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## Editor's Notes

**ERRATUM** In the article on the royal yacht Britannia, by Inspector Jim McIlvenna, published in the autumn 1986 issue, the photo credit was inadvertently omitted. The Quarterly wishes to apologize to the photographer, C/M John A. Gieruszczak for any inconvenience the omission may have caused and thank him for providing such a magnificent photograph of H.M.S. Britannia against the Toronto skyline.

**RCMP CHARITY BALL** The third annual RCMP Charity Ball will be held at the Ottawa Congress Centre, Saturday, May 30, 1987, with proceeds going to Multiple Sclerosis. Well-known Canadian entertainer Catherine McKinnon will be the featured guest artist. Dance music will be provided by the RCMP "Bison" Dance Orchestra and the larger orchestra, under the direction of S/Sgt. Charlie Hendricks. The Palm Court Orchestra will perform during the dinner. For further information, contact S/Sgt. Garth Hampson at (613) 998-0756.

**50th ANNIVERSARY — RCMP FORENSIC LABORATORIES** Celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of RCMP laboratories will be held in Regina, Sask., July 10-13, 1987. Names and addresses of former and serving members are being compiled by each lab. Former members are requested to contact the nearest lab, and to assist organizers by identifying themselves and other former members who served in the laboratories.

**75th ANNIVERSARY OF RCMP — Cut Knife, Saskatchewan** The town of Cut Knife, Sask., will celebrate its 75th anniversary during the weekend of August 1-3, 1987. All RCMP and former RCMP members who were stationed at Cut Knife are invited to attend.

Further information about the anniversary may be obtained from Cst. Keith Van Steelandt, or Cpl. Norman Yurchyshyn, at: Cut Knife RCMP Detachment, Box 339, Cut Knife, Sask. S0M 0N0.

**BICENTENNIAL** Fort Vermilion, Alberta, and District plan to honour the area's history, spanning 200 years, from 1788-1988. One goal of the bicentennial committee is to publish a history book. The committee would like to hear from former residents and other interested people. A homecoming is planned for July 29 — August 9, 1988, with the official ceremony on July 30. For a family history outline and other information, please contact:

The Fort Vermilion and District  
Bicentennial Committee  
Box 1788  
Fort Vermilion, Alberta  
T0H 1N0

Phone: (403) 927-4304 or 927-3491

## TROOP REUNION

Former members "J" Troop 1962/63 interested in 25th anniversary reunion contact:

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I have a desperate request to address to the readers of the "Quarterly."

To complete my display frame on the 1974-76 style of the RCMP flashes, I am in need of the following missing items: Both C/S/M (black and red) rank chevrons, the drum-major on black, long service stars on red, both styles of Drill Instructor and the female constable first pattern crested shoulder flash.

Your help would be very much appreciated to complete my project of display frame.

Thank you in advance for your collection.

Claude Jasmin  
837 Lucie  
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Dear Editor:

Last summer/fall there was construction being done in Dawson City, building a flood control dike along the banks of the Yukon and Klondike rivers. On October 20th a bulldozer

uncovered a cache of old Lee Enfield Mark I rifles (approx. 40) buried in the river bottom. These were located approximately 500 yards off the east bank of the Yukon River in front of the Parks Canada building. The present day, Parks Canada building was the Forces old detachment building at one time (1920s). Information to date on these weapons has shown they might have been buried around 1903 and they were surplus from the Yukon Field Force, which was stationed in Dawson during the height of the Klondike Gold Rush of '98.

Along with this find came several rumours that other artifacts that once belonged to the serving forces in Dawson were buried in and around Dawson.

It is requested that any information on these weapons, or history of members stationed in Dawson City prior to 1940 would be greatly appreciated. Please reply to Cst. Dave Kingston, c/o RCMP Dawson City, Yukon, Y0B 1G0.

\* Unfortunately the recovered Lee Enfield rifles are in extremely poor condition. It appears that these rifles were burnt before they were buried. One of the rifles has been

turned over to Parks Canada who intend to stabilise it, and have it on public display this coming summer.

Cst. D. A. Kingston

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Dear Editor:

During the past year I have had several RCMP veterans approach me regarding the RCMP Quarterly. Their concern has been why they are unable to continue receiving the Quarterly by way of pay stoppage after their retirement.

There is no doubt a simple answer why retired members are not permitted to have Quarterly subscription payments taken from their pension cheques. It seems a shame this could not be arranged.

I would appreciate a reply to this letter in a forthcoming issue of the Quarterly for the information of our veterans.

Yours truly,

E. F. Hamilton, Insp.  
O.i/c C.I.B. "L" Division

*In the past efforts were made to institute a payroll deduction program for pensioners: however, this was to no avail. Federal pension cheque deductions are restricted to federal programs and we are privately funded by your subscriptions. Therefore, pensioners will have to continue subscribing as in the past. — Ed.*

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Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and those of the members of my family for all the assistance, bouquets and expressions of sympathy from all over the world following the sudden death of our beloved son and brother Staff-Sergeant Stuart Edmond Sutherland in Ottawa in March 1986.

Our sincere appreciation to all his

friends and fellow members in Ottawa and members of the Red Deer Detachment for the honour guard and support. Also to the members of the Sr. NCOs' Mess in Ottawa for the framed badges my son received during his 24 years of service.

The brotherhood of members of the Force is certainly evident when such an event occurs. God bless you all.

Doris I. Sutherland  
Red Deer, Alberta

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Dear Editor:

I'm a collector of model police cars of the world, and would be quite keen to obtain some Canadian examples for my collection. Perhaps some of your readers might have some Canadian police models lurking around that they no longer have need of. I know, for instance, that the "Dinky" company made at least three different RCMP cars between 1960 and 1970. Also the firm "Majorette" made a little Montreal police car. There are probably also many other Canadian police models made by other companies, which I am not aware of.

If any of your readers can help in this respect (and it does not matter how battered and scratched the models are, as I enjoy restoring them), I'd be happy to swap for police badges, shoulder patches and so on.

I'd also be interested in hearing from any of your readers who share my hobby, to exchange information and ideas.

My address is:

Constable Roly Hermans  
c/o Youth Aid Section  
Central Police Station  
P.O. Box 683  
Wellington  
New Zealand

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# Something to Think About

Submitted by Cpl. Daryl Stone

In my capacity as the Corporal in charge of a detachment training program and recruiting new members, I am constantly looking for written material which may be of assistance to members as they prepare for their new role in the community. I was recently invited to review a personal letter which had been written by a senior member of the Force to a 20-year-old friend who had just been offered engagement into the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

This letter, if truly taken to heart, can serve as a guide not only to every new recruit constable but to many established members alike. I received permission to publish this letter, which I quote in part.

"Dear Laura:

The headquarters in Vancouver has confirmed to me that, subject to results of final medical and dental examinations, you have been invited to attend at the Regina Academy in early September to begin RCMP recruit training.

That news of acceptance either brought with it an abundance of excitement for you, or a degree of apprehension of what may lie beyond. I do hope it was the former, because it makes it so much easier to get motivated right at the start.

It has been a long time since I passed through the turnstiles of the Academy, and I recognize the many procedural changes and advancements in the Force since those days. However, a few rules and sound methods of approach will never

change. If you allow me to take a little of your time, I will share with you some of the obvious "what to expect, what to do, and what to try to avoid." This is not meant to suggest that any of my advice is needed, but it may come in handy someday when a decision is in the making.

When you arrive in Regina, you will probably be met at the airport, or you will take a cab to the barracks. Your initial exposure to Depot may be the strangest, lost, lonely feeling you have ever experienced. Then as the training days and months pass and you are preparing to leave, the same loneliness will repeat itself as you bid farewell to the 31 other troop personnel with whom you shared six months of hard work, laughter, enjoyment, disappointment and tears.

From the day you take oath and step into the barracks, until your training and career come to a close, your rapport, decision making, appearance, private life, political views, personal beliefs, choice of friends, etc., will be under the scrutiny of either the Force or the public. The image you portray may very well carry you to success, or be detrimental in some way.

The 32 of you will be moulded into one basic way of thinking and all will come under the same rule. There will be times which are scary, times of frustration, times when you will wonder why on earth you chose this career. But, you will soon see that each of you basically share the same concerns. You too will experience those long, tedious, cold, winter days

of training which I so vividly recall, and there were a number of times when I figured enough was enough and I almost threw in the towel. I hung in there by reinforcing my belief that if the rest could do it, then I could too, but I would do it even better.

If the Force had its way, it might wish you were a robot to be programmed only to do as it says. Although that is not being realistic, the Force will still do the influencing, hoping that its repetitious directions will reprogram your thinking.

It is important not to be too willing a follower of others, unless you are very sure those leaders are on the right track. You will find some troopmates will attempt to take any easy way out, break the rules or bypass authority. When doing so, you may be invited to join the group because they believe there is strength in numbers. Please be cautious of those leaders. Instead, be a willing leader yourself, after thoroughly thinking out a sound approach.

There will be many classes which are boring, as classes were in school, and instead of making the extra effort to pay attention and take notes, daydreaming or a snooze may be an easy way to get through the day. Those who take the easy way, learn too late that the instructor was well aware of their lack of attention and will score the assessment accordingly. Then too, a few questions on the exams regarding the class which was "dozed through" can be the difference between a low grade or a high mark in the final exams.

It is ever so easy to be critical of other troop mates because of their actions, dress, deportment, mannerisms, morals, etc. Weigh your thoughts carefully and make an effort not to take sides. Treat each partner equally, and understand that they have been brought up differently and

think differently. Generally, anyone can be coached into doing what is correct, as opposed to being criticized. It would be the nicest and most rewarding feeling in the world to leave Depot and have trained constables able to honestly say, "Laura really is a true friend."

There may be instructors who select favorites, and as a result some recruits often have the feeling they are penalized. This can be very unfair, annoying, and often, those who fight back the wrong way may be the losers. Be the favorite, but only if the position has been gained honestly and fairly in the eyes of troopmates and instructors. It is not a matter of what is right or wrong, but how it is perceived by others. You know some people have a need to become popular, but often by applying the wrong ingredients! What is even more true is that a bad reputation has a way of following an individual.

When you leave the Academy and get your posting to "Carrot River, Saskatchewan," where there are 1,600 people policed by six members, you will learn that each of them will scrutinize your every move. It will be your obligation to prove your credentials. You may be sure that as a rookie constable, who is new in town, you will be looked at from many angles. You will probably be judged first by your attitude and appearance (because first impressions are so lasting), then by your understanding and willingness to be part of this new team, by your effort, and by your production.

One of the worst characteristics a supervisor has to contend with is "the complaining subordinate", or the one who grumbles when receiving certain assignments and does not carry a share of the load. Those types are out there Laura, far too many of them, I am sorry to say. The statement once made "that a boss

may not always be right, but he is always the boss", will ring true more times than you will care to remember. You will be directed to do many unpleasant assignments which you may have an urge to rebel against, but think about it carefully before you do.

A mistake which is so evident is when policepersons lower themselves to the level of an undesirable citizen. A simple case being where the citizen swears at the police officer and is sworn back at by a constable who believes it is justified under those circumstances, or talking to someone believed to be a "goon" in a manner less than professional, because that person reacted negatively. If our members spoke to the public in a manner they would expect to be spoken to if they were that public, there would never be a problem.

Don't hesitate to volunteer your time, even though there is no obligation on your part. Like changing hours of work because someone is ill or away; offering to speak to a school class when someone else could not keep that appointment; take on a project of your capabilities which others hesitate to volunteer for, etc. These are valuable forms of measurement looked at by your supervisor.

A measurement of character which faces all public officials is their reputation before the courts. You may, unfortunately, hear testimony where the facts have been distorted by people or our members on the stand. Sometimes, because of poor notes or because they made a statement, or applied a judgment which is not exactly according to the rule, they find themselves too embarrassed to admit it. If you ever commit yourself to a position of making a mistake or saying the wrong thing because you did not know the answer, never compound it. It is not belittling to say

"From my experience, I have not faced that situation and I cannot answer you, but I will attempt to find out from someone else who does know."

Members of the Force are placed in the position of needing to decline invitations to events they may desire to be at, such as a beach party or a sports event, where liquor is consumed indiscriminately. If they are there, and any irregularities take place, they are either forced to take action or will be severely criticized from both inside and outside the Force. There is genuine reason for thought when an invitation is extended.

So many of our female members have limited themselves to having only male friends within the Force. In my view, this is a dangerous mistake, because a person's views become too narrow and friendships too close for the wrong reasons. What happens then is that personal life and work life become so entwined that in many instances, it becomes unmanageable. Give thought to never taking your personal life to the office and never allowing your work to affect your personal life. That may be far easier said than done, I can assure you.

I could go on and provide you with dozens of other scenarios which are delicate, but I have already taken a lot more of your time than I had intended.

Society needs policepersons out there, Laura, if we as citizens are to survive, but the emphasis is on good and loyal members who are looked up to and respected. We can do that individually, even if others around us have by their action, tarnished the image of the Force in some way.

My wish to you Laura is that your service in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is as rewarding as I

have experienced, whether you choose to serve 2, 5, 10 or 20 years. Our rewards in the Force will come to you if you look at every task, as menial as it may seem, with a positive approach, if you strike the word complaining from your vocabulary. Be equally pleasant to all Force members (subordinates, peers, supervisors and management); set a high standard of achievement for yourself; think carefully before you react to a delicate situation; do not allow yourself to be influenced, knowing there is a better way; favour the public with a smile whether you feel like it or not; and above all else, when you know you have a problem (personal or official) get assistance from sources whom you know are in a position to help get you back on track before there is irreparable damage. Then, you will have all the reason in the world to be proud and no one can take that away from you.

Congratulations, good luck and God bless you.

Sincerely,

**P.S.** In all my rambling, I overlooked saying don't attempt to advance faster than the Force is geared to accept your progress. Be satisfied to be "just a uniform constable" for five to seven years (because these members are as important as any member) before thinking above the so-called glory of specialized duties. Don't be disappointed if at first you are not accepted, because with continued hard work your turn will come."

*The recipient of the letter graduated from the Academy in March 1987, and it would be interesting to learn, in a year or so, what influence the letter had upon her progress.* ■

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## Out of the Fog

Speaking of fogs — Englishmen talk about the London peasoupers, and people in B.C. have some good ones at the mouth of the Fraser River. But for my money, you have to go to the Arctic Ocean off the Mackenzie River Delta.

I remember one time in the thirties, when I was serving on the St. Roch, we were just out of winter quarters at Cambridge Bay, heading for Tuktoyaktuk to pick up supplies for the Arctic coastal detachments. We knew by the soundings that we were off the Mackenzie Delta, and we thought we must be close to Richards Island, where the Canada geese nest, as the air was full of honkers. They seemed so close that it was a wonder they didn't crash into the masts and rigging. The skipper, Sgt. Larsen, decided to wait for the

fog to lift, so we anchored and I had the anchor watch.

Our foodstuffs were well over a year old, and I thought a nice goose would go down well for dinner. I got out my old shotgun and climbed to the lookout barrel on the mainmast, about 50 feet above the deck, and waited for a chance to shoot. I soon heard some honkers flying over and followed the sound with my shotgun; when they came abreast I fired. Something came swishing down and landed on the forecastle deck, but it wasn't a goose! What I had shot was a little Arctic fox, which had been chasing the geese along the top of the fog. Unfortunately, his fur wasn't any good at that time of the year.

*submitted by ex-Cst. Derek Parkes*

# Icebreaker Henry Larsen Launched

by Stephen Rybak, Transport Canada, Vancouver, B.C.

The Canadian Coast Guard's third largest icebreaker, the Henry Larsen, was launched on January 3, 1987, during christening ceremonies at Vancouver, B.C. The new icebreaker is named after the late Supt. Larsen, and was christened by Mrs. Mary Larsen.

Deputy Prime Minister Don Mazankowski attended the launching ceremony on behalf of Transport Minister John Crosbie. "Henry Larsen was one of the great Arctic pioneers who was instrumental in opening new waterways for navigation in Canadian Arctic Waters," said Mr. Mazankowski. "In naming this vessel after Henry Larsen, the Coast Guard carries on a tradition of commemorating the feats of Arctic explorers such as Franklin and Radis-

son, after whom other icebreakers are named."

The latest addition to the Canadian Coast Guard will begin service in July and will be based in Dartmouth, N.S. The Henry Larsen will operate in the eastern Arctic during the summer months and in the waters off the East Coast during the winter.

The Henry Larsen was built by Versatile Pacific (formerly Burrard Dry Dock Co., the builder of the St. Roch). The bow and stern units were made at Versatile Pacific's Victoria shipyard and barged to North Vancouver.

Three medium speed diesel engines provide the twin-screw icebreaker with 12,000 kw of shaft power and a cruising speed of 13.5 knots.

**Mrs. Mary Larsen christened the new Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker Henry Larsen before it slipped down the ways, at Versatile Pacific's North Vancouver shipyard, January 3, 1987.**





The Henry Larsen (above) slipping down the ways into Vancouver harbour and (below) sitting proudly with tugboat and barge escorts.

Photos by Cpl. Bob Hunter.



The vessel has a beam of 19.7 m and draws 7.2 m.

An air bubbler system has been installed on the 8,200 tonne Henry Larsen to facilitate manoeuvrability and icebreaking. The ship will carry a complement of approximately 60. It will carry a helicopter and has a

cruising range of 15,000 nautical miles.

The \$92 million Henry Larsen will replace the Canadian Coast Guard Ship Labrador, the oldest Canadian icebreaker in operation. Captain Steve Gomes, of Dartmouth, is commanding officer designate. ■



Members and RCMP veterans participating at the launching of the Henry Larsen (L-R): Sgt. W. A. Van de Braak, Mr. Frank N. O'Brien, Vancouver Veterans' Association, Mr. Joe Olsen, former member St. Roch crew, Cst. A. Lamb.

**THANKS DAD** The following note was inserted into a Christmas card from a new constable to his NCO father.

"I begin by wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanks to you Dad, this year has been my best one by far. Your support helped me through Depot. You

also gave me the greatest joy of my life when you presented me with my badge. Nothing will surpass what I felt at that time. With your support, I have begun a new life and a beautiful career. Thank you so much!

If I haven't said before that you are the best father in the world now I am writing it. I love you."

# Telling a Tragedy

Submitted by Supt. Peter Campbell, Provincial Police Academy



## *A bereaved parent provides insight*

*Most police officers, at some point in their career, are called upon to advise a next-of-kin of the death of a loved one. None relish the task, probably because they feel inadequate to do the job. They grope for words or actions which will assist the next-of-kin in accepting the dreadful news they deliver.*

*Have officers ever wondered how they did? Have they ever wondered what the recipient of the news felt about the manner in which the message was delivered?*

*Knowing the answers to these questions should help all officers to understand the dynamics of the situation and how best to inform the next-of-kin, the next time they are asked.*

*In the following article, a mother writes of her experience when two police officers told her of the unexpected death of her son, and suggests what each officer might do to make the best of these difficult situations.*

Death should come in a graceful, dignified fashion to one who has lived a full and rich life of many, many decades. As we know, this is not often the case. Nor does death come in clean, white hospital beds surrounded by loved ones, clergy, doctors and nurses. All too often, it comes suddenly, violently and rudely. That, of course, is when the police become involved.

One of my worst fears, as a young mother, was that "something" would

happen to my children when I wasn't there to protect them. "Something" vaguely translated to accident. "Accident" became synonymous with car. Often I fantasized coming home to the police car parked in my driveway. When it actually happened, no one was more surprised than I.

The first day of spring 1977, when winter is officially over and we anticipate the warmth of summer, the flowers, the new grass and the renewal of life — was the day death entered my life and left its irreversible scars.

I drove down my quiet suburban street in mid-afternoon March 21. The street was ordinary, so calm and so quiet. School was out for March break.

My eldest child, Steven, 17, was away in Switzerland on a ski trip with a school group. My middle child, a 15-year-old girl, was enjoying a shopping day at the then new Eaton Centre and my youngest was at a movie.

I felt in complete control, my world safe, and my family well-organized. I was looking forward to a week of relaxed good times with the girls while Steven was enjoying his skiing holiday. As a bonus, he would not be driving for a week. My fear of a car accident was groundless but nonetheless real.

As I approached the house, mentally planning the evening, I saw a police car parked two doors away from my house and vaguely noticed the officers coming away from the neighbour's door. They did not return to their car but stood surveying the street and consulting a notebook.

I parked my car, reached for my parcels, locked the car door and proceeded to the side door of the house. The two officers began walking toward me. I stopped and waited.

They asked if I was Mrs. Smith. "Yes," I answered, never once wondering how they knew my name. They then asked if anyone was in the house or if I was alone. Still unsuspecting, I said my husband was home and that an electrician was working in my house.

They asked if the van in our driveway was the electrician's. When I said it was, they said there seemed to be a problem with the van licence and could they come inside.

I still don't know what made me ask them again what was wrong, but I did. Realizing I was getting upset, they decided to tell me the news right there they had been sent to deliver.

They asked if I had a son named Steven. "Oh, so that's it," I smiled. He must have gotten a speeding ticket. Relieved I said yes but he was away. It was then they said: "Your son has been killed."

"Well, that can't be true," I said. "He's out of the country and besides look, here is his car."

They remained calm and again repeated their message, all the while steering me to the door. As I unlocked the door and began to scream, my husband came running from the back of the house.

"Oh good," I remembered thinking. "He'll get mad and make them take back their words and go away."

That was not to be. We stood there staring at each other. Numbness replacing reality. All emotion draining away. No tears would come, no words could be spoken.

At one point, I remember such rage that I wanted to hurl a dish at those two officers who had destroyed my life. If I could make them leave somehow the news would not be true. But they stayed and tried to

help us to understand the events, as they had been told them, that led to our son's accidental death on a ski slope in Switzerland.

Only now, in retrospect, can I appreciate the feelings of those two officers, one young and one older and most likely a father. They tried to be helpful.

We found out that they had gone to several houses looking for a neighbour to accompany them. The facts were not accurate because the news had come via teletype from Europe, but they did have a contact we could telephone in Geneva, Switzerland.

As uncomfortable as they were, they asked if they could call a friend, a relative or a clergyman for us. They also waited until our clergyman and a close friend arrived.

Those two fine men did all they could for us. They had been well trained and well selected for the delivery of such devastating news. Only later through my involvement with Bereaved Families of Ontario did I find out that is not always the case.

Many families are not treated as compassionately as we were. All too often, the men sent to deliver the message have incomplete and inaccurate information, are in a hurry or misunderstand the reactions of the family.

I can't do anything or offer much assistance as to the verification of facts or the preparation of the officers who deliver the messages, but I hope I can help you understand the feeling of parents who are told in four words — your child is dead — that their world has crumbled.

You might interpret their silence as not caring. Silence is the inability to validate the news by speaking of it. To ask a question about details would be to admit it has happened.

You might misunderstand their anger and feel their rage is against you. This too is only misdirected anger at the turn of events that led to the death. The bearer of the news is the natural target.

You may have been told to stay and the family wishes you would leave. After all, your being there validates the news. Don't feel they want you to leave so they can get on to other things. The news is so overwhelming often the tears are frozen inside.

Some people want to be held, while others can't stop talking. Some parents want to see their dead child — some can't bear to look. All are normal and appropriate reactions.

How then, one might wonder, could a police officer help when the reactions are so diverse and the needs of families so different.

Through my own experience and in talking to parents whose experience differed from mine, I have formed these conclusions — the do's and don't's of delivering compassionate messages. They are meant to be helpful and not a criticism of present practice.

- 1. Do make certain the parent (wife, child) is not alone. Ask a neighbour, if available, to accompany you.**
- 2. Have all the facts available with you. These are very important to help families accept the news.**
- 3. Help telephone clergy, friends, relatives.**
- 4. Be prepared to stay and talk about the events leading to the death if possible.**
- 5. If the news is delivered other than at home, offer transportation home to the family.**

6. Come prepared with information about where the body is and what arrangements are to be made regarding the release of the body.
7. Be ready with information about funeral arrangements.
8. Above all, do not be afraid to show emotion. And do not fear the emotion or lack of it in the family hearing the news for the first time.
9. If you can, leave a card with your name and contact number on it. Families often have questions to ask after they have absorbed the news.
10. Repeat your message in clear words and tone.
11. Don't form opinions or be critical — eg. — "What was a four-year-old doing playing on the road anyway?" Parents feel guilty enough at surviving. No one likes to be the bearer of bad news and your position is one we don't envy.

Perhaps my personal account will help make this task less awkward. My family and I are most grateful to the two men who came to our door that awful day nine years ago. They did the best they could and helped us as much as possible.

I wish again I could thank them personally. Many times, I have thought of them and remembered their concern, their compassion and their good manners.

*The author, who wishes to remain anonymous, has become actively in-*

*olved with Bereaved Families of Ontario, an organization of families who have lost a child through death.*

*This organization is prepared to help families ease the pain of losing a child to illness, accident, murder or suicide. It is a non-denominational and does not charge a fee for services.*

*The agency offers a non-judgemental atmosphere where parents and siblings can meet in groups and talk about their feelings around the death of their child/sister/brother.*

*Families are helped to understand the feelings that evolve around grief and loss and how to deal with those feelings in an appropriate fashion.*

*Only someone who has experienced this kind of loss can truly understand and that is why all counsellors are volunteer bereaved parents who have been carefully selected and trained and are supervised by professionals.*

*Bereaved Families also feels an obligation to help educate the community about parental loss and parental grief. The director is a bereaved parent and can offer assistance to families as well as support educational programs for organizations.*

*Since the inception of the organization, an OPP officer has served as a member of the Board of Directors. The current officer is Insp. Ken Turriff, career management branch.*

*For further information or referral, please call Bereaved Families of Ontario 416-440-0290.*

# Long Island — A Family Retreat

by Sgt. D. W. Cochrane

They say time passes and doesn't leave a trace. The RCMP Camp at Long Island Locks is an exception. Located on the Rideau Canal System near Manotick, Ontario (6 miles south of Ottawa), it is a picture of serenity and quality family camping for members and ex-members of the Force and their families.

In 1986, we celebrated the 45th anniversary of the camp's inception on August 29, 1941 (see Quarterly, Vol. 43 No. 3), and are looking forward to another 45 years of happy family summer fun.

The camp consists of 50 trailer sites (anyone from outside Ottawa is guaranteed a spot) and 12 cabins, with 2 new cabins proposed in the

near future, as a result of the recent acquisition of a parcel of land adjoining the camp. In the last few years, a new canteen has been constructed, updated docking facilities for small and large boats have been added, and the children's playground has been expanded, at a cost of several thousand dollars. Other improvements include new interlocking brick around the swimming and wading pools, resurfacing of the tennis courts, and installation of new refrigerators in the main building for use by the cabin occupants. Also, the recently acquired sound system keeps things happening for the Saturday night dances in the main hall.

The staff of the camp provide daily



The main entrance to Long Island Summer Camp.



Some of the "regulars" at the new canteen at Long Island.

swimming lessons for the children, and regular Friday feature movies and bingo games. Camp participants regularly help in the organizing and preparation of special activities starting with the opening day ceremonies in June until the closing activities on Labour Day weekend. Special dinners and dances are held throughout the summer and are very enjoyable and entertaining.

There is no lack of things to do. The ball field, tennis courts, playground and swimming pools are used constantly, as well as row boats provided by the camp for members' use, and there is always someone water-skiing or fishing on a hot summer day.

There is nothing more relaxing than lying back under a big willow

A sampling of some of the new playground equipment at the camp.





Christmas in July around a Long Island campfire is one of many summer fun activities.

tree with a favorite refreshment on a hot summer day, not having to worry about where your children are or what they are doing, and enjoying the array of pleasure craft plying the waters of the Rideau Canal System.

The days are brought to a close with a camp fire, where stories of all

shapes and sizes abound as members renew acquaintances and reminisce while consuming quantities of hot dogs and marshmallows.

The RCMP Summer Camp is your camp. See you all there next summer. ■

**Sgt. Bob Lucci serves up his famous Long Island spaghetti dinner.**

Photos by Sgt. D. W. Cochrane.



# Getting Lost Pays Off

by S/Sgt. R. B. Scott

The town of Stewiacke, Colchester Co., Nova Scotia, is a small rural hamlet situated just off Highway 102 between the city of Halifax and the town of Truro. One of Stewiacke's attractive facilities is a Colonel Saunders Kentucky Fried Chicken establishment.

At approximately 11:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, 1985, a complaint was received by members of the local detachment that the fried chicken outlet was in the process of being robbed by two fellows. Although our on-duty members were not that great a distance from the outlet, by the time they got there, the culprits had departed with a considerable amount of cash and, according to witnesses, had headed north in a car on Highway 102 towards Truro. Apparently the car had no rear licence plate and the rear taillights were not functioning.

Descriptions of the culprits and the vehicle were fanned out to all neighbouring detachments, highway patrols and municipal police forces. Pursuit by this method, however, failed to intercept the vehicle or individuals responsible. An intensive investigation was immediately initiated by members of Stewiacke Detachment, ably assisted by our Sub-Division G.I.S. personnel. Enquiries led our investigators to the Dartmouth, Halifax and Lower Sackville areas, as similar eating establishments in those places had been robbed. A number of good suspects surfaced, but no concrete evidence came to light to really tie any of the culprits in with the robbery.

An employee who had witnessed the robbery, thought that even though the robbers were masked, he perhaps could identify one of them because of his long wavy blonde hair. He also thought that he could recognize their vehicle. With this in mind, one of the investigators accompanied by the witness travelled to the metro area to review the "mug" books held at the Halifax and Dartmouth City Police Forces. Unfortunately, the witness was unable to make any identification from reviewing these photos, thus he and our member decided to return to Stewiacke. Both the member and the witness were very unfamiliar with the city of Dartmouth and in endeavouring to leave the city they became lost on the downtown streets. As they were trying to orient themselves, they stopped at a stop sign. Approaching from the oncoming direction was a vehicle of similar description to the suspect one. As the two cars passed each other the witness observed the driver of the car and immediately identified him as bearing an excellent resemblance to one of the suspects in the robbery. The license plate number was recorded. By the time the police car was turned around to give chase, however, the vehicle had become lost in the traffic. The registration number of the vehicle was traced to a residence in Dartmouth and with the excellent cooperation of the Dartmouth City Police, the identification and apprehension of the culprit was accomplished. Through talking with him, the identity of his accomplice was established and warned

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## Case Closed "48 Hours — The Weak Link"

by Cpl. R. J. B. Wylie

It was about 5:30 p.m. on February 16, 1982. The owner of Wallace Jewellers in Chilliwack, British Columbia had had a relatively slow day and was preparing to close. A lone male entered the store. He was wearing a jogging suit, sunglasses, and carrying a sports bag. He was using a crutch to assist him in walking and had two small bandages affixed to different places on his face. The sales clerk approached him and offered her assistance while the jeweller continued to carry his more valuable merchandise to the rear of the store to be placed in the safe overnight. The male placed his bag on the glass display counter and engaged in small talk with the clerk. When she asked him about his apparent injuries, he reported that he had been involved in a skiing accident several days earlier in another part of the province. As they spoke, he reached into his bag and withdrew a sawed-off rifle. The suspect departed a short time later carrying approximately \$200,000 in cash and merchandise.

The police investigation that followed failed to lead to an arrest. However, publication of the details of the offence in the usual police intelligence circles led to the discovery of other occurrences which appeared to have been committed by the same individual. On February 17, 1981, Vancouver City Police investigated a robbery at Carat Jewellers, where the lone suspect escaped with over \$100,000 in jewellery. International Gems in Kelowna was robbed of approximately \$125,000 on March 20,

1981, and Peoples Jewellers in Lethbridge, Alberta, of \$50,000 on April 14. In each of these cases, the lone male suspect was approximately the same in stature. More importantly, the suspect in each robbery had one or more bandages on his face. Despite the individual efforts of each investigational body and the subsequent discovery of the links between all of these offences, no significant progress was made toward solving them.

At 10:30 p.m. on July 18, 1982, two uniformed members of the Delta Municipal Police Department were dispatched to the ferry terminal at Tsawwassen to investigate the presence of an apparent mentally disturbed person. Upon arrival, they were directed to a male who was walking around in the parking lot adjacent to the car loading dock. They learned from him that he had driven his car onto the ferry enroute to Vancouver Island. While waiting for the ferry to depart, he became obsessed with messages from the devil, he told the officers. These messages had caused him to leave his car and walk off the ferry. Due to this individual's strange behaviour and utterances, he was arrested under the provisions of the Mental Health Act. He was returned to the cells at the Delta office for examination by a doctor. Over the next several hours in police custody, the individual claimed responsibility for a number of robberies and the murder of a friend. However, his ravings were very erratic, vague in detail, and in-

terspaced with the suspect's feelings that the devil had possessed him. The arresting officers eventually called the Chilliwack RCMP Detachment to attempt to relate some of the information being uttered by their suspect to actual offences that may have been committed in the past. The murder he claimed to have committed in Chilliwack did not appear to correspond to anything outstanding. However, the robbery he disclosed details of appeared to relate to one which had occurred several months earlier at Wallace Jewellers.

Two investigators from Chilliwack went to Delta the next day to conduct a further investigation. They were fully briefed upon arrival of all the comments the suspect had made since being arrested the previous evening. Based on what they learned from the Delta officers, the suspect was arrested for the robbery at Wallace Jewellers and escorted back to Chilliwack to allow further investigation into possible connection of the suspect to that offence, or any other offences in their jurisdiction. During the 48 hours that followed, the suspect was very co-operative. This amicable mood, the investigators learned later, was out of character.

The suspect was originally from Drumheller, Alberta, the son of a Justice of the Peace. As he grew up, he had been suspected by many police departments in that province of committing a number of offences, primarily break-ins and safe attacks. However, he had managed to carry out his criminal activities undetected for the most part, and when attempts were made to interview him about unsolved crimes, he flatly rejected such overtures. In October, 1976, he and an associate were apprehended trying to break into a fur store in Lethbridge. He was released on bail pending trial. He was eventually convicted and given a four year jail sent-

ence. He remained in custody until 1980, and for the next couple of years maintained no permanent address, as he roamed through Alberta and British Columbia. During that period of time, he was stopped only once by police on a routine traffic matter.

In the interviews by the Chilliwack investigators that following his arrest, the suspect recounted a long list of offences he had committed prior to going to jail in 1977 on the Lethbridge charge, and since being released from custody in 1980. For the most part, especially after being released from jail, he committed the crimes solo. Chilliwack was a popular target for his criminal activities but other parts of the province and Alberta were also victimized. He admitted responsibility for all the jewellery store robberies to which he had been linked after the Wallace Jewellery store robbery occurred. In addition, he added a fourth robbery to the list, that occurred in Calgary during August, 1981. He also claimed responsibility for a number of break-ins to other jewellery stores, many of which included successful safe attacks. In total, these attacks on jewellery stores netted him in excess of \$1 million.

Gun stores were another popular target for his exploits. Several hundred handguns were stolen during break-ins he committed in Kamloops, Nelson and Lethbridge. Two bank robberies in Chilliwack at the same bank, two years apart, were also his doing. The second incident occurred in January, 1977, while he was out on bail for the attempted break-in at Lethbridge. The bank manager grabbed him from the rear in an effort to disarm him and foil the robbery. This effort failed and resulted in the manager being shot four times. The suspect believed that he had killed his victim. He was only informed otherwise during the post-arrest inter-

views in Chilliwack. An emergency operation within hours of the shooting had saved the manager's life, although he did suffer some critical times for several days afterwards.

In 1975, after serving some time in prison in British Columbia, the suspect moved into rental accommodations with a fellow con he had met while in jail. Both were unemployed and spent most of their time drinking in Vancouver skid road beer parlours. While the suspect supported himself by crime, his friend did nothing, and was continually borrowing money. The suspect's constant money supply worried his friend and led him to believe that perhaps he had become a police informant.

Coupled with his concerns about the suspect's money sources was the stepped up city police surveillance of an associate they both knew was active in the drug scene. The friend began to voice his concerns to their other associates in the bar, which angered the suspect. This anger grew more intense as more money was loaned without repayment. The suspect decided to remedy the situation permanently by murdering his friend. He persuaded his friend to accompany him to Chilliwack, supposedly to break into a post office near the Armed Forces base there. Their target would be money orders in that office. The suspect convinced his friend there would be more than the usual amount because members of the Armed Forces used them regularly to send money home. They drove to Chilliwack in the suspect's car; upon arrival they went to a local beer parlour to drink and await darkness. This was all part of the suspect's plan. Consumption of beer, he believed, would cause both to have to stop to urinate after leaving the bar, which would afford him the opportunity to commit the murder.

They left the beer parlour later that evening and pulled off on a side road as planned. The friend got out of the car and the suspect did likewise, removing a hammer from under the driver's seat. The suspect walked around the car to where his friend was standing with his back to the roadway. As his friend turned to face him, the suspect raised the hammer and struck him several times in the head with it, killing him instantly.

Before placing the body in the trunk of the car, the suspect noticed a vehicle approaching. Thinking quickly, he went to the front of his car and lifted the hood. The approaching vehicle, a pick-up truck, slowed and stopped on the roadway beside his car. The suspect walked over to the passenger side and looked inside. There were three passengers in the truck — an older male driver, a female passenger and a young child. They offered assistance, but the suspect told them his car had just overheated. The driver pointed to his house further down the road and offered the use of his telephone should the suspect require it later; the truck then drove off.

After placing his friend's body in the trunk of the car, he drove off, returning to the freeway. He drove further east and left the highway on a dirt road near the eastern boundary of Chilliwack, intent on disposing of the body in a remote area of the woods along the road. Choosing a suitable spot, he removed the body from the trunk of the car and carried it into the woods. Before disposing of it, he removed all articles of identification, including the false teeth. He also stabbed the body numerous times to ensure no life remained. On the return drive to Vancouver, the suspect disposed of the teeth by throwing them from a highway bridge into the Fraser River.

In 1977, while digging a ditch to repair a clogged water line near his Chilliwack bible camp, a minister discovered a leather jacket, sweater, shirt and a single bone lying in the bush near the camp. The police were called to investigate. The ground search that followed in the next few days recovered other bones including a skull. These were all forwarded to the Crime Laboratory in Vancouver for examination, and with the assistance of an anthropologist from Simon Fraser University, the investigators were told they were of human origin. The skull had three holes in it, which the examiners felt had been caused by blows to the head with a heavy object immediately before or after death. Subsequent investigation failed to identify the victim and the investigation came to a halt a year or so later when no further leads surfaced.

The most serious crime included in the suspect's confessions, was the murder of his friend. Since the murder was committed in 1975 and the remains discovered in 1977, nothing of value surfaced to assist in the identification of the victim. The suspect had done a good job removing anything that would help to accomplish this. The victim's background aided the suspect's concealment of the crime as well. He had been adopted by his grandparents at birth and they were both dead. His natural mother, having given up her illegitimate child at birth, had lost interest and track of him. He was on parole at the time of his death, and when he failed to meet the reporting requirements, a warrant was issued for his arrest. No one made an effort to execute the warrant, nor did anyone initiate an investigation into his abrupt disappearance. The arrest warrant remained outstanding for approximately two years, until his full sentence had expired and it was withdrawn.

After some difficulty associating a real individual to the victim as described by the suspect, the Chilliwack investigators had to satisfy themselves, and later a court of law, that the remains located in 1977 were in fact those of the suspect's 1975 murder victim. On the second day of interviews, the suspect was shown two photographic line-ups. One contained a photograph of the victim sporting a beard and the other without. The suspect identified the victim in the second line-up as his murder victim. Such an identification satisfied the prosecutor and he laid a murder charge against the suspect. However, in preparation for the trial, the investigators sought further assistance from the anthropologist who had examined the remains upon their initial discovery in 1977. The anthropologist was given past police photographs and prison medical records of the victim to aid him in his deliberations. He was later able to testify that his examination had found enough similar characteristics in these two sources to provide an 80% certainty that the remains were the victim's. His thoroughness so impressed the court, that at the conclusion of the murder trial and prior to the judge's address, the defence made the identification of the victim a non-issue for the jury's consideration.

The driver of the pick-up truck, who stopped to offer the suspect assistance shortly after he had committed the murder, was located. He still lived in the same house. More importantly, the female passenger, his daughter, was also located. She recalled the incident and furthermore, that as they drove away, she had noticed what appeared to be a person lying on the shoulder of the road on the far side of the suspect's car. She had mentioned this observation to her father at the time, but they both concluded that it was probably the motorist's intoxicated friend.

No further mention of this was made until prompted by the police interviews years later.

As unexpectedly as the suspect started talking to police, he stopped. Two days after his arrest, the suspect became very uncooperative and rebuffed all further interview attempts. He returned to the anti-authoritative demeanour common during his previous encounters with the police. During the subsequent trials, this attitude change became the focus of attention. The defence did not belabour the truthfulness of the confession. Instead, defence lawyers focused their arguments on the suspect's apparent state of mind when he provided the statement. By his own admissions, the suspect was a cocaine user. During his trial testimony, he claimed to have consumed large quantities of the drug on the days preceding his arrest. Deprived of the drug after his arrest, he was suffering from drug withdrawal, or as it was referred to in the evidence, the suspect was experiencing cocaine psychosis. This psychosis, the defence claimed, caused him to lose control over what he was saying. They asked each judge to rule the statement a product of an inoperative mind, and therefore, inadmissible. In each case, the court ruled against the defence. The judges claimed that the statement contained too many minute details of the crimes, and that in their opinion, the suspect was more than aware of what he was doing when interviewed by the police. In fact, one or more of the judges commented that in their opinions the suspect demonstrated above-average intelligence and recall.

The only stolen item recovered from the crimes committed by this individual was a ring he was wearing at the time of his arrest. It had been taken during his last known offence, the robbery at Wallace Jewellers in

Chilliwack. Throughout his confessions, the suspect did not implicate anyone else in his crimes. Working for the most part as a loner, the only conceivable person who could have provided information which may have led to his arrest, would have been the person who disposed of his stolen property. Perhaps he recognized the loyalty this person showed him over the years and returned the favour by not exposing him or her. He may also have felt that if convicted and sent to jail, he did not wish to carry a label of informer with him.

The suspect was convinced by British Columbia juries, in separate trials, of first degree murder, the attempted murder of the bank manager, two bank robberies, and two jewellery store robberies in Vancouver. He was sentenced to life imprisonment, without eligibility for parole for at least 25 years, for the murder. The other convictions resulted in lengthy jail terms concurrent to the life sentence. The other matters in the province and those in Alberta were withdrawn, as it was the opinion of the Attorneys General that further expense to conduct such prosecutions would not be justified.

The judges in the various trials made some interesting comments about the investigation conducted into those matters. One was impressed with the effort the investigators had gone to, to provide as much corroboration as possible for the suspect's confession. These efforts helped the Crown prepare for all eventualities that might, and often did, arise during the trials. For example, during his testimony the suspect claimed he hadn't actually committed the murder but had read about the discovery of the remains in the newspaper. Research by the investigators in preparation for the trial had demonstrated that the articles in the

newspaper in 1977, shortly after the discovery was made, had been very sketchy. The evidence given by the anthropologist and the use of a photographic line-up in a reverse role (i.e. to identify a victim versus a suspect) also precipitated comments. One judge stated that policemen must take an accused as found, and not make judgement as to the suspect's competency, mental or otherwise. He believes that it is up to the courts to determine competency, and therefore, they must be afforded every opportunity to do so. A tape recorded statement, as was presented in this case, gives the court the opportunity to hear the interview verbatim in its entirety. When it is not recorded or provided in its complete form, the court must depend on the policeman's interpretation and recollection of the content, which could be unreliable.

Why did the suspect confess? Perhaps we will never know for certain. Two possible theories exist. The suspect was obviously suffering from depression when arrested, probably attributable to drug abuse on the days prior to his arrest. This condition was augmented by the lack of recognition he had received for what he appeared to believe were substantial crimes. Whatever his reasons, they appeared to have evaporated after two days in custody. This change in attitude was evident by his abrupt silence and efforts in subsequent trials to gain acquittals of the charges he faced. Without the 48 hours of co-operation, these crimes would probably have remained unsolved. In addition, this clever criminal, with a demonstrated potential for violence, would most likely be still at large, committing similar crimes. ■

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## Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor:

Any collector of police patches, badges, caps, helmets, or other police paraphernalia who wishes to correspond with a police officer with the Bavarian County Police Department in Kempten, West Germany, may write:

Thomas Gansert  
8960 Kempten  
Aybuehlweg 12  
West Germany

Mr. Gansert has been a police officer for 6 years, and will correspond in German or English. ■

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## Getting Lost Pays Off

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statements were obtained admitting to this robbery and two others.

The ages of the two individuals classified them as young offenders. They both came from good homes, had no criminal record and were certainly not

under any suspicion for armed robbery. It is highly unlikely that they would have been apprehended had our member and his witnesses not become lost while trying to get out of Dartmouth. ■

# The Royal Canadian Mounted Police "Servants of the Public": an Archival Matter

by Pierrette Woods

## Origins

From the very beginning in 1873, every aspect of the work performed by Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers is well recorded. Many famous cases have been published. Numerous books have been written concerning historical events in which the Force participated, such as the Riel Rebellion, royal visits, the Olympics and many others. Along with the good work, there is also a lot of criticism of the Force by the news media. However, there is a side of this organization which many people are never exposed to — the human nature of the work performed.

From the origins of the Force in the Northwest Territories, the federal policeman was sometimes the only contact with the rest of the country. In such a vast expanse of land and water, transportation was a difficult venture in climatic conditions which often caused serious problems. Communication between Indian and Eskimo settlements and other parts of the country was virtually nil. Therefore, the North-West Mounted Police officer was usually the only outsider in contact with these people. Services other than police work became a daily routine matter. While on patrol, the policeman became a customs collector, a mail courier, an Indian agent, a census taker, an electoral return officer and a first-aid administrator. These officers were called upon to corral wild stallions, record vital statistics, control the spread of contagious diseases, control prairie fires,

award contracts for mail services and compile meteorological records. Many times, the police barracks were used as a post-office; jail terms were served in guardrooms, and detachments were used as prisons. Today, the policeman is still called upon to render services beyond the call of duty, such as addressing service groups, school patrols, Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, appearing in red serge at social functions and many others. These happenings are often taken for granted by the population, but to the officer it is part of a day's work.

## A Case Study

On May 8, 1925, Mr. Arthur Gibson, Dominion Entomologist with the Federal Department of Agriculture, wrote a letter to the Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police asking if arrangements could be worked out between the two departments for the collection of insects in the far north. At that time, transportation from Ottawa to those northern locations was very slow and difficult. Travelling was usually done by dog sled and canoe (often requiring portages). Various species of insects are representative of certain regions. Their breeding habits are varied and often seasonal. Many of these insects live for only a few days, therefore, timing was a major concern. Mr. Gibson went on to explain that the Mounted Police might be the best solution to their problem. While out on patrol, the policeman could

collect the insects with equipment supplied by the Department of Agriculture and place them in containers designed for preservation and later ship them back to Ottawa. The Commissioner then solicited the cooperation of members stationed in the north and on a voluntary basis, collecting insects started. This service lasted into the 1950s.

A check with Agriculture Canada revealed that these insects became part of the National Insect Collection and they are still being used in research by scientists in entomology. This service may seem insignificant to many people, but when one examines the importance of these insects to the entomologists and the National Insect Collection, it is evident that there is a social value in these records, and that the service offered was an essential one.

### **A Link with the Country — Lost History**

The role of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer as a "Servant of the Public" is reflected in the performance of the daily functions dating back to the origins of the Force. As stated previously, the policeman was often the only link between posts in the far north and the rest of the country. However, many people are not aware that these services existed and often are still available today. There is a wealth of information documented in the Force's records.

With early records management practices being what they were, no set procedures were established, and archival programs were not developed to enable the retrieval of this information. Records which were thought to be of historical value or of value to researchers were simply filed away in a corner of the file room for someone to do something about "one of those days." Very often the caption of the records

would not reflect the content of the files, and in order to retrieve a particular file, one would have to know the exact title and do an index check to obtain the file number. Many of the services offered by the Force are not known simply because the information is not easily retrievable and, therefore, is lost to the Canadian public. Services such as the collection of rare insects will never be made known unless a sound archival program is enacted and measures are taken to preserve this valuable information.

### **The Establishment of an Archival Program**

The Force has always strived to maintain a good records system which is structured in a way to meet the needs of its users and at the same time allows for disposition of material after its retention period. Inactive files were reviewed, and if judged to be insignificant, they were destroyed by central registry staff. Historical files were simply stored on the shelf for transfer to Public Archives at some point. However, with new legislation being enacted, and the need for information by the population, it soon became apparent that a more structured method of disposing of these records was urgently needed.

In 1977, the RCMP created its own Archives Unit. The main functions of this unit are to store inactive records, destroy records of no value, preserve records of an historical nature and offer a research service. Retrievability of this information was a major concern. If records are going to be useful to researchers and historians, it is necessary to design a system which will allow for easy access. Records Management took a good look at the type of information contained in these holdings and from that, an historical index was developed. It was evident that this information could

be separated into three categories: names, subjects and geographical locations. When a record is analysed for disposition and subsequently declared historical, it is then carded in every possible way that this type of information could be requested. This information would be indexed and cross-indexed. This also allows grouping all other records dealing with the same subject. For example, records dealing with advertisement would be indexed together, so that if a researcher is looking for information on advertisement in the RCMP, records on recruitment as well as records on public relations and many other subjects dealing with advertisement would surface. The same principle applies to names and locations. Many times, requests come in for records dealing with a certain region of the country. With the historical index, we are able to group information by names, subjects and locations, and present a good selection of records with one common denominator.

In order to make the historical index as functional as possible, it was necessary to include certain information on the index cards. The name or subject, address or place of offence where applicable, any available identifying data such as date and place of birth, racial origin, fingerprint number would be typed on the cards. A brief summary of the file content would also be on the cards. This summary would allow the person requesting records to know at a glance if this is the type of record being sought. Since the historical index groups numerous records with one common denominator, the summaries allow for the selection of a wide variety of different types of records, with the option of requesting only those of interest without physically drawing all the files.

In establishing an archival program, the physical aspect of the re-

ords was also considered. In analysing records, the general archival principles of "provenance" and "respect de fond" must be maintained. Records are arranged according to the source from which they come and in the order in which they were arranged at that source. Care must be taken to preserve original covers, pictures, maps and irreplaceable documents. By looking back in the history of records, the evolution of time becomes very evident. The type of paper used, the pages written in longhand by hired writers, the changing characters of the typewriters, the color and different finishes on pictures, the quality of the photocopier and the introduction of computers are all documented. These historical facts must be captured in our archival program. It is also interesting to see the evolution of RCMP transportation from the use of animals to motorized vehicles and eventually the airplane.

In the final stages, the archival program would not be complete if it did not ensure that these records are preserved under controlled conditions and made accessible to the public. As a result, retention periods are constantly updated and submitted to the Dominion Archivist for approval. Records are scheduled for disposition on a regular basis. Every day, records are channelled through the archival analysts and analysed for final disposition. Records are then destroyed or declared historical. As part of our program, and in compliance with records management policy, historical records are transferred to the Public Archives of Canada.

### **The Formation of a Task Force**

It is estimated that the Force is creating in excess of three million records a year. Keeping this figure in mind, it is evident that the disposition program is quite extensive.

Since the full archival program only started in 1977, the daily workload did not allow for addressing the backlog that existed since the beginning. In the fall of 1982, a proposal for the formation of an Archives Task Force was put forward and submitted to Treasury Board. Eighteen positions were created, and on April 5, 1983, the task of disposing of records dating back to the late 1800s was begun.

This review has permitted the RCMP to retrieve and make accessible a major portion of the early history of the Force. In a letter received from Public Archives Canada, the following was pointed out: "This accession contains several very interesting file blocks. The files on the history of the RCMP and the various western detachments promise to be a valuable source to both historians and researchers interested in local history. The training files should provide future researchers with a good grasp of the specialized training needed for police work." As a servant of the public, the police officer requires this special training today. Valuable services, precedent-setting cases, and policies were documented in those records and this information is now retrievable through the archival program and the formation of a Task Force.

### **An Adequate Training Program**

In order to achieve results from the archival program, the development of standard procedures and criteria, coupled with adequate training is a necessity. With the decentralization of records offices throughout the Force, it is essential that personnel dealing with disposition of records be able to recognize the basic administrative, legal, fiscal and information data values present in records. In order to preserve complete sets of records, it is often necessary to know the background of an event or situa-

tion, or have a good knowledge of the Force's history and classification systems. Continuous training in records management practices must become standard procedure. Records on the organization, administrative and operational policies, work performed for other agencies or departments, transactions establishing a legal status or deemed to have a general or continuing interest, unusual or important cases or events, and records representing social, economic or other conditions must be preserved.

It is a known fact that history happens in the present. In order not to be faced with the same situation which we were faced with not so long ago, we must train our employees to recognize archival material as it is being created. This process is called pre-identification of records. Anyone concerned with the preservation of archival matter can mark a file for potential historical retention when a valuable or historical fact is found on the file. This will allow the archival analysts to index the information in the historical index as soon as the file becomes inactive, transfer records to Public Archives Canada at the end of the retention period. This will also allow the department to make special provisions to preserve archival material, and the historical index will provide for a wider variety of information.

### **An Archival Program Promotes the RCMP's Work**

A continual archival program can ensure the preservation of archival material, ensure the transfer of historical records to Public Archives, and promote the many services offered by the Force. As a government agency, the main functions of the Force are law enforcement and crime prevention. Every day,

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# Air Services Planes Through The Years

## 50 Years Flying for the Force

by Daniel Hall



RCMP/GRC Pilots' wings

Apart from the human heroes and the human drama which have been integral to Air Services operations during the last 50 years. The unsung, faithful companions of our winged Mounties have been their aircraft. In March, 1921, Sgt. H. Thorne was the first RCMP member to fly back to his base, Fort Simpson, N.W.T., as a passenger on an Imperial Oil Company Junkers aircraft. The return trip took four days, compared to an eight-week trek by dog sled, escorting a prisoner from Fort Providence to Edmonton.

### First Air Patrol

Seven years later, the first official RCMP request was made for an air patrol, using an RCAF aircraft from Sioux Lookout, Ont. The trip to Fort Albany on James Bay, was to bring out an insane Indian.

In September, 1928, the services of S/Sgt. M. A. Joyce, who was a coroner, were required to investigate several deaths by starvation in the

Arctic Barrens. It was suggested that Joyce lease a plane at Baker Lake, N.W.T., but following a series of unfortunate incidents, the plan had to be abandoned.

Former Commissioner James H. MacBrien was instrumental in establishing the RCMP Aviation Section. His interest in flying and his previous involvement with the RCAF and Canadian Airways, made him a natural proponent of the fledgling RCMP airborne section. Even before its inception in April, 1937, Commissioner MacBrien made an 11,000 mile inspection tour by aircraft in a month, spending only five days on the ground.

The need to rely on RCAF aircraft and personnel ended in May, 1937, with the delivery of four de Havilland Dragonflies to the Force. The designation "MP" in the registration numbers of RCMP aircraft has been reserved by the Department of Transport since 1937. Initially, each aircraft was named for a flower, the first let-



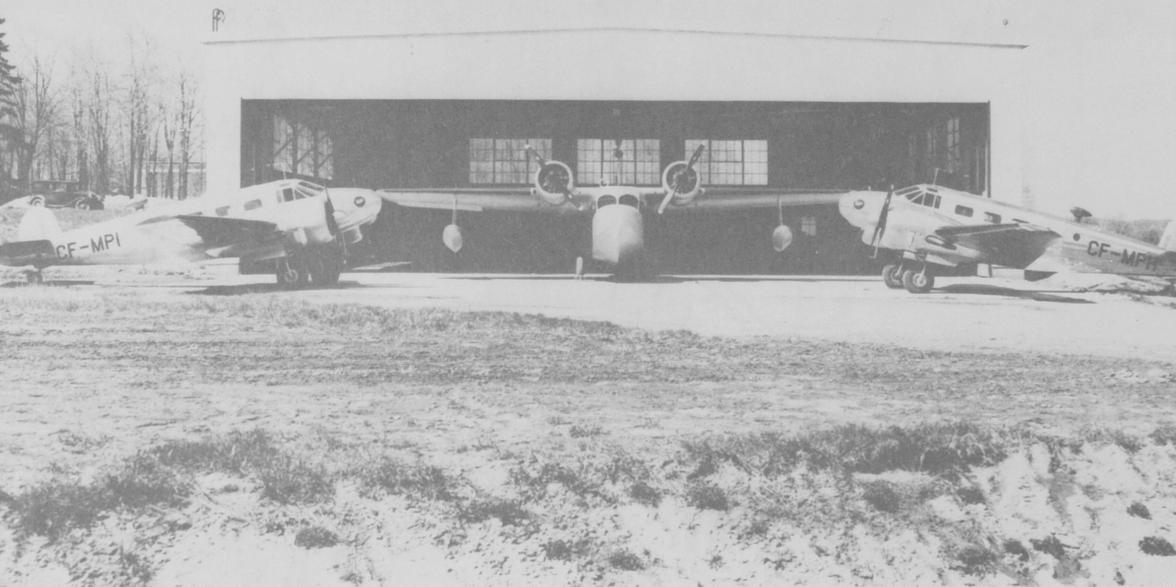
Commissioner MacBrien refuelling near Rae, N.W.T., on his inspections of northern posts in 1933. The aircraft, a Fairchild 71, was provided by the RCAF. The Commissioner covered over 11,000 miles; by conventional means of travel in the north, it would have taken several months.

ter of the flower's name being the last letter of registration. In 1947, the last registration letters were changed to represent the first letter of birds names.

Dragonfly CF-MPD was sold in 1938 and replaced by a Noorduyv Norseman for duty in the Northwest Territories. The Norseman could be equipped with floats, skis or wheels; however, since the aircraft was delivered late in the season and was float equipped, it was flown to Shediac, N.B., to provide Force pilots at the summer base with additional experience flying seaplanes.

### **New Headquarters & War Service**

Air Services' early history came to an abrupt end when operations ceased in October, 1939. All aircraft and crews assembled at the new hangar at the section's headquarters at Rockcliffe, Ontario, which had become Air Services' headquarters earlier that year. With increased patrol capabilities in the Maritimes, only one plane was required for surveillance, and Moncton would remain the summer operations base. The hangar, built during 1939, accommodated six planes, equipment and stores.



The two RCMP Beechcraft and the Grumman Goose at the Rockcliffe, Ontario headquarters, 1948.

Photos courtesy of RCMP Photo Librarian.

By New Year's, 1940, nine of the ten members of Air Section had joined the RCAF, and with them went the three Dragonflies. The only remaining aircraft, the Norseman, flown by crews on loan from the RCAF, served Canada during the war.

### Post-war History

At the end of the war, a new chapter in Air Services' history began. In March, 1946, the hangar at Rockcliffe was again prepared for aircraft, and Aviation Section resumed operation. By 1948, Aviation Section had 16 members and an Officer-in-charge.

The pilots' badge, the only distinguishing feature of the duty uniform, has the letters RCMP encircled by a wreath of maple leaves centred on extended wings of yellow silk embroidered on a blue background. The badge is worn on the left breast above any medals or ribbons, and regulations restrict its use to pilots. Because the standard of qualifica-

tions for pilots is high, members are screened carefully. In 1948, air captains were required to be competent and experienced, with 1,000 hours of flying as pilots, and to have a public transport pilot's certificate. Today, holding of a commercial pilot's licence is still required to become a flying member. Pilots must participate in regular member training and they must want to be members of the Force. Co-pilots must have similar qualifications, and although they are not required to have as much flying experience, they must be actively associated in theory with the techniques of crime detection. Engineers were selected using many of the same criteria for selecting pilots and co-pilots, although after the war, there was a scarcity of single, licensed, experienced men, so special constables were hired to fill the requirements.

Two new Beechcraft 18 aircraft CF-MPH and CF-MPI and a used Grum-

man Goose, CF-MPG, were purchased. One Beechcraft was stationed at Ottawa, until it was taken out of service in May 1970, and placed on a pedestal at Depot Division, Regina, Saskatchewan. The second as stationed at Edmonton, Alberta, until it was retired in February 1973. The Grumman Goose was stationed at Victoria, and Prince Rupert, British Columbia, after being used as a mobile detachment.

### **Anniversary Projects**

The career of S/Sgt. Don Klancher, of Kamloops, B.C., Air Detachment has evolved into a labour of love, where the Goose is concerned. Klancher is in the process of painstakingly restoring the Goose, which he is hoping to enter in the Abbotsford Air Show this summer as his contribution to Air Services' 50th Anniversary celebrations.

Klancher designed a commemorative pin for the Air Services' anniversary for sale to RCMP members and interested members of the public. The design for the pin is also being incorporated into 1987 Police Week posters.

### **"Serviceable" Aircraft Through the Years**

In 1947, a Stinson Station Wagon, CF-MPJ, was acquired. A second Norseman, CF-MPL, was brought in 1949 to replace the Falcon, CF-MPF, the former serving for 10 years, in the tradition of its predecessor, until it was traded for a de Havilland Otter, CF-MPY.

In 1949, the first DHC Beaver, CF-MPM, was purchased. This was the first Force aircraft to have warning notices stencilled on the tail section in the Cree language, to prevent damage to sensitive controls by the native people. Between 1949 and 1963, 12 de Havilland Beavers were acquired, mainly for use in northern

duty. The new generation of Beavers used by the RCMP are turbine-powered, and were first purchased in 1968.

From 1954 to 1964, nine de Havilland single engine Otters were bought, primarily for service in Northern Canada. In 1967, the first "executive" transport, a Beechcraft King Air, was purchased and used extensively for the security of royal and other state visits during Centennial year, and for transportation of senior RCMP officers and executives.

The first of 11 de Havilland twin Otters was delivered to Air Division in 1970. The twin Otter is noted for its turbine engines and short takeoff and landing (STOL) capability, so the aircraft was a versatile addition to the Force's air fleet. The latest fixed-wing acquisition, in 1986, was a Cessna 208 Caravan aircraft.

### **Leap to the Present**

Upgrading of the Force's air capability in 1971 added the first Bell 212 helicopter to the airborne division's active flying inventory. By mid-1984, 10 helicopters had been purchased for service mostly on Canada's east and west coasts.

As a result of the helicopter acquisitions, the Force had to adjust the requirements for pilots somewhat, since initially there were no qualified helicopter pilots. A minimum of 1,000 hours helicopter pilot-in-command flying time is required for helicopter applicants. Civilian pilots were hired in the beginning and given Special Constable status. No civilian fixed wing pilots have been hired under these new conditions, but requirements for pilots hired from within the Force state that applicants must be willing to convert to Special Constable.

The conversion is mandatory for new pilots, but not for pilots em-

ployed before the rule change. New fixed wing pilots are posted to "training" detachments, where they are employed as co-pilots until they have obtained the required advanced endorsements and are certified to fly the aircraft to which they are assigned. Fixed-wing pilots are also expected to obtain multi-engine instrument and float endorsements, and to qualify as senior commercial or airline transport pilots when they have the requisite experience. Helicopter pilots are appointed aircraft commanders after a short indoctrination course, and are not required to obtain the two advanced licences.

Air Services as it is known today became a Directorate on April 1, 1973. It has three divisions: Eastern, Western and Helicopter, each under the supervision of an Air Services Officer. The Eastern Division, with headquarters in Ottawa, consists of 10 detachments and a staff of 21. The Western Division, with headquarters and a staff of 6 in Edmonton, Alberta, has 11 detachments. The Helicopter Division has 7 detachments. Victoria, British Columbia, has both fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters in service. Air Services has 60 pilots, including supervisory staff, 46 engineers and 8 administrative and support staff, together with 28 aircraft and helicopters in service.

### **Air Safety Record and Fatalities**

Air Services has had an enviable safety record during its 50-year history, which is notable, considering approximately 20,000 hours of flying are logged annually by RCMP pilots. While equipment failures and age of aircraft have contributed to several crashes through the years, the

Directorate has fortunately had only five fatal crashes since its inception.

The first crash, on August 6, 1958, involving a Beaver aircraft, CF-FHW, resulted in the loss of two crew members and a regular member near Skaha Lake, south of Penticton, B.C. A second Beaver, CF-MPO, crashed on July 13, 1963, at Carmacks, Yukon, resulting in the deaths of the pilot, three regular members and a prisoner who was being transported. On September 4, 1977, the crash of a Cessna 182 at Salt Spring Island, B.C. resulted in the death of the Special Constable pilot. The only fatal helicopter accident, C-GDXB, to date occurred on December 14, 1983, near Ucluelet, B.C., resulting in the deaths of the pilot and the member in charge of Ucluelet Detachment. A third Beaver aircraft, CF-MPQ, crashed and the pilot, pilot trainee and two passengers died in an accident at Wollaston Lake, Sask., on January 8, 1986.

During Air Services' first half-century, the Directorate has been at the forefront of transportation and air policing for the RCMP. Personnel have performed such diverse duties as searching for escaped prisoners or lost persons and escorting the Royal Family on a tour of the Northwest Territories, in July, 1970, which was a proud moment for the flight crew and the RCMP. Force aircraft and crews have flown rescue missions and mercy missions to various points in Canada. Pilots and crews perform exemplary roles each time they climb behind the controls of their aircraft or helicopters, whether embarking on serious missions or transporting members on court duty. Air Services has a 50-year record of service and dedication to the RCMP and the Canadian public. ■

## Class "A" Practical Joke

It all started in early September, 1985. The main switchboard telephone rang. The voice at the other end sounded like that of a senile, dirty old man. This man was trying to get me to go over to the park and have lunch with him. He had an extra lunch and would like me to have it. "Please come and have lunch with me, I need someone to talk to, no one ever helps me," he said. Well, at this point, I conveniently cut this kook off and answered the other lines. A few minutes later, he phoned again (I don't like being rude, because you don't know when someone is really going to "flip out.") The caller chuckled. I knew then who it was — time to get back at him.

We got a plain white envelope and had one of the other members address it to RCMP H.Q. in Vancouver, so the Corporal would not recognize the handwriting, ran it under water — oops! too wet, dried it on our outdated air conditioner, stomped on it — oops! it ripped, oh well, scotch tape will do, then put it aside. Next, we typed up this letter, basically the conversation between me and the Corporal. We cut the letter after every fourth word and put all the pieces in an envelope and shook it. Next came the memo from the Inspector, the Division Intelligence Officer (unknown to him). It read: To: OIC Vancouver Integrated Intelligence Unit (VIU)/From: Division Intelligence Officer/Re: Incoming Correspondence/this envelope arrived at H.Q. mail room. It was directed to us from one of the members believed to be involved with a subversive group. Would you ensure this message is deciphered and appropriate action taken. (The "ORI-

GINAL SIGNED BY" stamp appeared where his signature was supposed to go.) Next, we advised our Staff Sergeant of what was going on and he agreed to put his comments on the memo. "Corporal I don't know what the &%\$ the D.I.O. is sending this down here for, but could you try and assemble these things and make sense out of it." Signed: A/OIC VIU.

Bear in mind, no one knew anything about this. The Staff Sergeant sent it downstairs to the Corporal. Well, he took 2½ hours to put the contents of the envelope together. Tiny beads of sweat appeared on his partially bald head. He mixed a couple of lines, but all in all it was a very good attempt. After this length of time, we decided to give him a break (also, we didn't want it to go any "higher" than our own office.) I stood to the left of the Corporal. Kristine went behind him and whispered "Do you realize... (pause) you have just put together a letter that we wrote?"

I tell you, if looks could kill... everyone was killing themselves laughing. He slowly looked up at us from this puzzle he had just finished taping together. We burst out laughing and ran upstairs, not daring to look behind us — our day of reckoning is very near...

The Inspector who was the Division Intelligence Officer, has since been transferred to the position of OIC Vancouver NCIS/VIU. He heard about what he had "supposedly" written on the memo, and asked to see the entire thing with an explanation. It was given, and he suggested we write to you.

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## Book Review

**SHOWING THE FLAG** The Mounted Police and Canadian Sovereignty in the North, 1894 - 1925 by William R. Morrison. Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, 1985. \$18.95.

Between 1894 and 1925, the Canadian government took significant steps to assert its sovereignty over the Canadian North. Lack of official presence in the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions allowed the U.S.A., Norway and Denmark to entertain claims in various regions. To forestall challenges to its dominion over the northern frontier, the government turned to the Mounted Police, who had managed the orderly development of the frontier west. In 1894, the North-West Mounted Police were sent to the Yukon where the activities of American traders and miners gave cause for concern. This was a fortunate decision because the police had a base established before the Klondike gold rush of 1898. Further east in the Arctic, the government perceived threats to its sovereignty by the uncontrolled movements of American whaling ships in Mackenzie Bay and Hudson Bay. Moreover, Norway was claiming sovereignty over the Arctic islands explored by Otto Svendrup. In 1903, two expeditions of Mounted Policemen were launched to show the flag, one under Superintendent Charles Constantine to the Mackenzie Delta, and the other under Inspector Douglas Moodie to Hudson Bay. These were the first steps in the task of extending government control over the Arctic, a task which occupied the Mounted Police for several decades.

Professor William Morrison of Brandon University knows the story of the Mounted Police in the North

better than anyone. He wrote a Ph.D. thesis on the subject in 1973, and has continued to research it since. As far as it goes, his book *Showing the Flag* is accurate, scholarly and a most valuable addition to RCMP historical literature. Previous works on the subject have been largely anecdotal, concentrating on individual Mounties, with epic tales of heroism and hardship in the harsh environment of the Arctic. Such stories were often quite true and rightly added to the RCMP legend. Professor Morrison does us the service of sketching a larger canvas of the Mounted Police role, not only in law enforcement, but also in the extension of most other public services into the northern frontier.

Professor Morrison shows us the police as the symbols of sovereignty and the agents of control of the central government. Establishing detachments ever farther north, and conducting patrols of hundreds and even thousands of miles over virgin territory demonstrated to the world that Canada insisted on its claim to the North. And besides being busy with jobs related to personal survival, the Mounted Police had government work to do. In the Yukon, a myriad of responsibilities was dumped immediately in the laps of the police with the gold rush. Besides enforcing the law, the North-West Mounted Police collected taxes and customs, protected gold, delivered mail, distributed welfare to indigent Indians, and laid down travel safety regulations. To the east, development in the Arctic came more slowly, and the police met the challenges in a similar manner but at a far less frantic pace than in the Yukon. For the most part,

the government set general policy for the work of the police and let the Force work out the details. Morrison writes appreciatively about the Force, concluding that "the police were essentially group heroes, a team in the Canadian tradition of collective heroism."

This is a good book with a basic problem which can be detected with a glance before you crack the cover; it is too slender a volume. Morrison covers the activities of the Mounted Police in the Arctic for over three decades in 180 pages of text. Inevitably, he was forced to limit treatment of important parts of the story to an inadequate summary. For instance, how the Force met the challenge of combatting crime in the Yukon in the gold rush period is a dramatic and complex tale. Literally tens of thousands of greedy, virile men determined to get rich descended on the Yukon, to be met by, at the height of its strength, a Force of just over 300 policemen. Order was maintained because the NWMP organized detachments in a flexible manner, refused to allow anyone to hurt their neighbour or deprive him of property, and allowed for human nature in regulating dancehalls and brothels. Professor Morrison devotes about seven pages to this story, enough to show he understands the question but not enough to inform the reader adequately. Similar light treatment is given the Alaska Boundary Dispute and its impact on sovereignty in the Yukon. The whole story of the NWMP's extension into the sub-Arctic regions of the North-West Territories, which directly prepared the

Force for its role further north, is left out. There is also little room for colourful stories which enliven a scholarly book, and the two maps are inadequate.

I have only one quarrel with Professor Morrison's analysis, and that concerns his criticism of the Mounted Police's treatment of Indians. He accuses the police in both the Yukon and the N.W.T. of being callous, contemptuous and paternalistic in dealing with Indians. Because some Indians appeared improvident and reluctant to support themselves, the Mounted Police resented issuing them with emergency rations and clothing. Although Professor Morrison does not clearly state his conclusion, it seems that he thinks that a more enlightened humanitarian approach by the police to Arctic Indians would have spared the latter much trauma. I believe that the Mounted Police went as far as government policy and common sense would allow, to assist the Indians to respond to the crisis of the retreating frontier. As on the Prairies, some Indians responded very well and others did not, and the reasons for this are up for speculation.

This book belongs in the collection of anyone interested in RCMP history. From it one learns, in skeleton form, how the Force came to be in the Arctic and what it accomplished over three decades. If much of the detail needs yet to be filled in, this just gives us further studies to anticipate patiently.

*by Dr. William Beahen  
RCMP Staff Historian*

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## **Class "A" Practical Joke**

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This Corporal had no idea that we were behind the "practical joke" because it looked so authentic. About a month had elapsed between the

phone call and the memo. He had forgotten about the phone call!!!

*submitted by Robyne Pullen and  
Kristine Nadeau, "E" Division*

# 1987 Musical Ride Quebec, Alberta, Northwest Territories & Atlantic Canada

## SHOW DATES

## LOCATION

Thurs. May 7 .....	Ville de La Salle, Quebec
Fri./Sat./Sun. May 29, 30, 31.	Grande Prairie, Alberta
Wed. June 3.....	Grimshaw, Alberta
Fri./Sat. June 5/6.....	Hay River, Northwest Territories
Tues./Wed. June 9/10 .....	Westlock, Alberta
Sat./Sun. June 13/14 .....	Rocky Mountain House, Alberta
Tues./Wed. June 16/17 .....	Hinton, Alberta
Sat. June 20.....	Pincher Creek, Alberta
Thurs. June 25.....	Cardston, Alberta
Sat./Sun./Mon. June 27, 28, 29.....	Ponoka, Alberta
Wed. July 1 .....	Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta
Fri. July 3 - Sun. July 12....	Calgary (Stampede) Alberta
Tues. July 14 .....	Regina, Saskatchewan
Fri./Sat. July 31/Aug. 1.....	Joliette, Quebec
Tues./Wed. Aug. 4/5.....	Antigonish, Nova Scotia
Sat. Aug. 8 .....	Baie Verte, Newfoundland
Mon. Aug. 10.....	Gander, Newfoundland
Wed. Aug. 12.....	Stephenville, Newfoundland
Sat./Sun. Aug. 15/16 .....	Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia
Wed. Aug. 19.....	Souris, Prince Edward Island
Sat./Sun. Aug. 22/23 .....	Summerside, Prince Edward Island
Tues. Aug. 25.....	Campbellton, New Brunswick
Thurs. Aug. 27.....	Perth/Andover, New Brunswick
Sun. Aug. 30 .....	Hampton, New Brunswick
Tues./Wed. Sept. 1/2 .....	Amherst, Nova Scotia
Sat./Sun./Mon. Sept. 5, 6, 7 .	Kentville, Nova Scotia
Thurs./Fri. Sept. 10/11.....	Windsor, Nova Scotia
Sun./Mon. Sept. 13/14.....	Lawrencetown, Nova Scotia
Wed./Thurs. Sept. 16/17 .....	Truro, Nova Scotia
Sat./Sun. Sept. 19/20	Chester, Nova Scotia

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## University Graduates

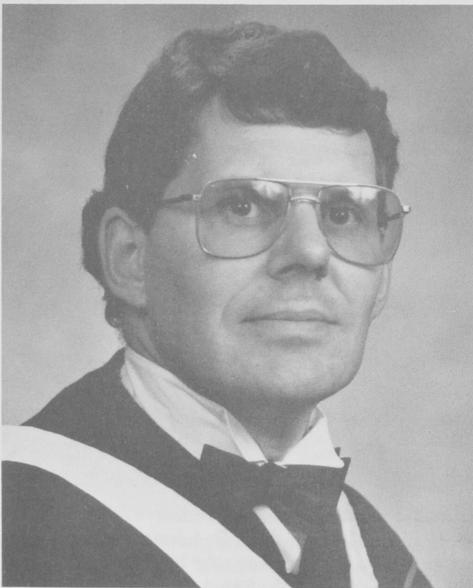
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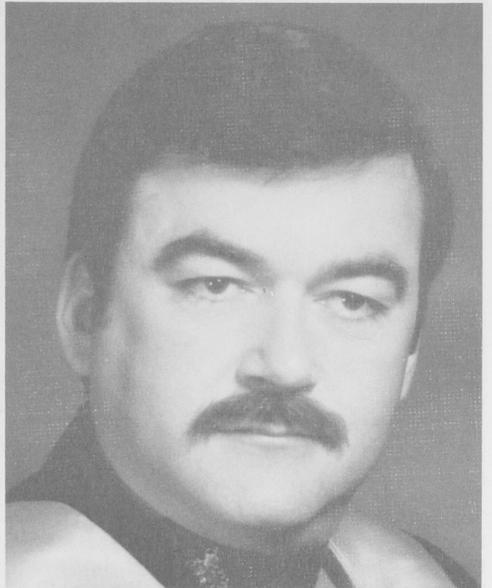
In October 1986, Insp. V. M. Casey graduated from Memorial University, St. John's, Newfoundland, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree (Police Studies) majoring in Sociology.



In October 1986, S/Sgt. R. E. Holdright graduated from Memorial University, St. John's, Newfoundland, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree (Police Studies) majoring in Sociology.



In October 1986, Cpl. S. B. Goudie graduated from the University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree with majors in Sociology and History.



In June 1986, Sgt. C. E. McLean, graduated from University of Ottawa with a Baccalaureate in Social Sciences with a major in Political Science.

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# RCMP Depot Division Graduates

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Troop 2 (1986/87) began training on May 8, 1986, and graduated on November 3, 1986. (L-R) Seated: J. M. Belliveau, J. G. A. Leblanc, S/M R. L. J. Mercier, C/Supt. J. A. D. Lagassé, Supt. L. A. Bittner, Cpl. G. L. J. Blanchet, J. G. C. Rochon. First row: S. J. O. Schroeter, T. G. Shean, J. R. A. A. Gauthier, W. R. Pierce, R. A. P. Mousseau, M. J. J. P. Bourdages, L. J. Berube. Second row: M. E. J. Dery, W. J. McBean, A. I. Waddell, M. D. O'Rielly, J. R. F. Gratton, J. J. S. Landon, S. P. G. Daley, H. E. W. Wenzel. Third row: D. J. Jolicoeur, D. P. Maludzinski, W. E. Cross, D. J. Smith, L. Vannieu-Wenhuizen, D. Zavarise, T. J. Haynes, J. P. P. F. Desrochers, C. C. Pardy.



Troop 3 (1986/87) began training on May 23, 1986, and graduated on November 17, 1986. (L-R) Seated: M. E. Fox, S/M R. L. J. Mercier, Insp. L. J. C. Phillon, C/Supt. J. A. D. Lagassé, Supt. L. A. Bittner, Cpl. J. P. Levesque, M. B. L. Savard. First row: P. L. Canaday, A. H. Wanagas, J. L. Bentley, M. B. N. R. Rouleau, N. Riemer, C. Coffill, J. J. MacKay, J. A. Steel. Second row: K. D. Cousins, H. N. Crossman, J. E. MacLean, M. C. D. Girard, U. L. Enright, C. G. Krieger, W. J. Whitelaw, S. I. Randall, S. L. Goodwin. Third row: A. J. S. Gimmer, D. H. Hauck, J. C. Harris, D. E. Frocklage, P. M. Walsh, T. L. Reycraft, M. E. Chafe, M. L. N. Roy, M. A. Christensen, S. F. Wrzosek. Missing: M. L. Bolduc.



Troop 4 (1986/87) began training on June 5, 1986, and graduated on December 1, 1986. (L-R) Seated: J. B. B. Granger, A. C. G. D'Angelo, S/M R. L. J. Mercier, Supt. L. A. Bittner, Insp. L. J. C. Pillion, Cpl. W. E. Martin, G. C. Cuzner. First row: J. C. R. Martel, D. J. Peat, P. J. Ready, K. M. Surette, J. R. Y. Chamberland, P. M. Cutting, D. J. J. Roy, A. T. Kerr. Second row: M. L. Legasickie, J. R. L. Seguin, A. B. Warner, P. J. Coughlin, J. J. N. Gaumont, D. L. Hadubiak, D. E. Rohne. Third row: G. J. E. Laplante, J. J. L. Bechard, K. W. Janes, J. J. M. Ross, B. Carrese, H. J. Laninga, C. G. V. Lerat, J. J. M. Guerin.



Troop 5 (1986/87) began training on June 6, 1986, and graduated on December 15, 1986. (L-R) Seated: A. Paoletti, S/M R. L. J. Mercier, Insp. L. J. C. Pillion, C/Supt. J. A. D. Lagassé, Supt. L. A. Bittner, Cpl. D. R. Tranquilla, E. MacIntyre. First row: G. Brown, J. Ross, A. Madore, Y. Brault, B. Einarson, M. Jeffery, M. Guilbault, M. Allard, L. Brousseau. Second row: A. Major, M. Bartley, M. Forhan, T. Lightfoot, K. Richmond, G. Veinot, D. Charbonneau, W. Newell, M. Waghorn, D. Dionne. Third row: L. Lavallée, M. Kidd, G. Girard, P. Ayotte, M. Lidstone, A. Bonhomme, J. Y. DeRoy, S. Saunders, J. Constantin, R. Walkinshaw, D. Pelletier.



Troop 6 (1986/87) began training on July 17, 1986, and graduated on January 19, 1987. (L-R) Seated: S/M R. L. J. Mercier, Supt. D. A. Pearce, C/Supt. J. A. D. Lagassé, Supt. L. A. Bittner, Cpl. S. A. Bowles. First row: J. M. Redlich, A. J. Pompeo, L. M. Keane, R. W. Karpish, C. A. Rose. Second row: J. E. F. N. Terroux, J. S. Tod, M. M. Lalonde, M. N. Ryan, S. J. Reinhart, M. D. Harvey. Third row: T. A. Baier, G. T. Annetts, J. D. Elgie, J. L. Y. Lacasse, J. P. M. S. Joseph, D. A. Stone, D. B. Dickson.



Troop G (1986/87) began training on August 19, 1986, and graduated on December 18, 1986. (L-R) Seated: Sgt. J. T. Y. Mercier, Insp. L. J. C. Pillion, C/Supt. J. A. D. Lagassé, Supt. L. A. Bittner, Cpl. R. J. Williams. First row: G. N. Chartrand, T. R. E. Sampson, L. Ladue, W. S. Wallace, W. C. A. Richards, W. R. Gauchier, G. P. Campo. Second row: G. M. Ryan, T. P. Potts, M. J. Merasty, W. R. Auger, D. E. Thomas, S. S. Dorie, B. G. Anderson, E. W. Jobson. Third row: H. C. Delaronde, P. F. J. McKay, P. R. Tourangeau, T. A. K. Bannon, K. J. Shott, G. W. Henson, C. G. McKay.



Troop H (1986/87) began training on September 11, 1986, and graduated on November 10, 1986. (L-R) Seated: S/M R. L. J. Mercier, Insp. J. L. C. Philion, C/Supt. J. A. D. Lagassé, Supt. L. A. Bittner, Cpl. W. R. Mossman. First row: L. J. Taylor, S. W. Hanley, S. W. Thompson, M. E. Walker, R. B. Maltby, P. A. Bogumil. Second row: P. J. Dalby, F. Wong, O. E. M. Hnatykiw, S. D. Robertson, B. L. E. Coulombe, J. J. Graci, R. Mahortoff. Third row: C. G. Olver, D. R. Vincent, L. W. Balcke, D. L. Carr, B. L. Andres, G. R. J. Durocher, J. A. Parent, S. J. MacDonald.



Troop I (1986/87) began training on October 10, 1986, and graduated on December 2, 1986. (L-R) Seated: S/M R. L. J. Mercier, Supt. D. A. Pearce, C/Supt. J. A. D. Lagassé, Supt. L. A. Bittner, Cpl. R. B. Cook. First row: A. Carty, J. R. Robertson, J. E. D. Lahaie, J. R. McKnight, J. P. Gingras, J. F. Charlebois. Second row: A. Chartren, G. A. Eadie, G. M. Garceau, J. P. R. Groulx, L. M. Leclair. Third row: M. C. Good, J. L. M. Poliquin, J. Y. P. Rioux, P. J. Marriott, J. G. J. Potvin, J. L. J. Paulin.



Troop J (1986/87) began training on October 16, 1986, and graduated on December 12, 1986. (L-R) Seated: S/M R. L. J. Mercier, Insp. L. J. C. Pillion, C/Supt. J. A. D. Lagassé, Supt. L. A. Bittner, Cpl. W. B. Urquhart. First row: J. R. D. Fortier, J. P. B. Boucher, S. J. M. Beaudry, J. R. S. Raymond, R. A. P. Aprile. Second row: J. F. A. M. Davidson, J. R. P. Benoit, M. J. P. R. P. Willems, J. A. A. Manibal, J. R. G. J. Madore, J. E. M. Biage. Third row: J. V. Sebastian, L. G. Dawe, J. G. V. Thompson, D. G. Kachkowsky, J. A. Y. Mercier.



Troop K (1986/87) began training on October 21, 1986, and graduated on December 17, 1986. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. P. M. Shaw, Insp. L. J. C. Pillion, C/Supt. J. A. D. Lagassé, Supt. L. A. Bittner, Sgt. J. T. Y. Mercier. First row: B. C. Wardrop, P. A. Crouch, J. B. Dimitroff, J. D. J. May, J. R. R. Vachon. Second row: G. Divito, J. C. Desforges, T. Curtain, C. B. Laplante, R. L. Allen, S. J. L. Stewart. Third row: R. Moreau, J. D. M. Gour, R. T. Michon, J. E. D. Sauvé, J. C. Soucy, W. D. S. Beiersdorfer, V. Chenard.

# Divisional Dispatches...

## HEADQUARTERS DIVISION

(Ottawa, Ontario)

**1986 REGIMENTAL DINNER** HQ Senior NCOs' Mess was honored to have as guest speaker, Mr. Thomas M. T. Niles, American Ambassador to Canada. Niles spoke on the following topics:

1. Canada-United States relations
2. Mutual interest between the Force and U.S. Law Enforcement agencies; and
3. Terrorism

Sgt. M. G. Bafia admirably responded to the Ambassador, reflecting on the association of our two countries. An appropriately engraved silver tray was presented to Mr. Niles.

The Mess was honored with the presentation of badges, suitably mounted and framed,

of the Suffolk County Police Department, Yaphank, New York, by Lieutenant R. Peterson who was a guest of S/Sgt. Bob Layfield.

### UGLY TIE AND GAUDY EARRING CONTEST

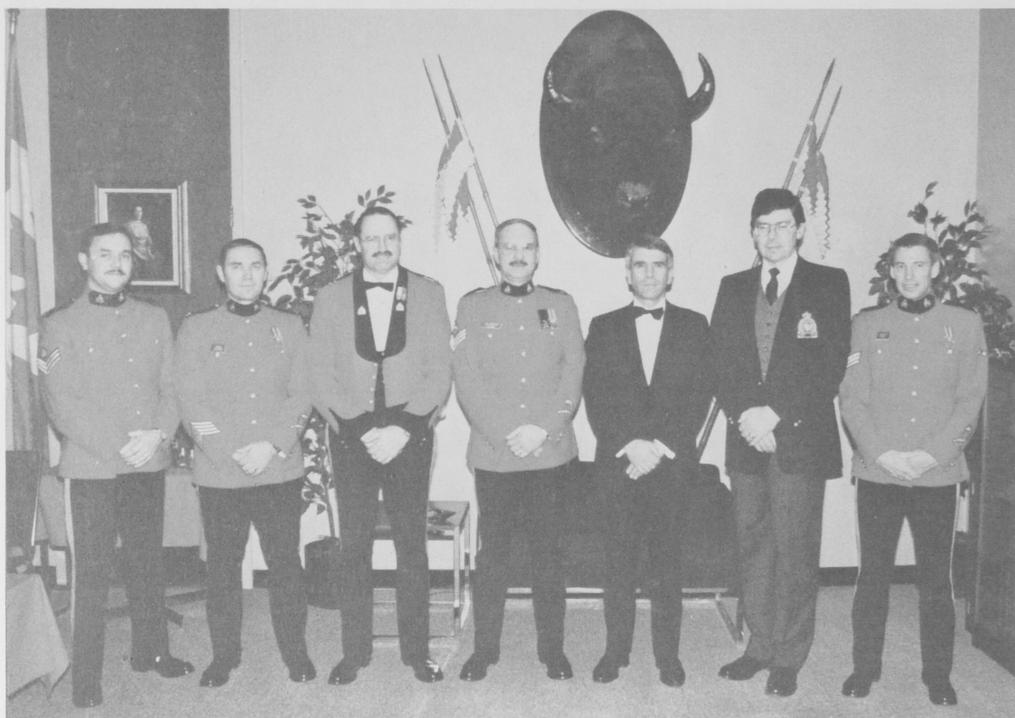
On October 17, 1986, the finals were held in HQ Division Cafeteria with proceeds going to the United Way Campaign. Judges J. J. Clarke, CJOH-TV (Ottawa); Geoff Winter, CHEZ-FM Radio (Ottawa); Assist. Commr. Phil McLellan, Director of Informatics; and, Assist. Commr. J. A. R. Roy, Commissioner's Audit Branch, awarded 1st place to Brenda Daugo "V" Directorate — earrings and G. J. Price, RCMP Band — tie. Proceeds totalled \$406.08. Winners obtained receipts for \$203.04 from the United Way as a donation.



United Way ugly tie and gaudy earring contest finalists (L-R): Cpl. Gord Price, C/M Cathy Osler, Ms. Christine Evans, Mrs. Teresa Proude, C/M Ralph Ghiozan, C/M Brenda Deugo, Sgt. Rod Smith, Ms. Lucie Faucher and Cst. Denis Roberge.



"HQ" Division Long Service Medal presentation, held at the Senior NCOs' Mess, December 2, 1986. Front row (L-R): C/Supt. J. J. E. Poirier, C/Supt. G. D. Hurry, C/Supt. N. Belanger, C/Supt. R. A. Welke, A/Commr. G. M. Allen, A/Commr. G. L. McCully, A/Commr. J. A. R. Roy, C/Supt. D. H. Mumby, Supt. W. H. Schindeler, C/Supt. J. Hoday, C/Supt. J. E. A. Yelle. Second row (L-R): Sgt. J. F. S. St-Arnaud, Sgt. J. J. M. A. Laperle, Sgt. J. H. MacIntosh, Insp. J. A. J. L'Abbé, Sgt. M. R. Foran, S/Sgt. M. B. Lemay, Sgt. M. G. Brettell, Mr. J. J. Hand, C/M M. A. Chabot, C/M J. E. V. Lalonde, Mr. G. J. A. Racine, C/M M. C. L. Vandervelden, Mrs. G. M. Malmberg, Sgt. W. K. Bower, C/M W. Radych, C/M J. W. C. McDonald. Third row (L-R): Cpl. W. W. Prior, Sgt. J. E. Kerr, Insp. J. G. J. Pelletier, Sgt. J. E. Hall, Supt. P. M. Cummins, Sgt. M. H. Schmidt, S/Sgt. H. E. Dzuba, C/M J. A. M. Renaud, S/Sgt. J. P. J. C. Charron, Mr. C. O. Morissette, Sgt. T. A. Hart, Sgt. C. G. Acker, C/M J. H. L. P. Hanson, C/M J. E. Leach, Sgt. D. M. French, Sgt. P. A. Sutherland. Top row (L-R): Insp. J. L. Comeau, Sgt. H. L. Kennedy, Sgt. L. M. Oickle.



Regimental Dinner head table (L-R): Sgt. Jerry Sloan, S/Sgt. Gord Achter, C/Supt. J. E. A. Yelle, C.O., Sgt. Sid Harrison, U.S. Ambassador Thomas Niles, Rev. Dr. Allen Churchill, Sgt. Rod Berg.



Senior NCOs' Mess President, Sgt. Sid Harrison accepts a gift from guest, Lieutenant R. Peterson, Suffolk County Police Dept., Yaphank, N.Y.

## "A" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Ottawa, Ontario)

**POLICE OLYMPICS** The first Ontario Law Enforcement Olympics were held in Ottawa, Ontario, July 17-21, 1986. Approximately 700 athletes participated in various events such as archery, badminton, golf, pistol shooting, powerlifting, 10 km road race, track and field and volley-ball. A gold medal was awarded to Sgt. Ray Elrick ("A" Div. Commercial Crime Section) in the 1500 metre masters. Elrick is a well known and respected runner, having participated in several races in the Ottawa area, and in Eastern and Western Canada. Thirty-five participants from the RCMP competed in

the Olympics and were awarded 41 medals. Congratulations to all the athletes.

**FAREWELL** On October 24, 1986, a group of friends gathered at "A" Division Headquarters to bid farewell to C/Supt. Gilles Favreau. After more than two years as the Commanding Officer, C/Supt. Favreau was transferred to "P" Directorate to become Federal Security Co-ordinator.

He is seen here, along with his wife Louise, admiring a Bateman print presented by the "A" Division employees.



## "C" DIVISION

(Headquarters, Montreal, Que.)

**BIRTH** To Reg. No. 34508, Cst. L. Cyr and his wife, Sylvie, a daughter, Frederik-Emanuelle, on December 17, 1986, at Rimouski, Quebec.

**NOSTALGIA** Indeed, it was with a lump in his throat that the Force's Commanding Officer in "C" Division, A/Commr. Jean Julien, recently visited the site of the building that, for many years, had been occupied by members of the Force. As you know, the Force's headquarters in "C" Division operated out of 4095 Ste-Catherine West in Westmount from 1949 to 1973. The regulations, at the time, required that all unmarried members live in the barracks, which were located in the headquarters building. A/Commr. Julien was one of the members who lived in one of the rooms on the third floor, as a young constable.

"4095" as it was called, was recently torn down to make way for luxury condominiums; with it went some fond memories.

**INTER-FORCE MARATHON** On September 13, 1986, QPF members on the North Shore organized a marathon from Sept-Îles and Tadoussac to Baie-Comeau.

The purpose of this race was to raise funds for cystic fibrosis. The members of the RCMP's Baie-Comeau Detachment took part in it and covered 35 kilometres. More than \$6,000 were raised as a result of this event.



A/Commissioner Julien holds a relic of 4095 Ste-Catherine St. West. The new "C" Division headquarters building is on the left in the background.

This is another fine example of the cooperation that exists between the various law enforcement agencies on Quebec's North Shore.

*submitted by Cst. Gary A. Osmond*



Race for cystic fibrosis participants (L-R): Cst. F. E. Koenig, Cpl. Y. R. Bouchard (QPF, Baie-Trinité Detachment), Cst. G. A. Osmond, Cst. R. Perron and Cpl. L. Bouchard (QPF, Baie-Comeau Detachment), Cst. J. D. M. Michaud.



How many faces from the past do you recognize? (Here's a hint...) (L-R): Cst. (Ret'd Supt.) Al Nowlan, on guitar, seated at piano?; ? on trumpet; Cst. Vic Cormier (ex-Sgt.); Cst. G. W. R. Anderson (ex-S/Sgt.); Cpl. C. A. Tompkins (ex-S/Sgt.); Insp. E. Brakefield-Moore (Ret'd. C/Supt.); Insp. W. L. Higgitt (Ret'd. Commissioner); Cst. Bud Booth (ex-Sgt.), seated.

**THE WAY WE WERE IN MONTREAL — 25 YEARS AGO** For many years, the annual Regimental Christmas Dinner and some stag parties always included entertainment contracted from outside the Force. However, this was costly, and a financial drain on the usually limited funds of the Divisional Sports and Social Club.

In the late 1950s and early 1960s, the Social Club committee and a number of regular and reserve members decided there were ample talents within the various ranks to provide their own entertainment.

As a result, and always subject to final approval by the Officer Commanding, those dedicated members wrote their own songs and skits, grouped various musical instruments, and practised faithfully for weeks on their off-duty time, and provided many a hearty laugh to all who attended those social functions. Participants included personnel from Montreal and Quebec Sub-Divisions, and on several occasions, from RCMP Headquarters, Ottawa.

Recently, I found a number of original items and photos reminiscent of those entertainment evenings, and submit them in the hope that some fond memories and laughter may still be derived from them, a quarter of a century later.

*submitted by ex-Sgt. V. P. Cormier*



Nostalgic for the "good old days" in "C" Division? Let Cst. "Bill" J. R. M. Cusson (L), ex-S/Sgt., and Cst. Vic Cormier (R), ex-S/Sgt., jig or jog your memory.

## "D" DIVISION

(Headquarters, Winnipeg, Man.)

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 29846, Cst. G. Campbell and his wife, Kathi, a daughter, Ashleigh, on December 24, 1985, at Winnipeg, Man.

To Reg. No. 35158, Cst. R. W. Brossart and his wife, Patricia, a daughter, Stacey Lynn, on June 19, 1986, at Russell, Man.

To Reg. No. 36604, Cst. T. J. Trueman and his wife, Cathy, a daughter, Jordana Arielle, on September 24, 1986, at Winnipeg, Man.

To Reg. No. 35011, Cst. T. G. Morrow and his wife, Dr. Linda Hamilton, a daughter, Devin Linda, on November 10, 1986, at Winnipeg, Man.

To Reg. No. 33789, Cst. M. Anderson and his wife, Lydia, a son, Ryan Edward, on November 22, 1986, at Brandon, Man.

**OFF TO THE RODEO** The 10th year of the Canadian Firefighters Rodeo was marked in 1986. This event is held in Virden, Manitoba. Invitations are extended to professional and volunteer fire departments in Canada and the United States. For the first time, the Virden and Wallace firefighters courteously requested a team from Virden Detachment to compete. This team was the only non-fire team to be so honoured. In the spirit of good-will and sportsmanship, a team was entered.

Competitions are held in hose relay, ladder rescue, water soccer, air tank maze drill and a traditional water brigade. The specialty event comprised of driving a fire truck through an obstacle course, laying a hose line to knock down targets, collecting all equipment and backing the fire truck through the obstacle course. All competitions are time for the final results.

This year's event consisted of 26 teams coming from the United States, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. A team from Gillam, Man., representing Manitoba Hydro Firefighters, was the eventual winner.

Free refreshments and a hamburger cookout welcomed the competitors on Friday evening, September 5, 1986. Saturday morning saw a pancake breakfast and a parade to the site of the competitions. The activities commenced Saturday afternoon and concluded Sunday evening with the trophy presentation. Saturday night saw two dances, one at the Virden arena, the other at the curling rink. A fantastic time was enjoyed by everyone.

The inexperienced Virden Detachment team met the objective of not finishing last in any event. Their placements were: 6th in the air pack; 8th in the bucket brigade and special event; 9th in the ladder rescue; 17th in water



Representing participants in the 10th Canadian Firefighters Rodeo (L-R): Mr. Norm Pappel, Virden, Man.; Cpl Sherman Allen, Depot, Regina, Sask; Fire Official from Manitoba Fire College; Constables C. S. Watt and R. L. Aubut, Virden Detachment.

soccer, and 20th in the hose relay. The biggest victory was that of a friendly wager with the Virden firefighters who bet they could defeat the RCMP team in all events. In fact the RCMP defeated the firefighters in 4 of the 6 events and will never let the firefighters live it down.

Thanks to the Virden firefighters for a terrific weekend and an added note, we will be stronger next year.

*submitted by Cpl. C. S. Watts*



The O. C. Thompson Sub-Division, members and staff of Cranberry Portage Detachment hosted an open house on August 8, 1986, to celebrate the opening of the new detachment building at Cranberry Portage. Photographed at the opening (L-R): S/S/Cst. S. Rutledge, Cst. J. N. Hirst, Cpl. D. R. Dempster, Mrs. A. Peterson, Insp. D. A. Bain, OIC, Thompson; Cst. D. B. Davidson. Absent from the photo was Cst. J. E. Brossart.



On November 21, 1986, Mrs. Jean Roszell was presented with a 25-year plaque by Inspector C. W. Follett, O.C. Brandon Sub-Division. Jean began her Public Service career in Dauphin, Man., moving to Brandon in 1971, where she has worked since at Brandon Detachment. Congratulations Jean, and best wishes for the future.

## DEPOT DIVISION

(Headquarters, Regina, Sask.)

**FAREWELL** On September 13, 1986, approximately 100 friends gathered at the Corporals' Mess to bid farewell to S/Sgt. P. R. Robertson who was retiring after 28 years in the Force. Paul began his career in "F" Division serving in North Battleford Sub-Division and as NCO i/c Southey Detachment. In 1967, he was transferred to the armoury and served in Ottawa, Ontario and Regina.

To say that Paul found his niche in the armoury is an understatement. For one thing an armourer is supposed to have a dirty shirt.

At his farewell Paul was presented with a wildlife print. Paul and his wife, Bev, are settling in the Arborfield District of Saskatchewan where he can hunt from his back porch.

Even though his expertise will be missed, his humour, helpfulness and directness will not be forgotten.

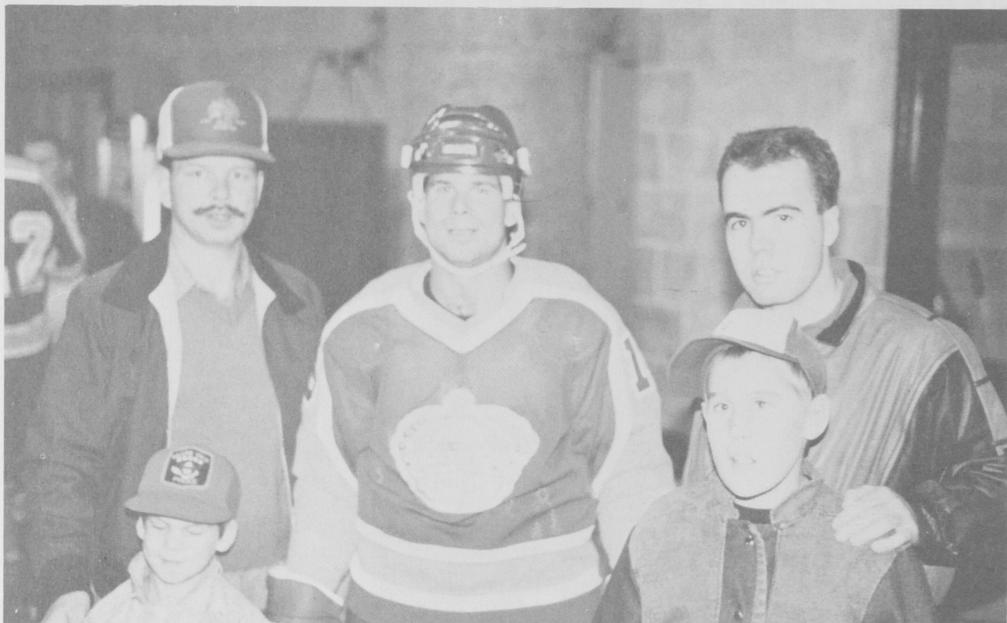
*submitted by Cpl. R. Gomes*



**S/Sgt. Paul Robertson, "Armourer to the Force", in a moment of reflection at his retirement party.**

**BIG BROTHER FOR A DAY** On Saturday, September 27, 1986, members of Troop 9, 86/87 each took a young boy affiliated with Regina Chapter, Big Brothers Association, to a hockey game between Los Angeles Kings of the National Hockey League and Team Canada, our national Olympic team, at the Agri-dome, Regina. The purpose was two-fold:

Troop 9 had the opportunity to do something for the community, and the little brothers "the opportunity to spend some time with a member of the Force." The entire evening, transportation, purchase of tickets was all organized by troop members. A good time was had by all.



**"Little Brother" Ryan Grills (right foreground), a member of the Regina Chapter of Big Brothers, with (L-R): Cpl. J. W. Nikita and son Tim; Jimmy Fox, Los Angeles Kings; Cst. F. J. M. Bidal.**

A cheque of \$150 was donated from the Depot Division Central Fund to help defray expenses for the evening. However, Troop 9 felt the money could be put to better use and in turn donated it to "The Neo-Natal Monitor for babies — Regina General Hospital" a Z99 FM radio station sponsored challenge to raise funds for the machine required by Regina General Hospital.

*submitted by Cpl. J. W. Nikite*

**SANTA CLAUS PARADE** On November 15, 1986, on a frigid but not unusual prairie winter day (-13°C, wind at 24 km/hr), the Recruit Drum and Bugle Band performed in the first Annual Regina Santa Claus Parade. The band is composed of volunteers undergoing basic training at the academy. They won 1st prize for the "best band" because of their uncommon valour to risk lip and tongue by playing their brass instruments, something other bands declined to do.



Cpl. Tom Sommerfeld (far left) accompanies the Depot Recruit Drum & Bugle Band, which braved the elements to participate in Regina's first Santa Claus Parade.

On November 1, 1986, the Force armourers at Regina, Sask. were sworn in as civilian members by the Depot Division Commanding Officer (L-R): C/Ms Bob Edwards, Tony Powaschuk and Brian Yung; C/Supt. J. A. D. Lagassé. Missing: C/M John Murray.

The Commanding Officer and staff of the RCMP Academy at Depot Division served a Christmas dinner, in the traditional spirit, to the recruits in training, on December 19, 1986. C/Supt. J. A. D. Lagassé is shown serving the first meal to the most junior member of the division, Cst. D. J. J. Plamondon.



## "E" DIVISION

(Headquarters, Vancouver, B.C.)

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 30706, Cst. Lloyd Holtzmann and his wife, Sue, sons, Mathew Lloyd, on October 11, 1982, and Ryan Barrett, on November 25, 1986, at Surrey, B.C.

To Reg. No. 29228, Cpl. R. H. Matte and his wife, Penny, a daughter, Brittney Lee, on October 28, 1986, at Smithers, B.C.

To Reg. No. 37186, Cst. Gary R. Styles and his wife, Cindy, a son, Nicholas Sean, on August 31, 1986, at Saanichton, B.C.

To Reg. No. 34712, Cst. S. R. Angel and his wife, Elizabeth Diane, a son, Stephen Lawrence, on June 12, 1986, at Vancouver, B.C.

To Reg. No. 31327, Cst. S. A. Walton and his wife, Debbie, a daughter, Aislinn Emily, on May 12, 1986, at 100 Mile House, B.C.

To Reg. No. 36041, Cst. Dan Gibbons and his wife, Valerie, a daughter, Laura Lynn, on November 30, 1986, a son, Ryan Daniel, on March 8, 1985, at Vancouver, B.C.

**MARRIAGE** Reg. No. 38263, Cst. B. D. Collins, to Jennifer C. Sirett, on August 9, 1986, at Winnipeg, Man.

**C.O. RETIRES** Deputy Commissioner T. S. Venner retired on October 25, 1986, after completing over 35 years service in the Force. In honour of the occasion, "E" Division personnel, family and friends gathered in the head-

quarters gymnasium on October 23 to wish D/Commr. and Mrs. Venner a long and happy retirement. Guests at the farewell included Mr. Robin Bourne, Ministry of the Attorney General (Police Service); Dr. Malcolm A. Matheson, B.C. Police Commission chairman, Supt. Stan Ziola, Vancouver City Police, and D/Commr. Venner's brother Mr. John Venner, Deputy Director, CSIS.

Deputy Commissioner Venner was presented with a nine-foot red cedar totem pole from the Queen Charlotte Islands. The totem was carved in 1984 by Nootka Indian carver Wesley Williams. Other mementos of the Deputy Commissioner's service in "E" Division included a B.C. flag and flags from the Vancouver headquarters complex, and a video tape of the C.O.'s last inspection of the Division Ceremonial Troop.

On the evening of October 24, retired and serving officers and their wives gathered in the Officers' Mess to pay tribute to Deputy Commissioner Venner's distinguished career in the Force. The celebration was made even more special for the Venners because their children attended, having been secretly spirited into Vancouver for the occasion.

All "E" Division personnel wish Deputy Commissioner and Mrs. Venner a long and happy retirement.

**Cpl. E. R. Dickie, Canadian Corps of Commissioners, Vancouver, presents the "E" Division headquarters complex flags to D/Commr. T. S. Venner on the occasion of his retirement.**

**Family members of D/Commr. and Mrs. Venner added a special touch by attending a retirement gathering for the Venners in "E" Division Officers' Mess.**





D/Commissioner and Mrs. Venner in a reflective moment following the presentation of retirement gifts at the farewell dinner in their honour.



Inspector M. F. O'Reilly presents an "E" Division Ceremonial Troop jacket to D/Commr. T. S. Venner after his final inspection of the Ceremonial Troop before his retirement.

**ANNUAL TOM AGAR RUN** The fifth annual Cst. Tom Agar Memorial Sea Island Fun Run was held on September 28, 1986. The Fun Run had 207 runners and four wheel chair athletes competing in 11 categories. Proceeds from the run go toward school bursaries in the B.C. Lower Mainland in memory of Cst. Tom Agar, who was shot and killed while on duty at Richmond Detachment, on September 19, 1980.

**AWARDS CEREMONY** An "E" Division Awards Ceremony was held at Vancouver headquarters, on October 3, 1986, to honour members and Public Service Employees for long and distinguished service. A highlight of the occasion was the piping in of award recipients followed by a special performance by

"E" Division's Ceremonial Troop, under the command of Inspector M. F. O'Rielly. Deputy Commissioner Venner made his last inspection of the Ceremonial Troop before his retirement.

Runners participating in the 5th annual Cst. Tom Agar Memorial Sea Island Fun Run at Richmond, B.C.

Sgt. Bob Blair, former "E" Division artist, presents his painting of the late Cst. Tom Agar to S/Sgt. Don Rowett representing the OIC Richmond Detachment. Attending the presentation (L-R): Mrs. Joyce Agar, S/Sgt. Don Rowett, Sgt. Bob Blair, Misses Isobel and Samantha Agar.



ment. Inspector O'Rielly presented Deputy Commissioner Venner and Mrs. Venner with Troop jackets to mark that event.

Deputy Commissioner Venner presented awards to "E" Division personnel. Recipients of awards were:

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| Insp. G. R. Wallace   | — Silver Clasp & Star         | — Vancouver HQ               |
| Insp. M. F. O'Rielly  | — Silver Clasp & Star         | — Victoria Sub-Division      |
| S/Sgt. D. G. Rowett   | — Silver Clasp & Star         | — Richmond Detachment        |
| S/Sgt. N. J. Medley   | — Bronze Clasp & Star         | — Vancouver HQ               |
| S/Sgt. G. F. Yard     | — Bronze Clasp & Star         | Vancouver HQ                 |
| Sgt. W. G. Bull       | — Bronze Clasp & Star         | — Surrey Detachment          |
| Ms. Nan Crawley       | — 25-year plaque              | — University Detachment      |
| Ms. Gail Stewart      | — 25-year plaque              | — Victoria Sub-Division      |
| Sgt. R. A. Brook      | — Long Service Medal          | — Vancouver HQ               |
| Sgt. C. A. Adams      | — Long Service Medal          | — Vancouver HQ               |
| Sgt. M. H. Klein      | — Long Service Medal          | — Vancouver HQ               |
| Sgt. P. E. Convey     | — Long Service Medal          | — Vancouver HQ               |
| Cpl. R. E. Doige      | — Long Service Medal          | — Richmond Detachment        |
| Cpl. R. R. McDowell   | — Long Service Medal          | — Vancouver HQ               |
| Cpl. A. R. Ellard     | — Long Service Medal          | — N. Vancouver Detachment    |
| Cpl. R. K. Ulmer      | — Long Service Medal          | — Vancouver HQ               |
| Cpl. D. B. Haynes     | — Long Service Medal          | — Coquitlam Detachment       |
| Cpl. J. A. Stott      | — Long Service Medal          | — Maple Ridge Detachment     |
| Cpl. J. E. Williamson | — Long Service Medal          | — Maple Ridge Detachment     |
| Cpl. R. H. Stade      | — Long Service Medal          | — Vancouver HQ               |
| Cpl. B. G. Link       | — Long Service Medal          | — Vancouver Laboratory       |
| Cpl. T. D. Falls      | — Long Service Medal          | — Maple Ridge Detachment     |
| Cst. J. F. Cottell    | — Long Service Medal          | — Kamloops Detachment        |
| C/M I. M. Mayrs       | — Long Service Medal          | — Vancouver Mess             |
| Cst. I. G. Duncan     | — Commissioner's Commendation | — Nanaimo Detachment         |
| Cst. G. A. Young      | — Commissioner's Commendation | — Nanaimo Detachment         |
| Cst. B. M. Largy      | — C.O.'s Commendation         | — Deas Island Freeway Patrol |



"E" Division awards ceremony recipients. Front row (L-R): Insp. G. R. Wallace, Insp. M. F. O'Reilly, S/Sgt. D. G. Rowett, S/Sgt. N. J. Medley, D/Commr. T. S. Venner, C/Supt. G. A. Powell, S/Sgt. G. F. Yard, Sgt. W. G. Bull, Ms. N. Crawley, Ms. G. Stewart. Second row (L-R): Sgt. R. A. Brook, Sgt. C. A. Adams, Sgt. M. H. Klein, Sgt. P. E. Convey, Cpl. R. E. Doig, Cpl. R. R. McDowell, Cpl. A. R. Ellard, Cpl. R. K. Ulmer, Cpl. D. B. Haynes. Back row (L-R): Cpl. J. A. Stott, Cpl. J. E. Williamson, Cpl. R. H. Stade, Cpl. B. G. Link, Cpl. T. D. Falls, Cst. J. F. Cottell, C/M I. M. Mayrs, Cst. I. G. Duncan, Cst. G. A. Young, Cst. B. M. Largy.



D/Commr. T. S. Venner presents Commissioner's Commendations to Cst. G. A. Young (L) and Cst. I. G. Duncan (R).

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENDATION** Constables I. G. Duncan and G. A. Young of Nanaimo were awarded Commissioner's Commendations for their roles in a rescue which took place on January 31, 1986. Duncan and Young were on patrol in Nanaimo and while crossing the Pearson Bridge, observed a car floating in the Mill Stone River. The driver could be seen inside with water up to his neck and the vehicle was approximately 25 feet from shore. The members removed their outer clothing, entered the water, and swam to the car. By the time they arrived, the motorist was either unconscious or in shock. The officers struggled in vain to open the car doors, finally calling to on-lookers standing nearby and were able to obtain an axe to help their rescue attempts. Cst. Duncan used the axe to smash in the window on the driver's side. Cst. Young finally succeeded in opening the driver's door, and with Cst. Duncan pulled the driver out and brought him to the surface. Exhausted and in the early stage of hypothermia, the two members had to be assisted by an onlooker to bring the victim to shore. Although the victim had stopped breathing, rescue personnel were able to revive him.

rescuing an injured, semi-conscious driver from a burning vehicle.

**WELL DONE LADIES!** A well-deserved bouquet of congratulations to the ladies in Single Fingerprint Section, Vancouver. On September 26, 1986, technician (C/M) Dolly Dhanji made



The work of (L-R): Miss Rose Beere, C/M Ingrid Helmes, Kathy Belobaba and Dolly Dhanji, will no doubt leave a lasting impression in Vancouver's Single Fingerprint Section. They have a collection of fingerprints to be envied.

the section's two thousandth identification since January, 1969. Mrs. Dhanji shares these accolades with section head, (C/M) Ingrid Helmes, technician (C/M) Kathy Belobaba and Public Service clerk Miss Rose Beere. Collectively, this team represents an impressive 50 years experience in searching, classifying and identifying prints.

The section's operations are manual, and the collection consists of over 11,500 sets of fingerprints. An average of 300 new sets arrive monthly and latent print searches are increasing. As a result of several recent innovations, the number of identifications processed has increased from 10 to 18 per month. Through hard work and diligence, the section has won the respect and admiration of the members at "E" Division Identification Section.

**CRIME PREVENTION WEEK** National Crime Prevention Week 1986 was kicked off in Penticton by the issuing of a proclamation by Mayor Ivan Messmer. Inspector Owen McGuire, OIC Penticton Detachment, responded to the proclamation, which was read at a regular meeting of city council, thanking area volunteers, and introducing Community Policing/Crime Prevention members — Constables Ken Ackles and Larry Adey.

A volunteer appreciation night and banquet were held on November 4, 1986. Certificates of appreciation were presented to organizers of the Block Parent Program, the Parent, Drug and Alcohol Abuse Awareness Committee and the 1986 After Grad Committee. The Sandman Inn has agreed to sponsor the event annually.

Four local Crime Prevention programs were featured at the Cherry Lane shopping mall: Operation Family Identification, Block Parents, Realty Watch and Residential Security Check.

*submitted by Cst. L. C. K. Adey*

**Certificates of Appreciation were presented by Insp. Owen Maguire to volunteers working with Penticton, B.C. Detachment. First row (L-R): Mrs. Jean O'Flynn, Mrs. Suzie Anderson, Mrs. Rhonda Thievin, Mrs. Shirley Pretty. Second row (L-R): Mrs. Diane Hole, Insp. Owen Maguire, Mrs. Maureen Campbell, Mrs. Caroline Basso. Missing: Mrs. Joanne Grimaldi.**



**Former Yukon Territory Commissioner, Mr. Doug Bell was guest speaker at the Prince Rupert Regimental dinner.**

**PRINCE RUPERT CONFERENCE** Fifty members attended Prince Rupert Sub-Division's annual conference October 29-30, 1986. The conference gives detachment and unit commanders an opportunity to exchange information and ideas.

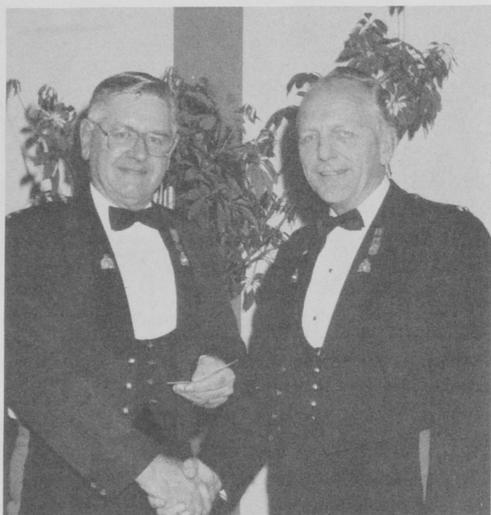
The last words spoken at the conference were heard at the Regimental Dinner. During the evening, Mr. Doug Bell, former Commissioner of the Yukon Territory kept the members and their guests entertained with his rendition of great moments for the Mounties in the Yukon.

Deputy Commissioner D. K. Wilson, new Commanding Officer, "E" Division, attended and presented awards to the following members:

Supt. R. C. Pettitt received his Gold Clasp and Star for Long Service.

Cpl. D. W. Flewelling received his Long Service medal.

Constables D. V. J. Goett and D. D. Cross received C.O.'s Commendations for their part in an incident in Prince Rupert, when they entered a burning apartment building without regard for their own safety. The constables evacuated the tenants and saved the life of a child who had been hiding under a bed and was overcome by smoke.



Deputy Commissioner D. K. Wilson presents Supt. R. C. Pettitt with his Gold Clasp and Star for Long Service.



A/Commr. D. K. Wilson presenting Cpl. D. W. Flewelling (R) with his Long Service award.

Cst. G. A. Rodgers received a Commissioner's Commendation for Outstanding Service for his efforts in the incident during which Cpl. Mike Buday was shot and killed, near Teslin Lake in 1985.

S/Sgt. Paul Seefried was awarded a Commissioner's Commendation for Bravery for his action in assisting fellow member, Cpl. Ron Flack, who had been shot by a fleeing suspect. S/Sgt. Seefried showed concern for the condition and safety of the injured member without knowing where the assailant was located.

*submitted by Cpl. R. W. Hessler*

C.O.'s commendation recipients Constables D. V. J. Goett (L) and D. D. Cross (R), with A/Commr. Wilson (centre) and Cst. Goett's father, ex-S/Sgt. R. T. Goett (far left).



**SKEENA RIVER RUN** On October 15, 1986, 15 members of Prince Rupert City and Sub-Division Detachments participated in the second annual Skeena River run. The 100-mile run was held to raise money for the Lion's Club Tammy Telethon. The course for the run was between Terrace and Prince Rupert, along Highway 16.

A team of 7 runners left Terrace at midnight and was met by a second team of 8 runners at the half-way point. The run ended in Prince Rupert 12½ hours later.

The RCMP members were assisted in their fund-raising by the Knights of Columbus.

Cst. G. A. Rodgers (R) is presented with a Commissioner's Commendation for Outstanding Service by A/Commr. D. K. Wilson.





Supt. R. C. Pettit, (L), O.C. Prince Rupert Sub-Division presented Cpl. T. Rowlinson (R) with a set of silver goblets when he retired from the Force in October, 1986.

*submitted by Cst. D. Kent*

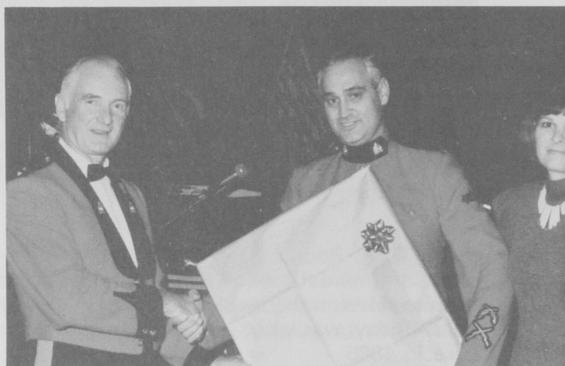


S/Sgt. Paul Seefried (R) was awarded a Commissioner's Commendation for bravery. A/Commr. D. W. Wilson (L) presents the award.

Nearly \$4,500 has been raised for the Telethon.

**KAMLOOPS BALL & BONSPIEL** On September 26, 1986, the 40th annual Kamloops Sub-Division Regimental Ball was held at the Stockman's Hotel. Over 300 people attended the event.

Supt. Ralph Williams was honoured on his retirement from the Force after 35 years. Supt. Russ Harding was presented with a gift from the members and staff of Kamloops City Detachment on his transfer to Kamloops Sub-Division as OIC. Supt. Harding then presented a retirement gift to Cst. Mel Weisgerber, who left the Force after 20 years. Alderman Howard



Supt. Russ Harding, OIC Kamloops City Detachment presents a gift to Cst. Mel Weisgerber while Mrs. Sue Weisgerber looks on.

Participants in the 2nd annual Skeena River run. Front row (L-R): Cpl. P. Fairhead, Cpl. A. Lees, Cst. D. Guerts with Michelle Ryan «Tammy», Cpl. D. Parsons, Cst. A. Doody. Second row (L-R): Cst. D. Kent, Cpl. A. Girard, Cpl. R. Churchill, Cst. T. Smith, Cst. B. Broderick. Back row (L-R): Insp. T. Thompsett, Cst. D. O'Bryne, Cpl. D. Flewelling, Cpl. D. Hessler, S/Sgt. D. Douglas and Mr. Tom Harvey (Knights of Columbus).

*submitted by Cst. D. Kent.*



Dack presented gifts to Supt. Williams and Harding on behalf of the City of Kamloops. On behalf of the members of Kamloops Sub-Division, the C.O. presented Supt. Williams with two framed prints for his new home.

The first annual RCMP mixed Curling Bonspiel was held in conjunction with the Regimental Ball. The winning team consisted of Mr. Murray Thom and his wife, Leona, Cst. Gerry

Danyluk and Ms. Wendy Warner. The winning "B" Event team consisted of Cst. Carl Ottosen, Mrs. Julie Ottosen and her parents Mr. and Mrs. Drosdowitch. The "C" Event was won by Cpl. Frank Boyle, Ms. Kim Davy, Cpl. Terry Grimm, of North Vancouver and Mrs. Cheryl Boyle.

*submitted by Cpl. F. L. Boyle*



Alderman Howard Dack, Kamloops city council, presents a gift to Supt. Russ Harding and Mrs. Harding.



Supt. Ralph Williams and Mrs. Williams display the retirement gifts presented to them at the Kamloops Regimental Ball.

**FORT ST. JOHN "BUFFALOED"** Fort St. John Detachment is the proud owner of a plains buffalo head, which is on permanent display in the foyer of the building. The Fort St. John Scarlet Recreation Club purchased the buffalo from rancher Bill Bickford of Cecil Lake, B.C. in

1985. Expert skinner Cst. Steve Andrews, Cpl. Brian Turner, Sgt. Jon Roung and S/Sgt. Lloyd Wizniuk removed the buffalo cape, and taxidermists Andrews and Wizniuk completed mounting the head in the spring of 1986.

S/Sgt. Lloyd Wizniuk accepts a mounted buffalo head, on behalf of Fort St. John Detachment, from Scarlet Recreation Club President Cpl. Brian Turner. (L-R): Sgt. Jon Roung, Cst. Steve Andrews, S/Sgt. Lloyd Wizniuk and Cpl. Brian Turner.





A British Airways Concorde SST brought Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of Britain to participate in activities during British Week at Expo 86 from July 12-14. This was the first landing in Canada of this famous aircraft. Members from local detachments were assigned to escort the international media to various functions using RCMP motorcycles. This photograph was taken during "down" time for one of the two motorcycle escort teams. Members photographed with the Concorde (l-r): Cst. Shane Palichuk, Richmond Traffic; Cst. Colin Worth, North Vancouver Detachment; Cst. Dale Head, Surrey Traffic; Cst. André Brault, Burnaby Detachment; Cst. Lynn James, Surrey Traffic.

**VETERANS' NEWS** Okanagan Division welcomes new members Reg. No. 31852, ex-Cst. R. M. (Ron) York and Reg. No. 21516, ex-Sgt. L. Garry Hamilton, who transferred from Regina Division.

The new O.C., Kelowna Sub-Division, Supt. B. M. Blanchford, has been welcomed to Ok-

nagan Division as an honorary member.

Victoria Division welcomes the following new members: Reg. No. 22165, ex-S/Sgt. Michael Leo Hewat; Reg. No. 15417, ex-S/Sgt. Donald L. Gehring; Reg. No. 16752, ex-S/Sgt. Fabian Pavelick and Reg. No. 19034, ex-S/Sgt. R. Murray Macara.

Members of No. 1 Provost Company, who attended the Annual General Meeting of the RCMP Veterans' Association in Calgary, Alberta, May 30 to June 6, 1986. (L-R): Bill Dwyer, Sid Batty, Gerry Keelan, Alf Nicholson, Monty Gibbs, Cec Ray, John A. Stevenson, Bill Pickerill, Cliff Leach, Lloyd Stewart, Frank Brien and Harry Bumphrey.

*submitted by J. W. Duggan*



## "F" DIVISION

(Headquarters, Regina, Sask.)

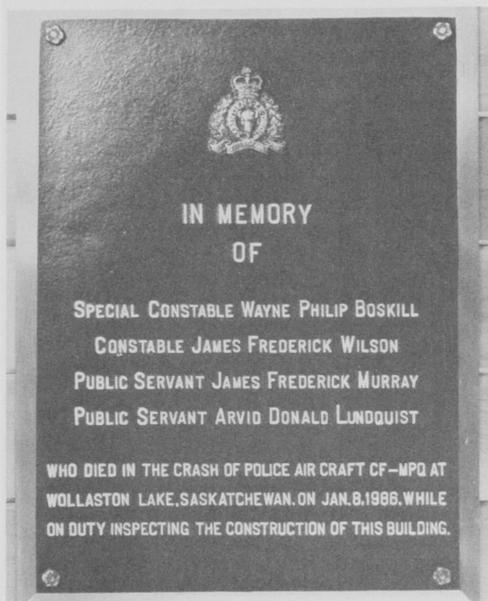
**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 34058, Cst. and Mrs. C. D. Kirkup, a daughter, Kristy Lee, on October 11, 1986, at Tisdale, Sask.

To Reg. No. 35735, Cst. R. M. Christianson and his wife, Denine, a daughter, Hailey Carolynn, on September 26, 1986, at Saskatoon, Sask.

To Reg. No. 34561, Cst. W. M. Lehman and his wife, Rhonda Ann, a daughter, Jennifer Lavinia-Suzannah, on February 4, 1986, at Yorkton, Sask.

**OFFICIAL OPENING** The new Detachment building at Wollaston Lake was officially opened on September 17, 1986. Prior to 1984, Wollaston Lake was policed by La Ronge Detachment. Among those gathered to witness the auspicious event were: Assistant Commissioner D. H. Heaton, Commanding Officer, "F" Division; Superintendent W. T. Procyk, Officer Commanding Prince Albert Sub-Division; Mr. Dick Buckley, Public Works Canada; Corporal R. V. Reynolds, first Detachment Commander and Corporal B. L. Murlen, current commander.

A plaque was unveiled to commemorate S/Cst. W. P. Boskill, S/Cst. J. F. Wilson, and two



The plaque dedicated to the memory of two members and two public servants who died in a plane crash at Wollaston Lake, Sask. The plaque was unveiled during the opening of the new detachment building.

During the first week of November, 1986, signs indicating the direction to the Battlefords RCMP Detachment were erected by the City of North Battleford. Seven signs were provided through sponsorship by the Battlefords Rotary Club with assistance from the Saskatchewan Department of Highways. Photographed with one of the Mountie silhouette directional signs (L-R): Cst. Craig Watt, Battlefords RCMP Police Community Relations; Insp. Tony Antoniuk, Officer in charge, Battlefords RCMP; Mr. Fred Sawula, President Battlefords Rotary Club.

Attending the official opening of the new Wollaston Lake Detachment building (L-R): Cpl. B. L. Mullen, Mr. Dick Buckley, Supt. W. T. Procyk, A/Commissioner D. H. Heaton and Cpl. R. V. Reynolds. Mr. Jim Altwasser and Insp. E. L. Silcox look on from the background.





Mr. Andy Slater



Cpl. Ken O'Brien

A farewell party was held on September 25, 1986 by FSS Branch to honour Mr. Andy Slater (L) on his retirement, and Cpl. Ken O'Brien (R) on his transfer to Property Management Branch, Ottawa. S/Sgt. Roy Kleininger, NCO i/c Services and Supply Section presented Mr. Slater with a certificate for 40 years in the Public Service and a 35-year medallion, on behalf of the Government of Canada. Insp. E. Lynn Silcox, OIC FSS, presented Cpl. O'Brien with a plaque as a memento of his four years as a financial reviewer.

### "G" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Yellowknife,  
Northwest Territories)

The Commanding Officer, "G" Division, C/Supt. R. H. D. Head, presented then Solicitor General, the Hon. Perrin Beatty and his Chief of Staff, Mr. Salvatore Badali, with framed membership certificates to the "Polar Bear Chapter, Order of Adventurers", for having crossed the Arctic Circle.



**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 31673, Cst. R. K. Harrison and his wife, Yolanda, a daughter, Nia Whitney, on June 2, 1986, at Yellowknife, N.W.T.

To Reg. No. 25768, Cpl. W. F. Kendall and his wife, Gaylene, a daughter by adoption, on July 30, 1986, at Calgary, Alberta.

To Reg. No. 31050, Cpl. J. W. Powers and his wife, Janet, a son, Christopher James, on June 23, 1986, at Windsor, Ont.

To Reg. No. 35338, Cst. D. J. Mabee and his wife, Elvira, a daughter, Ashley Michelle, on May 31, 1986, at Tillsonburg, Ontario.

To Reg. No. 35245, Cst. and Mrs. L. E. Gavel, a son, William Edward, on June 26, 1986, at Yellowknife, N.W.T.

**SOLICITOR GENERAL'S VISIT** During the period May 21-28, 1986, the Honourable Perrin Beatty, then Solicitor General of Canada,

accompanied by Salvatore Badali, his Chief of Staff and the Commanding Officer, "G" Division, C/Supt. R. H. D. Head, visited detachment members, community and government leaders throughout eastern, central and western Arctic concluding in Yellowknife. Mr. Beatty also met with the Justice Minister and several other officials involved in the criminal justice system.

**Aklavik's newly arrived Dog Section, "Jake" will assist in the disposal of steak bones, preferred left-overs and will attend picnics, barbecues or formal affairs. Overtime is no problem. Any inquiries or fan mail can be sent to "Jake" c/o RCMP, Aklavik, N.W.T.**  
*submitted by Cst. Dale Erickson*



## "H" DIVISION

(Headquarters, Halifax, N.S.)

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 25766, Cpl. D. M. Rowat and his wife, Janice, a son, Craig McLean Andrew, on August 25, 1986, at Halifax, N.S.

To Reg. No. 34715, Cst. D. B. Roper and his wife, Carolyn, a son, Ryan David, on September 23, 1986, at Sydney, N.S.

**RETIREMENTS** On September 12, 1986, approximately 25 members and ex-members of Truro Highway Patrol and Truro Sub-Division gathered at a luncheon held at the Glengarry Motel to bid farewell to Ferne Dick-

**Mrs. Ferne Dickson retires "on time."** She is photographed during a luncheon in her honour with (L-R): S/Sgt. Bill Rowan, Sgt. Colin Dodds, Sgt. Ken Warnica and ex-Sgt. Royce Greene.



son who was retiring after 16 years of keeping the highway patrol on the straight and narrow. Dickson was presented with an RCMP crested clock so that she will be on time during her retirement.

On June 6, 1986, RCMP "Thornvale" was the sight of a reception in the honour of Superintendent C. A. J. Bungay, officer in charge Admin. & Personnel, retiring after 33½ years of service.

Following the luncheon and customary farewell speeches, the Admin. & Personnel

**Supt. C. A. J. Bungay (L) receives his retirement gift from "H" Division Admin. & Personnel staff, while Insp. Don Scott accepts the clock presented to "Thornvale" by Supt. Bungay.**





Cpl. K. J. Hansen (L) being presented with the Commanding Officer's Commendation by C/ Supt. C. J. Reid (R), at Halifax, N.S.

staff presented Supt. Bungay with a collection of RCMP insignia, from the rank of corporal to that of superintendent, mounted on a red serge background. In return, Bungay an accomplished woodworker, presented "Thornvale" with a handmade clock in the shape of the RCMP crest. This clock is to hang in "Thornvale" indefinitely, and should "Thornvale" ever be abandoned by the Force, the clock will be presented to an employee working in the building at that time. The winner to be chosen by drawing a name from a hat.

**COMMANDING OFFICER'S COMMENDATION** On February 10, 1986, Cst. K. J. Hansen received the C.O.'s commendation for courage and presence of mind in attempting to rescue a person from drowning.

On October 25, 1985, the victim entered the water at night to escape the police who were in pursuit of him. Cst. Hansen attempted to



On September 21, 1986, Rick Hansen the "Man in Motion", wheeled past Halifax International Airport. He was presented with a cheque for \$2,315, which was donated by airport employees. S/Cst. Larry Meldrum presents Rick Hansen with the cheque.

*submitted by S/Cst. N. R. Bailey*

persuade the victim to come out of the water and warned him of the danger of hypothermia. Water temperature at the time was 8°C. While Hansen was being unsuccessful in his efforts, Cst. G. A. Frail was able to secure a boat and after picking up Hansen approached the area of the victim. Spotting bubbles rising to the surface, Hansen made two dives into the water but was unsuccessful in locating the body. This incident took place in Seabright, Halifax County, N.S.

**VETERANS' NEWS** The following members have been inducted to Halifax Division: Victor Patrick Cormier, George Morley Currie, Albert Gordon Glenham, Calvin A. J. Bungay, Paul Swan and Dale K. Smith.

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## "J" DIVISION

(Headquarters, Fredericton, N.B.)

**BIRTH** To Reg. No. 34839, Cst. J. V. R. Lamothe and his wife, Claudette, a son, Luc Robert, on May 7, 1984, at Bathurst, N.B.

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## "K" DIVISION

(Headquarters, Edmonton, Alta.)

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 31051, Cst. K. C. Chambers and his wife, Joan, a daughter, Jessica Carole, on November 29, 1986, at Edmonton, Alta.

To Reg. No. 33434, Cst. P. F. Christoffersen and his wife, Charlene, a son, Paul Michael, on October 23, 1986, at Edmonton, Alta.

To Reg. No. 35929, Cst. J. C. Ringrose and his wife, Anne, a son, Craig Michael, on June 18, 1986, at Hinton, Alta.

To Reg. No. 36446, Cst. P. C. M. Webb and Colleen Fennell, a daughter, Kailin Fennell Webb, on February 14, 1986, at Wainwright, Alta.

**MARRIAGE** Reg. No. 36413, Cst. J. R. Andrews to Christine Elizabeth Hoff on May 31, 1986, at Lethbridge, Alta.

**AUXILIARY POLICING PROGRAM** On November 10, 1986, members of Red Deer City Detachment and dignitaries gathered at the Canadian Forces Base, Penhold, Alta., to pay tribute to the Red Deer City auxiliary constables. This program, which has been in existence in Alberta since 1978, was created to develop a trained body of volunteers to respond within their respective communities in the event of a major disaster. These constables augment civil authorities by playing a direct role in the preservation of law and order and the protection of life and property. This prog-

ram includes assisting the police in their daily function. Collectively, thousands of hours have been volunteered to the program by 18 auxiliary constables in Red Deer.

The banquet was very successful and well attended. Among those attending were head table guests: Gary Wanless, chairman Red Deer Police Commission; Mr. William Whetstone, Alberta Solicitor General's Department and, Mrs. Whetstone; Mr. Stockwell Day, M.L.A., Red Deer North, and Mrs. Day; Inspector L. L. Pearson, officer i/c Red Deer City Department, and Mrs. Pearson; Mayor and Mrs. Robert McGhee, City of Red Deer; Mr. John Oldring, M.L.A., Red Deer South, and Mrs. Oldring; Lieutenant Colonel Don Graham, Commanding Officer, C.F.B. Penhold, Alta., and Mrs. Graham.

After being treated to an exquisite seven course meal, prepared by award winning C.F.B. chefs, Mr. Whetstone provided an informative overview of the auxiliary program past and present. The evening's highlight was the presentation of five-year service awards, by M.L.A.s Day and Oldring, to Reg. No. A0075 A/Cst. Ian Almond; Reg. No. A0007 ex-A/Cst. Martin Chilton; and Reg. No. A1828 ex-A/Cst. Len Sisco. A special presentation was made by members of Red Deer City Detachment, to ex A/Cst. Chilton to show their appreciation for his assistance with the Firearms Maintenance and Training Program.



**Presentation to auxiliary constables of five-year service awards. Participating in the presentation (L-R): Insp. L. Pearson, A/Cst. L. Sisco, Mayor R. McGhee, A/Cst. I. Almond, Mr. J. Oldring, M. L.A., A/Cst. M. Chilton and Mr. S. Day, M.L.A.**

On January 31, 1986, aviation illustrator Mr. John Ferguson of Red Deer, Alta., presented the original paintings of his second series on RCMP aircraft to the RCMP Museum in Regina. A framed set of lithographs of the second series was also presented by S/Cst. N. C. Muffitt to "K" Division headquarters building, on behalf of Edmonton Air Services.



A/Commr. D. Whyte accepts an original painting of an RCMP Norseman aircraft from Mr. John Ferguson.



Lithographed prints of the aircraft in the second series are presented to "K" Division. (L-R): A/Commr. D. Whyte, Supt. D. Fox, Supt. S. Kelly, Mr. J. Ferguson and S/Cst. N. Muffitt.

**LETTER OF COMMENDATION** The following letter was written to the Solicitor General from Adam W. Germain, B.Sc., LL.B., of the law firm Campbell, Germain, Crick & Cooper, Fort McMurray, Alta.

Dear Sir:

Re: *Fort McMurray  
Royal Canadian Mounted Police*

I am writing you as Minister in charge of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Canada. The purpose of this letter is to commend the actions of the local detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Fort McMurray during Remembrance Day ceremonies held in the city.

I and many other members of the public could not help but be favorably impressed by the showing of the local Royal Canadian Mounted Police in their participation in Remembrance Day ceremonies.

To illustrate their participation, 30 members of the local contingent turned up to participate in the services, and of the 30, only 3 were on duty. The rest were devoting their off-duty time to take part in this national day of remembrance.

Although the temperatures in Fort McMurray hovered at -25°C on Remembrance Day, the members elected to perform the march wearing their red serge and without their coats, so that the members of the public who attended the ceremony could see the full dress uniform on parade.

It has become fashionable in recent years for members of the public to bash police forces, and to be unduly critical of public errors in judgement. I felt that it would be appropriate to advise you how favourably

impressed many members of the public were in Fort McMurray, watching the Royal Canadian Mounted Police perform in the Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Their actions are a credit to their local Commanding Officer and to all members of the Force.

Thank you and best personal regards.

Yours truly,

CAMPBELL, GERMAIN, CRICK & COOPER

PER:

ADAM W. GERMAIN

**VETERANS' NEWS** Edmonton Division inducted the following new member: Reg. No. 15512 J. D. S. Clark.

**New call signs for patrol cars —** Someone obviously thought that the call sign for 3-A83 was inappropriate, as the car hit two deer in two weeks. The offending vehicle was being stored in a neighboring detachment when an anonymous artist left his/her mark, using correction fluid for the artistic endeavour. The art-work caused quite a chuckle among members in the area who have seen the vehicle, and raised many questions from observant civilians.

*submitted by Cst. H. S. Eaton, Swan Hills, Alta.*



## "L" DIVISION

(Headquarters, Charlottetown, P.E.I.)

**P.E.I. WORLD TOUR** Rick Hansen, wheelchair athlete extraordinaire brought his World Tour in aid of spinal chord research to Prince Edward Island on September 23, 1986. Thousands of Islanders turned out to see and hear Rick as he wheeled across the province raising over \$70,000. Sgt. Miles Foster, Division Traffic Supervisor, accompanied him, providing security and assistance when necessary. Cst. Dave Gairns escorted the tour with the "L" Division motorcycle. At Hunter River on September 27, 1986, on behalf of "L" Division's NCOs' Mess, Foster presented Rick with a \$200 cheque, a Mess pin and an RCMP cap, which he wore for the duration of his P.E.I. tour. Rick never failed to thank the RCMP for their assistance and mentioned the Force in every speech. On September 29, Rick left the island and headed for his New Brunswick tour still wearing his RCMP cap.



Rick Hansen and Sgt. Miles Foster are photographed together during Rick's "Man in Motion" tour of P.E.I., September 23-29, 1986.

### AUXILIARY CONSTABLES' "NIGHT OUT"

The Annual Auxiliary Constable Dinner was held at the Prince Edward Hotel and Convention Centre, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, on October 15, 1986. The function commenced at 19:00 with a reception and receiving line, followed by a meal at 20:00.

Head table guests were C/Supt. & Mrs. Macdonnell, Insp. & Mrs. E. F. Hamilton, C/Supt. L. G. Pantry (retired), guest speaker, Mr. Darrell Coombs, representing the Provincial Department of Justice, and A/Cst. and Mrs. David Pe-

ters. The head table guests were piped into the dinner by Cpl. Brian Walker of Charlottetown Detachment.

C/Supt. Macdonnell, C.O. "L" Division, welcomed the auxiliary constables and their invited guests. C/Supt. Pantry (retired) gave a most interesting talk which centered around the inception of the Auxiliary Constable Program in Prince Edward Island. He reminisced about his past experiences in the Force, and the role members, auxiliary constables and

**Auxiliary constables attending annual dinner. Front row (L-R):** A/Csts. Harold Dalton, Kenneth MacPhee, C/Supt. C. I. C. Macdonnell, A/Cst. David Peters, Insp. E. F. Hamilton. **Second row (L-R):** A/Csts. John Potter, Frank Burns, David Corrigan, David Lambe, Robert Muttart, Lowell MacKenzie, David Thompson, Roy Birt. **Third row (L-R):** A/Csts. Wendell Bertram, Allan Doyle, George Gordon Gillespie, Lester MacDonald, Charles Easter, Bill Jardine, Don Josey, Kenneth Spenceley, Gordon Coffin, Scott Stevenson and Cpl. John W. MacDonald.



their spouses have played during their service with the Force.

C/Supt. C. I. C. Macdonnell presented a certificate of appreciation to Auxiliary Constable William J. Beaton, Montague Detachment for his assistance in the apprehension of a young offender who had been involved in several criminal offences after leaving that community's group home. Beaton's efforts resulted in the recovery of a substantial amount of stolen goods.

*submitted by Cpl. John W. MacDonald,  
"L" Division Auxiliary Constable,  
Co-ordinator*

**C/Supt. C. I. C. Macdonnell (L) presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to A/Cst. William J. Beaton of Montague Detachment.**



## "M" DIVISION

(Headquarters, Whitehorse, Yukon)

**BIRTH** To Reg. No. 35911, Cst. J. V. Berry and his wife, Dianna, a daughter, Melissa Nicole, on December 26, 1986, at Whitehorse, Yukon.

**MARRIAGE** Reg. No. 23782, Sgt. J. F. King to Beth James on August 23, 1986, at a unique ceremony in the "M" Division Combined NCOs' Mess. After the ceremony Insp. Len Jerritt, C.I.B. Officer, presented King with his Long Service Medal.

**C.O.'S COMMENDATION** On October 24, 1986, C/Supt. A. Toews, Commanding Officer, "M" Division presented, on behalf of the C.O.

"E" Division, the Commanding Officer's Commendation to Dennis Dennison, Teslin, Yukon, and Mathew Conant, Whitehorse, Yukon. The commendation was awarded for their outstanding contribution and assistance during a dangerous investigation which resulted in the murder of Police Service Dog Master, Cst. M. Buday, and the shooting death of Michael Oros.

The March, 1985 incident began with the report of a break and enter and theft at a cabin in Teslin Lake area, British Columbia. Dennison, owner of Coyote Air Services and Cst. Jack Warner, Teslin Detachment were fired upon by Oros while they were flying out to in-



**Insp. Len Jerritt, C.I.B. Officer (L), presenting Sgt. Jim King (R), with his Long Service Medal and Certificate.**



**Sgt. Jim King and his wife, Beth, proudly display Jim's Long Service awards after their wedding ceremony.**



Mr. Dennis Dennison (L) and Mr. Mathew Conant (R) following presentation of their Commending Officer's Commendations.

investigate the complaint. Because of the circumstances, an Emergency Response Team was dispatched from Prince Rupert, B.C. Dennison and Conant, a helicopter pilot with Trans North Turbo Air, Whitehorse, trans-



S/Sgt. B. Wayne MacNeil (L) was honoured at the "M" Division Regimental Ball by the presentation of his Bronze Clasp and Star by C.O. C/Supt. Al Toews.

ported the E.R. Team in pursuit of Oros. Knowing the risks, both pilots unhesitatingly piloted their aircraft well within the range of possible further rifle fire.

## "N" DIVISION

(Headquarters, Rockcliffe, Ontario)

**EXPO FEVER** A unique situation evolved last year in that both the RCMP Band and the Musical Ride were heavily committed to Expo 86. Under normal circumstances, these two units visit different areas of the country during any given year, thus covering a greater segment of Canada.

Rumours about possible participation of the Ride for the duration of Expo in Vancouver began as early as the fall of 1982. Initially, it seemed like an insurmountable task. The usual concerns associated with transporting personnel, equipment and horses surfaced, with an additional concern for maintaining members' enthusiasm, motivation and stamina for the Expo engagement.

The logistics of transporting the horses across Canada proved challenging, but the Ride's oldest campaigner "Eros" (21) showed his mettle. A veteran of 15 tours, it was his responsibility, as senior charger, to ensure that his peers were apprised of proper travel behaviour.

Following an arduous three days and nights journey, the mounts of the Ride arrived in Vancouver, to be pampered, fed, groomed and checked by their riders in the luxurious Expo

stables. Unfortunately, "Eros" made his last appearance at Expo, and it is a fitting epitaph that, for the most part, his fellow horses maintained the decorum of the Ride. "Torchy", however, was the exception, putting to rest the rumour about horses completing entire performances by themselves. He unceremoniously deposited his rider on centre field, and then spent several minutes frantically circling the arena, while his troopmates patiently waited for his return.

The Ride's tour of duty began with opening day ceremonies in May and a performance for the Prince and Princess of Wales, and concluded with the closing celebration at B.C. Place Stadium in October. The intervening months were filled with thousands of personal and shared experiences.

In 23 weeks at Expo, the Musical Ride performed 183 times; 30 performances were televised. Over the course of the summer, the Ride saluted Crown Princes, Prime Ministers, Presidents and celebrities. The Ride performed for an estimated 2.1 million people, many of whom members met personally or who asked for photo opportunities or autographs.



Head table and other guests at the C.P.C. 10th Anniversary luncheon (L-R): Insp. Jim Clark, Atlantic Police Academy; Mr. Selmer Johnson, Saskatchewan Police College, Mr. Gilles Bouchard, Institut de Police du Québec; A/Commr. George Allen, immediate past-Director, C.P.C.; Mr. Larry Godfree, Ontario Police College; Supt. Moe Kelly, C.P.C.; Mr. Phil Crosby-Jones, B.C. Police Academy; Supt. George Carter, Training & Development Branch; RCMP; C/ Supt. Fred Schultz, Director, C.P.C. Foreground (L-R): Agent Michel Boyer, Montréal Urban Community P.D.; Cst. Jacques Bourdua, St. Lambert P.D.

**BAND CONTRIBUTION** The Band's commitment to performances at Expo 86 was the most extensive ever, with four separate trips to Vancouver to perform at various sites around the Fair. From the initial program on May 1 aboard the "Queen of the North", until the farewell party on October 13 in B.C. Place Stadium, Band members performed for thousands of visitors from around the world and reached millions on the Expo site via on-site TV shows and interviews.

Expo provided a remarkable opportunity for the Band to promote Canada through the international language of music. Without exception, the Band met scores of fans following each concert. Many of the selections played at Expo concerts were arranged and performed with Expo themes in mind, for example, "Transpo 86", by Ray Sikora of Vancouver, "Be Yourself at Expo 86", by Gord Nicholson of Edmonton, and many others.

One special event that members of the Band were instrumental in arranging was the appearance of young guest "conductor" David Thomas of Port Alberni. The story of that event, "Thrill of a Lifetime", was published in the fall issue of the Quarterly. On July 2, 1986, David also proudly received the salute of C/Supt. Shultz (C.O. "N" Division) at a matinee performance by the Musical Ride.

Another treat for Band members was putting on two shows at the Xerox theatre with the miners' chorus "Men of the Deeps", from Cape Breton Island, and their own feature performer and entertainer, Rita McNeil.

Retired RCMP Superintendent Vic Irving, who is now employed by the N.W.T. Government, was responsible for Band appearances at the N.W.T. Pavilion on two separate occasions. One event in which the Band participated was the Salute to Henry Larsen and the St. Roch on August 10. Members of the Larsen family and some of the early crew members of the St. Roch were among the invited guests present that day.

*submitted by Sgt. B. Culp,  
RCMP Musical Ride and  
S/Sgt. G. Hampson, RCMP Band*

**C.P.C. CELEBRATES FIRST DECADE** On November 13, 1986, the staff and serving members at the Canadian Police College marked the tenth anniversary of the present College facilities at "N" Division.

A luncheon was held at the "N" Division Cafeteria and those in attendance received CPC engraved wine glasses. The new CPC lapel pin was ready for the occasion, and the first order quickly sold out. Special guests in-



The RCMP 1986 Charity Ball raised \$5,000 for Cst. Robin Easey. Cst. Easey was photographed at the second annual gala event surrounded by friends and family members, notably his father, Sgt. Bert Easey (immediate left), stepmother, Mrs. Gwen Easey (far left) and his wife, Glennis (centre left).

Photo by Toomey, Ottawa.

The organizing committee for the 1986 benefit. Front row (L-R): Cpl. Louis Lahie, Cpl. Pete Lemieux, Sgt. Jerry Sloan. Back row (L-R): S/Sgt. Harold Young, S/Sgt. Garth Hampson, Gary Coulter, ex-S/Sgt. Andy Anderson and S/Sgt. Andy Carroll.

Photo by Toomey, Ottawa.



cluded past CPC Directors D/Commr. R. Moffatt, A/Commr. G. Allen, and Police College Directors from across Canada who were meeting at the College.

All those attending courses at the College were invited to wear their working uniform to the luncheon. The response was terrific, and the variety of uniforms reflected the national representation of police forces participating in CPC programs.

In conjunction with the anniversary, 75 grade 5 and 6 students from the Ottawa area visited the College on November 26, to participate in hands-on demonstrations by the Identification, Polygraph and Explosives Sections. Letters received from students and teachers attest to the success of their visit. A number of local residents participated in an open house at the College during the evening of November 26, furthering the bond between the College and the community.

*submitted by Insp. Jim Walker*

**RIDE YEAR-END DINNER** On November 14, 1986, another successful tour of the Musical

Ride was capped off by the traditional year-end dinner. Head table guests included Commissioner R. H. Simmonds, C/Supt. F. Shultz, Insp. J. Walker, guest speaker Insp. V. D. Baugh, outgoing O. i/c of the Ride, Sgt. B. D. Culp, NCO i/c and Cpls. K. Kaif and R. Souccar. The head table was introduced by Cst. S. McVarnock, who was Master of Ceremonies.

Commissioner Simmonds presented outgoing members with the traditional engraved stirrup irons, as a memento of their stay at "N" Division and their tours with the Ride.

The following members were honoured with trophy presentations: Cst. Brad Sullivan, the Walter P. Hurdman Memorial Trophy for Best All-Round Musical Rider; Cst. Reg Dubbin, the Stable Management Trophy; Cst. Greg Chiarot, Best Turnout Trophy; Cst. Bob Beaulieu, Best Rider Trophy; Cst. Dave Olson received the Fellowship Award, and Cst. Bruce Mann was presented with the Most Improved Rider Trophy, and certificates for Police Studies and Advanced Police Studies.

*submitted by Cst. Mike LeBlanc*

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## "O" DIVISION

(Headquarters, Toronto, Ont.)

**VETERANS' NEWS** Toronto Division welcomes the following members: Reg. No. 21042, ex-S/Sgt. E. A. Lewis; Reg. No. 0.1075, ex-Insp. E. R. C. Brooks (ret.); Reg. No. 17855, ex-Sgt. T. Bennett; Reg. No. 23498, ex-Sgt. R. J. Christy; Reg. No. 0.1105, Insp. W. J. Dawson (ret.); Reg. No. 32804, ex-Cst. R. Knapp; and Reg. No. 84851, ex-Cst. W. T. Pirie.

**THE NARROW PATH WE TREAD** At the November, 1986 CO/DSRR Conference, the C.O. "O" Division became aware that the "O" Division DSRR, Staff Sergeant Percy James, had acted in a most exemplary way whilst attending the Conference. James and his wife were walking early on a Sunday morning along the Rideau Canal. A male individual apparently had attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the canal. Fortunately for him, the level of the canal was sufficiently shallow that he was thwarted in this attempt. Indeed, not only was he thwarted, but after entering the cold and

wet environs of the canal, he changed his mind. Thus, James had the opportunity, along with another gentleman who happened to be nearby, of effecting the "rescue" of this unfortunate individual who was then turned over to the Ottawa City Police.

As you might expect, James was the recipient of much good-natured comment from his colleagues at the conference when he told them of his experience. In fact, at the conclusion of the conference, Percy received a shirt emblazoned "OUR HERO."

On return to Toronto, the C.O. wondered if James' actions were worthy of even more extraordinary recognition, so he contacted the Chief of Police, Ottawa, explaining to the Chief that since the Force is known occasionally to censure, it should be equally prepared to commend. The C.O. asked the Chief to review the occurrence and provide his assessment as to whether or not James' actions represented activities above and beyond the norm ex-

pected of citizens at large. Several days later an Inspector with the Ottawa City Police Force phoned the C.O. to say that, regretfully, it was their assessment that Percy's actions, while commendable, were no more than expected of the usual citizen. In terminating the conversation, however, the Inspector suggested the

C.O. might wish to tell James that it was necessary to arrest the man, so successfully rescued, within a week, on a charge of armed robbery.

Alas, Percy, as Gilbert and Sullivan so aptly put it, a policeman's lot is not a happy one.

*submitted by Sgt. J. B. H. Jenkins*



On March 27, 1986, Cpl. W. P. Heckendorn (L), "O" Division Security Systems, was presented with his Bronze Clasp and Star, by the acting Officer in charge of the Protective Policing Branch, Insp. J. T. Wylie.

*submitted by S/Sgt. V. J. Aquilina*

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#### **HELPING HAND** Taken from Brown's Beat — Ottawa Citizen, August 11, 1986:

"It may have seemed a small thing to the man who noticed a woman hesitating at a down escalator at St. Laurent Shopping Centre about 11:30 a.m. Thursday. He asked if he could help, and offered his arm to the bottom of the ride... "I'm 74 and learning to live with feeling quite helpless," says Elsie

McDonnell of Arrowsmith Drive. "I'm not steady on my feet and I didn't know how I was going to get down that thing. In thanking him, I mentioned my age and he said he was 30 years younger. He really made my day."

The Quarterly has learned the Helping Hand was that of Sgt. Gary D. Henry, "F" Directorate, Ottawa.

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# Promotions

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## HEADQUARTERS (Ottawa)

**Chief Superintendent** — Supts. J. A. M. Breau, D. H. Mumby, Insp. W. R. Spring.

**Superintendent** — Insp. J. F. Y. Marquis.

**Inspector** — S/Sgt. M. W. C. Harrower.

**Staff Sergeant** — Sgts. R. T. Beers, A. T. Houghton, M. Lemay, G. J. M. Parent, R. E. Reed, P. W. Smith.

**Sergeant** — Cpls. R. D. Bjurstrom, J. B. A. Bourgeois, D. F. Campbell, J. R. A. Gallant, K. S. O'Brien, J. J. C. Paquette, E. N. Parry, W. R. Reggler, J. Sloan, R. J. Walsh.

**Corporal** — Csts. R. L. Archer, J. J. R. S. Auclair, K. T. P. Auld, J. F. M. Bachand, J. A. R. D. Charron, M. E. Embury, W. T. Forsythe, K. G. H. Gropler, J. M. N. Lapointe, J. L. B. Loubier, D. M. O'Bryne, J. A. G. Poitras, J. A. A. Rivest, A. S. Wadden.

**Special Constable** — S/Cst. R. C. Goulding.

**Civilian Member** — C/Ms M. S. Martynook, M. B. J. H. Vigeant, R. C. Adamson, M. G. Anton, K. L. Archibald, B. R. Baughan, J. C. Hudson, T. E. Folkman, F. L. Fromm, R. B. Kramarchuk, B. J. Sonnenberg.

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## "A" DIVISION (Ottawa, Ont.)

**Sergeant** — Cpl. J. A. G. Simard

**Corporal** — Csts. M. G. Clement, J. C. Côté.

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## "B" DIVISION (St. John's, Nfld.)

**Sergeant** — Cpl. B. A. D. Campbell

**Corporal** — Csts. A. J. Green, T. J. Scott

**Special Constable** — S/Cst. E. L. Gormley.

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## "C" DIVISION (Montreal, Que.)

**Sergeant** — Cpl. J. L. C. Bernier.

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## "D" DIVISION (Winnipeg, Man.)

**Staff Sergeant** — Sgts. N. Chobotar, R. M. Munro.

**Sergeant** — Cpl. D. J. Grittner.

**Corporal** — Cst. D. C. J. Martin.

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## DEPOT DIVISION (Regina, Sask.)

**Corporal** — Csts. J. A. G. Gagnon, J. R. J. R. Garneau.

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## "E" DIVISION (Vancouver, B.C.)

**Staff Sergeant** — Sgt. R. B. Boreham.

**Sergeant** — Cpls. R. B. Bowlby, J. R. Card, E. J. Kott, A. A. Murray, W. P. Rennie, C. E. Thomson.

**Corporal** — Csts. J. W. Bender, C. H. Brandt, J. H. Clarke, H. K. Leibel, D. N. Stepaniuk.

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## "F" DIVISION (Regina, Sask.)

**Sergeant** — Cpl. J. W. B. Bell.

**Corporal** — Cst. L. G. Bishop.

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## "H" DIVISION (Halifax, N.S.)

**Staff Sergeant** — Sgts. J. R. Woodworth, R. E. Yeomans.

**Corporal** — Cst. B. J. Roach.

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## "J" DIVISION (Fredericton, N.B.)

**Sergeant** — Cpl. A. R. Parnell.

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## "K" DIVISION (Edmonton, Alta.)

**Superintendent** — Insp. V. A. Werbicki.

**Staff Sergeant** — Sgt. P. N. Hales.

**Corporal** — Csts. G. C. Flebbe, R. T. Leahul.

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## "M" DIVISION (Whitehorse, Y.T.)

**Corporal** — Cst. J. W. Warren.

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## "N" DIVISION (Rockcliffe, Ont.)

**Staff Sergeant** — Sgts. J. W. Kaster, J. D. Smith.

**Civilian Member** — C/M R. W. Walker.

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## "O" DIVISION (Toronto, Ont.)

**Staff Sergeant** — Sgts. G. R. Milligan, J. Schneidhofer.

**Sergeant** — Cpls. P. Fatijewsky, J. C. Neilly, W. E. Nelson, E. R. O'Brien.

**Corporal** — Cst. P. J. O'Brien.

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# Retirements

The following members of the Force retired to pension during the past quarter.

Reg. No.	Rank	Name	Division
0.0643	D/Comm.	Venner, T. S.	"E"
0.0723	Supt.	Cairns, A. J.	"E"
0.0770	C/Supt.	Aubry, J. P. I.	HQ
0.0841	Supt.	Johnston, B. G.	"K"
0.0904	Insp.	Tabler, H.	"K"
0.1021	Insp.	Lavers, J. W.	"B"
21126	Sgt.	Michayluk, E. W.	"E"
21344	S/Sgt.	Harrison, D. G.	"K"
21448	Sgt.	Lymburger, F. W.	"D"
21459	S/Sgt.	Dominie, C. R.	"B"
21703	Sgt.	Franke, L. A.	"K"
22523	S/Sgt.	Clarke, P. L.	"D"
22763	Sgt.	Nelson, L. G.	"K"
23182	Cpl.	Pitcher, W. D.	"E"
24877	Sgt.	Rollins, L. R. K.	"F"
25141	Cpl.	Surtees, D. D.	"E"
25175	Cpl.	Rowlinson, T.	"E"
27881	Cpl.	Dalton, J. W.	"B"
27913	Cpl.	Richardson, A. K.	HQ
S/1571	S/Cst.	Delorme, J. F. R.	HQ
S/2890	S/Cst.	Muffitt, N. C.	"K"
C/0103	C/M	Giroux, M. C. A.	HQ

## "Servants of the Public"...

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throughout the country and in the various liaison offices around the world, dedicated men and women lay their lives on the line to enforce our laws and prevent crimes. These people make up the operational side of our police force. Other employees support the operational staff by writing policies, purchasing equipment, classifying positions, developing a complicated budget, administering the pay system, operating a records service and many other tasks. All these functions are being performed by the administrative staff. A senior management group approves poli-

cies and manages the intricate parts of our federal police system. Together, these people create information which makes up a records system.

In 1987, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer is still a "Servant of the Public." The many civilian employees who provide support functions to these officers also contribute to an essential part of our work. We owe it to every one of our staff and the Canadian public to preserve the archival material which comprises RCMP history.

# Obituaries

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

**ANDERSON** Reg. No. 10501, ex-Sgt. Clarence William Anderson, 80, died on December 18, 1986, at Ottawa, Ontario. He was born on July 30, 1906, at Winnipeg, Manitoba. Anderson joined the Force on October 1, 1928, after having served with the Lord Strathcona Horse. Anderson had served in "D" Division prior to joining the riding staff at Depot Division in 1933. He remained in Regina until 1940 at which time he was transferred to "N" Division, Rockcliffe, Ont. During his service as Riding Master, Anderson participated in numerous Musical Rides both within and outside Canada. In 1953, he was a member of the Coronation Ride. In 1956, Anderson returned to Regina as Riding Master and remained there until his retirement on May 12, 1959.

**ARCHER** Reg. No. 11762, ex-Cpl. James Ross Archer, 79, died on November 19, 1986, at Victoria, British Columbia. He was born in Ireland on June 25, 1907. Archer joined the Force on August 20, 1932, at Winnipeg, Manitoba and retired to pension April 30, 1954.

**BROWN** Reg. No. 12771, ex-Sgt. Elwood Allan Menzies Brown, 75, died on December 18, 1986, at Nepean, Ontario. He was born on December 29, 1910, at Govan, Saskatchewan. Brown joined the Force on July 10, 1935, at Regina, Saskatchewan. Upon completion of training, he served in Regina, Sask. until July 1, 1938, when he was transferred to Ottawa, Ontario where he served in the Fingerprint Branch until his retirement on August 9, 1961. Brown was promoted to corporal on November 1, 1946, and to sergeant on November 1, 1954.

**BROWNLEE** Reg. No. 11794, ex-Cpl. Frederic Lawrence Brownlee, 79, died on December 7, 1986, at Victoria, British Columbia. He was born on July 22, 1907, at Ottawa, Ontario. Brownlee joined the Force on November 12, 1932, at Ottawa, and upon completion of training at Regina, Saskatchewan he was posted to "F" Division, Saskatchewan, serving at Foam Lake, Yorkton, Kamsack, and Esterhazy. He retired to pension on December 23, 1952. Brownlee was promoted to corporal on December 1, 1944.

**CAMPBELL** Reg. No. 13264, ex-Cst. John Donald Campbell, 70, died on December 4,

1986, at Penticton, British Columbia. He was born on January 15, 1914 at Druid, Saskatchewan. Campbell joined the Force on February 5, 1940 at Ottawa, Ontario. Upon completion of training in Regina, Sask. and Rockcliffe, Ont., Campbell was posted to "O" Division, serving in Sudbury, Niagara Falls and Toronto, taking his discharge in 1942.

**COOMBS** Reg. No. 13677, ex-S/Sgt. William Arthur Coombs, 65, died on November 28, 1986, at Victoria, British Columbia. He was born on March 12, 1921 at Oak River, Manitoba. Coombs joined the Force on September 6, 1940 at Winnipeg, Man. Upon completion of training at Depot Division, Regina, Saskatchewan, he was posted to "K" Division, Alberta, serving at Edmonton, Calgary, Drumheller and Hanna. In 1944, Coombs was transferred to "G" Division, North West Territories and served at Reliance and Rae. In 1947, he was transferred to "H" Division, Nova Scotia serving at Halifax, North Ingonish, Sydney, Sherbrooke and New Waterford. In 1954, he was transferred to Headquarters Division, Ottawa, Ontario and in 1959, he returned to "G" Division serving at Yellowknife, Whitehorse and Yukon. He was promoted to corporal on January 1, 1951; to sergeant November 1, 1956 and to staff sergeant on November 1, 1960.

**CUNNING** Reg. No. 9897, ex-Cst. Cecil Albert Cunning, 87, died on November 24, 1986, at Regina, Saskatchewan. He was born on August 9, 1899. Cunning joined the Force on May 12, 1923, and took his discharge on March 18, 1925.

**DANE** Reg. No. 0.836, Supt. James Keith Dane, 56, died on January 1, 1987, at Vancouver, British Columbia. He was born on October 8, 1930, at Glenwood, Manitoba. Dane joined the Force on October 16, 1953, at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and upon completion of his training at "E" Division, British Columbia, Fairmont Training Sub-Division, he was posted to "E" Division serving at Vancouver, Alert Bay, Sechelt and North Vancouver. In August 1973, Dane was transferred to "F" Division, Saskatchewan, serving at Regina. In July 1977, Dane returned to "E" Division. He was promoted to corporal in 1967; to sergeant in 1968; to S/Sgt. in 1970; to inspector in 1974 and to superintendent in 1983. Dane was the Officer Commanding, Vancouver Sub-Division at the time of his death.

**DAVIDSON** Reg. No. 8659, ex-Sgt. Albert John Davidson, 87, died on January 1, 1987, at

Gravenhurst, Ontario. He was born on September 25, 1899. Davidson retired from the Force on August 18, 1947.

**DAVIES** Reg. No. 11094, ex-S/Sgt. Edward Davies, 78, died on December 19, 1986, at Edmonton, Alberta. He was born on November 28, 1908, at Gibbs, Saskatchewan. Davies joined the Force on October 23, 1931, at Regina, Sask. Upon completion of his training, he was posted to "K" Division, Alberta and served at Edmonton. On October 4, 1940, Davies was transferred to "N" Division, Rockcliffe, Ontario. On February 1, 1947, he was transferred to "A" Division, Ottawa and then to Headquarters, Ottawa on April 1, 1952. Davies was promoted to corporal on April 1, 1941; to sergeant on December 1, 1944; and to staff sergeant on May 1, 1948. He retired to pension on January 9, 1961.

**EHLY** Reg. No. 17082, ex-Cpl. Jack Michael Ehly, 72, died on November 15, 1986, at Penticton, British Columbia. He was born on January 2, 1914 at Balgonie, Saskatchewan. Ehly joined the Force on June 21, 1951 at Nelson, B.C. and was posted to "E" Division, British Columbia serving at Trail, Grand Forks, Cranbrook and Fruitvale. He was promoted to Corporal on May 1, 1958 and retired to pension on August 8, 1964.

**FEASEY** Reg. No. C/1174, C/M Ralph William Feasey, 54, died on January 15, 1987, at Winnipeg, Manitoba. He was born on February 22, 1932, at Toronto, Ontario. After serving with the Armed Forces for 22 years, Feasey was engaged as a civilian member on July 7, 1972. On January 15, 1973, he was transferred to "D" Division, Winnipeg, Manitoba where he was employed with Winnipeg network operations until his death.

**HALE** Reg. No. 17387, ex-Cst. Eugene Hale, 54, died on January 13, 1987, at Rosssburn, Manitoba. He was born on April 9, 1932, at Ruthenia, Manitoba. Hale joined the Force on November 27, 1951, at Winnipeg, Man., and was posted to Depot Division, Regina, Saskatchewan for trainin. upon completion of training he was posted to "K" Division, Alberta and served at Red Deer, Stettler, Drumheller, Banff, Calgary, Peace River, Spirit River, Grande Prairie and Edmonton. In 1960, Hale was transferred to "E" Division, British Columbia and served at Vancouver. On February 2, 1962, he was invalided to pension.

**HOBBS** Reg. No. 10363, ex-Sgt. Leonard John Hobbs, 78, died on January 11, 1987, at Nanaimo, British Columbia. He was born on June 14, 1908, at Turnbridge Wells, Kent, England. Hobbs joined the Force on November 12, 1927, at Regina, Saskatchewan and was posted to Depot Division. During his service, there

were many inter-divisional transfers between Depot and "F" Divisions and he served at Regina, Wakaw, Shelbrook, Maidstone and North Battleford in Saskatchewan also in Flin Flon, Manitoba. For a short time, he was posted to "G" Division (then Edmonton, Alberta) and served at Providence and Fort Norman, Northwest Territories. Hobbs also wrote a book entitled "Police Manual of Arrest and Searches." He was promoted to corporal on November 1, 1933, and to sergeant on February 2, 1946. He retired to pension on January 12, 1949.

**KELLY** Reg. No. R/1151, ex-Reserve Cst. Ralph Leo Hansen Kelly, 73, died on November 20, 1986, at Winnipeg, Manitoba. He was born on June 8, 1913, at Parsboro, Nova Scotia. Kelly joined the Force on October 30, 1943, as a reserve constable at Winnipeg, Man. and served there until April 26, 1954. He later engaged on August 9, 1955, at Vancouver, British Columbia where he served until July 16, 1956.

**MUIR** Reg. No. 11356, ex-S/Sgt. John Vass Muir, 83, died on October 20, 1986, at Madoc, Ontario. He was born on September 24, 1903, at Ayr, Scotland. Muir joined the RCMP as a civilian on November 13, 1928, and converted to a regular member on April 1, 1932. He was promoted to corporal on September 9, 1933, to sergeant on May 1, 1942, and to staff sergeant on May 1, 1950. Muir retired to pension July 22, 1958.

**NICHOL** Reg. No. 11842, ex-Sgt. William Mosley Nichol, 81, died on November 8, 1986, at Mississauga, Ontario. He was born on August 3, 1905 at Taylorton, Saskatchewan and joined the Force on November 14, 1932 at Regina, Sask. Upon completion of training, Nichol was posted to "D" Division serving in Winnipeg, Manitoba. In June 1934, he was transferred to "A" Division, Ottawa, then to "N" Division, Rockcliffe, Ont. before being transferred to "O" Division serving at Toronto and Niagara Falls. On February 1, 1950, Nichol returned to "A" Division, Ottawa. On April 1, 1952, he was transferred to "HQ" Division where he served until his retirement on September 13, 1954. Nichol was promoted to corporal on November 1, 1941; to sergeant on May 1, 1949, and to staff sergeant on November 1, 1952.

**O'BRIEN-FFRENCH** Reg. No. 5208, ex-Cst. Conrad O'Brien-FFrench, 92, died on October 23, 1986, at Loveland, Colorado, U.S.A. He was born in London, England in 1893 and joined the Royal North West Mounted Police on September 19, 1911. O'Brien-FFrench took his discharge on June 12, 1912.

**PAYNE** Reg. No. 16665, ex-Sgt. Peter Blake Payne, 64, died on November 29, 1986, at Sechelt, British Columbia. He was born on December 29, 1921 at Vancouver, B.C. After serving in the Canadian Armed Forces, Payne

joined the British Columbia Provincial Police on April 9, 1945, with whom he served until their being absorbed into the Force in 1950. With the Force, Payne served at Atlin, Kimberly, Kelso and Greenwood until his retirement on December 30, 1975. He was promoted to corporal May 1, 1955; to sergeant May 1, 1963 and to S/Sgt. November 1, 1966.

**SAUNDERS** Reg. No. 16339, ex-Sgt. Frederick George Saunders, 73, died on January 6, 1987, at Nanoose, British Columbia. He was born on May 23, 1913, at Victoria, B.C. Prior to becoming a member of the Force, Saunders had attained the rank of corporal with the British Columbia Provincial Police. Upon the amalgamation of the BCPP and the RCMP, Saunders was posted to "E" Division, B.C. where he served his entire service at New Westminster, Burnaby and Burns Lake. It is believed Saunders was promoted to sergeant in 1952. He retired to pension on May 15, 1962.

**STEWART** Reg. No. 0.524, Supt. Terence Andrew Stewart (rtd.), 72, died on December 15, 1986, at Delta, British Columbia. He was born on June 28, 1914, at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Stewart served with the British Columbia Provincial Police until August 14, 1950, when that Force was amalgamated with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He served in "E" Division, British Columbia, at Dawson Creek, Prince George, Prince Rupert, Sandspit, Nanaimo and Victoria. In 1961, Stewart was transferred to Inuvik, Northwest Territories, where he served until 1964, when he was transferred to "F" Division, Regina, Saskatch-

ewan. In 1966, Stewart returned to "E" Division as officer commanding, Prince Rupert. On June 25, 1969, he was moved to O.C. Nelson Sub-Division. Stewart had attained the rank of corporal with the BCPP and was promoted to sergeant January 1, 1951; to staff sergeant December 1, 1954; to inspector March 1, 1963, and to superintendent April 1, 1969. He retired to pension on June 23, 1971.

**TAIT** Reg. No. 16887, ex-Cst. Ross John Tait, 57, died on December 9, 1986, at Lewisporte, Newfoundland. He was born on April 29, 1929, in Montreal, Quebec and joined the Force on March 12, 1951, at Halifax, Nova Scotia. Upon completion of his training at Depot Division, Regina, Saskatchewan and "N" Division Rockcliffe, Ontario, Tait was posted to "B" Division, Newfoundland serving at St. John and Grand Falls. He took his discharge on April 15, 1954.

**WEBSTER** Reg. No. 14001, ex-Cpl. Alfred Alexander Goodall Webster, 69, died on October 25, 1986, at Calgary, Alberta. He was born on July 16, 1917, at Winnipeg, Manitoba. Webster joined the Force on January 24, 1941 at Winnipeg and upon completion of training at Regina, Saskatchewan. He was posted to "H" Division, Nova Scotia serving at Halifax, Pictou and Sydney. On July 1, 1949, Webster was transferred to "G" Division, Northwest Territories serving at Old Crow, Whitehorse, Port Harrison and Aklavik. He was then transferred to "D" Division Manitoba serving at Dauphin, Norway House and Winnipeg. Webster retired to pension on March 2, 1961. He was promoted to corporal November 1, 1952.