lauzon, she managed to collect the tidy sum of \$2,000.

By Chloé Gaudet, "Echoes"

"O" DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS — LONDON, ONTARIO

MARRIAGE Reg. No. 43475, Cst. G.P. Connolly to Christina Marie Perry, on April 27, 1996, at Tilbury.

BIRTHS To Reg. No. 40615, Cpl. Jules Bernier and his wife Cindy, a daughter, Alyssa Therese, on August 17, 1998, at London.

To Reg. No. 43475, Cst. G.P. Connolly, and his wife Christina, a son, Grant William David, on January 3, 1998, at Windsor.

To Reg. No. 42801, Cst. J.E. Harding and his wife Kelly, a son, Collin Monty, on May 27, 1998, at Thunder Bay.

COMPUTER CRIMES In their business they are known as hackers, crackers and phreakers, and they are the elusive, hard-to-prosecute Cyberspace criminals of the late 1990s. They vandalize web sites, steal long-distance calling-card numbers and download dollars from bank accounts. Members of the eight-person RCMP squad who investigate computer-based crime say they have become "swamped" in recent years by the rise in their workload. At an international conference on crime in Toronto last May, one speaker predicted that computer crimes will exceed the combined value of all other property crimes in the next century. "It's very difficult to get a handle on the scope of computer crimes in Canada. Companies choose not to contact the

police for fear of public ridicule or negative effects of the news on stock prices," said Sgt. Bob Davis of the RCMP's Toronto-area Technological Crime Unit. Says Sgt. Hannaford of the RCMP's Commercial Crime Unit, "We have eight people across the country to investigate these crimes. If we had many more, we could easily keep them gainfully employed."

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AIRPORT DRUG RING Some Pearson Airport workers are believed to be involved in an international drug-smuggling ring that was thwarted by the RCMP and Canada Customs in attempts to import \$2 million worth of cocaine. Ten kilograms of high-quality cocaine hidden under the seats of BWIA jets arriving from Trinidad was seized in a two-week period last summer. It appeared to be an inside job — the drugs were left there for someone from the airport to take.

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CORNWALL DETACHMENT AWARDS

On June 17, 1998, an awards presentation ceremony was held at Cornwall Detachment. Master of Ceremonies, Sgt. Sandra Conlin welcomed the official party, recipients, their families, friends and distinguished guests, including Commissioner Philip Murray, A/Commr. Al Hutchinson, CO, "O" Divi-



COMMISSIONER'S COMMENDATIONS

(L-R): Cpl. Brad Kent, Commr. Murray, Cpl. Al Bennett.



sion, Insp. Greg Bell, OIC, Cornwall Detachment, and S/Sgt. Ken Sinclair, of the Canadian Centre for Police-Race Relations.

Commr. Murray presented the Gold Clasp and Star in recognition of 35 years of service to S/Sgt. D.M. Wood, on assignment with the First Nations Policing Section in Orillia; the Bronze Clasp and Star in recognition of 25 years of service to Insp. G. Bell and Cpl. B. Dickie; and the Long Service Medal for 20 years of loyal service to Cpl. D. Lavoie. Insp. Steve Roberge presented the Long Service Medal to Cst. R.D. White, Brockville Storefront Detachment.

Commr. Murray presented two Commissioner's Commendation. The first to Cpl. A.L. Bennett in recognition of his dedication and outstanding work with the Cornwall Detachment's First Nation Services Section. Over the last four years, Cpl. Bennett spent countless hours in the Akwesasne Community in an effort to enhance the relationship between the Detachment and the neighbouring community.



LONG SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

(L-R) Front row: S/Sgt. K. Sinclair, Insp. G. Bell, Commr. Murray, A/Commr. A. Hutchinson, Insp. S. Roberge. Back row: Cst. B. White, Cpl. B. Dickie, Cpl. D. Lavoie.

PROJECT ORIENTER (L-R) Front row: S/Sgt. D. Girard, Insp. R. Phaneuf, Commr. Murray, A/Commr. A. Hutchinson, Cpl. B. Byrne. Back row: Sgt. G. Duguay, Cst. F. Phelan, Cst. G. Fedor, Cst. F. Lanoie, Cpl. K. Sutherland, Cst. R. Laprairie.

Commr. Murray presented the other Commissioner's Commendation to Cst. B.E. Kent, for his dedication to duty, his understanding, his care for the well being of the Haitian people — and in some instances taking life-saving decisions — while he served as an instructor at the Haiti National Police Academy for recruit training, during a five-month period beginning in January, 1995.

In October 1993, the Cornwall Regional Task Force was formed to impact upon the illegal flow of contraband from the U.S. to Canada, resulting in the loss of millions of dollars in revenue for federal and provincial governments. The Task Force is comprised of members of the RCMP, the Ontario Provincial Police, Revenue Canada Customs, and the Cornwall Police Service. Some members of the Cornwall Regional Task Force participated in a detailed and exhaustive six-month contraband operation called Operation ORIENTER, aimed at an organized crime group operating in the Cornwall area, led by Larry Miller who was reputed to be operating one, if not the most significant international

smuggling organization in existence between the U.S./Canada border.

A/Commr. Al Hutchinson presented Commanding Officer's Certificates of Appreciation to members of Project ORIENTER, namely Sgt. J.E.G. Duguay, D/Sgt. D.M. Girard, Cpl. C.G. Clairmont, Cpl. K.J. Sutherland, Cst. G.F. Fedor, Special agent P.E. Coultry, Special agent M.J. Maher and Mr. V. Gemme. Insp. Greg Bell, presented Detachment Commander's Certificate of Appreciation to other members of Project ORIENTER, namely Insp. R. Phaneuf, Cpl. B.J.H. Byrne, Cst. F. Lanoie, Cst. F.M. Phelan and Cst. R. Laprairie.

Insp. G. Bell, also presented Detachment Commander's Certificate of Appreciation to Ontario Hydro employees, Mr. Dave Brandt and Mr. Dave Tate, who worked closely with Cornwall RCMP in providing emergency generator services to residences and farms in the Stormont/Dundas counties, during the 1998 Ice Storm. Special mention was also made of Dave Brandt's wife, Cindy, who fielded many of the calls for help during this ordeal.

Insp. G. Bell, presented Detachment Commander's Certificate of Appreciation to those involved in the Spring Festival '98 involving the RCMP Musical Ride, namely Chief Tim

Thompson, Miss Char Cook, Mrs. Barb Thompson, Mrs. Florence Seymour and Mr. Dave King.

S/Sgt. Ken Sinclair, of the Canadian Centre for Police-Race Relations, presented an award of excellence plaque to Cpl. Al Bennett for his efforts to enhance police-community race relations and for developing a strong relationship between the RCMP and the First Nations people in Akwesasne.

By C.B. Evans

WARNING SIGNS An innovative partnership between the Milton Immigration and Passport and Ontario Passport and Immigration Offices is working to head off people who intend to make false statements on their passport application. Large posters giving notice to applicants and guarantors about the criminal offence went up in June, 1998, in passport offices in North York, Brampton, Scarborough and downtown Toronto. The posters read "to make a false statement on a passport application is a criminal offence and will be investigated by the RCMP." Since the posters went up in the waiting areas, the passport office staff have noticed applicants reading the signs and the number of requests for investigation of false statements has decreased.



Toronto Passport Office (L-R): Heleana Silwanowicz, Brigitte Farmer with Cst. Larry Litke. Brampton Passport Office: Cst. Litke with Hellen Mussel and Ron Gayadeen. A 50% decline in passport frauds investigation has freed up resources, and increased efficiency and effectiveness in both organisations, thus increasing the RCMP's profile in Ontario. Many thanks to Cst. Litke for spearheading this initiative, to passport office personnel for composing the text and to John Clerkin, "O" Division Printshop, for creating the signs.

RACING FOR A CURE More than 200 participants filled the starting line-up at the annual Terry Fox Run held September 20, 1998, at Canatara Park in Sarnia. They raised \$18,000 for the cause, while an estimated \$5.4 million was raised nationwide. Spectators and participants wore red and white roses as a tribute to those who have survived a battle with cancer.

The success of the event would not have been possible without the dedication of volunteers, said C/M Catherine Chagnon, the Sarnia event's organizer, who along with Cst. Serge Lauzon and C/M Paul Hobin, all of London

HQ, are active volunteers on the Sarnia Committee. "Raising money to find a cure for cancer, to save lives and to improve medical treatments is a worthwhile cause," said Ms. Chagnon of the Terry Fox Run, which has become a personal challenge for millions who have lost family and friends to the deadly disease.

The Terry Fox Run remains the largest single-day fundraising event for cancer research in the world. To date, \$200 million has been raised since Terry's death in 1981.

By Heather Hamilton



Safety Bear joined the starting line-up at the annual Terry Fox Run, in Sarnia.

VETERANS' NEWS The Toronto Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association accepted an application for membership from W.L. Lloyd and welcomed the following new members: H.R. Haywood, W.A. Bean, J.F. Kurina and T.B. McLaren.

NORTH WEST REGION

"D" DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS — WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

MARRIAGE Reg. No. 40577, Cst. A.L. Tessier to Reg. No. 38834, Cst. J.E. Maclean, on October 11, 1997, at Las Vegas, Nevada.

BULLETPROOF VESTS FOR DOGS A Winnipeg police officer has created Canada's first bulletproof vest for police dogs — which looks exactly like a scaled-down version of the ones officers wear, complete with the bright POLICE lettering on its side. It weighs less

than 3 kg, which is not heavy for powerful police dogs. A patent is pending on the vest, and Cst. Jim Slater plans to begin marketing it to police agencies across North America.

RCMP Media Summary

YORK FACTORY EXCURSION Last May, RCMP employees organized a three-day trip from Shamattawa to York Factory,



(L-R): Cst. L. Jenvenne, Mrs. Beardy, Cst. K. Maitre and Sgt. L. Hordijk with the rest of the group en route to York Factory.

situated approximately 80 miles down river on the shores of Hudson Bay. It was once a large Hudson's Bay Co. settlement and is now a Heritage site. The excursion, which included nine adults and 12 young people in five boats, took eight hours going down river and 10 hours to return up river. Although the group battled late-spring snow, they were rewarded with excellent fishing. Shamattawa Detachment tries to organize several such trips every year as they are popular with Force employees and the community alike.

By Sgt. G.A. Jennings



TREATY DAYS AT SHAMATTAWA, JUNE 22, 1998 (L-R): Sgt. L. Hordijk, Councillor Joshua Redhead, Cst. D. Brown, Councillor Joel Beardy, Chief Paddy Massan, Csts K. Maitre and L. Jenvenne.

VETERANS' NEWS The Manitoba Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association welcomed John Montgomery as honorary member and granted Life Memberships to J. Gongos, R. Parry and R.J. Johnson. The Division also accepted applications for membership from M.E. Churley, T. Boyle, J. Stinson, R. Cole.

"F" DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS — REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

BIRTH To Reg. No. 41438, Cst. F.P. Popoff and his wife Karen, a daughter, Melissa Marie, on April 4, 1998, at Yorkton.

SADD HALL OF FAME Individuals and groups are inducted into the SADD (Students Against Drinking and Driving) Hall of Fame to recognize their lasting contributions to SADD and to their goal of reducing injuries, saving lives and making a difference. On

April 24, 1998, at the 10th annual SADD Provincial Awards Banquet held at Rosetown Central High School, members of SADD inducted the RCMP into their Hall of Fame.

From its earliest days, SADD chapters in Saskatchewan have benefited from the direct assistance of their local RCMP Detachments. RCMP officers have assisted SADD chapters by making school presentations, taking



(Photo 1, L-R): Cpl. Jerry Wilde, Saskatoon Community Services; Cst. M.G. Champion, Rosetown Detachment; Insp. D. McFayden, OIC Support Services; Dore Phillion, Yorkton Regional High School; Cst. L. McLean, Swift Current City Detachment; Cst. B.K. Pilatzke, Rosetown Highway Patrol; (Photo 2): Kirsty Timbach, St. Angel's Academy; Insp. McFayden, Annette Wagner, St. Angela's Academy; (Photo 3): Jilian Brodt, Pilot Butte School, Insp. McFayden.

Courtesy of Cpl. Jerry Wilde

students on ride-a-longs, acting as adult advisors, supervisors, assisting with transportation, initiating and participating in SADD activities all over the province.

The RCMP has also coordinated Speakers Tours across Saskatchewan for SADD, in which over 100 different communities have participated. Since 1992, the RCMP has sponsored the SADD Membership Awards which encourages SADD chapters to expand and reach out to more people. The RCMP has

accepted a seat as a community representative on SADD's Board of Trustees and in this capacity helped SADD achieve its independence.

The RCMP is internationally recognized as one of the best police forces anywhere in the world. Its role in impaired driving prevention in Saskatchewan has impacted every aspect of the problem: education, enforcement and prevention.

By C/M E.J. Waller

"G" DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS — YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

BIRTHS To Reg. No. 44028, Cst. M. Monette and his wife Carole, a daughter, Gabrielle, on September 30, 1998, at Iqaluit.

RCMP TO POLICE NEW TERRITORY

The agreement for the RCMP to police the new territory of Nunavut was signed on August 31, 1998, by former Federal Solicitor General Andy Scott and Jack Anawak, Interim Commissioner of Nunavut. As the police service of choice with the people of Nunavut, a total of 112 RCMP officers — six of them Inuit — will work out of 22 Detachments when the new territory comes into being on April 1, 1999. The federal government will fund 30% and Nunavut 70% of the policing costs.

RCMP Media Summary

SECURITY AT REMOTE MINE Those who turn to crime just won't cut it at Canada's first diamond mine. Thieves had better do their homework if they expect to waltz out of the Ekati mine with a pocketful of pretty stones because they'll have to get past a top-notch security department — plus a diligent duo of diamond police. And they've all been quietly preparing the last few years. Expecting the worst as diamonds emerged from the northern tundra, the RCMP set up a two-person team three years ago, to build a strategy that will prevent criminals from stealing the precious gems.

Organized crime is a fact of life in the diamond business, where a chunk of rough diamonds estimated to be at least 10% of the world's production is on the black market at any given time. Sgt. Ray Halwas and his partner Cpl. Susan Munn, have been busy acquainting themselves with the dark side of the diamond industry. The two have been traveling to South Africa, Botswana and Australia to find out firsthand from experienced diamond producers what to expect over the 25-year life of the Ekati mine.

RCMP Media Summary

TAKING ONE FOR THE TEAM On May 20, 1998, Cst. Dave Gray, Resolute Bay Detachment, received a telephone call from the Resolute Bay High School Graduation Committee, asking for assistance in their fundraising efforts. After assessing the request — and



Cpl. Lyle O'Brien takes a pie in the face from high school student Mark Amarualik.

realizing it would require the wisdom, knowledge and vision of a corporal — he immediately paged Cpl. Lyle O'Brien.

"Lyle, the Commanding Officer is on line one."

With the bait set on the hook, Cpl. O'Brien "agreed" to assist the Grad Committee. He sacrificed his face to a pie auction, taking a total of three pies at the event — one bid by a member of the general public for \$360 and

two by students who each bid \$110 each. Although most of the bidding started at \$10 or \$20, the O'Brien auction started much higher when someone shouted "Two hundred dollars!" to initiate the bids. Cpl. O'Brien's face raised the most money — due in most part to the diligent and almost indictable efforts of the auctioneer (Cpl. O'Brien's wife, Stephanie). The auction was a great success with the Grad Committee raising \$2,000.

By Cst. Dave Gray



LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

On June 28, 1998, six members of Inuvik Detachment and one spouse participated in the 1998 Law Enforcement Torch Run. (L-R): Csts Paul Joy, Rick Goldstein, Guy Ouellette, Craig Thur and Kelly Kokosch, S/Sgt. Leon McAllister and Nicole Joy. This run and others held at Yellowknife and Iqaluit Detachments raised a total of \$6,000 for N.W.T. Special Olympians.

"K" DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS — EDMONTON, ALBERTA

HIGHWAY HOTLINE The RCMP is making it easy for Alberta motorists to reach out and catch someone — namely dangerous drivers — by merging two major public safety initiatives, the Alberta MAS (Motorist Aid System) and the Roadside Call Box Program. The new "Project Traffic Watch" will give Alberta motorists unprecedented access to emergency assistance. The RCMP and wireless telephone giants, Telus Mobility and Cantel AT&T, have joined forces in this project which will see more than 300 cellular-equipped call boxes being placed along highways in and around Calgary during the next five years. Telus Mobility and Cantel AT&T have set up four-digit numbers that motorists can call to report dangerous drivers and collisions, free of charge. The purpose of the program is to try to prevent accidents before they happen.

RCMP Media Summary

NEW HIGHWAY CALL BOXES With blessings from the Alberta Government and

the RCMP, 4,000 emergency phone boxes accompanied by corporate ads, are being installed every four kilometres along primary highways. The phone-box system will allow police to respond to accidents and complaints more efficiently. A red button inside the phone box connects callers to a communication centre that alerts the closest RCMP Detachment. The centre will immediately know where the call is coming from. This is a significant benefit because the RCMP often receives distress calls from callers who can't pinpoint their location.

RCMP Media Summary

RACING FOR RECORD A team of 20 RCMP members from across Alberta set out last April to try to chase down a new team record in a 193-km marathon relay race in the Mojave Desert. The team was competing in the gruelling Los Angeles PD Challenge Cup Relay Race from Baker, California, to Las Vegas. One of only three Canadian teams competing in the race, they were hoping to

better their finish from last year (17 hours). More than 200 teams from the U.S. and one from Britain were also competing in the annual run. Last year, an RCMP team from Wildrose finished 118th out of 186. Money raised went to the Children's Wish Foundation.

RCMP Media Summary

RACING AGAINST DRUGS Cst. Jim Messner of Calgary developed the Racing Against Drugs Program — an alcohol and drug awareness program for youth — in the spring of 1993. Cst. Messner uses his holidays and free time to take a scaled replica of a 1998 Monte Carlo stock car to community events and schools, to show children how to make positive life choices — there are natural ways to get a high out of life, and motor sports offer just one way. "Racing is a good sport to symbolize the message we're trying to send to youth. There's a lot of excitement and a lot of adrenaline without drugs or alcohol. It always takes me a day or two after a good race to get my feet back on the ground. It's my high in life!"

RCMP Media Summary

STREET LEGAL PROGRAM On August 6-9, 1998, Sgt. Nigel Douglas, S/Sgt. Terry Shuttleworth and Sgt. Doug Honeyman — members of the RCMP Supercops Racing Team — travelled to the Mission, B.C., raceway to present the Street Legal Program. This youth-oriented initiative, started in Alberta, is geared towards preventing illegal street racing and encouraging safe driving — and to talk about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse.

Since last April, the team has been drag-racing youth at the Capital Raceway, in a creative effort to reduce street racing and improve communication with the youth of rural Alberta. Whenever they meet young people aged 17-24 at the mall or in the schools, they encourage them to come out to the racetrack. If they are going to race, it's better to instruct them on how to do it safely in a controlled environment.

The Street Legal Program brings youth together at the local racing strip to race against each other and the police. On race days, off-duty RCMP members slide behind the wheel of the two-door, 660-horsepower 1970 Chevy Nova, fully race-ready with police markings — and certified by the National Hot Rod Association — that drags a quarter of a mile in 10.96 seconds at 121 mph. All vehicles are inspected prior to the race, giving the RCMP Supercops time to speak with racers one-on-one about issues that affect them.

Members of the Supercops racing team speak about hazardous driving, the value of education, and the hazards of drug and alcohol abuse. The message they also try to convey is that police officers are entirely human and approachable as individuals. Although some kids are tougher to speak to than others — because their role models may have had negative experiences with the police — the Supercops show the kids that they can laugh and talk with the police, that they are regular people.

Credibility also had to be established with the racing community. Indeed, private sector races provide funding for the inventive project. Street Legal is fuelled by a wide range of corporate sponsors, from trucking companies to automotive manufacturers who provide tires, fuel, parts, paint and team uniforms.

Requests are pouring in from across Alberta and neighbouring provinces for the next racing season, a sure sign that Street Legal is going full speed ahead. The program recently received honorary mention in the Traffic Safety initiative area at the 1998 Canadian Chiefs of Police convention held in Edmonton.

CANNABIS BUST Last September, RCMP officers arrested 11 people for cultivating 1,800 plants and 54 lbs. of harvested marijuana flowers and were scouring the country for possible nationwide links to the operation. Two football fields' worth of marijuana, found at a farm near Lethbridge, was the

largest cannabis cultivation operation ever busted in southern Alberta.

RCMP Media Summary

WORLD VISITS SHERWOOD PARK DETACHMENT Sherwood Park Detachment had the opportunity to welcome the world in 1998, when Edmonton hosted the International Association of Volunteer Efforts (I.A.V.E.) conference, August 23–27, 1998. More than 2,500 delegates came from around the world attended this conference and Sherwood Park Detachment welcomed 40 delegates from the four corners of the world who wanted to learn about volunteer efforts in Alberta.

Sherwood Park Detachment was chosen as one of six sites to be visited in Strathcona County, because of the number of volunteers (84) who work with the Victims Services Unit, Venturers, Block Parents, Crime Watch,



(L-R): Csts Shawn Wheaton, Al Fraser and Sandy Andrews, Insp. Peter Włodarczak, Cpl. Byron Simpson.

Photo courtesy of "Strathcona County This Week"

Search and Rescue and as Auxiliary Constables — and in recognition of the 10,000 hours they contribute to the residents of Strathcona County every year. This visit was certainly very enlightening for everyone.

By Cst. Al Fraser

RAINBOW LAKE DETACHMENT BALL

Approximately 180 people, including former members and their spouses attended this event, including special guest, Supt. J. Spice,



OC, Peace River Sub-Division and his wife. Master of Ceremonies was Sgt. Don Cohn, who presented Mrs. Spice with a birch bark basket. The evening was most enjoyable. The photo depicts past and present members of Assumption Detachment.

Cst. G.B. Pitt Pincher Creek Detachment (C), with grade six students from St. Michaels School — 1997/98 D.A.R.E. graduates — with teacher, Brian Leclair.



COPS FOR CANCER

On July 18, 1998, members of the Peace River Sub-Division helped raise \$13,000 for Cops for Cancer, during PeaceFest. Cst. Wade Gauthier, Peace River S/Div. Highway Patrol, spearheaded this cause and members led by Supt. John Spice, OC, Peace River S/Div., had their heads shaved. (L-R): Cst. Lamarre, Cst. Spink, Supt. Spice, S/Sgt. Hainsworth, Cst. Gauthier, Cst. Pilgrim, Cpl. Lyons. Missing: Cpl. Visnoski.

"DEPOT" DIVISION

REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

TRAINING HALTED TEMPORARILY

Training of cadets at "Depot" was halted as a temporary measure to address the RCMP's projected deficit, just six months into the fiscal year. The shutdown meant that the RCMP training facility did not accept any more cadets after the existing five troops completed their training. A troop normally has about 24 cadets. Depending on staffing demands, the RCMP Training Academy turns out about 300 new recruits annually for placement across Canada. While the five troops in training were allowed to complete the course, only the members of three of those troops would have jobs with the RCMP upon completion of training. The Force was contacting other municipal and provincial police forces to offer the remaining trained cadets for hire.

This shutdown is not unique: this also occurred in 1984 and in 1994. The halt in training did not affect policing services across Canada since there was a surplus of RCMP officers. RCMP instructors, as in 1994, used the reduced instructional demands to review training material. All RCMP departments underwent budgetary restrictions and the decision to suspend the training at "Depot" was an administrative decision, made by the RCMP's Senior Executive Committee.

In addition to the impact on cadet training, there is also a freeze on all RCMP capital expenditures, such as new buildings, and on discretionary spending, like replacing office equipment. The Force hopes the cost-cutting measures will be in place only for the current fiscal year and the training freeze is not expected to affect the Force's ability to staff detachments because there's been a lot of hiring of cadets the previous year.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL PARADE On September 13, 1998, the second Sunday of the month, the Parade Square in Regina was a blaze of scarlet for the annual Memorial

Parade to honour and remember those members of the Force who have died in the line of duty. Senior RCMP officers, as well as troops from "F" and "Depot" Divisions, RCMP Veterans and senior cadets in training, marched on to the Parade Square in Regina. This moving and emotional event commenced with the uncasing and parading before the troops of the Force Ensign, the Guidon. The troops then moved to stand facing the RCMP Cenotaph, where Commissioner Murray and Division representatives placed wreaths at the Cenotaph on behalf of each Division.

During the placement of the wreaths, the names of all those who have died in the line of duty were read out and an RCMP aircraft with dipped wing, flew over the parade square. At the beat of a drum, attendants lowered their heads for two minutes of silence and then the sound of a bagpipe lament drifted over the square. When heads were raised, Commissioner Murray saluted and then moved to the reviewing stand for the March Past and Salute.

Immediately following the Parade, participants were invited to the RCMP Chapel to share in an ecumenical Memorial worship service. Because of the large number of participants, the service was also broadcast by closed circuit television to the "overflow" crowd in the RCMP Centennial Museum.

After the service, wreaths were placed at the Memorial Wall — dedicated to members who have died in the line of duty since 1973 — in the RCMP Cemetery. On this occasion, two plaques were dedicated in memory of Reg. No. 36330, Cst. B.J. Hutchinson and Reg. No. 41129, Cst J.L.F. Carrière, and the annual Memorial Parade concluded with brunch in the Mess.

Every year, family members of those honoured are invited to attend the ceremonies as guests of honour. Many families

return on a regular basis to be part of these ceremonies commemorating their loved ones. On the Saturday evening, family members gathered at an informal reception held by senior officers, where they had the opportunity to mingle and share with other families who have gone through similar experiences and who have made this unique journey. New families usually find this very helpful.

This premiere event ensures the Force will never forget those who have died in the line of duty. RCMP employees, families and friends are encouraged to attend the next Memorial Parade and Chapel Service on September 12, 1999.

By S/M Roger Tardif

CONNAUGHT CUP On June 18, 1998, the annual Connaught Cup competition was held at the "Depot" Division Firearms Training complex. The Connaught Cup was donated to the RNWMP in 1912 by Field Marshal HRH The Duke of Connaught, Governor General of Canada and this competition has been held



Insp. Cindy Villeneuve, Cadet Training Officer, presented the Connaught Cup to Cpl. John Stevenson.

every year since 1913 — except for 1915, 1917, 1940 and 1985.

With a score of 300/31x in a field of 12 shooters, Cpl. John Stevenson, Melfort Highway Patrol Unit, won the 1998 title of "best shot in the Force." Next year's competition will see the introduction of the new pistol course of fire.

By Cpl. D.T. Pooler

SHELDON KENNEDY FOUNDATION

Sheldon Kennedy, the ex-Swift Current Bronco and Boston Bruin hockey player who spoke out about being sexually abused by a former coach, was in Regina as part of his efforts to roller-blade across Canada to raise money and awareness for the cause of sexually abused children. The money will be used to build "Ranch Anaphe" in British Columbia, a retreat and counselling centre for sexually abused children and their families. Mr. Kennedy wished to pass on his sincere thanks and appreciation to all contributors.

By Cpl. D.T. Pooler



On August 15, 1998, Cpl. D.T. Pooler presented a \$1,123 contribution to Sheldon Kennedy, on behalf of all RCMP "Depot" and "F" Division employees.

PACIFIC REGION

"E" DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS— VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

MARRIAGE Reg. No. 45521, Cst. J.M. Swann to Christopher Mousseau, on June 21, 1998, at Victoria.

BIRTHS To Reg. No. 43235, Cst. R.A. Brown and his wife Tracey, a daughter, Brenna Rae, on June 8, 1996, at Victoria, and

a son, Connor Patrick, on December 17, 1997, at Comox.

TARGETING GROWERS OF MARIJUANA

A new unit made up of six police officers specializing in busting local marijuana growing operations is expected to make some formidable impact right from the start. Matching the size of Langley Detachment's Drug Section, the Langley team — like their police counterpart created in Surrey three years ago who began the province's first marijuana unit dubbed "The Green Team" — will target hydroponic growing operations throughout the Langley area. In Surrey, the Green Team averages one bust per day. The new Langley team will also increase awareness about the dangers of marijuana — which contrary to marijuana proponents who support legalizing the drug — is highly addictive and a gateway to harder drugs, like heroin and cocaine.

RCMP Media Summary

SURVEILLANCE IN BURNABY

Keeping an eye on chronic property thieves has helped cut crime by 6% in the first half of 1998. The number of break-and-enters (B&E) dropped by 23%, down from 2,614 incidents in 1997 to about 2,000 in 1998 — thanks to a new police program that places suspected thieves under surveillance. Police estimate that about 4% of active criminals are involved in B&E, so they are trying to identify and monitor "the four percenters." Burnaby police are using a new computer database to try to link property crimes to individuals. "A drug addict who needs several hundred dollars a day for his habit will often do one, two, three B&Es a day. You only need a handful of people doing that to create a large number of B&Es every month," said C Sgt. Derek Cooke. Police are going to the courts and seeking longer sentences to keep these four percenters off the street.

RCMP Media Summary

ROAD-RAGE VICTIMS GET FRIENDLY EAR

Last July, Attorney General Ujjal

Dosanjh launched "Watch-17" — a pilot project designed to combat dangerous driving and road rage. The program is the brainchild of Sidney-Saanich RCMP, who patrol the Pat Bay, a.k.a. Highway 17. Sgt. Gary Lenz realized there was a big problem when he found two drivers chasing each other off the highway, down the off-ramp and all the way to the Detachment office to complain about each other's driving. "Watch-17" is a voice mail system where drivers can report bad drivers if they have the licence number of the offending vehicle, and can describe the vehicle and of the event that took place. Registered car owners will receive a formal warning letter (not penalty points or monetary fine).

RCMP Media Summary

TOUGHEST COMPETITOR ALIVE

Cst. Marion Craig, of Richmond Detachment, took eight gold medals — more than any other competitor — for various competitions, including one for "Toughest Competitor Alive" at the Can-Am Police-Firefighters Games in Regina, which drew 1,700 participants from North America, Russia and Puerto Rico. Cst. Craig, who trains 14 hours a week, won medals in the 1,500-m open-water swim, the triathlon, the 50-and 200-m freestyle swim, and a one-day eight-event competition that included a 5-km run, shot-put, 100-m sprint, 100-m swim, 6-m rope climb, bench press, pull-ups and an obstacle course. Her colleagues are raising \$3,000 to send her to the World Police-Firefighter Games in Stockholm in 1999.

RCMP Media Summary

POLICE BAG HUGE MARIJUANA CROP

Langley RCMP took to the high seas in Steveston, last August, to try to arrest the mastermind of a million-dollar cross-border drug trade and some of his workers. The suspects were out fishing, unaware that their high-stakes commercial grow operation had been busted earlier in Langley's biggest-ever drug raid. Using a helicopter, tracker dogs and an armed drug team, police swooped in on three separate Langley locations, arresting

two people, and seizing 10,000 marijuana plants. Cst. Pierre Lemaitre declined to place a dollar value on the plants, as a new RCMP policy prevents the release of such figures. Police believe the high dollar values entice more people to become involved in the drug trade. But Lemaitre said police do not believe the marijuana was being grown for domestic consumption. "This stuff is being grown for export directly to the United States in trade for cocaine to come back into our streets," Lemaitre said.

RCMP Media Summary

DIGITAL DRUG DOGS They are the latest weapon in B.C.'s war on drugs in provincial jails. Attorney General Ujjal Dosanjh announced last July that ion scanners will add a cutting-edge element to the fight to keep drugs from getting behind bars. The hi-tech hounds, about the size of a computer printer, can be programmed to detect any number of drugs frequently smuggled into prisons. "It will basically be used on items coming into the correctional centres," said Bill Young of B.C. Corrections. "It uses computer technology [and will] be used in conjunction with the intelligence we receive." Ion scanners are already used by the RCMP, federal customs agents and federal corrections officers.

RCMP Media Summary

RCMP YOUTH ACADEMY In May 1998, Vernon and Kelowna Detachments successfully ran their first RCMP Youth Academy — a week-long RCMP camp at CFB Vernon, for Grade 11 and 12 students from Okanagan Valley schools interested in policing as a

career. The purpose was to simulate RCMP training at "Depot" Division. Among other things, students received instruction on law, domestic violence, firearms, drill and provincial statutes. These "cadets" also participated in several scenarios and worked a "night shift" during their stay. Graduation ceremonies were held on the final day. Everyone involved feel this was a worthwhile project and look forward to Youth Academy 1999.

By Insp. D.J. Harrison

CEREMONIAL BURIAL On July 5–6, 1998, Sgt. Peter Attrell NCO i/c M.P.V. *Inkster*, and Csts Kal Keir, Lane Newton and Queen Charlotte City Detachment Cst. Gerry Brown escorted Haida paddlers aboard two canoes, *Lootaa* and *Looplex* — following a request of famed Haida artist Bill Reid that his ashes be carried from Skidegate to Tanu and spread in his ancestral village. Some of



(L-R) Seated: Miles Richardson (Xeial), Wolf Clan; Reynold Russ (Iljewas), Massett; Cst. Gerry Brown (Dee Am Amak), Git'san Nation; Watson Pryce (Jaalth), Gathaa; Charles Wesley (Cumshewa). Standing: Ernie Wilson (Neeswas), Skedans; Bill Reid's wife, Martine Reid; Nathan Young (Gitkunn), Tanu; Judge Scow, Musguam Band; Csts Kal Keir and Lane Newton, Sgt. P. Attrell.

Photo by Cst. Gerry Brown



(L-R): Csts Mitch Steck, Al Renaud, Kate Leeder and Tibor Baldauf (Vernon Detachment), Csts Michelle Lebrun and Chris Wytrwal (Kelowna Detachment) with their "Troop."

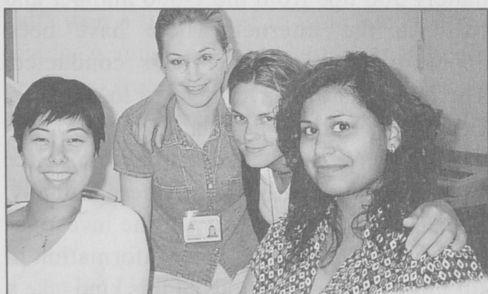
Bill Reid's best carvings can be seen at the Museum of Anthropology, University of British Columbia.

The two-day journey through open waters was tough at times and police officers were asked to take turns paddling. The procession arrived at Tanu on the second day and the paddlers carried the ashes from the beach. The ceremony ensued with family and chiefs of the Wolf Clan of Tanu and RCMP members in Red Serge in attendance.

By Sgt. P.G. Sharp

SURREY SUMMER STUDENTS The Surrey RCMP Victim Services Unit, with the support of the Newton Rotary Club, hired two full-time post-secondary students to revamp a comprehensive Community Agency Resource Directory for Victims. Jasmine Janiff and Kristy Wood were able to complete the 352-page Directory during the summer, as well as several other projects. The Directories were distributed to various Sections throughout the Detachment, including five District offices. The opportunities afforded to young people to work hand-in-hand in a policing environment increase every year. This past summer, they gained knowledge, experience and understanding of the RCMP, Victim Services and policing in general. Surrey Detachment and its Victim Services Unit were equally rewarded by their exceptional talents and energies.

By Carmen McDonaugh



SUMMER STUDENTS (L-R): Angela Shudo (Diversity Management Unit), Kristy Wood (Victim Services Unit), Tanya Booth (Diversity Management Unit), Jasmine Jannif (Victim Services Unit).



On May 2, 1998, the Ridge Meadows Hospital held its annual bed-race to raise money for much-needed equipment. Many representatives from the community took part, including the Ridge Meadows RCMP team, who trained for many months — only to come in dead last. (L-R): Csts Dave Walsh, Jason Lucash, Ed Garipey, Nelson Aranguiz and Cathy Dickson.

DAWSON CREEK FUNDRAISER
Cpl. Doug Aird got into the spirit of things when he wore his uniform — ending up soaking wet — for the dunk tank event held at Lions Park, June 30, 1998, in an effort to raise \$30,000 for new playground equipment.

Photo courtesy of Nemona Aird



Last August, Insp. Don Harrison, OIC, Vernon Detachment, accepted keys to a 1998 Volkswagen Beetle, donated by Mr. Danny Miller, of Royal Volkswagen in Vernon. The "Bug" will be used by the School Liaison Officer, Cst. Kate Leeder (inside car) and at various PR functions in the Vernon area.

"M" DIVISION
HEADQUARTERS — WHITEHORSE, YUKON

SADD YUKON CHAPTER Last winter, students in Grades 7 to 9 at Teslin School started the first Yukon Chapter of Students Against Drinking and Driving (SADD). SADD has been active in Canada since 1986, and is a youth run and coordinated organization that educates and informs community members of all ages. The 20 students involved in SADD organized many activities throughout the school year with the assistance of the recreational programmer and the Teslin RCMP — all in an effort to raise awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving. Activities included a "Whiteout Day," a red ribbon campaign, volleyball matches against the community members, a simulated car crash and rescue, and lectures.

Last summer, SADD focussed on developing recreational activities for Teslin youth. The students raised money for the Summer Recreation Program by doing local fund-raising activities and received funding from the Youth Investment Fund. The first activity



Participants of the day hike, organized by Teslin School's SADD group, photographed at the Teslin Wharf.

Photo courtesy of Paul McDonald, Teslin school teacher

was a day hike up the Aces Mountains on June 6, 1998. Adults and youths participated in this challenging 10-hour hike and were rewarded with spectacular views at a height of 4,700 feet.

By Cpl. Roger Plamondon

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HIGH-TECH CRIME ON THE RISE The Ottawa-Carleton Police, the RCMP and the Canadian military have partnered to establish a special investigative unit to combat high-tech crime in the Ottawa-Carleton region. High-tech crime is estimated to cost \$48 million a year in Eastern Ontario alone. Reasons for this growth are attributed to easy targets and computer components that are worth more than their weight in gold. Although the hardware is expensive to replace, more critical is the loss of information that is often irreplaceable. As the annual cost of high-tech crime in Canada approaches an estimated \$1 billion, police forces across the country are now following Ottawa Carleton's example by creating their own teams to deal with high-tech crime in their regions.

RCMP Media Summary

TAINTED-BLOOD CASE So far, the RCMP Blood Task Force, composed of 20 full time staff, which includes 12 investigators, a research analyst and a liaison to keep people informed, has received approximately 500 tips from the 1-888 number and two via the Internet. There have been approximately 575 interviews conducted. The investigators have traveled to the U.S., Germany and the Netherlands for information, and have sought assistance from Police Agencies nationally and internationally. Because of the complexity of the investigation and the large amount of information to sift through, investigations of this kind take a long time to complete. The Task Force has streamlined and improved efficiency by using a new Major Case Management System, supported by the RCMP computer system. The Task Force continues to urge

anyone with information relating to the investigation to call the TIPS line at 1-888-530-1111 or by Internet at www.rcmpgrc.gc.ca/html/bloodtaskforce.html.

VIOLENT CRIME RATES DROP FOR SIXTH YEAR

The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics announced that the rates for almost every violent crime including murder, robbery and sexual assault, all declined by one per cent last year in the presentation of their annual report July 22, 1998, in Ottawa. The annual report also noted that violence among teenage girls continued to grow. Since peaking in 1991, the national crime rate has fallen 19 per cent. This decline, according to demographer David Foot, author of *Boom, Bust and Echo*, is due largely to the fact that crime is committed by young people, and there are fewer of them. Despite the steadily dropping figures for most crimes, surveys consistently showed that Canadians think crime, especially youth crime, is on the rise and that's largely fuelled by the media, which play up crime stories, experts say.

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TURKEY SHOOT The RCMP National Capital Region Rifle & Handgun Club held its Turkey Shoot October 3, 1998, at the Connaught Ranges in Nepean. Employees of the RCMP and their families tried their skills on the range. Contestants used .22 rifles provided by the club to score points on special targets that gave randomly generated scores. The highest score in each relay of 10 contestants won a turkey just in time for Thanksgiving. A range of officer and line officers (coaches) were on hand at all times to ensure a safe and fun shoot. Handgun shoots, limited to 18 year olds and above, were also held for other prizes.

By PSE Russel Weissman

SCULPTOR WITH AN EYE FOR

DETAIL Peter Hiort Petersen, once a sculpture teacher at the Ottawa School of Art, today works on contract as an RCMP facial-identification specialist where he combines

art and police work at the Forensic Identification Research and Review Section at HQ Ottawa. The unit, which works with other forces' identification and forensic units, is a one-of-a kind in Canadian policing. Petersen ages pictures of missing children and adults, gives faces to skulls, and compares facial photos by hand or with the help of computers. The RCMP is the only force employing scientists on a large scale to work on and develop new evidence-gathering techniques that can help tie criminals to crime scenes and eventually, put them behind bars.

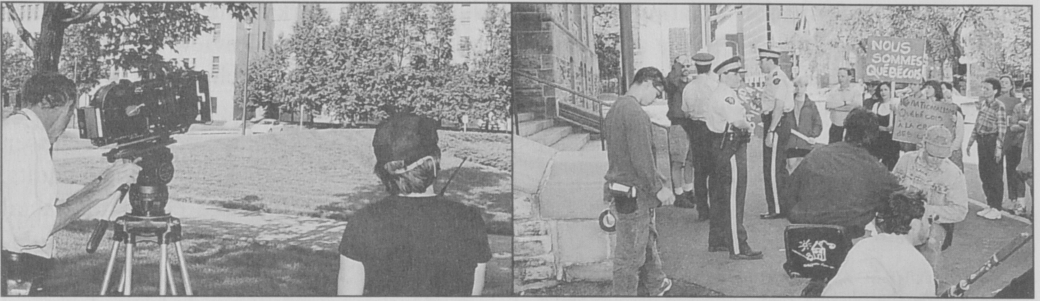
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TV MOVIE FEATURES NSIS CHARACTER

A new breed of Mountie will emerge this year with the premiere of a TV movie called *Justice*. One of the principal characters is Louis Belcourt, a 39-year-old Metis, described as a key investigator in the National Security Investigations Section (NSIS). "Lou is a bit of a renegade," says the movie's writer and executive producer, Alyson Feltes. "I can foresee that we'll suspend him at one point in the series. He's going to get in a whack of trouble because of individual heroic acts. But he will remain a hero."

If Belcourt really existed, he would work on the 7th floor of the Léomont Building, "A" Division headquarters. But, alas, the creators of the TV movie have taken a bit of dramatic license and given him an office at RCMP HQ (described in the script as "classic fascist architecture in a constant state of readiness for war"). Belcourt is played by Native actor Gary Farmer. The NSIS investigator's boss is "Criminal Operations officer Janet Walker" played by local actress Barbara Eave Harris.

The movie was created by the same people who brought us the award-winning series *Traders*, a fast-paced and quirky look at Toronto's financial community. *Justice* will centre on the lives of a group of lawyers in the federal Justice Department in Ottawa, and the NSIS character who happens to know one of them. The film will include dramatic depictions of current issues, such as Cana-



The movie's huge production team landed in Ottawa-Hull on July 7 to film selected scenes (most of the film was shot in Toronto). Some exterior shots were taken of the RCMP HQ, which will appear in the movie whenever the action shifts to Belcourt's office. One of the sequences takes place at the Supreme Court where hundreds of protesters are holding a demonstration. The scene was shot on July 10, with hundreds of extras playing the angry protesters and a handful of RCMP and Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police officers trying to hold them back.

dian unity, and feature a shadowy extremist group similar to the FLQ. If the pilot does well in the ratings, it will likely become a weekly series on the Global Television Network.

Earlier last year, Ms. Feltes had visited RCMP HQ and "A" Division before writing the script for the TV movie. Sgt. Mike Gaudet, National Media Relations Unit, introduced her to people in various sections and policy centres and offered some technical assistance to help her write the most realistic storyline possible. By consulting with RCMP personnel, she was able to determine that, based on her character's duties, Belcourt would be a member of NSIS.

Every year, the Media Relations Unit gets an average of 12 requests for assistance from movie and television producers who wish to include RCMP characters in their projects. The Unit weeds out projects that are of a lesser quality and offer assistance to those which portray the RCMP in a fair and appropriate manner. For example, Sgt. Gaudet and his colleagues have provided assistance to television shows such as *Due South*, *North of 60* and *Omerta*, and movie productions such as *The Sweet Hereafter*, *The Jackal*, starring Bruce Willis, and the upcoming *Dudley Do-Right*. One project that was rejected focused on an RCMP officer who becomes a serial killer.

"Media Relations Unit attempts to associate the RCMP with respectable projects," says Sgt. Gaudet. "We can't always control how we are portrayed. After all, the end product doesn't belong to us. But at least we can influence how a character will look and behave." For instance, it is mainly due to the Media Relation Unit's efforts that the main character in *Due South* stopped wearing a badge on his Stetson and began wearing his shoulder strap on the proper side of his Red Serge.

By Carl Martin

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR C/M Robert C. Fahlman, OIC Criminal Analysis Branch, CID received a scholarship from the US State Department and the Argus Project



C/M R. Fahlman at the White House on a private VIP tour for all seminar participants, hosted by the U.S. State Department.

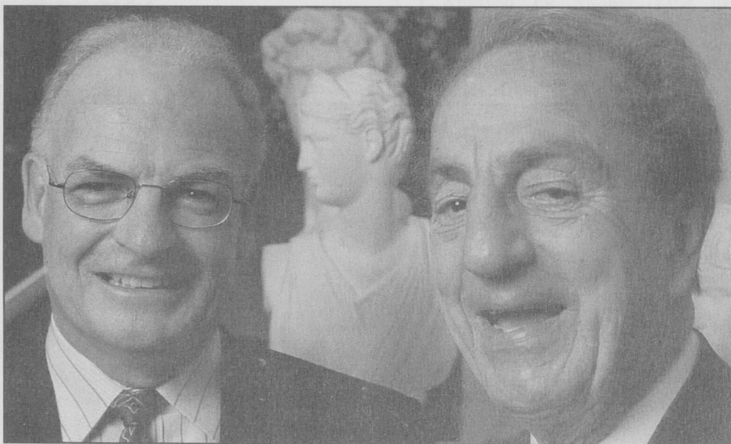
(a U.S. foundation specializing in education on crime and corruption) to attend the first *International Executive Leadership Seminar On Strategic Approaches to Transnational Crime and Civil Society* at Georgetown University, Washington, DC, July 20–31, 1998. Seminar participants included attorneys general and national police commissioners from the Americas, Asia, Africa and Europe. The goals of the seminar were to examine the principle elements of strategy for combatting transnational crime in civil society, anticipate transnational criminal threats, and provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and programs among senior governmental, private sector and academic specialists on national, regional and global approaches to meet these challenges. A second seminar is being planned for the year 2000.

By C/M R. Fahlman

HERO OF ‘THE VILLAGE’ Commissioner Philip Murray, who grew up on Gladstone Avenue in the tough neighbour-

hood of “Little Italy” in Ottawa, was given a special award of recognition to honour his achievements and leadership by the Village Reunion board at its 20th anniversary dinner, held at St. Anthony’s Soccer Club October 16, 1998. Commissioner Murray was honoured by hundreds of friends and former neighbours, who paid tribute to a guy who rose from a humble background, in one of the poorest sections of town, to become RCMP Commissioner, in charge of more than 17,000 employees. Frank Licari, a Village Reunion board member, summed up some of the many reasons why Commissioner Murray received the honour. “It was a proud moment for all of us when he became RCMP Commissioner,” said Mr. Licari. He remembers Mr. Murray as a fine athlete and a happy, bubbly person, always fun to be around. And he has remained “one of the boys,” he said. “He never wanted to set himself apart, he’s always been approachable. He’s never forgotten his roots or his friends.”

The Ottawa Citizen



Commissioner Murray with Sonny Galagare, Senior Executive member of the Village Reunion.

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“The Ottawa Citizen” Photo Dept.*

VETERANS’ NEWS The Ottawa Division of the RCMP Veterans’ Association awarded Life Membership status to: Reg. No. C/0049, J.P.Z. Gagnon; Reg. No. C/0599, D.S. Howes; Reg. No. 14552, C.J. Young. They also welcomed the following new members: Reg. No. 26767, P. Ayotte; Reg. No. 27752, N. Baril; Reg. No. 30309, J.W.G. Cormier; Reg. No. 23104, A.E. Crosby; Reg. No. 29103, F. Fiegenwald; Reg. No. 28831, J.L.B. Jean; Reg. No. 22582, R.E. Madden; Reg. No. 26660, C. Riendeau; Reg. No. 34359, K. Slade.

CANADIAN POLICE COLLEGE

ROCKCLIFFE, ONTARIO

INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS COURSE

The Canadian Police College was asked to train the Military Analysis Unit, at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in The Hague, Netherlands. Based on a request from the International Peacekeeping Operations at RCMP HQ, Sgt. Warren Sweeney, CPC Intelligence Analysis Coordinator, and Cpl. Dick Corcoran, Division Criminal Analysis Section in St. John's, Newfoundland, travelled to The Hague in September 1998, to conduct a two-week Intelligence Analysis Course.

Of the 18 participants — coming from Norway, South Africa, Australia, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Canada, the U.K., Spain and the U.S. — most were from the Military Analysis Unit and two were actual investigators. The course included training in the areas of inductive thinking, developing inferences and probability assessments, as well as the “circles & squares” concept.



(L-R): Cpl. Dick Corcoran, Madam Justice Arbour, Sgt. Warren Sweeney.

Computer applications using the Analysts' Notebook were taught during the second week. Madame Justice Louise Arbour, Chief Prosecutor of the Ontario Court of Appeal, handed out certificates to the students.

By Sgt. Warren Sweeney



MUSICAL RIDE AT AVIATION MUSEUM To celebrate the Aviation Museum's 10th anniversary and the RCMP's 125th, the Musical Ride performed its spectacular manoeuvres in its final performance of the season on the grounds of the National Aviation Museum, August 30, 1998. About 1,000 people watched the pomp and ceremony as the Ride said goodbye for the season. The event also featured museum aircraft flypasts and parachute jumps.

By PSE Linda Holmes

PROMOTIONS

ATLANTIC REGION

"B" DIVISION — ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND
Superintendent — Insp. W.G. Lynch

"H" DIVISION — HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

Sergeant — Cpl. T.C. Juby
Corporal — Cst. R.J.G. Bushey

"J" DIVISION — FREDERICTON, NEW BRUNSWICK
Corporal — Cst. D.S. Ward

CENTRAL REGION

"A" DIVISION — OTTAWA, ONTARIO
Corporal — Csts J.C.E. Richer, R.J. Chartrand, D.J.R. Fortin, F.M. Phelan

"C" DIVISION — MONTRÉAL, QUEBEC
Sergeant — Cpls J.G.J.E. Doucet, M.M.M. Fontaine
Corporal — Csts P. Caouette, J.A.G.J.Y. Lemoine, C.L. Parr, J.G.N. Brisebois, J.N.G. Courchesne, J.R.P. Thibault, J.M.R. Hamel

"O" DIVISION — LONDON, ONTARIO
Staff Sergeant — Sgt. T.R. Bell
Sergeant — Cpl. S.J. Martin
Corporal — Cst. J.F. McIntosh

NORTH WEST REGION

"D" DIVISION — WINNIPEG, MANITOBA
Sergeant — Cpls B.C. Smith, K.D.S. Finn, S.D. Saunders
Corporal — Cst. B.T. Burnett

"F" DIVISION — REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

Staff Sergeant — Sgts C. Imgrund, L.E. Carlson, M.R. Thorpe
Sergeant — Cpl. J.R. Faulkner
Corporal — Cst. C.A. Forbes

"G" DIVISION — YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Sergeant — Cpls B.W. Ashton, B.G. Mair

"K" DIVISION — EDMONTON, ALBERTA

Sergeant — Cpls D.W. Storie, I.C. Sanderson, V.J. Ariano, W.F. Young, B.C. Cottell, L.I. Russell, R.A. Nessel, R.B. Taylor
Corporal — Csts C.E. Jackson, L.G. McCulloch, P.E. Puszka

"DEPOT" DIVISION — REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN
Corporal — Cst. R.J. McInnis

PACIFIC REGION

"E" DIVISION — VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Superintendent — Insp. A.A. Murray
Inspector — Sgt. P. Calvert
Civilian Member — C/M R.L. Stewart

"M" DIVISION — WHITEHORSE, YUKON

Chief Superintendent — Supt. J.R.F. Spice
Inspector — Sgt. V.D. White
Corporal — Cst. K.G. Alderson

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Superintendent — Insp. G.B. Braun, J.W. Pilgrim
Staff Sergeant — Sgts E.A. Weeks, B.A. MacLean, J.G.A. Drouin
Sergeant — Cpls A.K. Parisien, S.E. Covey
Corporal — Cst. J.E. Greer
Civilian Member — C/Ms B.F. Allison, J.A. Huscroft, C.T. Alletson, J.R. St-Jean, J.P.R. Deschênes, M.L.D. Legault, M.J.J. Lebrun, F.J. White, J.A.R. Sabourin, J.P.R. Joubarne, J.R. Hughes, J.C.E.A. Brisebois, J.E.N. Boissonneault, L.J.M.R. Desmarais, M.D. Levene, M.G. Morris, R. Milan, W.P. Miles, J.J.F.D. Lacroix

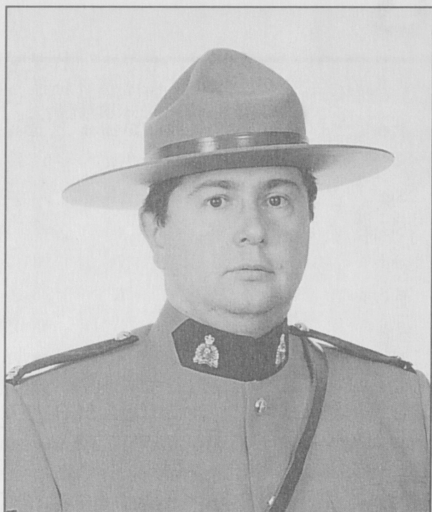


Retirements

Reg. No.	Rank	Name	Division	Date	Reg. No.	Rank	Name	Division	Date
O.1192	Insp.	Leaman, G.J.	"HQ"	98-04-02	23210	S/Sgt.	Bowthorpe, W.D.	"HQ"	98-11-04
O.1193	Supt.	Kaine, G.P.	"HQ"	98-04-01	23256	Sgt.	Wyers, D.A.	"HQ"	98-04-02
O.1268	C/Supt.	Pouliot, J.O.G.	"HQ"	96-06-14	24339	S/Sgt.	Haffner, J.G.	"K"	98-11-18
O.1274	A/Commr.	Martell, W.F.	"HQ"	98-04-08	24551	Sgt.	MacDonald, D.D.	"H"	98-11-19
O.1306	Supt.	Stillwell, A.W.	"HQ"	98-04-01	24579	S/Sgt.	Bradley, D.A.	"K"	98-10-13
O.1399	Supt.	Martin, P.D.	"E"	98-10-05	24912	Cpl.	Baber, K.R.	"E"	98-05-01
O.1570	Insp.	Henley, J.G.	"E"	98-10-21	24927	Cpl.	Haynes, D.B.	"E"	98-11-02
O.1849	Insp.	McLeod, B.K.	"K"	98-10-07	25003	S/Sgt.	Morrison, H.W.	"HQ"	98-04-01
21446	Sgt.	Rambaut, V.G.A.	"HQ"	98-05-01	25042	Sgt.	Wade, G.R.	"E"	98-11-04
22457	Sgt.	Hall, D.R.	"HQ"	98-04-24	25056	S/Sgt.	Copp, C.E.	"O"	98-11-18
22465	Sgt.	Reece, D.E.	"HQ"	98-05-20	25096	Cpl.	Frick, W.Y.	"E"	98-11-04
22582	S/Sgt.	Madden, R.E.	"HQ"	98-04-03	25122	Sgt.	Hiscock, W.	"J"	98-11-18
22641	S/Sgt.	Nicholdon, M.D.	"HQ"	98-05-01	25260	S/Sgt.	Emerton, R.J.	"HQ"	98-04-17

Reg. No.	Rank	Name	Division	Date	Reg. No.	Rank	Name	Division	Date
25315	S/Sgt.	Anderson, W.R.	"HQ"	98-04-08	29765	Cpl.	Chetwynd, C.A.	"G"	98-11-02
25653	Cpl.	Smith, K.F.	"H"	98-10-07	30101	Sgt.	Crossan, W.D.	"H"	98-11-11
25662	S/Sgt.	Gemmell, I.D.	"O"	98-10-01	30133	Cst.	Gillingham, C.D.P.	"J"	98-11-18
25761	S/Sgt.	Collins, R.M.	"HQ"	98-04-01	30426	Cst.	Swain, J.S.	"F"	98-11-04
25770	Sgt.	Anderson, H.A.	"HQ"	98-04-08	30699	Sgt.	Cannon, C.E.	"J"	98-10-01
25835	S/Sgt.	Cyr, B.R.R.	"HQ"	98-01-30	31157	Sgt.	Garneau, J.R.J.	"A"	98-10-18
26124	Sgt.	McDonald, D.J.L.	"HQ"	98-10-02	31159	Cpl.	Hurrell, C.I.	"E"	98-10-23
26236	Cst.	Stirling, T.W.	"F"	98-11-04	31274	Cst.	Ellis, W.K.	"E"	98-11-01
26453	Cpl.	Kachor, R.B.	"K"	98-05-27	31465	Cst.	Kuruliak, C.A.	"K"	98-07-06
26457	S/Sgt.	Goudie, S.B.	"G"	98-11-03	31890	Cst.	Horton, G.T.	"E"	98-10-15
26499	Sgt.	Barbaro, A.W.	"HQ"	98-04-04	31981	Sgt.	Trask, J.A.	"HQ"	98-05-06
27070	Sgt.	Churley, M.E.	"D"	98-10-21	32568	Cpl.	Moore, J.C.	"O"	98-10-02
27116	Cpl.	McMackin, P.G.	"D"	98-11-09	32723	Sgt.	Birtwistle, P.L.	"HQ"	98-03-31
27193	Sgt.	Spence, E.G.J.	"E"	98-10-21	32927	Cpl.	Hoadley, D.A.	"H"	98-10-20
27463	Cpl.	MacCormack, C.E.	"O"	98-11-18	32946	Cpl.	Berry, J.R.	"E"	98-10-21
27541	S/Sgt.	Hampel, T.M.	"HQ"	98-10-02	34448	Cpl.	Lawlor, C.J.	"D"	98-10-25
27571	Sgt.	Payne, J.W.	"E"	98-10-07	35174	Cst.	Gagné, P.G.	"K"	98-10-30
27690	Cst.	Latremouille, A.W.	"E"	98-10-01	40364	Cst.	Martineau, R.E.	"F"	98-10-31
27763	Sgt.	Steeves, C.T.	"K"	98-09-01	43067	Cpl.	Gramlich, N.E.	"K"	98-11-06
27895	Sgt.	Long, G.P.	"K"	98-10-21	C/0285	C/M	Fahie, T.R.	"HQ"	98-04-01
28080	Sgt.	Allen, S.R.	"HQ"	98-04-02	C/0803	C/M	Northover, R.A.	"HQ"	98-05-01
28540	Cpl.	Onyskevitch, K.A.	"HQ"	98-05-03	C/0816	C/M	Gravel, J.G.A.Y.	"HQ"	98-05-20
28649	Cpl.	Ayers, D.L.	"E"	98-10-07	C/0935	C/M	McGee, D.E.	"HQ"	98-04-13
29103	S/Sgt.	Fiegenwald, F.E.	"HQ"	98-04-02	C1040	C/M	Menard, J.E.J.R.	"HQ"	98-10-21
29363	Sgt.	Quintal, J.P.A.G.	"C"	98-11-04	C1115	C/M	Holowatuk, M.E.	"F"	98-10-21
29394	Cst.	Lewchak, D.J.	"E"	98-11-18	C/1558	C/M	Lampman, D.R.	"HQ"	98-05-01
29655	Cpl.	Campbell, G.J.	"O"	98-10-14					

IN MEMORIAM



CUMMING On August 12, 1998, Reg. No. 37348, Cpl. Graeme Charles Cumming, 37, was killed on a highway near Coalhurst, Alberta, when the parked police cruiser he was sitting in was struck from behind by a semi-trailer, causing it to burst into flames. He had positioned his police car to direct traffic around a truck whose load of hay bales had spilled onto the highway, and was inside his police car issuing a ticket to the driver of the hay truck, who was also killed at the scene.

Cpl. Cumming was born May 2, 1961, at Glasgow, Scotland, and joined the Force November 13, 1981, at Richmond, British Columbia. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he was posted to "K" Division, Alberta, at Gleichen, Medicine Hat, Fairview, Fort MacMurray, Airdrie and Lethbridge, where he was still working at the time of his death. Cumming was promoted to corporal June 22, 1996.

His wife, Reg. No. 38594, Cst. M.A.F. Cumming, is currently serving in "K" Division, at Lethbridge, Alberta.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries without full service histories are those of the members whose service files have been destroyed. Thus, the information is no longer available.

With respect to training locations, "Depot" Division (simply referred to as "Depot" in the text hereunder) has always been located at Regina, Saskatchewan, "N" Division, at Rockcliffe, Ontario, and "P" Division, Mynarski Park at Penhold Alberta, and RCMP Headquarters (simply referred to as RCMP HQ), at Ottawa, Ontario. Their locations will no longer be specified in the following text. The name "British Columbia Provincial Police" is also abbreviated to BCPP.

The following abbreviations reflect the historical name changes of the Force over the years:

- August 30, 1873 to June 23, 1904: North-West Mounted Police (NWMP);
- June 24, 1904 to January 31, 1920: Royal Northwest Mounted Police (RNWMP);
- February 1, 1920 to present: Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).

ADAMS Reg. No. C/3397, C/M James George Ross Adams, 56, died Sept. 1, 1998, at Ottawa. He was born October 11, 1941, at Brockville, Ont., and joined the Force Aug. 20, 1984, at Ottawa. Adams was posted to RCMP HQ, where he was still working at the time of his death.

ANDERSON Reg. No. S/63 (S/10926), ex-S/Cst. James Buchanan Anderson, 64, died Sept. 5, 1998, at Gloucester, Ont. He was born Oct. 14, 1933, at Ottawa, and joined the Force May 22, 1956. Anderson was posted to RCMP HQ and retired May 27, 1983.

BALL Reg. No. 10740, ex-Cst. Roderick Jerome John Ball, 89, died Oct. 4, 1998, at Calgary, Alta. He was born Dec. 4, 1908, at Waterloo, Ont., and joined the Force Nov. 2, 1929, at Regina. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Ball was posted to "E" Division, B.C., at Esquimalt, Vancouver and Laird. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: Jan. 1, 1933, to "K" Division, Alta., at Edmonton, Peace River, Grand Prairie and Stony Rapids; July 1, 1936, to "F" Division, Sask., at Regina, Goldfields and Prince Albert, taking his discharge Nov. 1, 1941. Ball re-engaged into the Force June 29, 1946, at Calgary, and was posted to "G" Division, N.W.T., at Eskimo Point. On Sept. 1, 1948, he was transferred to "D" Division, Man., at Winnipeg, and retired March 31, 1951.

Ball received two Commissioner's Commendations: the first in 1936, for completing a 2,400-km patrol

from Stony Rapids, Sask., to the Thelon River and Dukawnt Lake; the second in 1938 for his efforts in the investigation of an accidental drowning. He had served in the Royal Canadian Air Force (Nov. 5, 1941–March 14, 1946) and was a prisoner of war in Germany (June 1943–May 1945). Ball was one of the prisoners at Stalag Luft III from which he and others tunnelled their escape. For his wartime service, he was awarded the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, the 1939–45 Star and the Aircrew Europe Star.

BATTY Reg. No. O.423 (12522), Insp. Edgar Sidney Woods Batty (retired), 88, died Oct. 3, 1998, at Miramichi, N.B. He was born Jan. 1, 1910, at Dauphin, Man., and joined the Force Nov. 27, 1934, at Winnipeg. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Batty was posted to "F" Division, Sask., at Regina, Swift Current, Leader, Shaunavon, Climax, Morse, Val Marie and North Battleford. On Nov. 1, 1939, he was posted to "N" Division, where he enlisted with the No. 1 Provost Company. Batty reengaged into the RCMP on March 7, 1946, and was posted to "F" Division, at Regina, Saskatoon and Tisdale. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: Apr. 13, 1948, to "G" Division, N.W.T., at Yellowknife; Oct. 23, 1951, to "E" Division, B.C., at Prince George, Vancouver and Nelson; Sept. 1, 1960, to "J" Division, N.B., at Fredericton; June 2, 1965, to "F" Division, at Prince Albert; Aug. 7, 1967, to "D" Division, Man., at Winnipeg, retiring June 24, 1970. Batty was promoted to corporal Nov. 1, 1946; sergeant Oct. 1, 1948; sub-inspector Aug. 1, 1951; inspector Aug. 1, 1953.

Batty received a Commanding Officer's Commendation on Nov. 4, 1949, for his part in an investigation involving safe-breaking at a bank. For his wartime service, he was awarded the 1939–45 Star, the Italy Star, the Defence Medal and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp. Batty's grandson, Reg. No. 41241, Cst. P.S. Looker, is currently serving in "J" Division at Rogersville, N.B.

BELL Reg. No. 16695, ex-S/Sgt. Hugh Mitchell Bell, 67, died Sept. 5, 1998, at Orléans, Ont. He was born Sept. 3, 1931, at Halifax, N.S., where he joined the Force Oct. 3, 1950. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Divisions, Bell was posted to "L" Division, P.E.I., at Charlottetown and Summerside, taking his discharge Sept. 15, 1953. He reengaged into the Force March 8, 1954, and was posted to "A" Division, at Ottawa. Bell was subsequently transferred to the following locations: March 31, 1956, to "J" Division, N.B., at Newcastle, St. Andrews, Gagetown, Fredericton, Port Elgin and Perth-Andover; July 1, 1970, to RCMP HQ, retiring April 2, 1986. He was promoted to corporal May 1, 1961; sergeant Oct. 1, 1970; staff sergeant July 1, 1976.

BOWSER Reg. No. 12200 (S/1203), ex-Cst. Reuben Isaac Bowser, 91, died Sept. 11, 1998, at Halifax, N.S. He was born July 21, 1907, at Ostrea Lake, and joined the Force as a special constable May 1, 1932. Bowser

was posted to Marine Section, Halifax, and aboard the *Preventor*, *Fleur de Lis*, *Adversus* and *Scatarie*, taking his discharge Sept. 30, 1939. He reengaged into the Force as a constable Sept. 19, 1945, and was posted to Marine Section, aboard the *Irvine* and the *C&M*, and at Halifax, taking his discharge May 22, 1960.

Bowser was part of the crew of the patrol boat *Preventor* who were awarded a Commissioner's Commendation on Dec. 8, 1934, for their efforts in salvaging a seaplane. Previous to his police service, he had served with the Canadian Merchant Marine (1929–May 23, 1931) and with the Preventive Service (May 23, 1931–March 31, 1932). He also served in the Royal Canadian Air Force (Oct. 1, 1939–Sept. 18, 1945) and was awarded the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, the War Medal 1939–45 and the Defence Medal.

BRAKEFIELD-MOORE Reg. No. O.339 (12042), A/Commr. Edwin Brakefield-Moore (retired), 88, died Oct. 17, 1998, at Victoria, B.C. He was born Sept. 12, 1910, at Dixville, Que., and joined the Force Aug. 8, 1933, at Ottawa. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Brakefield-Moore was posted to "F" Division, Sask., at Saskatoon, Vonda, Regina and North Battleford. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: Sept. 22, 1936, to "J" Division, N.B., at Saint John and Fredericton; June 1, 1939, to "A" Division, at Ottawa; July 1, 1941, to "C" Division, at Montréal; May 1, 1943, to "Depot" Division; Jan. 3, 1945, to "K" Division, Alta., at Edmonton; Jan. 1, 1948, to "F" Division, at Swift Current; Aug. 1, 1950, to "Depot" Division; Nov. 1, 1951, to "A" Division, at Ottawa; Apr. 1, 1952, to RCMP HQ; Sept. 1, 1954, to "C" Division, at Montréal; Sept. 1, 1959, to "H" Division, N.S., at Halifax; Aug. 1, 1960, to "B" Division, Nfld., at St. John's, where he was appointed Commanding Officer; Sept. 1, 1964, to RCMP HQ, retiring March 5, 1969. Brakefield-Moore was promoted to lance corporal July 1, 1939; corporal Nov. 1, 1939; sergeant Nov. 1, 1942; sub-inspector Apr. 1, 1943; inspector June 1, 1945; superintendent Jan. 1, 1952; chief superintendent Apr. 1, 1960; assistant commissioner Sept. 1, 1964.

In 1953, Brakefield-Moore was awarded the Coronation Medal, and in 1956, he was invested as an Officer Brother in the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.

CASE Reg. No. C/730, ex-C/M Rose Elsie Case, 75, died Aug. 21, 1998, at Gloucester, Ont. She was born June 4, 1923, at Coventry, England, and joined the Force as a civil servant Oct. 28, 1968, at Ottawa. She was posted to RCMP HQ, converted to civilian member Jan. 16, 1970, and retired Apr. 13, 1986.

CÔTÉ Reg. No. C/159 (S/10605), ex-C/M Marie Hélène Violette Côté, 72, died in March, 1998, at Toronto. She was born Jan. 25, 1926, at Montréal, where she joined the Force as a special constable Feb. 1, 1952. Côté was posted to "C" Division, at Montréal, and converted to civilian member Apr. 1, 1960. On May 5, 1976, she was transferred to "O" Division, at Toronto, and retired May 31, 1978. Côté's husband was Reg. No. 15248, ex-S/M J.A.A.A. Côté;

her father was Reg. No. S/1683, ex-S/Cst. J.E. White, and her mother was Reg. No. C/158, ex-C/M J.S.C. White.

DE BRUIJN Reg. No. 28104, Sgt. Gerrit Don De Bruijn, 55, died Sept. 10, 1998, at Langley, B.C. He was born May 25, 1943, at Hilversum, The Netherlands, and joined the Force Apr. 27, 1970, at Red Deer, Alta. Upon completion of training at "Depot," De Bruijn was posted to "E" Division, B.C., at Williams Lake, Masset, Burnaby and Vancouver, where he was still working at the time of his death. He was promoted to corporal Dec. 16, 1980; sergeant Apr. 17, 1990. De Bruijn had served in the Royal Canadian Navy Reserve (Jan. 23, 1962–Feb. 1, 1963) and with the Rocky Mountain House Municipal Police Department (1967–1970).

FARIS Reg. No. 19198, ex-S/Sgt. George Watson Faris, 62, died Sept. 5, 1998, at Acapulco, Mexico. He was born Feb. 9, 1936, at Orillia, Ont., and joined the Force Dec. 6, 1955, at Winnipeg, Man. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Faris was posted to "C" Division, Que., at Montréal, Knowlton and Dorval Airport. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: Sept. 10, 1970, to "O" Division, Ont., at London and Toronto; Aug. 11, 1978, to RCMP HQ, at Lima, Peru, and Ottawa, retiring Sept. 30, 1983. Faris was promoted to corporal Nov. 1, 1965; sergeant Feb. 1, 1972; staff sergeant Sept. 1, 1980.

FLEURY Reg. No. 22525, ex-Sgt. Joseph Hervé Gaston Marcel Fleury, 56, died Oct. 24, 1998, at Fredericton, N.B. He was born March 2, 1942, at Montréal, where he joined the Force Apr. 9, 1962. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Fleury was posted to "A" Division, at Ottawa, and took his discharge Jan. 15, 1964. He reengaged into the Force Apr. 25, 1966, at Montréal, and was posted to "J" Division, N.B., at Edmundston, Moncton, Shediac and Cap Pelé. On July 7, 1977, Fleury was transferred to RCMP HQ and retired Oct. 1, 1985. He was promoted to corporal Feb. 1, 1975; sergeant May 15, 1978.

GILROY Reg. No. 26762, ex-Cst. John Walter Gilroy, 51, died Sept. 26, 1998, at Milton, Ont. He was born May 25, 1947, at Brockville, and joined the Force July 29, 1968, at Ottawa. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "P" Divisions, Gilroy was posted to "D" Division, Man., at Russell, Carberry, Snow Lake, Lynn Lake and Winnipeg, taking his discharge May 5, 1972.

HÉBERT Reg. No. 22559, ex-Sgt. Joseph Arthur Michel Jean-Pierre Hébert, 46, died Aug. 12, 1998, at Candiac, Que. He was born Aug. 4, 1942, at Montréal, where he joined the Force May 14, 1962. Upon completion of training at "N" Division, Hébert was posted to "O" Division, Ont., at Windsor, Ohsweken, Toronto and Walpole Island. On November 8, 1964, he was transferred to "C" Division, at Montréal, and took his discharge July 16, 1984. Hébert was promoted to corporal Oct. 1, 1971; sergeant Aug. 18, 1975.

HENNEBERY Reg. No. 14240, ex-Cpl. John Valentine Hennebery, 81, died Aug. 18, 1998, at Vancouver. He was born May 16, 1917, at Morell, P.E.I., and joined the Force Aug. 21, 1941, at Calgary, Alta. Upon

completion of Part I Training at "Depot," Hennebery was posted to "F" Division, Sask., at Yorkton and Canora. Upon completion of Part II Training at "N" Division, he was posted to "F" Division, at Fort Qu'Appelle, Strasbourg and Regina, taking his discharge Aug. 31, 1945. Hennebery reengaged into the Force Aug. 15, 1950, when the BCPP — where he had been serving at Alert Bay since July 10, 1948 — amalgamated with the RCMP. He was posted to "E" Division, B.C., at Alert Bay, Haney, Napkusp, Burnaby, Agassiz and Prince George, retiring Jan. 19, 1965. Hennebery was promoted to corporal May 1, 1959.

HOARE Reg. No. 10472, ex-Cst. Percy Alan Hoare, 91, died Aug. 18, 1998, at Vancouver, where he was born Nov. 8, 1906, and joined the Force Aug. 10, 1928. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Hoare was posted there; on Aug. 1, 1929, he was transferred to "D" Division, Man., and took his discharge Sept. 3, 1929. Hoare subsequently served with the Vancouver City Police and saw service during WW II.

IYAGO Reg. No. S/114, ex-S/Cst. Francis Lionel Iyago, 71, died Oct. 27, 1998, at Baker Lake, N.W.T. He was born Aug. 19, 1927, at Chester Inlet, and joined the Force Oct. 16, 1954, at Baker Lake. He was posted to "G" Division, at Baker Lake, and retired Oct. 2, 1977.

LAMBERT Reg. No. O.568 (16635), C/Supt. Wilfred George Lambert (retired) 80, died Aug. 27, 1998, at Vernon, B.C. He was born Apr. 26, 1918, at Coventry, England, and joined the Force Aug. 15, 1950, when the BCPP — where he had been serving at Duncan since Nov. 23, 1949 — amalgamated with the RCMP. Lambert was posted to "E" Division, B.C., at Duncan, Shownigan Lake, Alberni, Prince Rupert, Kamloops and Nelson. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: Oct. 14, 1965, to "O" Division, at Toronto; July 13, 1971, to "E" Division, at Burnaby, Vancouver and Victoria, retiring Dec. 30, 1977. Lambert was promoted to corporal Nov. 1, 1953; sergeant May 1, 1957; staff sergeant Nov. 1, 1961; sub-inspector July 1, 1965, inspector July 1, 1967; superintendent Aug. 1, 1971; chief superintendent Aug. 1, 1975.

Lambert received a Commissioner's Commendation on Aug. 15, 1959, for outstanding service during the 1958 investigation into a series of bombings in B.C. Prior to his RCMP service, Lambert had served in the Coventry (England) Police Force (May 1939–Aug. 1942, and Oct. 1945–Oct. 1947) and in the Royal Navy (Aug. 24, 1942–Dec. 1, 1945). He was awarded the 1939–45 Star, the Atlantic Star, the France and Germany Star, the Defence Medal and the War Medal 1939–45.

MacIVOR Reg. No. 23543, ex-Cst. Benedict Gerard MacIvor, 53, died Aug. 19, 1998, at Sydney, N.S. He was born Oct. 2, 1944, at Glace Bay, and joined the Force Apr. 22, 1964, at Sydney. Upon completion of training at "Depot," MacIvor was posted to "O" Division, Ont., at Toronto, Malton Airport, Orillia and Peterborough. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: March 22, 1968, to "G" Division, N.W.T., at Pond Inlet and Frobisher Bay and at White-

horse (Y.T.); Apr. 24, 1973, to RCMP HQ, taking his discharge Apr. 30, 1974. MacIvor reengaged into the Force March 14, 1975, and was posted to "O" Division, at Toronto. On Sept. 26, 1981, he was transferred to "H" Division, at Sydney, and retired July 27, 1986.

MacPHEE Reg. No. 13760, ex-Sgt. John Edward MacPhee, 83, died Sept. 29, 1998, at Ottawa. He was born May 19, 1915, at Summerside, P.E.I., and joined the Force Nov. 12, 1940, at Halifax, N.S. Upon completion of Part I Training at "N" Division, MacPhee joined the No. 1 Provost Corps (March 4, 1941–Dec. 12, 1945) and reengaged into the RCMP. Upon completion of Part II Training at "Depot," MacPhee was posted to "F" Division, Sask., at Yorkton, Regina, Kamsack and North Battleford. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: Feb. 1, 1948, to "A" Division, Ont., at Ottawa, Cornwall and St. Regis; June 1, 1954, to "C" Division, at Montréal; Sept. 1, 1954, to "O" Division, Ont., at Belleville; Oct. 1, 1959, to "A" Division, at Ottawa, retiring Aug. 9, 1968. He was promoted to corporal May 1, 1952; sergeant May 1, 1961. For his wartime service, MacPhee was awarded the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, the France and Germany Star, the Italy Star, the 1939–45 Star and the Defence Medal.

McGEE Reg. No. C/1321, ex-C/M Gerald McGee, 64, died Aug. 31, 1998, at Sydney, N.S. He was born Dec. 30, 1933, at Sydney Mines, and joined the Force Apr. 9, 1973, at Ottawa. McGee was posted to "H" Division, at Sydney, and took his discharge Sept. 13, 1974. He reengaged into the Force Nov. 14, 1975, was posted to "H" Division, at Sydney, and retired July 10, 1987. McGee had also served in the Royal Canadian Navy (March 1956–Apr. 1961).

McLEAN Reg. No. M/8 (S/9707), ex-M/Cst. Stewart John McLean, 78, died Aug. 6, 1998, at Halifax, N.S. He was born Sept. 1, 1919, at Georgetown, P.E.I., and joined the Force as a special constable Sept. 22, 1947, at Halifax. McLean was posted to Marine Division, at Halifax, and aboard the *MacBrien*, *Irvine*, *Fort Walsh* and *Fort Pitt*, retiring Jan. 26, 1969. He had converted to marine constable Apr. 1, 1960. McLean served in the Royal Canadian Navy Shore Patrol (Sept. 19, 1939–May 20, 1946) and was awarded the Victory Medal and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal.

McMURRAY Reg. No. 17631, ex-Cpl. Charles William McMurray, 67, died Aug. 9, 1998, at Moose Jaw, Sask. He was born Aug. 2, 1931, at Oyen, Alta., and joined the Force March 14, 1952, at Calgary. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Divisions, McMurray was posted to "E" Division, B.C., at Richmond and Alert Bay, taking his discharge Nov. 23, 1954. McMurray reengaged into the Force Dec. 20, 1955, and was posted to "A" Division, at Ottawa. On July 2, 1958, he was transferred to "F" Division, Sask., at Saskatoon, Humboldt, Prince Albert and Moose Jaw, retiring Oct. 17, 1981. McMurray was promoted to corporal May 1, 1965.

MEDLAND Reg. No. C/204, ex-C/M Harold Albert Medland, 81, died Oct. 30, 1998, at Brandon, Man. He was born June 22, 1917, at Riverside, and joined the Force as a civilian employee Feb. 28, 1952, at

Brandon. Medland was posted to "D" Division, at Brandon, became a civilian member Feb. 14, 1961, and retired Dec. 14, 1977. For his wartime service with the Royal Canadian Artillery (Sept. 1939–March 1946) he was awarded the 1939–45 Star, the Italy Star, the Defence Medal, the France and Germany Star and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp.

MERCER Reg. No. 15324 (S/9655), ex-Sgt. Howard Bruce Mercer, 70, died Oct. 20, 1998, at Calgary, Alta., where he was born March 11, 1928, and joined the Force Aug. 25, 1947. Upon completion of training at "N" and "Depot" Divisions, Mercer was posted to "Depot," and on Dec. 2, 1948, he was transferred to "F" Division, Sask., at Yorkton, Melville, Pelly, Punichy, Wood Mountain, Cabri, Goodsoil, Spiritwood, Carnduff and North Battleford, retiring Sept. 25, 1973. Mercer was promoted to constable Sept. 1, 1948; corporal May 1, 1961; sergeant May 1, 1968.

MORTENSEN Reg. No. 12637, ex-Cst. Leroy William Mortensen, 92, died Sept. 26, 1998, at Vancouver, B.C. He was born Nov. 2, 1905, at Bashaw, Alta., and joined the Force June 26, 1935, at Edmonton. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Mortensen was posted to "F" Division, Sask., at Melville and Swift Current, and took his discharge Jan. 31, 1938.

PETERSON Reg. No. C/726, ex-C/M Rita Marie Peterson, 75, died Aug. 9, 1998, at Outremont, Que. She was born Aug. 27, 1922, at Montréal, where she joined the Force as a civil servant Feb. 16, 1961. Peterson was posted to "C" Division, at Montréal, where she became a civilian member Dec. 11, 1969, and retired Apr. 9, 1989.

POWLEY Reg. No. C/350 (S/10119), ex-C/M Elmer Lester Powley, 78, died Oct. 18, 1998, at Regina. He was born Jan. 27, 1920, at Sebeke, Minnesota, and joined the Force as a special constable Oct. 1, 1948, at Halifax, N.S. Powley was posted to "C" Division, Que., at St-Jean, and on July 6, 1949, he was transferred to "H" Division, at Halifax. He became a civil servant Oct. 1, 1950, and on Sept. 1, 1958, he transferred to "F" Division, Sask., at Regina. He became a civilian member Feb. 1, 1965, and retired Dec. 15, 1978. Powley had served in the Canadian Army (Oct. 30, 1941–May 27, 1946).

RADMORE Reg. No. T/6247, ex-TCE Marie Caroline Johanna Radmore, 61, died Oct. 18, 1998, at Greenwood, B.C. She was born Sept. 11, 1937, at

Duffield, Alta., and joined the Force as a temporary civilian employee (matron) Aug. 3, 1986, at Stony Plain, Alta. Radmore was posted to "K" Division, Alta., at Devon and Stony Plain, taking her discharge Jan. 21, 1994.

ROLLINS Reg. No. 24877, ex-Sgt. Lawrence Reginald Kenneth Rollins, 55, died Oct. 18, 1998, at Saskatoon. He was born May 4, 1943, at Bath, N.B., and joined the Force June 24, 1966, at London, Ont. Upon completion of training at "N" and "P" Divisions, Rollins was posted to "F" Division, Sask., at Cut Knife, Regina and Saskatoon, retiring Nov. 30, 1986. He was promoted to corporal Oct. 1, 1976; sergeant Feb. 1, 1983.

SHANNON Reg. No. 14564, ex-S/Sgt. Howard Lakey Shannon, 74, died Aug. 28, 1998, at Edmonton. He was born Feb. 10, 1924, at Wilkie, Sask., and joined the Force Feb. 18, 1943, at Regina. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Divisions, Shannon was posted to "K" Division, Alta., at Edmonton, Camrose, Jasper, Lac La Biche, Fort McMurray, Entwistle, Vegreville, Ponoka, Breton, Stettler, Nelson (B.C.), St. Albert, Elk Island, Lamont, Whitecourt, Leduc, Westlock, Canmore, High Prairie and Peace River, retiring Feb. 21, 1969. He was promoted to corporal May 1, 1957; sergeant Nov. 1, 1962; staff sergeant Nov. 1, 1965. His son, Reg. No. 32523, Cpl. Barry Shannon, is currently serving in "O" Division, Ont.

SYMCHYCH Reg. No. C/538, ex-C/M Julian Symchych, 69, died Aug. 11, 1998, at Courtenay, B.C. He was born Dec. 30, 1928, at Hafford, Sask., and joined the Force July 2, 1968, at Vancouver. Symchych was posted to "E" Division, B.C., at Vancouver, and took his discharge July 16, 1984. He had served with the Royal Canadian Navy (Nov. 5, 1948–Nov. 4, 1953) and the Royal Canadian Air Force (Nov. 5, 1953–Apr. 10, 1965).

TAYLOR Reg. No. 13558, ex-S/Sgt. William Alfred Taylor, 79, died Sept. 1, 1998, at Winnipeg, Man. He was born Jan. 23, 1919, at Odanah, and joined the Force July 29, 1940, at Winnipeg. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Taylor was posted to "H" Division, N.S., at Bridgewater, Meteghan River, Yarmouth, Halifax, Truro, Amherst, Kentville, Windsor and Springhill. On Sept. 1, 1959, he was transferred to "F" Division, Sask., at Regina and Yorkton, retiring Jan. 22, 1964. Taylor was promoted to corporal May 1, 1950; sergeant Dec. 1, 1954; staff sergeant May 1, 1959.

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