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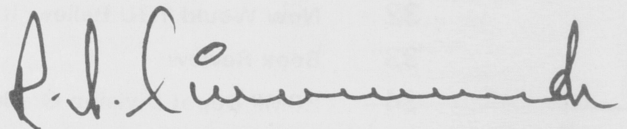
*The Office of the Commissioner  
Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
Headquarters, Ottawa  
Robert H. Simmonds, Commissioner*

*It is a pleasure for me to be able to extend to all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

*The Golden Anniversary of the RCMP Quarterly has come to an end, marking 50 years of service to members of the Force and the Canadian public. The loyalty of our subscribers and contributors, both within the RCMP and from the public at large have built the success of the Quarterly magazine.*

*To the members of the Force and to all subscribers and contributors, I would ask that we pause for a moment during our festivities and religious observations to remember those members of the police community who died accidentally or were slain during the performance of their duties this past year.*

*I join the staff of the Quarterly in extending Season's Greetings to you, your family and friends, and to wish you all a happy and successful New Year.*

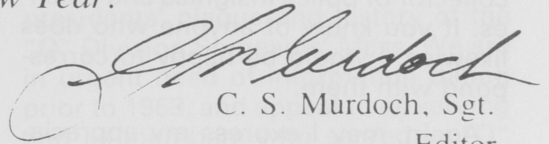


R. H. Simmonds  
Commissioner.



# A New Year

*With the closing of 1983 our golden anniversary comes to an end and we step toward another 50 years of publishing the RCMP Quarterly. Over this last year of celebration many of you have contributed to the Quarterly in a manner that has helped us maintain the high standard of the magazine. Without your gracious contributions and the devotion of all our subscribers we could not continue to publish our periodical. We at the Quarterly want to thank you for your continuing participation and wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year.*



C. S. Murdoch, Sgt.  
Editor

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## Editor's Notes

**APOLOGY** *The Quarterly* wishes to apologise to C/Supt. R. M. Culligan and Insp. J. H. MacLaughlan of "L" Division; ex-Cpl. L. A. Lang of P.E.I.; Sgts. S. G. Chaffey, J. Christy, R. Cameron, G. Bezzola; Cpl. R. Cusson and Commissionaire J. Learie of "N" Division, for any embarrassment caused to them by the reversal of two photographic captions in the last issue of *the RCMP Quarterly* magazine, Fall '83, Vol. 48, no. 4.

**PENSIONERS & MEMBERS GOING TO PENSION** A subscription to *the RCMP Quarterly* magazine CANNOT be deducted from a pension cheque as it can be from an RCMP paycheque of an active member. *Please*, remember, when you go to pension, (1) you will not be able to have *the Quarterly* deducted from your pension cheque, and (2) you must pay for your *Quarterly* subscription by mail (or in person if you prefer) with a cheque or money order made out to: *the RCMP Quarterly*. Once you have notified *the Quarterly* staff of your retirement, our Circulation Department will remind you of your subscription expiration date well in advance of its termination so you need not worry about missing an issue.

Also, when you leave the Force or at any time change your address, *please* inform *the Quarterly* Circulation Dept. We have no other way of finding you after you have left the RCMP. The onus is on all subscribers to advise *the Quarterly* of their address changes. The divisional administration offices and unit commanders will not do it for you. A convenient address-change card is enclosed in every *Quarterly* magazine, and Canada Post will gladly supply you with change-of-address cards. Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated and we will be able to serve you better. ■



# Letters to the Editor

## QUARTERLY APPRECIATED

Dear Editor:

I enjoy your magazine very much, and find that police concerns and problems know no geographical or political boundaries.

I have been a member of our State Patrol for 26 years and have been a collector of police insignias and patches. If you know of anyone who does likewise, I would be happy to correspond with them.

Again, may I express my appreciation and thanks to you for publishing this informative magazine.

Yours truly,  
L. Andrew  
Faribault, Minnesota  
U.S.A.

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## PEN FRIEND WANTED

Dear Editor:

Some years ago I wrote seeking help in gaining a pen friend in the RCMP. As a result of that letter, I made contact with an officer stationed up in the Arctic Circle. It was an interesting relationship, but unfortunately the contact was lost after many years and was never reestablished.

Correspondence has long been one of my favorite hobbies; even today, I write to people in Indonesia and Mexico, with whom I first established contact before I married in 1956. The chain of friendships has also been extended many times over in other parts of the world.

I would like to start another

friendship with an RCMP officer stationed in some remote part of Canada.

For the record, I am 57 years old, a family man with five children, and I am employed as a Traffic Superintendent of Railways in Toowoomba.

Besides correspondence, my interests include discussing world events, politics and people's way of life generally.

If you have some official publication wherein this letter could be published, I would appreciate it very much.

Yours faithfully,  
Les Hurford  
5 Martini St.,  
Toowoomba, 4350  
Queensland, Australia

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## WARM WELCOME

Dear Editor:

Please accept my apology for not remembering *the Quarterly's* 50th anniversary in time. Having been a subscriber for 19 years, I ought to have sent my very warmest congratulations in time for the great occasion.

Next year, I will once again visit Ottawa (the nicest city in the world) and the welcome and hospitality I enjoyed there — I refer to the people at *the Quarterly* — extended far beyond any "call of duty." This, by the way, applies to all members of the Force — past and present — that I have met.

If you would like to use this statement anywhere, you are most welcome to do so!

My very best wishes to the people on

your staff who might still remember me.

Ole Jorgensen  
Copenhagen F., Denmark

*Dear Mr. Jorgensen:*

*You are a loyal subscriber indeed! We are pleased that you enjoyed your last visit to the nation's capital. We are happy that you have such a high esteem for the Force. We do remember you and look forward to seeing you again!* Ed.

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### **QUARTERLY A WINNER**

Dear Editor:

The present-day *Quarterly* is a far cry from the first edition in 1933 and subsequent issues which were printed on poor quality paper with a drab blue cover bearing a gold diagonal stripe and corps crest — devoid of colour and without pictures or illustrations. In fairness to those pioneers, one should of course remember that funds were then extremely scarce and I am sure they were compelled to operate on a very tight budget.

You are in any case to be congratulated for the excellent format, coverage and highly diversified content in *the Quarterly*. In particular, the covers of the magazine are always striking — the Summer '83 issue is a real winner!

Yours sincerely,  
T. Jamieson Quirk, Major (Rtd.)  
Vancouver, B.C.

*Dear Major Jamieson:*

*Appreciative comments such as yours are instrumental in motivating us to improve the quality of our magazine. Now in its 51st year, the Quarterly has achieved a "track record" we can*

*be proud of. Our staff carries on in the tradition of past editors in its efforts to maintain high editorial standards and in publishing a wide variety of material to satisfy the expectations of our readers.* Ed.

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### **MESS INFORMATION NEEDED**

Dear Editor:

Members of "O" Division Sergeants' Mess are currently preparing a past presidents' plaque and history of the "O" Division Sergeants' Mess. We are in urgent need of information dating prior to 1963, and appeal to all serving and ex-members who served in "O" Division to provide as much material as possible to complete this worthy project, eg.: names of past presidents and dates they held office, special events, photographs, locations of the Mess before Sullivan Street, any correspondence of significance, etc. Write to: Sergeant Roger Rawluk, Staffing and Personnel, "O" Division, 225 Jarvis Street, Toronto, Ont. M5B 2C1.

Thank you,  
R. T. Rawluk, Sgt.

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### **SHOULDER BADGES SOUGHT**

Dear Editor:

I would like to know if there is anyone who was a member of the RCMP Marine Division who would be willing to exchange shoulder badges for a small collection of RCMP Marine Division articles.

Yours truly,  
J. C. Freure  
11520-67th Street  
Edmonton, Alta.  
T5B 1L7



## MARINE DIVISION PHOTOS

Dear Editor:

Do any of your readers by any chance have photographs of three vessels that operated from Saint Pierre to the Canadian coast? They are the *Winona R.* alias *Kayemarie*; the *Amuk*; and the *I. T. C.* — a small motor vessel of 14 tons, formerly called the *Mah* or the *Max François*, and not a larger vessel that was called the *I. T. C.* for a short time, but which was better known to the Marine Division as the *Playmayd*.

Yours sincerely,  
Geoff Robinson  
Tyne Valley, P.E.I.  
C0B 2C0

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## NOORDUYN NORSEMAN

Dear Editor:

I am researching the employment of the *Noorduyn Norseman* aircraft in RCMP service. In connection with my research, I would like to contact any members of the Force, serving or veterans, who worked with the *Norseman*. I am interested in any information, but request no returnable items be sent. As for photographs, if anyone has some I would be happy to pay the cost of reproduction.

Yours sincerely,  
Keith Hart  
Box 48  
21-10405 Jasper Ave.  
Edmonton, Alberta  
T5J 3S2

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## RCMP BADGES

Dear Editor:

I need the help of *Quarterly* readers to complete some of my RCMP display

frames, upon which I have been working for a while now without success.

I am presently looking for: missing cloth badges in the 1974/76 series, silk/cotton type; both styles of C/S/M arm badges, on black and on red, the drum major on black and three long Service stars, yellow/red.

The assistance of any readers who still have old-style metal and cloth badges issued before 1973, and who don't mind disposing of them, would be invaluable to me in my project.

Yours truly  
Cst. J. A. Claude Jasmin  
P.O. Box 293, STA. AMF.  
Dorval, Que.  
H4Y 1A8

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## FORCE ACCOUTREMENTS

Dear Editor:

I have read the book "Arms and Accoutrements of the Mounted Police." My only regret is that the book is not more all-embracing than it is. Also, I've long felt that the museum staff at Depot ought to have produced at least an illustrated catalogue for their centennial. When one considers the amount of information regarding uniforms, badges, flashes, medals, etc., "locked up" in past issues of *the Quarterly*, and the fact that Mr. Horrall's excellent "Pictorial History" only has some two pages devoted to flashes and uniforms, there is a real need for a comprehensive book on this aspect of the Force. I'd like to see someone tackle a *colour* book on the wider field.

My compliments on your latest and recent issues — you have worked wonders!

Sincerely,  
John Matthew  
Rexdale, Ontario



Police Service Dog K-470, Dale of Cawsalta (refer to pp. 16-19).

## THE LAW ON A LEASH IN CANADA

### PART I

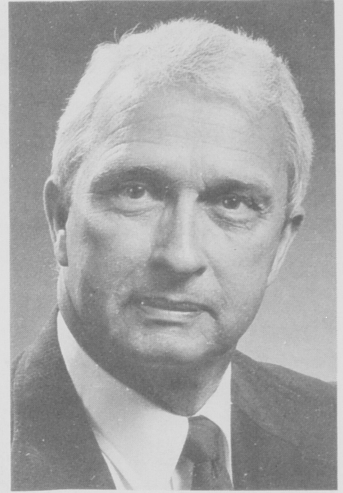
*by Professor Samuel G. Chapman  
University of Oklahoma, Norman*

*Due to the considerable length of this article, it will be published in two parts.  
The second half will appear in the Spring '84 issue.* **Ed.**



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The exact origin of the dog, a remarkable animal that has served humankind in a number of capacities for centuries, is unknown. Moreover, just when humans first tamed the wild dog is not certain. It is known that over a long period of time people have taken advantage of the intelligence and loyalty of these marvelous creatures.

Police across the world have not overlooked the dog as an important partner in the war on crime and disorder. In fact, Canadian police dog history dates to 1935, notwithstanding the fact that the legend of Mountie and dog goes back much earlier. It was understandable that the rugged men of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police would have dogs along as companions on their lonely rounds. In fact, legends which stem from this sort of thing eventually became reality. But there is substantial prologue, set out below.

## **I. HOW IT ALL GOT GOING**

Dogs have served humans well. Work dogs are widely used in European cities, sled dogs are central to stories and legends of the far north, including Alaska and Canada's Northwest Territories and rescue and survival in the Swiss Alps. Watchdogs have

been used for centuries as guards for homes and businesses, a growing phenomenon in Canada and the United States since the 1960's.

## **Peacetime Uses**

Humans first used dogs to help catch food and protect their caves. Dogs also proved useful in guarding flocks. Humans, discovering that dogs could provide diversion, pitted dogs against one another in racing events and against each other or against other animals in tests of endurance and ferocity, even to the death. But the most enduring characteristics of dogs are the companionship and loyalty so faithfully given to people for thousands of years.

Humans have long taken advantage of the keen scenting powers of dogs to search for lost or fugitive persons. English soldiers used tracking hounds in the 1600's to follow the trail of highwaymen who fled justice in unsettled rural parts of the country. In the United States, tracking hounds were used to follow runaway slaves before the Civil War, an activity vividly described in *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

German soldiers who returned sightless from World War I were the first such handicapped persons to be provided with dogs as guides. Soon, other countries trained dogs to guide

their blind. In the United States, Dorothy Harrison Eustis pioneered the use of dogs as 'eyes' for the sightless. In 1929, she opened the Seeing Eye Foundation at Morristown, New Jersey. The German shepherd is most often used for helping sightless persons.

Although less frequently used, hearing dogs, which are usually privately trained, direct the attention of their handicapped owners to the ringing of doorbells, telephones or alarms or to other happenings of aural consequence by a series of loud barks, signs, or other activity.

### Wartime Uses

During times of war, dogs have accompanied troops on land and sea and, with the advent of submarines in World War I, beneath the waves. World War II and the Korean War found dogs going aloft as mascots in military aircraft. Trained dogs are used today in the troubled Middle East by United Nations peacekeeping forces to help prevent insurgency, infiltration and sabotage.

Scads of scientific inventions costing millions of dollars hardly proved as valuable as well-trained German shepherd war dogs which slogged around with allied troops in the dismal, politically controlled and frustrating war in Southeast Asia. Dogs proved a far greater bargain than radar, infrared and night-sighting devices, intrusion detection gear, and other electronic gimmicks in protecting ground troops. Thousands of dogs swam canals, climbed hills and scurried along trails and through the brush discovering enemy tunnels, alerting troops to mines and booby traps, giving early warning of dreaded ambushes and tracking the enemy. Some dogs accompanied infantry teams in helicopters while a few even made parachute jumps into combat!

Scout dogs, which bounded into war with tails wagging and fueled with the love of their handlers, distinguished themselves. Keen dogs on jungle patrols gave virtual vision-by-proxy to thousands of infantrymen during harrowing reconnaissance missions. Each animal seemed to have its own personality whether on jungle patrol, protecting aircraft from flight-line intruders, or seeking enemy camps and explosives caches. While Southeast Asia was a war of abominable tropical conditions from which the dogs were not immune, they performed their roles with excellence. Many suffered fatal wounds or succumbed to gruesome maladies unique to the tropical setting.

### Police Work

Dogs are surprisingly relative newcomers to law enforcement, other than as trackers or sled dogs. Yet some of the duties that dogs perform in wartime are comparable to things they do for law enforcement.

In police work dogs are used to search, to take into custody, to guard alleys, yards and buildings; warn officers of lurking danger, and search fields, forests, hills, and broad, open areas for both persons and property.<sup>1</sup> Dogs also assist police in reducing criminal activity wherever they are used. Some forces use dogs for helping to keep crowds orderly. Dogs have proved themselves in thwarting aircraft hijacking attempts and in locating narcotics or contraband related to game law violations. They can also detect explosives, if trained in this special sector.

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1. Samuel G. Chapman, *Dogs in Police Work*. Chicago: Public Administration Service, 1960, pp. 5-12.





Police dog work may be divided into two basic categories: specialist and all-purpose. Specialist work requires that a dog possess especially well-developed and trained scenting powers. A dog engaged in all-purpose police work must be amply endowed with multiple abilities, including very good olfactory senses, since much of the all-purpose role involves nose work.

Specialist dogs are commonly employed in police work to search for criminal escapees, missing persons and lost children. They also have been important in seeking narcotics caches as well as in detecting explosives and illicit liquor manufacturing sites. Specialist dogs are also used to search for injured persons and for bodies as well as for stolen property that may have been hidden or discarded. Even when specialist dogs are unsuccessful in locating a suspect or detecting contraband they are often able to free officers to pursue other investigative avenues, hence contributing to cases. While the bloodhound is the stereotype tracker, the Doberman pinscher, German shepherd, Rottweiler, Labrador, and even the bulldog and other breeds are

capable of performing a host of highly specialized sensing duties.

All-purpose police dogs must be strong, hardy animals with high intelligence, great persistence, keen sight, and a sense of smell that approaches that of a tracking dog because, besides performing broad, general-duty police patrol work, they are often used for tracking. German shepherd dogs seem as well adapted as any breed to all-purpose or general dog-handler patrol work.<sup>2</sup>

Generalist, or all-purpose patrol dogs, are sometimes erroneously called 'guard' dogs. Patrol dogs are by no means guard dogs even though patrol dogs are attack-trained. The difference between 'guard' and 'patrol' dogs is considerable: a guard dog is trained to attack persons who enter his 'territory.' A police patrol dog on the other hand, is trained to attack only under three circumstances: when his handler is attacked; when the dog himself is

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2. What are called 'all purpose' dogs today were, at one time, called 'executive' and 'night patrol' dogs. See: Edwin H. Richardson, "Police Dogs," *The Police Review and Parade Gossip*, August 21, 1914, pp. 410-412.

attacked, and when commanded by his handler to attack.

### Ghent, Belgium and Continent

Ghent, Belgium, is the first city in the world known to have established a school where dogs were trained for law-enforcement work. The Ghent program, which was begun in 1899, was preceded by German experiments in 1896 and by French experiments in 1895 but which did not feature training schools.<sup>3</sup>

The Ghent program attracted wide attention and prompted other cities on the continent to use dogs in law enforcement. German officers who studied the Ghent system made favorable reports, and by 1910 over 600 towns in Germany used police dogs. Several police forces in France, Hungary, Austria and Italy, as well as other Belgian police forces, did so too.<sup>4</sup>

### English Adoption

The first force in England to use handler/dog teams was the Hull and

Barnsley Railway Police. About 1908, these police used Airedale terriers, imported from Belgium and trained in England, for basic obedience and man work to help deal with rowdy seamen returning to the Hull docks after shore leave. The dogs were also used to protect premises and goods at dock side.<sup>5</sup>

The precise development of other early English units is not clear. One of Edwin H. Richardson's books suggests that the Berkshire Constabulary had a dog for night duty in 1910.<sup>6</sup> The Rochdale Constabulary implemented a program in 1911,<sup>7</sup> while the Swansea, South Wales, chief constable reported

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5. Information obtained in a letter of June 1, 1982, from John Nixon, assistant chief constable of the British Transport Police, to Norman L. Chapple, assistant chief constable of the South Wales Constabulary, Bridgend. Also see: Lillian Creisler, "Police Dogs," *San Francisco Police and Peace Officers' Journal*, 13 (February 1935), pp. 7 and 19.

6. Edwin H. Richardson, *War, Police and Watch Dogs*. Edinburgh and London: W. Blackwood and Sons, 1910, p. 69.

7. Stanley Waller, *Cuffs and Handcuffs: The Story of the Rochdale Police Through the Years 1252-1957*. Rochdale, England: Thomas Yates Ltd., 1957, pp. 69-70.

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3. W. G. Fitz-Gerald, "Dog Police of European Cities," *The Century Magazine*, 72 (October 1906), p. 825.

4. G. Abel, "Dogs as Policemen," *The Independent*, 62 (June 27, 1907), p. 1503.





in 1916 that "... Police dogs had proved a distinct acquisition to the Force."<sup>8</sup>

The British police canine units were in limbo during World War II as the nation geared for war and military production while undergoing aerial bombings. Immediately after the war, however, several units were made operative. One of the first was the Metropolitan Police District which, in 1946, put six trained Labradors into service.<sup>9</sup>

The Lancashire Constabulary, then the second largest in the United Kingdom, began its program in 1951. Previously it had experimented with four bloodhounds for tracking and ten Labradors for patrol but had little success with either breed. In 1951, Lancashire Constabulary officials stopped using these two breeds in favor of Doberman pinschers and German shepherds.<sup>10</sup> The Cheshire,<sup>11</sup> Kent<sup>12</sup> and Buckinghamshire<sup>13</sup> constabularies also started canine units in 1951, but on a smaller scale than in Lancashire.

In 1954, Britain's Home Office noted how these five canine programs, as well as units in 23 other of the 126 forces in England and Wales, were

operating and began an evaluation. In that year, 266 dogs were operational in the 28 forces, including 140 in the Metropolitan Police alone.<sup>14</sup>

The police in the United Kingdom have found the use of dogs important in protecting the public. In fact, in 1981 there were 1,968 dogs attached to forces in England and Wales. Of these, 1,712 were used for police patrol purposes while 256 were used for such specialist duties as searching for drugs, explosives and buried bodies. However, the majority were trained to assist in general patrol duties and to seek missing children and adults, suspected criminals, and escaped prisoners. By far the greatest number of the UK's 1,968 dogs were German shepherds.<sup>15</sup> Other breeds used included Labrador retrievers, Doberman pinschers, border collies, Rottweilers, Bouviers and Groendaels.

### Police Dogs in the United States

Police canine units have taken the United States by storm. In fact, since the first program in 1907, more than 1,000 American forces have had units at some time, or presently do.

There have been two distinct eras in United States police canine programs. The Early Era ran from 1907 to 1952 and included 13 programs in 12 forces. The Modern Era began in 1954 and continues today. There were no canine programs in the United States from 1952-1954.<sup>16</sup>

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8. *The Police Review* 24 (February 25, 1916), p. 90.

9. Sir John Nott-Bower, "Development and Use of Police Dogs in London," *FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin*, 24 (September 1955), p. 6.

10. Lancashire County, Lancashire Constabulary. *Report on the Lancashire Constabulary Dog Section*, (n.d.), p. 1.

11. R. W. James, *To the Best of Our Skill and Knowledge: A Short History of the Cheshire Constabulary 1857-1957*, p. 103.

12. *The Kent Police Centenary: Recollections of a Hundred Years*, 1957, p. 95.

13. Information obtained in correspondence with Chief Constable Peter M. Imbert, of the Thames Valley Police, England, to John Woodcock, chief constable of the South Wales Constabulary, Bridgend, on January 18, 1983.

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14. Great Britain. Home Office, *Working Party on Police, Report*. London: Whitehall, June 20, 1957, p. 2.

15. *Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary for the Year 1981*. London: Her Majesty's Stationery Office, July 20, 1982, section 2.24.

16. Samuel G. Chapman, *Police Dogs in America*. Norman, Oklahoma: The Bureau of Government Research, University of Oklahoma, 1979, p. 6.

The 12 Early Era programs, in order of seniority, include:

1. South Orange,  
New Jersey 1907-1911
2. New York City 1907-1951
3. New Haven,  
Connecticut 1910-1920<sup>16a</sup>
4. Glen Ridge,  
New Jersey 1910-1914
5. Englewood,  
New Jersey 1913-1915<sup>16b</sup>
6. Ridgewood,  
New Jersey 1914-1916<sup>16c</sup>
7. Baltimore, Maryland 1915-1917<sup>16d</sup>
8. Detroit, Michigan 1917-1919  
1928-1941
9. Berkeley, California 1930-1940
10. Pennsylvania  
State Police 1931-1937
11. Connecticut  
State Police 1944-1947
12. Babylon Town,  
New York 1951-1952<sup>16e</sup>

## II. POLICE CANINE PROGRAMS IN CANADA

Canadian police forces have used dogs for public safety since the mid-1890's. However, the first programs featured sled dogs whose mission was transport, not tracking or patrol work. Bloodhounds bounded into the picture in the early 1900's.

All-purpose police patrol dog programs may be traced from 1930 when an informal, but very important, officer/dog team was on the job in Alberta. This partnership led to the formalization of a program by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in 1935.

### Sled Dogs

Sled dogs are not police dogs in the sense of performing criminal work, but they have proven important to several police forces in Canada for many years and warrant acknowledgment. One of the first forces to use sled dogs was the Royal Northwest Mounted Police which, in the mid-1890's, assumed responsibility for policing the vast northern regions of Canada, including the wild and gold-rich Yukon. Among their varied roles, RNWMP troopers in their scarlet tunics carried mail to scattered camps in these rugged regions. Dog sleds, horses and boats were central to getting police from place to place.

The role of early-day sled dogs was colorfully set out through the eyes of one team member in a highly descriptive 1947 feature: "We climbed mountain passes, walked through pleasant meadowland and slid down steep valleys. ... We had a grim time crossing over the high ridges, even when the men broke trail when snow came over our bellies, but they helped us over the real rough spots."<sup>17</sup>

16a. *Annual Report, 1961, Centennial Issue*. New Haven: Police Department, August 1962, pp. 19-21. Also see: "When Dogs Did Valiant Duty on New Haven Police Beats," *New Haven Sunday Register* (July 13, 1930), section V, p. 1.

16b. Walter A. Dyer, "Four-Footed Policeman," *Country Life in America*, 30 (July 1916), p. 48.

16c. *Ibid.*, p. 48. Neither the Englewood nor Ridgewood program discontinuance dates has been conclusively documented. Research continues.

16d. "Police Protection in the Suburbs: Bicycle Squad — Police Dogs," *Report of the Baltimore Board of Police Commissioners*, 1914, p. 13. Also see: "Police Dogs Here on Ship," *The Sun*, January 26, 1915, p. 8, and *Transit Security Guidelines Manual*, Washington, D.C.: American Public Transit Association, Technical and Research Services Department, February 1979, chapter 14, p. 1.

16e. Information obtained in correspondence with Suffolk County, New York, Inspector Otto H. Sedler, on August 31, 1982. Also see: "Police Dog Patrol of Flatbush Ends," *The New York Times*, July 12, 1951, p. 26.

17. R. J. Meek, " 'Mike' — A Saga of the North," *The Shoulder Strap*, 17 (April-September 1947), p. 59. Also see: W. C. Grennan, "Northern Dogs," *RCMP Quarterly*, 1 (1933), pp. 113-114.



The work was hard, the loads often heavy, and the going sometimes treacherous. Winter dog trips certainly could be lonesome and long, often covering several hundred miles. Wise was the force which painstakingly set out directives about what equipment was essential for a winter dog trip as the RNWMP did. Sledmasters were told that: "Close attention should be paid to keeping down weight, nothing should be carried but what is actually necessary; this is important."<sup>18</sup> Bacon was a staple, but with the "... rind taken

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18. Royal Northwest Mounted Police, *Rules and Regulations*, Office of the Commissioner, October 1, 1909, p. 225.

off to save weight." Moreover: "Before starting, men should learn to bake bannock [an often unleavened bread of oat or barley flour baked in flat loaves] which can be done in the evening at the camp fire, and sufficient made to last over the following day."<sup>19</sup>

In the RNWMP a 'normal' winter dog trip would require 99 pounds of axes, bedding, robes, knives and utensils in addition to each man's personal clothing. There was also a host of provisions, dog food and pemmican, medicines and a diary with a "... flexible waterproof cover" which attests to the prospective rigors of the trips.<sup>20</sup>

The Alberta Provincial Police also called its sled dogs 'train' or 'sleigh' dogs. The force's 1924 *Annual Report* noted that "Our train dogs at Fort Vermilion have been worked very hard up to the present. From last reports, they are in good shape to carry out winter patrols in the district."<sup>21</sup> These dogs were the only means of winter transportation in that part of the province.

The Alberta Provincial Police closed out its Fort Vermilion sled-dog program in 1930, selling all five dogs, just as it did its bloodhound corps.<sup>22</sup> Two years later, the Alberta Provincial Police was amalgamated into the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, as were the responsibilities and personnel of five other provincial forces across Canada.

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19. *Ibid.*, p. 224.

20. *Ibid.*, pp. 223-226.

21. Alberta Provincial Police, *Annual Report — 1924*, p. 73.

22. Alberta Provincial Police, *Annual Report — 1930*, p. 67.



The Alaska Highway was opened in the early 1940's. It changed the tempo of many remote locales and brought jeeps, buses, trucks and aircraft to places which earlier had known only dog sleds and skis for winter transport. Canada changed and the police stopped using most of these sled-dog teams who so faithfully dashed into the snowy holocausts men knew as northern blizzards.

The last RCMP dog-sled patrol was on March 11, 1969, from the isolated Yukon Territory settlement of Old Crow to Fort McPherson, 200 miles away in the Northwest Territories. This trip was as rigorous and cold as always, but it differed from earlier missions: it was accompanied by a magazine writer-photographer team driven by native guides in snowmobiles! Years later, two of the Siberian sled dogs were mounted by a taxidermist for historical display at the RCMP Museum in Regina, Sask.<sup>23</sup>

### Tracking Dogs

One of the earliest recorded Canadian incidents where a tracking specialist was used was in the Crow's Nest Pass area in southern Alberta. In April 1908, Sergeant Major Charles C. Raven of Lethbridge and his bloodhound sought the person who had murdered an RNWMP constable in the small town of Frank, 155 miles west of Lethbridge. The team failed to find the killer but did, it is believed, pick up the suspect's trail in spite of a snowfall and the passing of two days from the incident.<sup>24</sup>

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23. Nora and William Kelly. *The Royal Canadian Mounted Police: A Century of History 1873-1973*. Edmonton: Hurtig Publishers, 1973, p. 294.

24. Royal Canadian Mounted Police, *Service Dog Section*, n.d. [c. 1968], p. 4.

25. Alberta Provincial Police, *Annual Report — 1920*, p. 70.

In 1919, the Alberta Provincial Police purchased two bloodhound pups but they "... took distemper and died." Undaunted, in 1920, "Chief Inspector Nicholson purchased two dogs... and they... are in the course of training..."<sup>25</sup> The department's 1921 *Annual Report* noted that the bloodhound pups: "... are doing well and advancing in their training, they will be ready to be placed in each district by May 1st, 1922, and should be of great assistance in tracking criminals, and I look for good results from them...."<sup>26</sup>

In 1922, there were seven bloodhounds distributed to Lethbridge, Calgary, Red Deer, Edmonton, Peace River, and Grand Prairie. Their work was given rave notices: "[They] have more than proved their usefulness in tracking people. They were used considerably in the southern part of the province, tracking down escaped prisoners, lost people, and were successful in most of the cases they worked on.

"They are in the best of condition and well trained. Numerous enquiries from other forces have been received concerning their work."<sup>27</sup>

Similar praise was included in the 1924 *Annual Report*, but it included bad news, too. Melody, a very valuable bitch, died of poison at Peace River. Moreover, a pup that was a cross between an Airedale and a bloodhound bitch died at Lethbridge, apparently another poison victim. The report added that "... it was very fortunate that the three older hounds were locked up. Someone threw some poisoned meat into the yard, intending to poison all of them."<sup>28</sup>

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26. Alberta Provincial Police, *Annual Report — 1921*, p. 64.

27. Alberta Provincial Police, *Annual Report — 1922*, pp. 62-63.

28. Alberta Provincial Police, *Annual Report — 1924*, p. 72.

There were still six duty bloodhounds in 1925 which "... have been used frequently... and have been very successful." Further, pups from the cross of an Alsatian police dog with a bloodhound bitch "... have been receiving training... and are turning out very well."<sup>29</sup>

In early 1929, the Alberta Provincial Police had five bloodhounds on duty. But at year's end, the program had fallen apart for reasons not detailed: one dog was sold, one died and two were destroyed.<sup>30</sup> Rufus, the last duty dog, was sold in 1930, which left the force without bloodhounds.<sup>31</sup>

### All-Purpose Police Dog Programs

Over the years, officers in several Canadian forces, large and small, took dogs with them on routine patrols. These dogs were personal pets rather than police-trained dogs, however, and contributed more to a constable's having company than to actual patrol work. Such informal use resembles that which was antecedent to the early English and United States programs.

Two separate, distinct eras are readily identifiable in tracing the all-purpose police service dog history across Canada. The earliest, or Informal Era, lasted about five years, from 1930 to 1935. The Formal Era began in 1935 and continues today in impressive fashion.

### The Informal Era: 1930-1935

The story of Canada's Informal Era is remarkable. It features a widely heralded lawman, Alberta Provincial

Police Sergeant John N. Cawsey of Bassano, and his equally talented canine partner, popularly known as Dale. Dale was formally Dale of Cawsalta (Caws for Cawsey; Alta for Alberta) and, from 1935, identified as RCMP police service dog K-470.<sup>32</sup>

Dale was born in 1929 in Alberta. When just a pup, he was owned by Captain Ernest Harwich of the Alberta Provincial Police who began training him. Before the year ended, Harwich sold Dale to Sergeant Cawsey. Cawsey finished training the dog and used him to assist in police duties.<sup>33</sup>

Some may wonder why the RCMP was not at the forefront of canine use during the 1920's and early 1930's. The principal reason is that, in early 1920, the Canadian government extended the jurisdiction of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police to all of Canada. At that time, the name was changed to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in recognition of the Force's dramatically expanded jurisdiction.<sup>34</sup> Another important reason is that from 1920 to April 1, 1932, the RCMP handled only federal policing. Such a role implied that occasions for using trained handler/dog teams would be rare, hence Canada's renowned national Force would have little or no reason to use dogs in police work.<sup>35</sup>

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29. Alberta Provincial Police, *Annual Report — 1925*, p. 89.

30. Alberta Provincial Police, *Annual Report — 1929*, p. 59.

31. Alberta Provincial Police, *Annual Report — 1930*, p. 67.

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32. Nora and William Kelly, *The Royal Canadian Mounted Police: A Century of History 1873-1973*. Edmonton: Hurtig Publishers, 1973, pp. 176-177.

33. *Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Service Dog Section*, n.d. [c. 1968], p. 4.

34. William L. Higgitt, "Serving Canada for 100 Years," *FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin*, 42 (September 1973), pp. 5-6. This is also based on information obtained in correspondence with S. W. Horrall, Historian of the RCMP, on May 10, 1982.

35. Information obtained in correspondence with S. W. Horrall, Historian of the RCMP, on May 10, 1982.

On April 1, 1932, the mission of the RCMP changed abruptly. On that day the RCMP took over criminal law enforcement in six provinces. Many innovations followed in the greatly-expanded organization. One of these was the use of dogs for police patrols, but the canine unit was not implemented at once. A few things had to unfold first.<sup>36</sup>

The Alberta Provincial Police was one of the six forces, together with incumbent personnel, which was amalgamated into the RCMP. Sergeant Cawsey, now of the RCMP and still working in Alberta, continued to patrol with Dale. Cawsey and Dale conducted investigations which became legendary. One of the most significant cases began on November 13, 1933, at Bassano when the team successfully tracked felon Angus Taylor under abysmal weather conditions, only to have a judge dismiss the case. The judge declared that evidence stemming from a canine track was inadmissible in court because of a precedent established in a landmark British Columbia case, *Rex v. White* (1926 w.w. R. 481).<sup>37</sup>

While the Taylor dismissal was a setback, Cawsey and Dale persevered and achieved impressive results from 1934 to mid-1935. At this point, Jack Cawsey decided he could no longer afford to maintain the dog for police work, and the department was reluctant to assume costs. In August 1935, Cawsey

forced his superior's hand by declaring that if the RCMP did not purchase Dale, he would take the dog off all police work and maintain it merely as a pet. Superintendent Ernest William Bavin of the RCMP, who had been Cawsey's boss back in Alberta Provincial Police days, urged the Force to purchase Dale as did the RCMP commanding officer of Alberta. This prompted RCMP Commissioner James H. MacBrien to approve a \$200 expenditure to pay for Dale. Thus did the Formal Era begin.<sup>38</sup>

### The Formal Era: 1935-

The literature about when the Formal Era actually began is contradictory. For years, October 1935 was identified as the onset of the RCMP's formal program, when Commissioner MacBrien approved the \$200 purchase that made Dale a member of the Force.<sup>39</sup>

After Dale, the Force's next purchase was reported to be Black Lux, son of Dale.<sup>40</sup> But did son precede father? This prospect surfaced in 1980 when the Public Relations Branch of the RCMP noted that Black Lux, not Dale, was purchased and became the Force's first police service dog: "The RCMP Dog Service officially came into existence on May 25, 1935, with the purchase of Black Lux... Dale of Cawsalta,

36. *Loc. cit.*

37. "Employment of Dogs for Police Work," *RCMP Quarterly*, 2 (July 1934), pp. 32-33. For additional information about evidentiary aspects of police service dog work, see: J. F. Thrasher, "Tracking by Dogs: Admissibility as Evidence in Criminal Law," *Royal Canadian Mounted Police Gazette*, 1 (September 13 and September 20, 1939, issues), as well as Informational Bulletins C-001, C-002 and C-003 disseminated by the Canadian Police Canine Association, Calgary.

38. Royal Canadian Mounted Police, *Service Dog Section*, n.d. [c. 1968], p. 4. Also see: Horrall letter of May 10, 1982; and the Report of the *Royal Canadian Mounted Police for the Year Ended March 31, 1939*. Ottawa: Department of Public Printing and Stationery, 1939, p. 55. In this report, October 15, 1935, is specifically given as the date Dale was taken on the Force.

39. *Loc. cit.*

40. Service Dog Section, *op. cit.*, p. 4; N. and W. Kelly, *The Royal Canadian Mounted Police: A Century of History 1873-1973*, *op. cit.*, p. 177; and G. E. Teeft, "Dogs of the RCMP," *RCMP Quarterly*, 16 (January 1951), p. 192.



Black Lux's sire, was officially taken on strength of the Force on October 15 of that same year...."<sup>41</sup>

Irrespective of whether Dale or Black Lux was first, or whether the program started on May 25 or October 15, 1935, the RCMP moved ahead with its canine program. It was small at first, but there were high hopes for the program. In 1936, the RCMP described some cases where Dale performed with distinction: "... we should say something regarding the invaluable work performed by this dog...."<sup>42</sup> The account gave no word about Black Lux, but carried on optimistically about Dale: "As the dog Dale has now been taken on the strength of the Force he will be used more frequently and, no doubt, will prove his worth."<sup>43</sup>

Dale and Lux did prove their worth. In fact, these two dogs were so successful that "... further purchases were made and a kennel was opened at Calgary.... Six dogs were trained and passed out to detachments."<sup>44</sup>

In 1939, Superintendent Bavin noted that there were 13 dogs on the Force which, with handlers, were stationed as follows:<sup>45</sup>

Place	Number of Teams
Peace River, Alta.	1
Vegreville, Alta.	1
Maidstone, Alta.	1
Wakaw, Sask.	1
Canora, Sask.	1
Regina, Sask.	2
Halifax, N.S.	1
Moncton, N.B.	1
Rockcliffe, Ont.	4
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Superintendent Bavin was intent upon posting teams at strategic points across Canada as the array shown here illustrates. Bavin was prophetic when he wrote in 1939 that: "By an even and well-planned distribution, we hope to have our dogs stationed at points where their services can be used at short notice. It is necessary that all detachments be impressed with the importance of calling the dog first — the sooner he is on the job, the better the chance we are giving him to meet with success. There have been many instances where the dog has been brought in too late or perhaps as an afterthought and then the usefulness of the animal criticized because good results were not obtained."<sup>46</sup>

That year, the superintendent also forecast that: "... as the interest in the use of dogs increases, more and more demand will be made for their services... it is certain that this increase will make it necessary to make further purchases and intensify our training."<sup>47</sup>

There is more to the saga of Dale. In 1936, a Constable Thurston of the RCMP was trained by Captain Harwich and Sergeant Cawsey to handle police service dog Dale. Thurston and Dale were partners, compiling an impressive record, until rheumatism and heart strain brought about Dale's retirement

42. *Report of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for the Year Ended March 31, 1936*. Ottawa: Department of Public Printing and Stationery, 1936, pp. 104-105.

43. *Loc. cit.*

44. *RCMP Annual Report for 1939, op. cit.*, p. 55.

45. *Ibid.*, p. 56.

46. *Loc. cit.*

47. *Loc. cit.*

41. Royal Canadian Mounted Police, *Police Dog Service*. RCMP: Public Relations Branch, 1980, p. 3.

in 1939. It was then that Dale was reunited with Sergeant Cawsey to live out his final days.<sup>48</sup> Dale was humanely destroyed on September 6, 1941, after suffering from an internal growth for some time. He had given nine years of outstanding service and had been adjudged the best canine policeman in Canada. He held a Diploma of Honour from the Dog World of Chicago and had also been awarded "... the Humane Society Certificate for rescuing an Alberta girl from drowning, and for his general proficiency in police work, as well as in life-saving tests".<sup>49</sup>

The RCMP got the Formal Era off to a good start. Individuals such as Sergeant Cawsey and Superintendent Ernest W. Bavin and superior animals like Dale and Black Lux saw to that.

#### Did the Formal Era Start Earlier?

There is mounting evidence which suggests that the RCMP program of 1935 was not the first one in Canada. For example, in 1951, RCMP dog trainer Corporal G. A. Teeft noted that: "A few Canadian municipal law enforcement bodies tried out one or two dogs [before 1935] but no great progress was made."<sup>50</sup> Corporal Teeft added that he thought tracking dogs would have been helpful to forces that dealt with the Doukhobor disorders in British Columbia in 1931. He wrote: "... the Chief Constable of the New Westminster City Police... had a personal know-

ledge of the capabilities of trained dogs...."<sup>51</sup>

There could well have been a program predating 1935 in New Westminster. A letter, set out below, appeared in a book apparently prepared for advertising purposes by a California dog trainer who had had an earlier role with the New Westminster Police Department's police dog training school:<sup>52</sup>

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

*John Cameron, Chief of Police*

*New Westminster, B.C., May 11, 1931*

*To the Chiefs of Police or Sheriffs:*

*The bearer, Mr. C. A. Roy, is en route to Mexico with a number of Doberman pinschers (Police Dogs) Mr. Roy has been the trainer of our Police Dog Training School for a number of years and the dogs he has with him have been used by this department in a number of cases with excellent results.*

*I would ask as a special favour to allow him to demonstrate their capabilities, especially the dog "Arno." This dog has worked with me on several cases; also the dog "Artis," who for trailing has no equal.*

*Yours truly  
S. W. BASS  
Deputy Chief of Police.*

Current New Westminster Police Department dog handler Constable Elmer Lazar has attempted to secure details of the program. As yet, however, the program has not been confirmed with

48. R. C. Rathbone, "The Silent Partner," *RCMP Quarterly*, 4 (July 1936), pp. 50-51, and "Canine Old Timer Passes On," *RCMP Quarterly*, 9 (October 1941), p. 210.

49. "Canine Old Timer Passes On," *op. cit.*, pp. 209-210.

50. Teeft, "Dogs of the RCMP," *op. cit.*, p. 192.

51. *Ibid.*, p. 194.

52. Charles A. Roy, *Unrevealed Secrets About Training Your Dog*. San Francisco: Alex Dulfer Printing Company, 1936, p. 31.

sufficient precision to warrant its identification as Canada's first canine unit. Nevertheless, Constable Lazar's inquiries have taken him into conversations with older retired members of the Force who: "... have indicated that during the thirty's (30's), there were in fact, dogs used in New Westminster, more specifically in the rail-yard areas."<sup>53</sup>

In a later letter, Constable Lazar added that a circa 1931 photograph of two men and five Doberman pinscher dogs had been located and linked to the police department: one of the two men is Deputy Chief Sam Bass who signed the letter set out above. Constable Lazar added that: "... Deputy Chief Bass was a very innovative type of person and started many progressive procedures.... The Dog Squad, however, was cancelled after a very short time, apparently because the dogs turned out to be much too savage and, in fact, turned on Mr. Bass.

To sum up, the dogs were tried but did not measure up to expectations and were destroyed. *Experiment failure.*" [Lazar's emphasis].

Even through Corporal Teeft's article said "a few Canadian" forces tried dogs before 1935, nothing has surfaced as to which others than New Westminster may have experimented. Research continues on the history of police service dog units in Canada.

### III. ABOUT THE FORMAL ERA PROGRAMS

There has been a total of 48 canine programs in 43 Canadian police forces since the Formal Era began in 1935.

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53. Information obtained in correspondence with New Westminster dog-handler Constable Elmer Lazar on December 15, 1982.

54. Information obtained in correspondence with New Westminster dog-handler Constable Elmer Lazar on March 16, 1983.



Searching for a narcotics cache.

Some places have had two separate program periods. These include Regina, Saskatchewan; Lethbridge, Alberta; New Westminster, British Columbia; Tilbury, Ontario; and the Quebec Provincial Police.

Table One is the National Canine Program Directory for Canada. It identifies the 43 places which are known to either now use, or at one time to have used, trained police service dog-handler teams. The year when each agency's canine program was started and its operational status as of spring, 1982, is also shown.

### Program Starts and Longevity

Table One discloses that there are programs operative in eight of Canada's ten provinces, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island being the exceptions. Canada's police service dog-handler teams serve in almost every conceivable climate and setting. They are posted across the nation with no



**Table One**  
**The National Canine Program**  
**Directory for Canada**

<b>Alberta</b>			
Calgary	1960	—	
Edmonton	1967	—	
Lethbridge	1963	1971	
	1979	—	
Medicine Hat	1980	—	
<b>British Columbia</b>			
B.C. Fish & Wildlife Department	1976	1981	
Delta	1972	1974	
Matsqui	1963	—	
Nelson	1973	—	
New Westminster	1962	1966	
	1972	—	
Saanich	1963	1968	
Vancouver	1957	—	
West Vancouver	1982	—	
<b>Manitoba</b>			
Brandon	1979	—	
Winnipeg	1971	—	
<b>New Brunswick</b>			
Fredericton	1974	—	
Moncton	1962	1981	
N.B. Dept. of Natural Resources, Fredericton	1979	—	
St. John City Police	1976	—	
<b>Nova Scotia</b>			
Dartmouth	1972	—	
Gloucester Bay Town Police	1973	—	
N.S. Dept. of Lands and Forests, Halifax	1966	—	
Sydney	1976	—	
<b>Ontario</b>			
Gloucester	1965	1967	
Hamilton-Wentworth	1960	—	
London	1972	—	
Ontario Provincial Police	1965	—	
Orangeville	1976	1980	
Peel Regional Police	1974	—	
Police Canine Club of Toronto	1978	—	
Thunder Bay	1970	—	
Tilbury	1975	1979	
	1981	—	
Waterloo	1975	1979	
Windsor	1975	—	
<b>Quebec</b>			
Montreal Urban Community	1961	1975	
Quebec Provincial Police	1962	1971	
	1973	—	
<b>Saskatchewan</b>			
Prince Albert	1976	—	
Regina	1962	1964	
	1974	—	
Saskatoon	1968	—	
Stoughton	1980	—	
<b>Other Forces</b>			
Royal Canadian Mounted Police	1935	—	
Canadian Customs & Revenue Service	1978	—	
Maritime Federal Penitentiary at Dorchester, N.B.	1965	1980	
Parks Canada — Western Region	1970	—	

particular region having a corner on their use. Teams serve the police in very large places as well as in very small ones, and they have been used extensively in rural and mountainous settings for a host of roles for which the teams, by training and specialty, are well suited.

The RCMP program by far outdates all other Canadian programs in terms

of longevity. Twenty-two years later — in 1957 — the second Canadian program was implemented in Vancouver, B.C. Three years later, the police of Calgary and Hamilton started canine units, and in 1961 the Montreal Urban Community program became operative.

The hallmark of the Formal Era is that there was no great ground swell

**Table Two**  
**The 48 Canine Program Starts by Year and Jurisdiction**

Year	No. of Starts	Jurisdiction(s)
1935	1	Royal Canadian Mounted Police
1957	1	Vancouver
1960	2	Calgary, Hamilton - Wentworth
1961	1	Montreal Urban Community
1962	4	New Westminster, Moncton, Regina, Quebec Provincial Police
1963	3	Lethbridge, Matsqui, Saanich
1964	—	
1965	3	Gloucester, Ontario Provincial Police, Maritime Federal Penitentiary
1966	1	Nova Scotia Lands and Forests
1967	1	Edmonton
1968	1	Saskatoon
1969	—	
1970	2	Thunder Bay, Parks Canada — Western Region
1971	1	Winnipeg
1972	4	Delta, New Westminster, Dartmouth, London
1973	3	Nelson, Glace Bay, Quebec Provincial Police
1974	3	Fredericton, Peel Regional, Regina
1975	3	Tilbury, Waterloo, Windsor
1976	5	B.C. Fish & Wildlife, St. John, Sydney, Orangeville, Prince Albert
1977	—	
1978	2	Police Canine Club of Toronto, Canadian Customs and Revenue
1979	3	Lethbridge, Brandon, New Brunswick Natural Resources
1980	2	Medicine Hat, Stoughton
1981	1	Tilbury
1982	1	West Vancouver
Total	48	

among Canadian police forces to implement canine units after the RCMP and Vancouver programs were formally established. This is in sharp contrast to what happened in the United States where numerous canine units were established in the years immediately after Baltimore, Md., got its program going in 1956.<sup>55</sup> The data in Table One suggest there was evident deliberation, if not some reluctance, among Canada's chief constables about whether to use dogs for police work. The caution with which forces other than the RCMP and Vancouver Police apparently approached the issue also suggests that chief constables may have seen canine units as merely a fad. That other departments timidly approached the issue may be discerned by reviewing Table Two, which sets out by year when forces implemented canine programs.

Table Two shows that there were only three years in which more than three programs were implemented: 1962 and 1972 when there were four, and in 1976 when there were five. The table also shows that program starts were, for the most part, consistent year-by-year: only in three years since 1959 were there no starts. These were 1964, 1969 and 1977. Another feature of Table Two is geographical in nature: while most of the earliest programs were in western and west central Canada, forces in the east were not tardy in doing the same thing. Perhaps the exploits of Sergeant Cawsey and Dale were as widely heralded in the east as they were in the western reaches where this team served.

### Number of Teams

In the early 1980's, there were about 210 police service dogs and handlers in the 34 forces which had active

programs.<sup>56</sup> The RCMP had the greatest number of teams — 70. Forces with the next greatest number of teams include:

Department	No. of Teams
Vancouver, B.C.	15
Ontario Provincial Police	15
Calgary, Alta.	12
Canadian Customs and Revenue Service	12
Edmonton, Alta.	9
London, Ont.	6
Police Canine Club of Toronto	6
Winnipeg, Man.	5

Almost all of the 210 police dogs are German shepherds. This breed has been found to be strong, versatile and courageous and able to work under extremely hot or cold weather conditions. This was proven so not just in Canada, but worldwide. Moreover, the German shepherd dog is generally of a robust, but pleasing appearance and hence very photogenic. This helps in public relations campaigns and to inspire public confidence in the programs.

The RCMP has had by far the greatest experience with all-purpose police service dogs in Canada. Over the years, the Force has experimented with several breeds, including various crossbreeds. Inspector L. L. Pearson of the RCMP training kennels at Innisfail, Alta., writes: "The end result is that the German shepherd was found to be the most suitable for our needs. Their hardiness, durability, loyalty, working capabilities and psychological effect prove to be the qualities desired by our Force."<sup>57</sup>

55. Samuel G. Chapman, *Police Dogs in America*, op. cit., pp. 15, 18-25.

56. The number of police service dogs has been determined from letters, reports or field visitations to each of the 34 sites.

57. Information obtained in correspondence with Inspector L. L. Pearson, Officer in Charge of the RCMP Innisfail Kennels, on July 11, 1978.





P.S. dog stops quarry — a steady pull with no ripping. Note revolver in the man's hand.

In 1981, research conducted by the Calgary police seemed to confirm the primacy of the German shepherd for police work. The research sought to identify the 'ideal' breed of police service dog.<sup>58</sup> While the German shepherd far outstripped the other breeds serving in units across Canada, some of the other breeds that have been or are currently being used include Doberman pinschers, Labrador retrievers, Rottweilers, Weimaraners, Reischenschnauzers and some crossbreeds. But the German shepherd seems to have clearly won the "Battle of the Breeds!"

58. Constable Clive Marsh, *Canine Survey*. Calgary: Calgary Police Service, Canine Unit and Planning Section, April 1982, 34 pp. mimeo. The primacy of the German shepherd in relation to the nine breeds of dogs rated is recorded on pages 14 and 22.

59. The most recent updating was the: *Course Training Standard: Dog Master Training Course*, File Number: G. 570-97. Code Number: BR3501. This 28-chapter course training standard was approved by the Officer in Charge of the Training and Development Branch in Ottawa in January 1982.

## Police Dog Training and Supply

Training is arduous for police service dogs and their handlers. In Canada, as in superior programs in the United States, it usually lasts from 12 to 14 weeks and features phases where familiarization, obedience, agility, criminal apprehension, article retrieval and tracking and search work are covered.

The RCMP dog-handler training program covers 80 working days in the 14 weeks' duration and is very rigorous for trainees, dogs and trainers alike. In the RCMP course, they are graded against a standard in each of the 28 program phases. Understandably, as police service dog roles and responsibilities change, the training and standards of the program are revised or amended.<sup>59</sup>

### Police dog training at Innisfail, Alberta.



Some police service dogs and handlers receive additional work of a highly specialized sort which sharpens the dogs' olfactory senses for explosives or narcotics detection roles. Certain teams whose service is to be in rural or mountainous areas are trained to seek game caches or to do avalanche rescue work.

By far the oldest, most renowned Canadian service dog and handler training center is that of the RCMP. Since 1935, this Force has located its center at such sites as Vancouver, B.C.; Calgary, Alta.; Rockcliffe and Ramsayville, Ont.; Sydney, N.S.; and Regina, Sask. However, in 1965 the RCMP decided to build a permanent police dog training facility at Innisfail, Alta.<sup>60</sup> This site, about 75 miles north of Calgary, affords access to almost any type of terrain within a 70-mile radius.

The Innisfail facilities are extensive, covering 18 land acres. They include a staff residence, two kennel buildings and outdoor runs, administrative offices, a lecture room and an indoor kennel facility for 26 dogs. There is a large outdoor training area and differing exercise fields, including one which has a variety of obstacles and jumps for obedience and agility work. A wide range of field exercises takes place in the varied rural, mountainous and urban areas throughout the nearby Albertan countryside. The airports at Edmonton and Calgary are used as training sites for specialist sniffing dogs.

Canada's larger canine units train their own handler/dog teams. Moreover, they usually make their facilities available to forces in the region which have fewer teams. The Calgary police, for example, have a widely acclaimed center and well-designed kennels. This force has not only trained its own teams since 1960, but also has done so for a host of other Canadian and American forces as well. Vancouver's police

have done the same. The Ontario Provincial Police has trained teams for many forces at Mount Forest and has sent its own trainers to forces across the province.

It is important that police service dogs and handlers are regularly re-trained so that proficiency is maintained. Each force makes its own arrangements, of course, which may vary from department to department. But regular retraining is each handler's responsibility and is critical to keeping teams at a high level of fitness for all kinds of work. Periodic regional trials and competitions as well as an annual competition sponsored by the Canadian Police Canine Association are intended to help assure handler/dog proficiency.

A crucial issue in the future of police service dogs in Canada, as it is elsewhere, is the short supply of dogs suitable for police service. The RCMP started a breeding program in 1976 to help relieve the supply problem for its Force. The Calgary police also have experimented with breeding their own supply, as has Vancouver. American police forces at all levels are singing the supply blues, too.<sup>61</sup> The supply issue is vexing, as is the best means for resolving it.

## TO BE CONTINUED

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60. Royal Canadian Mounted Police, *Police Dog Service*. RCMP: Public Relations Branch, 1980, p. 3.

61. Eiléen Alt Powell, "Uncle Sam Seeks Dogged Dogfaces with Fetch Fetishes," *Wall Street Journal*, September 23, 1983, p. 1.

# The Force in Prince Albert

by Insp. M. M. Bielert

Located only a few miles from the geographic center of the Province of Saskatchewan along the banks of the North Saskatchewan River, is the City of Prince Albert. Three years ago this bustling community of 32,000 celebrated its 75th anniversary. Among the many anniversary events was one which gave us the chance to see some of our history being revived.

On June 29, 1979, a gathering of local dignitaries and interested citizens took part in the official opening of the restored RCMP guardroom. Guest speaker for the occasion was the Officer Commanding Prince Albert Sub-Division, Supt. A. L. Mosher, whose concluding remarks best express the feeling that exists here: "The association between the Mounted Police and the community of Prince Albert has been a long, and I hope, rewarding one. I trust it will continue and that we will be able to serve the people of this community in a competent and acceptable manner for many years to come."

The restored building, resplendent in its new location at the southern entrance to Prince Albert, was a N.W.M. Police guardroom before the turn of the century. To give some indication of its condition prior to restoration one must go back several years. In a memorandum to "F" Division HQ on January 12, 1934, the Officer Commanding Prince Albert Sub-Division, Insp. G. C. P. Montizambert, wrote, "This building has not been in use for many years, except as a storeroom for Q.M. stores; the foundations have rotted away and the building is in dangerous condition, the ground surrounding it is entirely undermined by gophers."

To trace the origin of the building, one must go back even further in time. Spurred by reports of cattle killing and horse stealing, the Force decided to establish a permanent detachment in the area. In 1879 Sgt. Desforges and three constables rented the Presbyterian Mission buildings in Prince Albert for the sum of twelve dollars a month. In 1884, Commissioner Irvine, on receiving reports of unrest among the Indians and the Metis, ordered the Prince Albert Detachment increased to an Inspector and twelve men. A year later, five new N.W.M. Police divisions were created. Prince Albert became the headquarters for the new "F" Division which had an establishment of 94 men. The need for permanent quarters was obvious.

A good deal of controversy existed regarding the location of the proposed barracks. At the time it was thought that Prince Albert was too distant from the major trouble spots to be the division headquarters. However, in March 1885 the Metis seized the trading post at Duck Lake and sent an ultimatum to Supt. Crozier, demanding the surrender of Fort Carlton. Supt. Crozier, with a force of 56 Mounted Policemen and 43 Prince Albert volunteers, marched out to confront the rebels. He engaged them a few miles from Duck Lake but was forced to retreat. Nine Prince Albert volunteers and three Mounted Policemen were killed. Commissioner Irvine marched to Prince Albert with reinforcements. He was able to keep Prince Albert out of the hands of the rebels until they were finally defeated at Batoche. The near capture of Prince Albert, one of the first white settlements between Portage la Prairie and the Rockies, impressed upon the Force



the need to establish the barracks at Prince Albert. As a result, in 1886, 48 acres were purchased for the sum of \$1,946. Construction of barracks, latrines, stables, a Q.M. store, officers' quarters, a blacksmith shop, and the guardroom began in 1887 and was completed in 1888.

In 1931, "F" Division Headquarters was moved to Regina. In 1933, however, because existing buildings were much in need of repair, the site was abandoned in favour of accommodation in the Prince Albert Post Office building. On April 15, 1977, the Force returned to its old location but to a brand new building, some several

hundred feet north of where the old guardroom had originally been located.

From the present Division Headquarters, one can see the restored guardroom and the old driveway leading to it. Seeing them, one cannot help but imagine the many members of days gone by who must have trod that road, some no doubt unsteadily after much late-night revelry. ■

**Editor's Note:** *The author of this article wishes to gratefully acknowledge the help of information supplied by Reg. No. 11170, ex-sgt. C. E. Wenzel, now residing in Prince Albert, and Glen Gordon of the RCMP Historical Section, P. R. Branch, RCMP HQ.*

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## Kudos for the Force *Something Special About Scarlet*

by Jerry Dan Kovacs

For the past two weeks, I have been wondering what it is about being a Canadian that is special to me.

My thoughts were sparked as a result of my participation in the festivities on Parliament Hill last July 1st. Standing there that day, looking around at the thousands of other people who were also there, my thoughts turned to them. What did they find special about being Canadians? Then, it suddenly occurred to me. There was "something special about scarlet."

There, mingling amongst the crowd, were about a dozen Mounties looking resplendent in their scarlet uniforms. And it was the Mounties not the politicians who were attracting the attention of the crowd. An endless stream of people, all ages, sizes and descriptions, took their turn standing beside them. Camera shutters clicked continuously.

Watching the Mounties, I thought about my country, its history and the important role the RCMP had played in its development. The constables on the hill that day were a living, breathing and moving symbol of that past. As a Canadian I was proud. I was proud to see that, once again, by young and old alike, Mounties were admired and respected. ■

# Seeing A Challenge

by C/M J. M. Paquette

*C/M J. M. Paquette, C/2895, the author of the following article, is employed as a sightless transcriber with "K" Division, Special "I" Branch. She joined the Force on April 15, 1981. Although sightless, Jean is a gifted athlete and has competed with other blind athletes in Canada, the U.S.A. and Europe. At the 1982 Canadian Championship for the Blind held in Calgary last summer, she won a gold medal in the 400 m and the 200 m events, at the same time establishing two new Canadian records. Her main goal is to capture the world record in the 400 m event. Ed.*

When blind sports were first organized in Canada in 1977, many people said that it would just be "a bunch of

blind people trying to be athletes." Now, through hard work and training, we have "a bunch of athletes who just happen to be blind." Under the sanction of the Canadian Blind Sports Association (CBSA) and its affiliated provincial associations, blind athletes compete in a variety of individual and team sports. Although the CBSA focuses on high-level competitive sports such as track and field, swimming and goal-ball, recreational programs are also offered by the provincial associations. For the elite athlete, the CBSA is instrumental in providing high-level national competition, and in sending national teams to international meets.

For each competition, athletes are classified into one of three sight clas-



Blind athlete receives verbal directions from a "caller" near the finish line.

sifications: B1, B2, or B3, depending on their level of vision. B1 athletes have light perception only or no vision at all, B2 competitors have up to five percent vision, and B3 athletes have between five and ten percent vision.

Very few sport modifications are required for the blind competitor. On the track, blind athletes compete in the same events as do sighted athletes with the exception of the hurdles and the steeplechase. The 100 m event is unique in that the totally blind competitors run individually, receiving only verbal directions from a "caller" standing at the finish line. The B2 and B3 athletes compete in regular heats and finals without callers or other assistance. In the longer races ranging up to 10,000 meters, athletes in all three classes may use "guide runners." The purpose of a guide runner is to provide the athlete with information which would otherwise be gained visually. At no time during a race may a guide runner assist the performance of an athlete by physically pushing or pulling, or by giving verbal coaching instructions. If such assistance is given, the athlete is disqualified.

On the field, there are very few adaptations. Coaches may assist the low vision athletes into the throwing area for discus and shot put, or to the point of takeoff for long jump and triple jump. In the high jump and javelin events, the B1 athletes are permitted a limited run up. B2 and B3 athletes compete in the regular manner with no directional instructions being given.

In the pool, swimmers compete in all four strokes — breast stroke, back stroke, butterfly and free style. Here, the only modification is that athletes in all classifications may be tapped on the head or back when approaching the end of the pool. This warning system prevents physical injury and allows the swimmer to make the turns more quickly and efficiently.

During the off-season, blind athletes enthusiastically compete in the team sport of goalball. Originating in Europe after World War II, goalball has since become a highly competitive international sport. The game is played with a ball slightly bigger than a basketball which contains bells to alert the players of its whereabouts. Based on the sense of hearing, goalball is a game of concentration, strategy and agility. The game is played on an 18 by 9-meter court, with teams defending a 9-meter goal line at each end. The basic object of the game is to get the ball into the opposing team's goal. Players, all of whom must wear blindfolds, may stop the ball with any part of their body. Although designed specifically for the blind, sighted people play in recreational goalball tournaments as well.

Sports present many challenges to the aspiring world-class athlete. As has often been said, you do not have to see a challenge to meet a challenge. ■



J. M. Paquette with her guide dog.



# The Cancellation of the Royal North West Mounted Police Contracts with the Prairie Provinces in 1917

by Keith Hart

In the Prairie provinces the Royal Canadian Mounted Police constitute the provincial police forces of Alberta, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan. The history of the Force in this region began when the North West Mounted Police was authorized by an Act of Parliament on May 23, 1873. The purpose of the new Act was to bring law and order to the Canadian west. During 1873 and 1874 the Mounted Police arrived on the Prairies and built posts. For the next forty years or so the Royal North West Mounted Police was the sole law enforcement body in the Northwest Territories, except for municipal forces. After 1905, when Alberta and Saskatchewan became provinces, policing was carried out by the Force on a contract basis. The two provinces paid \$75,000 a year each to the federal government for the services of the Mounted Police. On renewal of the contracts in 1915, it was arranged that either the provinces or the federal government could cancel on giving one year's notice. However, as the First World War entered its third year in 1916, this arrangement was interrupted.

After war broke out in 1914, many members of the Royal North West Mounted Police took their discharge to join the army. There had been a move

to send a Mounted Police cavalry unit overseas, as had been done in the South African War, but this plan was abandoned because no more cavalry was required at the time. Moreover, the Force was needed at home for duties beyond routine law enforcement. The United States was still neutral in 1916 and the federal government was fearful of raids by enemy aliens and sympathizers resident in that country. Since not enough soldiers were available, the task of patrolling the border fell to the Royal North West Mounted Police. In addition, there were large numbers of Germans and Austrians on the prairies whom the government wanted to keep under surveillance.

The fears Ottawa had about raids from south of the border were heightened in 1916 with the interception of a telegram from the German Foreign Office to the German Embassy in Washington. This telegram called for the destruction by sabotage of the Canadian Pacific Railway. This information made the Canadian authorities even more apprehensive about the aliens in the prairie provinces. The long border with the United States presented enough problems in the prevention of raids. If enemy aliens in western Canada were incited to acts of

sabotage to coincide with raids from American territory, the situation could become even worse.

The federal government was not about to take any chances. In July 1916, Ottawa requested Mounted Police Commissioner A. Bowen Perry to give his opinion on the matter. Perry stated that he did not believe there was any likelihood of trouble on the Prairies at the moment but the danger certainly existed. The Commissioner had no doubt that effective measures needed to be taken to discourage any possible act of sabotage. However, under current conditions, the Royal North West Mounted Police could not assume any further duties. In order to do so, Perry stated, the Force would have to be relieved of all ordinary police duties and more men would have to be recruited and manpower redistributed.

Acting on the instructions of Prime Minister Robert Borden, the Commissioner investigated the matter further and submitted a full report to Ottawa on October 11, 1916. His basic recommendation was that the Royal North West Mounted Police should be relieved of ordinary police commitments in the prairie provinces (excluding the Northwest Territories and the Yukon Territory) and restricted to federal service for the duration. Thus freed, the Force could then deal effectively with the alien problem.

Following Perry's report, the federal government decided to withdraw the Force from all regular police service in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. With proper notice the contracts with Alberta and Saskatchewan could not have been terminated earlier than June 30, 1918. The contract with Manitoba was not due to expire until July 1, 1918. However, these contracts were only temporary, and the federal authorities felt that the provincial governments concerned would consent in the interests of the war effort and the defence of western Canada.

As it turned out, the three provincial governments offered no resistance to the cancellation of the contracts. On November 29, 1916, the appropriate orders-in-council were issued by Ottawa. The date set for the termination of the agreements was January 1, 1917, but the government of Alberta requested an extension to March 1, on the grounds that their arrangements were not yet complete. The federal government agreed without hesitation.

All that remained was to define the jurisdiction of the Royal North West Mounted Police in the prairie provinces. Essentially, the Force was responsible for federal laws, patrolling the international boundary, and handling any trouble with enemy aliens. All other police duties were to be taken care of by provincial and municipal forces with Mounted Police assistance when requested.

The cancellation of the contracts in 1917 ended over forty years of policing the prairies by the Royal North West Mounted Police. The Force was a respected organization in the Canadian west and this change did not come without protest. For example, on January 6, 1917, the livestock and agricultural associations of Alberta submitted a petition to the federal government calling for the retention of the Mounted Police. At a convention of the United Farmers of Alberta, held in Edmonton on January 27, 1917, a resolution urging the retention of the Force was passed unanimously. But these and other protests failed to move the federal government. Ottawa was not to become involved in provincial policing in the west until 1928, when the Royal Canadian Mounted Police absorbed the Saskatchewan Provincial Police. Alberta and Manitoba followed suit in 1932. ■

# Now, Would YOU Believe It?

Policemen everywhere are familiar with alibies and excuses from those caught by the long arm of the law — especially those stung for motor vehicle infractions. But this account from a South Australian policeman must top them all... for it was real!

The story goes that not so long ago a nouveau riche Australian businessman decided to indulge himself and journeyed from his outback home to Melbourne for the purpose of purchasing an expensive, new, Mercedes Benz car. While in the big city he and his family toured the local tourist spots in their new car; among them, the Bacchus March Lion Park. It was there that a friendly, curious pachyderm poked his trunk into an open window of the Mercedes as the family viewed the park wildlife from the security of their car. Having several feet of elephant trunk waving about the car interior so unnerved the occupants that one of them hit the power window lifts... unfortunately before said pachyderm had removed his trunk! Now a pinched trunk is nothing to sneeze at! and the now distraught elephant, in wrenching his nose from the closed window, bounced the car around a bit. To show his displeasure at having his trunk crimped, he then stomped on the side of the Mercedes somewhat.

A sympathetic park warden came to the rescue; gave the rattled "new" car owner a few scotches to settle his nerves and helped fill out a claim form for damages.

Having had enough "big city" excitement for one day the businessman and his family left the game park and headed for home. Suddenly the car ahead of him on the road went out of control, flipped over and crashed! To his credit the Mercedes owner pulled over and took command of the scene, flagging down passing motorists to go and notify the police and to take the injured to hospital.

The police soon arrived, secured the accident scene, and ensured a safe traffic flow. The Mercedes owner was being questioned about what he had witnessed of the accident when the investigator noticed the damage to one side of the Mercedes... and the somewhat nervous attitude of its owner... and the slight alcoholic smell of his breath.

Now, you just KNOW what the policeman asked next... and you KNOW what the Mercedes owner replied: "An elephant did it!"

The businessman was given a breathalyzer test which proved positive. He was, unfortunately, impaired. In addition to the damage done to his Mercedes, the businessman lost his license for two months and was fined \$400.

THERE'S A MORAL HERE! — ED.

THERE'S A WHOLE LOT OF 'EM! —  
ASSIST. ED.s



# Book Review

**Corporal Cavannah:** by Ian Anderson, published by McClelland and Stewart — Bantam Ltd., 60 St. Clair Ave. E., Suite 601, Toronto, Ont. M4T 1N5, pp. 167, price \$2.95.

The plot of this paperback has all the standard trappings and conventions of a western adventure thriller. It is, in essence, a "Mountie" story in the Hollywood genre, complete with captivities and narrow escapes, heroes and villains, trust and treachery. It is fast-paced and action-packed, with a sustained element of tension mounting toward a predictable climax.

This book faithfully adheres to a pat formula, with little room for originality. Clichés and stereotypes abound: villainous Yankee freebooters, selling firewater and guns to the Sioux "injuns" in exchange for American gold; a violet-eyed golden-haired beauty, the Florence Nightingale of Fort Walsh; the faithful but foul-smelling Metis scout; the treacherous, vindictive Cockney constable, determined to discredit the hero; and the fierce, indomitable Sioux warrior chief, bent upon driving the white man out of buffalo country... the list goes on.

What is perhaps not surprising but disappointing is Anderson's choice of hero. The novel ostensibly deals with the exploits of the Canadian "Mounties," but the action and heroics revolve around an ex-U.S. cavalry officer. John Tarlton Cavannah is the epitome of the archetypical American hero. A brainy, brawny, courageous, daring, dedicated, broad-shouldered, lean-waisted hunk of man, Cavannah is honourably discharged from the U.S. Army and meanders across the Canadian border to join the "red coats" — a definite demotion in his view.

One wonders why the author, himself an ex-member of the Force, writing for a Canadian market about the pioneer exploits of the NWMP, should select a "Yankee" soldier rather than a "Mountie" as the hero of his book. The legendary feats of the valiant "red coats" are sadly overshadowed by the triumphs of Sub-Constable Cavannah, who reluctantly dons his scarlet uniform as a last resort.

Although dedicated to serving the NWMP, Cavannah is stubborn and rebellious, and sees

himself as a "cut above" the Mounties, as is reflected in the following passage: "It was one thing to be relegated to the crude barracks and facilities of enlisted men, but he [Cavannah] didn't have to act like one." Anderson describes him as an "officer and a gentleman," whose integrity is admired by the golden-haired beauty and resented by his peers. In his first days as a member, our hero manages to antagonize Sergeant MacGregor, the surly Scot, and gets into a brawl with Jenkins, the "Cockney" constable who perceives him as a threat.

The American is determined to administer the Queen's justice in his own way. "I'm going to see if Cavannah's way is better than the Mounted Police way," he declares. Ultimately, his judgment proves superior to that of the well-intentioned but naïve Mounted Police, who believe they are impregnable vis-à-vis the "redskins" by virtue of their scarlet uniforms and shiny brass buttons.

In the course of his efforts to promote justice and to establish good public relations between the whites and Indians, Cavannah narrowly escapes death on several occasions at the hands of the Sioux braves, only to be arrested by the Mounted Police on a false charge of desertion. Spurred on by his conscience and a sense of duty bordering on obsession, he escapes from gaol. His mission: to prevent a major Sioux attack on Fort Walsh and on the entire population of white settlers in the Canadian West, by negotiating with the red coats' allies, the Blackfoot Confederacy. In the end, the fledgling, inexperienced Force gratefully acknowledges Cavannah's heroic deeds, bestowing upon his broad shoulders the corporal's stripes he so richly deserves.

In reading about the "Scarlet Riders," the least one can expect is an all-Canadian hero. By raising his Yankee soldier to the status of demi-god at the expense of the Mounties, Anderson has cheated his readers. He has failed to re-create the legends and myths of the Mounted Police, robbing them of the stature they command in the annals of Canadian history and of their rightful place in the heritage of Canadian fiction.

*Lise George  
Quarterly Staff*

# RCMP Depot Division Graduates

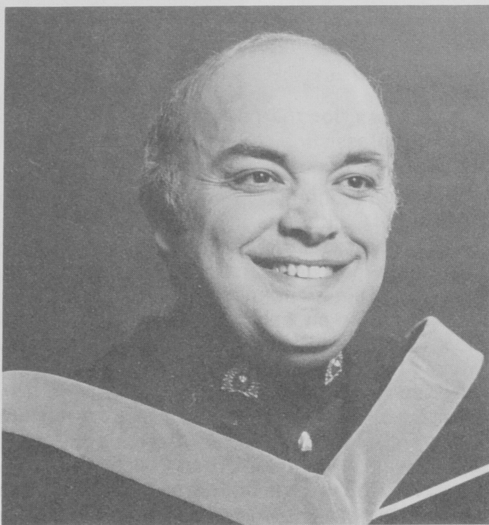


TROOP 12 (1982-83) began training on October 7, 1982 and graduated on April 11, 1983. (L-R) Front Row: J. R. M. D. Desorcy, Cpl. W. M. W. McDonald, Supt. R. L. Fletcher, Supt. R. R. MacKeracher, S/M T. O. Lewis, J. J. Boulay, J. F. R. Veilleux. Second Row: J. G. R. Richard, R. J. Marleau, J. A. M. Denoncourt, J. A. P. Gosselin, J. M. A. Clavet, J. R. A. Bouchard, C. J. A. Gauthier, J. J. L. Archambault. Third Row: S. A. P. Perron, J. R. Y. Marineau, J. D. R. Couture, J. J. Marin, J. S. Y. Caron, J. Y. B. S. Laplante, J. M. R. Duval, J. L. A. Bacon, D. E. Holloway.



TROOP "A" began training on June 15, 1983 and graduated on July 25, 1983. (L-R) Front Row: S/Sgt. K. A. Fader, Insp. G. D. Nelson, Supt. R. L. Fletcher, S/M T. O. Lewis, Cpl. T. A. Lamond, M. A. L. J. Demers. Second Row: F. Sirianni, L. J. Y. St-Denis, D. J. J. Aubin, M. A. J. Mathieu, D. M. Leduc, L. W. Y. Liu. Third Row: V. M. Ambrose, M. K. Callaghan, B. J. Burbridge, B. J. Smith, J. J. H. Delorme, M. J. W. Cousineau, G. A. J. Binette.

# University Graduates



Cpl. W. R. Black

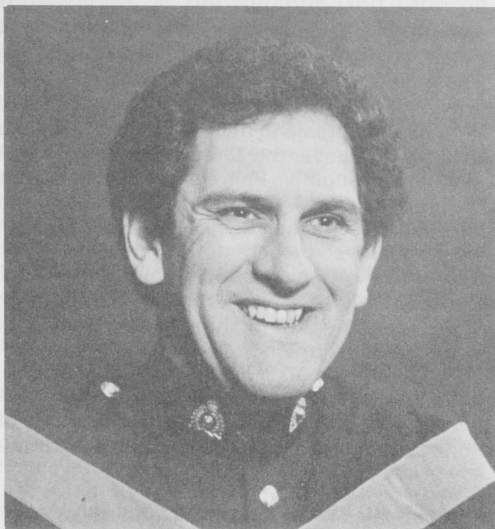
On June 15, 1983, Cpl. W. R. Black graduated with an Honours Bachelor of Commerce degree from Carleton University, Ottawa.

Ross joined the Force in 1967 at Toronto and following recruit training was posted to "B" Division, serving at Stephenville and Corner Brook City Detachments. In 1971 he was transferred to "O" Division where he served at Toronto Town Station and Oshawa Detachment prior to being promoted to corporal in "O" Division Financial Services and Supply Branch. In 1977 he was transferred to "S" Directorate, Headquarters Ottawa, where he worked until he commenced full-time university studies in September 1979.

Ross is presently with Property Management Branch, "S" Directorate, and resides in Ottawa with his wife Linda, and their two children, Tricia and Krista.

In June 1983 Sgt. R. F. S. Farrell graduated from Carleton University with a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) degree. In 1979 he was selected to attend university full-time after having commenced his studies part-time in 1978.

A native of Balcarres, Saskatchewan, Sgt. Farrell joined the Force in January 1967, serving at Whitehorse, Frobisher Bay, and Courtenay Detachments before entering the financial field in Victoria, B.C. He is currently posted at Material Management Branch, Headquarters, Ottawa, and lives in Orleans, Ontario, with his wife, Joan, and their two sons, Sean and Christopher.



Sgt. R. F. S. Farrell



# Divisional Dispatches...

## HEADQUARTERS

(Ottawa, Ont.)

**PRESENTATION** The Arboretum in Ottawa was the scene on Tuesday, August 23, 1983, of the Xerox of Canada 10-km Road Race. A total of 530 runners participated in the event. The individual winner was Cpl. Dave Stewart of the RCMP in a time of 31:06.8 minutes, a course record. The winners of the corporate team category were Sgt. Jim Moore, Cpl. Steve Rowe and Cpl. Dave Stewart of the Ottawa area RCMP Runners' Club. Their prize was a Xerox 610 memorywrite typewriter valued at \$2,000.

On September 28, 1983, the typewriter was donated by the RCMP Runners' Club to the Ottawa Rape Crisis Centre at a ceremony at the Canadian Police College. Present were Ross Norman and Ian Peddie of Xerox of Canada, S/Sgt. Don Devine, a liaison officer with the Ottawa City Police who works closely with the Rape Crisis Centre, Cindy Moriarty of the Rape Crisis Centre, Sgt. Claude Duret, president of the Runners' Club and Sgt. Gion Bezzola of the Canadian Police College.

The Ottawa Rape Crisis Centre is a United Way charity. It offers a 24-hour crisis line for sexual assault victims, follow-up and assistance at the hospital, with police and in court, and a prevention-oriented public education program. In 1982, 540 crisis calls were received and followed-up by the Rape Crisis Centre, an increase of 22.4%.

**AWARDS** Two members of the RCMP liaison office in Lima, Peru, were honoured last June 14, 1983, at a ceremony celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Federal Investigative Police of Peru's membership in Interpol. Lt. Gen. Rodolfo Ballesteros-Cueva, the Director Superior of the Federal Investigative Police presented Diplomas of Honour to RCMP members Bob Ramsay and Don Kilpatrick for their dedicated work. Also honoured at the same ceremony were Capt. J. M. Korver of the Dutch National Police, Insp. P. H. Sorensen of the Danish National Police and Mr. W. R. Wetherington of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration.

Following remarks by Col. Ociander Feijoo-Villavicencio, the Director of Interpol Peru, the five liaison officials honoured were guests of honour at a grand dinner held at the Lima Sheraton Hotel.

**COMMENDATION** Corporal Joseph André Richard Beaudoin was presented with a Commanding Officer's Commendation by C/Supt. J. E. J. Julien on June 29, 1983, at the Senior

NCO's Mess, for the courage and initiative he showed in assisting the Montreal Urban Police Force.

At approximately 10 minutes after 10 on the evening of October 24, 1982, Cpl. Beaudoin who was in Montreal for court purposes was leaving his hotel when he heard shouts for assistance. He noticed a man in full flight clutching a purse. Cpl. Beaudoin chased the man for three blocks finally apprehending him in a restaurant on De Maisonneuve St. E. Although the purse snatcher resisted arrest and attempted to escape Cpl. Beaudoin was able to subdue him and hold him prisoner for approximately five minutes until the arrival of Montreal Urban Police Force constables. The purse containing \$568.36 was returned to the 66-year-old victim, Mrs. Cécile Bouchard.

**40 YEARS SERVICE** On June 15, 1983, a small celebration was held in the office of the O.I.C. Records Management Branch, Ottawa, Ontario, in honour of Mr. Carl Majka, for his 40 years of public service with the Force in the records management field. The celebration, with cake and coffee, was attended by the D.R.S., C/Supt. Drew, and fellow workers. Carl has outlasted many members of the RCMP, and is hoping to eventually achieve a half century of service.

*submitted by S/Sgt. G. E. Achter*

**VETERANS' NOTES** Highlights from the 1983 General Meeting of the Veterans' Association:

The Guidon of the Force was approved as the official colours of the Veterans' Association.

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The Commissioner of the RCMP has approved in principle the establishment of a permanent secretariat and that funds from the RCMP Benefit Trust Fund will be used to establish such a secretariat. The control of the RCMP Benefit Trust Funds will eventually be transferred to the RCMP Veterans' Association.

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Approval was given for the establishment of a Zenith 800 telephone line for RCMP Headquarters for members and pensioners to call for information and queries concerning benefits.

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**INSP. CHISHOLM HONOURED** The Ottawa Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association paid tribute to a native son of Canada and a former member of the Force, Insp. W. V. Chisholm (rtd.), for his outstanding generosity over the years to the Ottawa Division by presenting him with a scarlet veteran's jacket, emblazoned with the association crest. Although retired and living in Beverly Hills, California, Insp. Chisholm maintains a regular and active contact with his many friends in the Ottawa Division. Seen here, in obvious pleasure and pride with his award, are "Bill" Chisholm and his family (L-R): Cheer, Kitty, Bill Head, "Bill" Chisholm, and Dinny. (We regret that before this *Divisional Dispatch* could be published in acknowledgement of Insp. Chisholm's charity, he passed away on October 11, 1983, at Beverly Hills California. His obituary will appear in a later edition of the *Quarterly*. We offer our condolences to his family and friends. ED.)

Approval for the association badge has been received from Lord Lyon, King of Arms for Scotland. Guidelines on the use of this badge are being developed as well as projects to replenish stock to be made available to the membership.

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The Ottawa Division of the Veterans' Association welcomes the following ex-members: Allen Douglas, John F. Maguire, James Russell.

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On September 25, 1983, the sixth annual memorial service commemorating police officers, peace officers and prison guards who have been killed or lost their lives in the line of duty was held on Parliament Hill.

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Charles Coates, former secretary of the Veterans' Association, is still collecting back issues of the *RCMP Quarterly*. Anyone wishing to contribute should contact Mr. Coates through the Ottawa Division of the Veterans' Association, 600 Bronson Ave., Ottawa, Ont., K1S 4E6.

**GOLF** The annual Headquarters wrap-up golf tournament, at the Hylands Golf Club on September 23, 1983, was as usual, an unqualified success. The weatherman could have been somewhat more cooperative, however. The day was cool and blustery with rain squalls sending participants scurrying periodically for cover. Despite the weather, the course was in first-class condition and enthusiasm high.

After the scorecards were turned in and checked, Brian Smith, one of the guest speakers, walked off with the low gross winnings followed by Ralph Morrell and Pete Gagne. Mike Fallow grabbed off the low net honors pursued closely by perennial winner Glen Copeland with George McLean in third place.

Everyone enjoyed the delicious meal of roast beef and trimmings following which Brian Smith, sportscaster for CJOH-TV addressed the gathering. Smith recounted his professional hockey days and how he began to have doubts about his hockey career when it seemed each time he joined a new team they seemed to skid into an extended losing streak. Naturally he had his comments about Eddie Shore, but then, so does most everyone who played for Shore.

Smith showed he is as colorful in real life as the image we see on the TV tube.

The day's prizes were then distributed by special guest and master of ceremonies, Pat Riopelle, who held everyone in stitches with his jokes and witticisms. All in all, the day was a tremendous success.

**SOUTH EAST ASIA TOUR** A host of talents is required for work in the Public Relations Branch of the RCMP. For instance, not only must a member of the branch be knowledgeable about the mandate of the Force, up-to-date with all its operations, familiar with Canadian geography, economics, politics and climate, but he or she must also know how to ride an elephant, how to eat rice without utensils and how to give the impression of enjoying the taste of charcoal-broiled snake. At least that's what Cpl. Serge Carrière and Cst. Tom Hansen discovered during a recent 15-day tour of duty in South East Asia.

Cpl. Carrière, a member of Public Relations Branch, HQ Division, since January 1982, and Cst. Hansen of Squamish Detachment, G.I.S., "E" Division, were chosen to represent Canada at a trade fair promoting Western Canada as a tourist destination for South East Asians. The fair, which was sponsored by the Canadian Government Office of Tourism, in conjunction with British Columbia, Alberta, Yukon, Northwest Territories, and several commercial airline carriers visited Hong Kong, Manila, Djakarta, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Bangkok between May 19 and June 2, 1983.

The schedule was hectic according to Cpl. Carrière. Days started sometimes as early as 5:30 a.m. Mornings were spent in travel between the various cities visited or in interviews with the media. In the afternoons the two Mounties participated in trade seminars, greeting travel agents and answering questions on every conceivable topic from how many women in the Musical Ride to the cost of a hotel room in Regina. At the end of each seminar Carrière and Hansen assisted in drawing and presenting door prizes which consisted of Canadiana items such as West Coast Indian paintings and small Canadian sculptures.

Evenings from six to eight o'clock, a four-course meal featuring Canadian specialties such as B.C. Salmon, western beef and the all-time Canadian favourite, apple pie and cheese, was served up for the approximately 75 travel representatives and invited guests who attended the fair each day. Along with the other Canadian members of the delegation, Carrière and Hansen acted as hosts, each sitting at a different dinner table. Carrière was impressed with the facility in English of all the South East Asians he met. Not to be put to shame he learned how to say welcome in Chinese. Following the dinner two well-known Canadian singers who were also part of the delegation, Gillian Campbell, better known as Edmonton's notorious Klondike Kate, and

Paul Hann, a Canadian folksinger with his own Edmonton-based children's television show, entertained the guests.

Asked what impressed him most about South East Asia, Carrière replied, "It sure was an eyeopener. It makes you realize how fortunate we are here — space wise that is. You know in Hong Kong they don't have any large parks like we do — only little ones surrounded by signs saying keep off the grass. People who want to have a picnic sit on the cement sidewalks surrounding the grass. It really makes you appreciate what we have here."

Cpl. Carrière is back at HQ Division, Ottawa, now. If the past is any example, however, he won't be there long. Since arriving at Public Relations Branch he has been twice to Knoxville, Tennessee, and once to London, England. Because of the high esteem in which the RCMP is held and the world-wide recognition of the Mountie in his/her scarlet uniform, Public Relations Branch receives many requests to send Mounties to perform ceremonial duties around the world.

Does a career in public relations sound attractive? Cpl. Carrière wants to assure you that the work is stimulating and the trips marvellous. The charcoal-broiled snake? Well, no job is perfect!

*submitted by Jane Panet*



Supt. G. W. Lightle (seated front row centre) O.I.C. HQ Training and Development Branch, with five members of the Force who have recently completed a Certificate in Business Administration from the University of Ottawa (L-R), First Row: Cpl. G. W. G. Clement, Supt. G. W. Lightle, Cpl. G. Berube. Second Row: Cpl. A. K. Marshall, Cpl. D. M. Clark, Sgt. D. G. Warner. The members, who were sponsored by the Force for one year of full-time university training, were able to take advantage of the University of Ottawa's certificate program. Enrollment consisted of a cross section of first, second and third year university courses, which at the same time fulfilled the requirements of the one-year, non-degree program.

*photo by Sgt. J. J. N. R. Sauvé*





Cpl. J. S. McCarty (left) receives the St. John Centennial Medallion from L. Col. J. E. Hart of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

L. Col. Hart presents D/Commr. G. Marcoux with a "Priory Vote of Thanks," given to the RCMP in recognition of our long association with the St. John Ambulance.

**ST. JOHN AMBULANCE PRESENTATIONS** The year 1983 marked the centennial of the St. John Ambulance Brigade in Canada, and in commemoration of the anniversary and the years of association with the Brigade, uniformed members of the RCMP wore a Maltese cross pin above their left pocket. On July 13, 1983, L. Col. J. E. de Hart, M.C., C.D., the Federal District Commissioner of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, presented Force representative D/Commr. G. Marcoux with a "Priory Vote of Thanks" at the Ottawa area Officers' Mess, "N" Division. The framed certificate, signed by the Governor General, the Prior,

and the Chancellor of St. John Ambulance, was given to the Force as a whole in appreciation of its many years of support to the Brigade.

L. Col. de Hart also presented Cpl. J. S. McCarty of the Musical Ride with a silver St. John centennial medallion for Cpl. McCarty's cooperation in assisting the Brigade in its centennial parade. Clad as a crusader of the 11th century (from whence the origins of the Brigade began) Cpl. McCarty rode P.S.H. "Brodie" in the parade and onto the grounds of Government House for the Brigade's June 15th celebrations.

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## "A" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Ottawa, Ont.)

**CURLING** The annual "A" Division Curling Bonsel was held on March 16, 1983, at the Rockcliffe Curling Club, C.F.B. Ottawa North. Sixteen teams participated with the trophy being awarded to the Ken Kelly rink of Larry Comeau, Nora Flyn and Cheryl Delfilice.

The runner-up prize went to the John Poirier rink of Dennis Dorge, Blair Cyr and Jan Roche.

The worst-prize awards went to the Mike Gagné rink of Roy Smith, Richelle Danis and Barbara Brulé.

*submitted by Sgt. Gary Henderson*

**SPRING BALL** On Friday, April 15, 1983, "A" Division held a formal ball in the Commonwealth Ball Room of the Holiday Inn, Ottawa Centre, marking the 110th anniversary of the Force.

The ball was hosted by the Commanding Officer, C/Supt. and Mrs. N. D. Inkster. Guests of honour were Their Excellencies the Governor General and Mrs. Schreyer. Special guests were the Solicitor General and Mrs. Robert Kaplan. Also attending the ball were personnel from "A" Division, Headquarters, "N" Division, Security Service, "C" Division, area police forces, government, and the judiciary.

Planning for the ball began last October by a committee comprised of S/Sgt. Don Willson, S/Sgt. Bob Farnham and Cpl. Jerry Sloan. Tickets went on sale March 1st with a limit of 200 couples. Within six hours the ball was sold out and a waiting list begun. The ball committee, however, regrouped and through various adjustments were able to accommodate the overflow.

The evening started with cocktails followed by a receiving line. Next came a sit-down dinner topped off by a parade of the hotel staff with flaming baked Alaska. The evening ended with a dance. The first dance was begun by Their Excellencies followed by the Solicitor General and Mrs. Kaplan and the Commanding Officer and Mrs. Inkster. Dancing continued until 1:00 a.m. A professional photographer was on hand to take photos of the guests in their finery.

To say the ball was a success would be an understatement if one was to judge from the deluge of complimentary remarks received during and following the evening. The relaxed, warm and friendly atmosphere was most evident and made for a delightful and memorable evening.

**NEW MESS** Approximately 150 members and their guests attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony held Friday, June 17, 1983, to celebrate the opening of the new Combined NCO's Mess. The Sergeants Mess and the Corporals Mess had functioned as two separate entities from April 23, 1976. During that time, however, many suggestions were received to combine the two messes. Finally in April 1983, the membership of both messes cast their ballots giving overwhelming approval to a combined mess. The results of this vote along with a new constitution were forwarded to HQ Staff Relations Branch. Approval was granted.

**GOLF** This year our annual "Fun" Golf Tournament was held on September 9, at the Gatineau Golf Club in Aylmer, Quebec. The teams consisted of a two-ball foursome, usually a female and male, to make the game a little more challenging. This year's winners were Sgt. Ray Thibodeau and Patricia Lackey, who burnt up the course with a final score of 142. After the tournament all the participants returned to the "A" Division Messes for dinner and dancing. The



C/Supt. N. D. Inkster, C.O., "A" Division, cuts the ribbon to open the new Combined NCO's Mess. Assisting him in the ceremony are members of the mess executive: (L-R) Rick Rysen, secretary; Cam Brûlé, president; Moe Henrion, vice-president; and Jerry Sloan, treasurer.

Commanding Officer, C/Supt. Norm Inkster, awarded the prizes to the lucky winners.

As usual, it was an overwhelming success, enjoyed by all, with a record turnout of 172 "dufers."

**MORE THAN A PASTIME** The 1983 shooting year brought its share of rewards to Cst. Serge Bissonnette, a keen competitor in the large-bore rifle class. At the beginning of the outdoor season he achieved a high-shooting standard in local competition. He then went on to the provincial level and won the Province of Quebec Lieutenant-Governor's Match at the Mt. Bruno Ranges in July. At the national matches at Connaught Ranges in Ottawa he maintained his average, thereby qualifying for a trip to Bisley, England, as a member of the Canadian Rifle Team, 1984. An especially satisfying experience for Serge at that match was his selection as the captain of Canada's under-25 team. Because of impressive teamwork his team won by a large score over its nearest rival. Serge's final shooting engagement for the 1983 season was as chairman of the DCRA National Service Condition Matches, an organization which holds competitions for the best marksmen from Canada and the United Kingdom in service pistol, service rifle, sniper rifle, submachine gun and light automatic rifle. Serge is also vice-president of "A" Division Rifle and Revolver Club, and Trainer of the E.R. Team. I think it would be safe to say that shooting is more than just a pastime for him.

*submitted by S/Sgt. J. C. Charron*



Cst. Serge Bissonnette carried aloft by friends and rival competitors in the traditional "chairing" ceremony in recognition of his first-place finish in the province of Quebec Lieutenant-Governor's Shooting Match last July.

## "B" DIVISION

(Headquarters — St. John's, Nfld.)

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 29547, Cpl. E. North and his wife Diane, a son, Stephen, on September 12, 1981, and a daughter, Danielle, on April 15, 1983.

To Reg. No. 35767, Cst. Ian Currie and his wife Janet, a daughter, Courtney Erin, on April 24, 1983, at Corner Brook, Nfld.

**FAREWELL** On Friday, June 10, 1983, St. John's Sub-Division members gathered to wish their departing O.C., Supt. D. A. Docker, a final farewell. Supt. Docker, an avid football player, recently was "drafted" to the central league in

Headquarters, Ottawa, after having spent two years and four months in the Atlantic league in St. John's Sub-Division, "B" Division.

As an ever-present reminder of his days in "B" Division, Supt. Docker was presented with the traditional sou'wester and a pair of fashionable gum boots to help him brave the severe rainstorms and humidity of Ontario. So as not to forget the terrific scenery of Newfoundland, he was also presented with a book of local scenes depicting the rugged beauty of the island province which is so much admired by appreciative visitors.



In true Newfie tradition, Insp. J. W. Lavers, the new O.C. St. John's Sub-Division, "screeched" out the departing member in a pint-sized Newfie mug, which was afterwards presented to him.

We all hope Supt. Docker holds many fond memories of his days in "B" Division and recovers sufficiently to enjoy his tour in Canada.

**REGIMENTAL BALL** "B" Division held their annual Spring Ball on May 13, 1983, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, St. John's, Nfld., with 150 people attending. Music was provided by the R.C.M. Police Band (Bison).

Head-table guests included the C.O. "B" Division, C/Supt. and Mrs. Schramm; the Honourable W. A. Paddon, Lieutenant Governor, Newfoundland and Labrador; Captain and Mrs. H. A. Bunch Jr., U.S.N. Argentinia; Commander and Mrs. K. C. E. Beardmore, Commander Canadian Armed Forces, St. John's; Mr. and Mrs. John Butt, M.H.A., parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Justice; Mr. John Perlin; and Mrs. Janet Gardner.

**LOBSTER DINNER AND DANCE** On May 6, 1983, the "B" Division Combined NCO's Mess held its annual Lobster Supper and Dance. This year the occasion had a special significance because members of the mess took this opportunity to say goodbye to C/Supt. Schramm and Mrs. Schramm and to welcome the new Commanding Officer, Supt. J. B. D. Henry and Mrs. Henry.



Supt. Docker dons traditional screeching-out clothing.

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## "C" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Montreal, Que.)

**BIRTH** To Reg. No. 34314, Cst. Gaetan Potvin and his wife Johanne, a daughter, Veronique, on June 20, 1983, at Montreal, Que.

**CHAMPS AGAIN** Montreal NCIS softball team dominated the 1983 "C" Division Softball League by winning their fourth straight title, as well as first-place honours for the first time with a 9 and 2 record. Four straight play-off victories in the semifinals and finals highlighted their most successful season to date. GIS were the opponents in last year's finals, but once again they fell short — in spite of their youth and being the best dressed team in the league.

Veteran playing manager and pitcher, S/Sgt. Rocky Graziano, described the 1983 NCIS squad as being the best ever, always demonstrating good sportsmanship, poise, team spirit and a strong will to win. Experience is the key to victory, according to Rocky. In the final series, GIS was limited to scoring in just 3 out of 14 innings.

The NCIS dynasty started in 1980 when they defeated Montreal Special "O" Section 3 to 0 in the finals. In 1981 they blasted Montreal Drugs 18 to 3 and 23 to 1 in the semifinals and after losing the first game of the finals to the other Drug Squad team, they easily outclassed the first-place finishers 16-2 and 6-1. In a 15-game 1982 schedule, NCIS whipped Montreal Drugs 9 to 2 and 3 to 2 in the semifinal. And, after dropping the first game, they came back with 6 to 2 and 4 to 3 victories, to clinch a third successive title against GIS in the finals.

**A VISIT TO HEADQUARTERS** Last June 8th, Insp. Delisle, Sgt. Normandin, Cpl. Pelletier, Cst. Morel and Diane Clément of the Police/Community Relations Section welcomed six teachers and 15 students from the Oasis School, an institution for mentally retarded children.

A demonstration by our doghandler was held in the gymnasium, when they arrived. Subse-

quently, they visited our Communications Centre and souvenir photos and fingerprints were taken of every student. Also included on the agenda was the inspection of an RCMP marked patrol car which, I can tell you, was most appreciated.

For the occasion, Réjean Houle of the Montreal Canadiens, who was involved in our antidrug program, welcomed the visitors as they arrived. For his participation, C/Supt. Fernand Boivin presented him with a souvenir plaque and a certificate of appreciation.

The visit was topped off with a meal at the Division Mess. On the same occasion, some pamphlets, records and photos were handed out to the visitors.

The event was a complete success and the Oasis School authorities were moved by the warm welcome they had received.

We also wish to thank Cpl. Antoine Deschênes of the Identification Section who helped the group by taking photos during the visit.

*submitted by Diane Clément*

**GOLF TOURNAMENT** On a splendid sunny afternoon, more specifically on June 10, 1983, the annual Quebec Sub-Division golf tournament took place at the reputable Cap-Rouge Club. More than 160 golfers took part in this event which brought together RCMP members and their guests. This year, Supt. Joseph Ferraris, O.C. Quebec Sub-Division, was pleased to welcome Their Excellencies, Mr. and Mrs Jean-Pierre Côté, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, as our tournament's guests of honour. This tournament unfolded in an atmosphere of good humour and the golfers, at the 19th hole, were able to pit their golfing talents against those of their participating colleagues. Afterwards, a succulent meal was served during which our champions were honoured. Among RCMP participants, the best score was turned in by Jean Crevier of Montreal who carded a 79, while Christian Picard, who came in with a 71, got the best net score based on the Atlantic formula. Among the guests, Luc Harvey of Roberval had an excellent 76. All participants really appreciated their day and stressed the excellent

Enjoying the good weather and the keen competition at Quebec Sub-Division's annual golf tournament are (L-R): M. Normand Bergeron; His Excellency M. Jean-Pierre Côté, Lt. Governor of the Province of Quebec; Supt. Joseph Ferraris, O.C. Quebec Sub-Division and Insp. Norman Doucette.



work of the organizers, i.e. Cpls. André Parizeau and Richard Poitras and Cst. Michel Frappier.

**TELETHON OF THE STARS** The RCMP in Quebec has been taking part in the Telethon of the Stars since the first campaign. This annual event is held to gather funds to finance research into children's diseases for the Ste-Justine and Montreal Children's hospitals.

The modest success achieved in our subscription campaigns of the past years incited us to adopt a new approach. Consequently we called on the generosity of sponsors and contacted a larger number of Force members and employees. A committee was appointed for this purpose and set up a province-wide draw. The goal was set at \$25,000.

We also got our 31 detachments across the Province of Quebec involved. In so doing, we introduced this charity to the people living outside the greater Montreal area.

The RCMP Veterans' Association in Quebec also pitched in with us and made a great contribution to our success. The C.O. was pleased to present a souvenir plaque to Édouard Lacasse for his participation.

Our campaign theme was the following: *We are counting on you; the children are counting on us.*

By selling tickets, we passed on a very important message to the people of Quebec, i.e. that of *a life without drugs*. Some 30,000 tickets bearing this message were printed.

We have already collected \$20,517 via ticket sales. We will do our utmost to reach the \$25,000 goal.

We hope that our involvement in this project will encourage other associations to participate in the Telethon of the Stars in a noticeable fashion, in order that an increasing number of children may reap the benefits of children's disease research.



The C.O. of "C" Division and Supt. Philion with the two masters of ceremony of the Telethon of Stars, Marguerite Corriveau and Pierre Lalonde.

**NEW DETACHMENT AT ST-JÉRÔME** On June 20, 1983, the C.O. "C" Division, A/Commr. J. L. P. Mantha, cut the traditional ribbon to officially inaugurate the new St-Jérôme Detachment. After it was completed in March 1983, this detachment was taken over by a staff of 21 members, on March 30, 1983. It is headed by S/Sgt. R. L. Linteau who was recently promoted to the rank of inspector.

It was in front of this new building located at 444 Mgr. Dubois that the customary speeches and the blessing given by Canon Claude Charron took place, in the presence of some 100 guests, on a beautiful sunny afternoon.

*submitted by Cpl G. Desautels*

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## "D" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Winnipeg, Man.)

**PRESENTATIONS** On May 30, 1983, "D" Division held an award ceremony in the Atrium at Division Headquarters. The Honourable Roland K. Penner, Attorney General of Manitoba, presented the awards and master of ceremonies, Superintendent E. R. Gaillard, O.I.C. Administration and Personnel, introduced the 22 recipients. Presentations were made to Sgt. J. C. A. L. Boisvert, Distinguished Marksman Certificate; Cpl. M. F. B. Geburt, Suggestion Award; and Cst. K. L.

Harrison, Commanding Officer's Commendation. Mrs. Audrey M. Shestko who recently retired from her duties at "D" Division Headquarters was presented a special award for 40 years with the public service. The following Long Service Awards were presented: silver clasp, Sgt. A. E. Sawatsky and M. W. Kinash (C/M retired); bronze clasp, Sgt. J. G. E. Willis, Cpl. M. Snihor, Sgt. R. W. Corrigan, Cpl. D. M. Gray, Sgt. E. Pelechaty, S/Sgt. J. E. McQuade and S/Sgt. R. T.





(L-R) Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, Pearl McGonigal, presenting Cst. T. A. Cameron, with a Bronze Life-Saving Medal, an award of the Most Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem on May 12, 1983. Photo: © Signature Photography Studies Ltd.

Martell (retired); Long Service Award, Sgt. B. A. Kineshanko, Cpl. E. A. Smith, Sgt. D. R. Hawkins, Sgt. G. A. Corbett, Cpl. T. R. Archuk, Sgt. R. M. Munro, Sgt. R. A. Connors, S/Sgt. W. Burki, Sgt. F. G. Frederikson and Cst. B. A. Daly.

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On May 12, 1983, Cst. T. A. Cameron was presented the Bronze Life-Saving Medal, an award of The Most Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem, by Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, Pearl McGonigal. The award, one that must be approved by Her Majesty the Queen, was presented in recognition of Cst. Cameron's outstanding action at Island Lake, Manitoba, on November 22, 1980. At approximately 5:30 p.m. on that date, Cst. Cameron was on patrol with Band Constable M. Beardy. They were conducting an investigation on snow machines when Band Constable Beardy's machine went through the thin ice. At great personal risk, Cst. Cameron managed to pull Beardy out of the water to safety.

Our congratulations go to Cst. Cameron on his receipt of this award.

**VETERANS' NOTES** In 1981 the Manitoba Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association voted unanimously to establish an annual scholarship for a deserving Manitoba student in the amount of \$1,000. Research revealed that this was and still is the single largest award in Manitoba at the present time. A major lottery together with a Las Vegas Night at the Combined NCO's Mess at Division Headquarters was highly successful and the basis for a continuing fund was established. In memorium contributions on behalf of deceased members have provided additional funds and this coupled with continued annual Las Vegas Nights have provided a steady growth towards a self-sustaining status. Income tax registration for exemption has been obtained and direct donations have also added to the fund.

At the time of founding the scholarship fund it was decided that we would annually rotate the awarding of the scholarship among the three major universities in the province namely, University of Manitoba, University of Brandon and University of Winnipeg. It was also decided that the most beneficial period for receiving the award would be after completing first year university.

For the educational term 1981-82 it was agreed to offer the first award to a deserving student in the Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba. The successful candidate was recommended by the University Awards Office in September 1982. He was Paul Arthur Smith, an adult student married with nine children, who had obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree through night school at the University of Manitoba in 1981. He was employed by the Manitoba Telephone System and took a leave of absence without pay to attend

(L-R) Paul Arthur Smith receiving a commemorative plaque from J. L. Johnstone, chairman of the Veterans' Association Scholarship Committee, on January 4, 1983. Mr. Smith, an adult student and father of nine children was the first recipient of the Veterans' Association scholarship fund of \$1,000.



university full-time in order to obtain a law degree. At our regular meeting on January 4, 1983, he was honoured with a presentation of a commemorative RCMP Veterans' plaque.

For 1982-83, the Veterans' Association authorized transfer of the award to Brandon University for a deserving student in the Faculty of Education. The candidate chosen that year was Lori Dawn Leslie. She had completed the first year of a 4-year course and came from a farming background.

The committee is currently exploring the possibility of honouring the University of Winnipeg in the 1983-84 year. One faculty that is under consideration is the Faculty of Criminology.

Because our program is still relatively new it has not had time to become well known. As it progresses and develops there is no doubt that it will produce benefits for the regular Force. The interest and support shown by the Manitoba Division membership has been excellent and there is a great deal of confidence that the award will continue on a permanent basis.

**BLIND FUND RELAY RUN** On May 19, 1983, a seven-man team from Portage la Prairie Detachment took part in the third annual Blind Fund Relay Run. This event is hosted each year by military police units across Canada and its purpose is to raise money for the Children's Blind Fund. This year some of the money will be used to help an eight-year-old girl from Killarney, Manitoba. This child was recently diagnosed as suffering from a rare vision-afflicting disease. As a result she requires special tutoring which is not covered under provincial health insurance.

For the past three years, RCMP members in conjunction with military personnel have actively participated in this fund raiser. This year the seven-member team from Portage Detachment began canvassing two weeks prior to the run and as a result of their diligence collected more than \$700 from local merchants and citizens. On Thursday, May 19, participants from CFB Portage and Portage Detachment began their 117-kilometre trek from CFB Shilo back to Portage la Prairie. The run lasted approximately 11½ hours.

**BLIND FUND RELAY TEAM** (L-R) Cst. J. Gagné, Cst. L. Delorme, Cst. T. Bain, Cst. E. Davidson, Cst. T. Ranger, Cst. J. Nowell, and kneeling in the foreground, Cpl. C. Kelly with PSD "Shadow" who just couldn't resist being part of the group photo.



All participants ran a combined total of 908 kilometres with RCMP members contributing some 176 kilometres. A total of 36 men and women divided into 6 teams ran alternately throughout the day with RCMP members running on average 20 kilometres apiece.

Cpl. Cy Kelly and Cst. Eric Davidson both of Portage Detachment, however, ran a 29-kilometre stretch without rest in preparation for the Winnipeg Marathon held May 29, 1983.

The entire event was declared a success with all members demonstrating good will and determination.

*submitted by Cst. J. J. P. Gagné*

**POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS** For Minnedosa, Manitoba, population 2,800, 1983 was a big year. One hundred years earlier the town was founded.

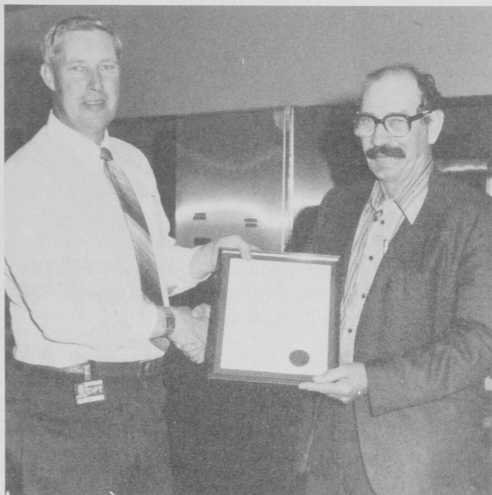
Five years ago the residents of Minnedosa began preparing for the centennial celebration. The first official event in a series of celebrations that lasted all spring and summer was a reenactment of the town's first council meeting held on April 16, 1883. Sgt. Duane LaCoste and Cpl. Bruce Petry, both in period RCMP uniforms, listened attentive while top-hatted Mayor Craig Stewart read the terms of a bylaw hiring the

town's first policemen. The two members thanked their lucky stars that they were working now and not then when they heard some of the terms. Working hours were from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily, seven days a week. The salary was \$40 per month. The digging of graves was the responsibility of the police officer. The police officer must also supply and cut all wood for the fires at the town office and lockup. Asked by the mayor if he accepted the terms, Sgt. LaCoste withdrew a small whisk from his gauntlet, bent over and dusted off the mayor's shoes, straightened up and said, "I accept, Your Honour."

It was no accident that Sgt. LaCoste and Cpl. Petry were asked to be part of the official celebrations. Both are high-profile members of the community and district. Sgt. LaCoste just completed an honours course as a certified municipal treasurer, he was president of the Legion, he organized a rural crime-watch program in three municipalities and in the five years he has been with the detachment has been instrumental in cementing almost perfect police community relations. Cpl. Petry has also made an enormous contribution to the community. He was president of the Minnedosa Kinsmen Club and for two years successfully chaired a United Way campaign.

## DEPOT DIVISION

(Headquarters — Regina, Sask.)



(L-R) Insp. G. D. Nelson presenting Mr. Jack Austin with a certificate recognizing Jack's 35 years of service as a public servant.



Cpl. Wayne Wilson (right) receiving his bronze clasp and star from A/Commanding Officer, Supt. R. L. Fletcher.





Attending the Inspectors' Orientation and Development Course were (L-R): First Row, Insps. D. McDermid, W. Ring, D. Pearce, G. Sveinbjornson, M. Cassidy; Second Row, Insps. C. Sweeney, H. Wallace, L. Thomas, D. Nickson, A. Gramolini; Third Row, Insps. S. Wilcox, D. Kilcup, D. McLay, J. Plomb, L. Hall, S. Salimen; Fourth Row, Insps. B. Lambert, W. Kalichuk, R. Fenske, W. Erickson, R. Leatherdale, R. Laframboise, G. Lafrance.

## "E" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Vancouver, B.C.)

**MARRIAGES** Reg. No. 36934, Cst. Deborah Lee Reitenbach to Reg. No. C/2667, C/M Steven James Barbondy, on July 1, 1983, at Melville, Sask.

Reg. No. 36790, Cst. M. J. Horgan to Helen Steeves, on October 10, 1981, at Saint John, N.B.

Reg. No. 37480, Cst. Don Ross to Reg. No. 33292, Cst. Millie Norry, on December 30, 1982.

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 36525, Cst. Ken Nickel and his wife Frances, a daughter, Amy Marie, on October 1, 1981, and a daughter, Tara Lynn, on June 4, 1983, both at Nanaimo, B.C.

To Reg. No. 29228, Cpl. R. H. Matte and his wife Penny, a daughter, Sarah, on April 10, 1983, at Nanaimo, B.C.

To Reg. No. 23775, Cst. J. N. Reid and his wife Carmen, a son, Brandon, on April 25, 1983.

To Reg. No. 31327, Cst. and Mrs. S. A. Walton, a daughter, Meghan Linley, on January 28, 1983, at Hazelton, B.C.

To Reg. No. 30690, Cst. and Mrs. J. P. Vetter, a daughter, Kimberly Marie, on February 6, 1981, and a son, James Phillip, on February 4, 1983, both at Salmon Arm, B.C.

**POLICE WEEK** As an opener to Police Week 1983, Chetwynd Detachment challenged the local Fire Department to a game of hose hockey and a pie "eating" contest. The local I.G.A. provided a place for both events as well as thirty pies.

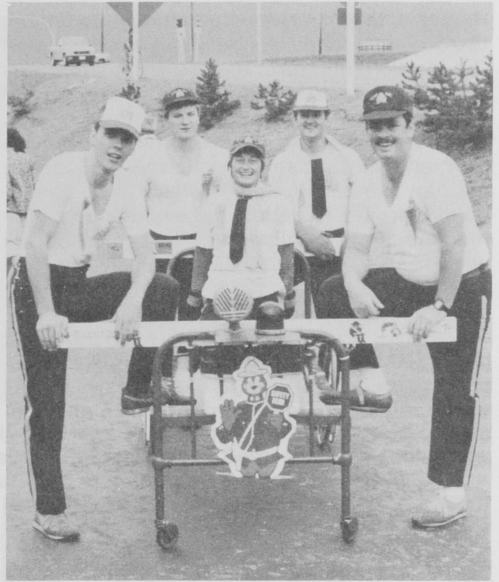
The object of hose hockey is to push an empty beer keg to your opponent's end of the rink using only the force behind two one-and-a-half inch fire hoses. Contestants were suitably attired in

black raincoats and fire department helmets with face shields. After several very wet games the match ended in a draw. Although due to some "dirty tricks" both sides claimed victory.

The pie eating contest quickly degenerated into a pie fight. On the word "go" Cst. Ted Lindsay pushed an opponent's face into his pie. The opponent in turn retaliated. In the end Sgt. Cunningham, NCO i/c Chetwynd Detachment and master of ceremonies was both wet and covered in pie filling. Even the members who attended in uniform did not escape untouched.

A crowd of approximately 300 watched these events with great amusement. Plans are in the works for next year as this proved to be a great method of advertising the opening of Police Week, not to mention a great way to get back at your sergeant.

*submitted by Cst. G. Hanna*



**Bed races at the Terrace Riverboat Days.**

**BED RACING** As part of Terrace Riverboat Days celebrations this year, a "bed race" was held. A total of 18 teams, each team comprised of 5 members, 1 to ride and 4 to push, entered the event. Terrace Detachment members, Cst. Jeff Weikum, Cst. Mike Buday, Cst. Fern Steiner, Cst. Don Murray and Cst. Mario Poudrier entered a bed equipped with emergency lights and a siren. This ploy, however, did not seem to help because none of the other teams would allow their "emergency vehicle" through. They accepted their loss graciously but made it well known that an even more valiant effort would be put forth in Riverboat Days bed races for 1984.

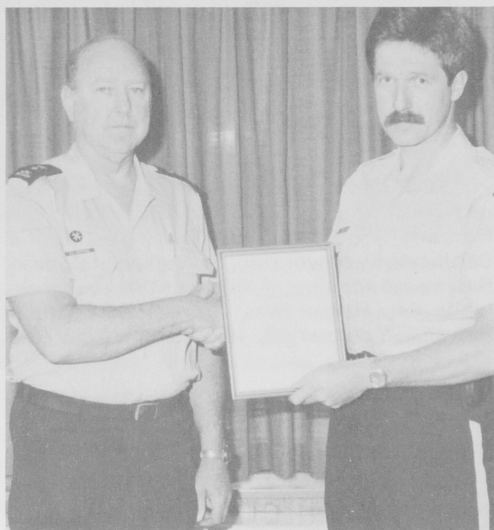
**PRESENTATION** On July 4, ex-Cst. Lorne Harper was presented with a Royal Canadian Humane Association Honorary Testimonial Certificate by Mayor Douglas Barker, at Duncan, B.C., in recognition of an event that took place while Cst. Harper was vacationing in Maui, Hawaii, on January 7, 1982. On that day, Cst.



Oh, the appeal of a Mountie in his red coat! These photographs, taken by Mr. Dave Mackler of Vancouver in March 1983 during the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip to Vancouver, illustrate the eternal attraction of Review Order No. 1. As Mr. Mackler explained: "After the Royal couple had left city hall the RCMP members in their dress uniform became instant celebrities."

Harper noticed an elderly gentleman going into the ocean to swim. Conditions were rough and Cst. Harper, therefore, kept watch. A short time later the man was engulfed in a 25-foot wave and did not surface. Cst. Harper ran into the water, located the man floating face down and through the heavy surf and strong undertow managed to get him ashore. He immediately began cardiopulmonary resuscitation and eventually got the man breathing on his own. Still unconscious he was taken to hospital. Unfortunately, he died several days later from a broken neck.

The award was made "for heroism and presence of mind in rescuing a man from drowning at Kamaole Beach II on Maui, the Hawaiian Islands, January 7, 1982." Ex-Cst. Harper was voluntarily discharged from the Force on January 31, 1983.



**Supt. E. L. Tedford, O.C. Nelson Sub-Division, presenting Cst. Louis Helmes with the Commanding Officer's Commendation for Bravery.**

**COMMENDATION** On Tuesday, July 12, 1983, members and staff of Nelson Sub-Division gathered in the recreation room while Supt. Eric L. Tedford, O.C. Nelson Sub-Division, presented Cst. Louis Helmes, Reg. No. 36572, with the Commanding Officer of "E" Division's Commendation for Bravery.

The events leading up to this award occurred while Cst. Helmes was on annual leave and visiting relatives in Ottawa. On October 4, 1982, at about 2:00 p.m., he was walking in a residential area and noticed the Ottawa City Police had a house under surveillance. At that moment, a male suspect carrying a knife, burst out of the front door and ran onto the street. Cst. Helmes suspected a break and entry was in progress and stepped in front of the fleeing suspect. In spite of

threats with the knife, our member held his ground and managed to wrestle with the man without being wounded. The two fell to the ground where Cst. Helmes hit his elbow, which disabled his right arm. The break-and-entry artist broke loose and ran 5 or 6 blocks with Cst. Helmes and the city police in pursuit. The man escaped in a low-rental area, but was later arrested by the Ottawa City Police. The following morning, Cst. Helmes made a positive identification of the suspect and was instrumental in bringing the man to trial.

*submitted by S/Sgt. N. J. Medley*

**RETIREMENTS** On March 18, 1983, friends and members gathered at the Lord Nelson Hotel in Nelson to honour S/Sgt. and Mrs. P. C. A. Huggard on the occasion of S/Sgt. Huggard's retirement from the Force after thirty-three years of service. He joined the British Columbia Provincial Police on July 25, 1949, and served with that Force until its takeover by the RCMP. During his career he served in many locations in British Columbia, including Trail, Prince George, Cloverdale, Princeton, Grand Forks, Prince Rupert, Boston Bar, Richmond and Nelson. Charlie and June will be making their new home in Kelowna, B.C.

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On September 11, 1982, family, friends and members gathered at the Eagle Hall in Nelson to honour Supt. and Mrs. H. M. C. Johnstone on the occasion of Supt. Johnstone's retirement to pension after thirty-five years of service with the Force.



**Supt. Tedford (R) presenting a gift of a gas barbecue to Charlie and Jane Huggard at S/Sgt. Huggard's retirement party.**



Supt. Johnstone joined the Force on September 26, 1947, at Winnipeg, Manitoba, and was initially posted as a seaman to Marine Division, Halifax, Nova Scotia. He transferred to Land Services and entered recruit training September 26, 1949. After completing recruit training he was transferred to "E" Division Drug Section. During the ensuing years he served in a variety of capacities at numerous posts within the province. Supt. Johnstone was awarded the George Medal for his actions during a bank holdup at Maillardville, B.C., April 3, 1956, in which he received multiple gunshot wounds. After being commissioned in 1967, he served in "F" and "D" Divisions returning to "E" Division July 1975 as officer commanding, Nelson Sub-Division. Supt. and Mrs. Johnstone are now making their home at Kelowna, B.C.

**IN MEMORIAM** Marked on calendars and engagement books of citizens throughout British Columbia was an invitation to a birthday party, Denny Ashby's 81st, on August 7, 1983. On July 15, however, the telephone began to ring. Denny had passed away. While chatting with neighbours in his beautiful garden he had collapsed and died of an apparent heart attack. The news was shattering.

On Wednesday, July 20, at Holy Trinity Church, Patricia Bay, Rev. Bob Sansom recalled Denny's great humanity and service to his coun-



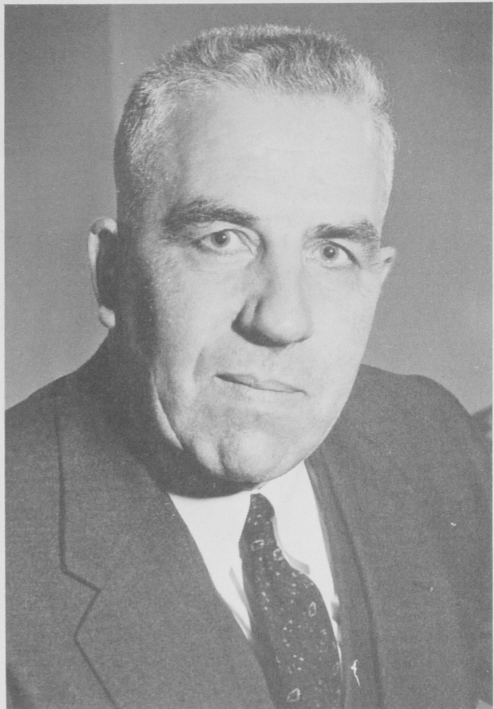
(L-R) S/Sgt. T. S. Coxen, East Section NCO Nelson Sub-Division and Supt. and Mrs. Johnstone at Supt. Johnstone's retirement party.

try to a packed congregation representing a cross section of western Canada. Veterans, with service going back half a century, from the old Alberta Provincial Police and the British Columbia Provincial Police, government officials from mayor to deputy minister, and old friends and new friends were there to pay their respects to a man who had devoted the best part of a lifetime to Canada.

Born in Southfleet, Kent, August 9, 1902, Denny grew up with a burning ambition to serve in the RCMP. Shortly after arriving in Canada he joined the Force on July 21, 1926, and took his recruit training at Depot Division. During his 29-year career with the RCMP he served in many detachments in Alberta and British Columbia. At each posting his reputation for humanity, friendliness and concern for his fellowman grew. Whenever he was moved the local paper would publish regrets of the community at the loss of so fine an officer. He had the magic for representing the police as a friend and protector of society.

After retiring from the Force on October 31, 1955, he was made Justice of the Peace, eventually becoming a Judge. He was the last lay judge to hold court in Sidney. When he left the bench in 1975 the local paper said in an editorial: "Time and again his decisions, as a result of dwelling amongst people who came before him, have reflected a greater sense of understanding and basic humanity than perhaps would occur were the same persons to appear in the crowded, machine-like atmosphere of Central Court."

After the funeral Denny's three children went back to his lovely home and garden. "We are going to have his birthday party," said Wendy, "that's the way he would want it." There we mingled, friends of 30 years and more. In the house, unopened, was the latest *RCMP Quarterly*, Summer 1983, announcing that his son, Corporal John Ashby, had been presented with the Long Service Medal.



**Denzil Greensted Ashby**

*submitted by ex-Cst. Gray Campbell*

**POLICE APPRECIATION NIGHT** In the spring of 1983, a group of five citizens in Kamloops formed a committee for the purpose of organizing a police appreciation dinner, fashioned after a similar function held in Kelowna last year. Their stated objective was to demonstrate to the police of their community that citizens of Kamloops recognize and appreciate the valuable service rendered by the RCMP. The function was planned and implemented without benefit of sponsors and the committee made numerous personal commitments on the basis that the community would support them.

A sit-down dinner for 550 people was held in a hall beautifully decorated with mannequins and police equipment depicting scenes representing various police community services. The evening was filled with complimentary speeches by a number of political and government dignitaries, highlighted by the guest speaker, Lt. Governor of B.C., His Honour Henry Bell-Irving. The program concluded with a dancer and a presentation by the Kamloops Rube Band, who introduced a "Musical Ride" into their act especially for the occasion.

This tribute not only gave a great lift to our members but also served to provide opportunities for better communication with the public.

*submitted by Supt. R. B. Harding*

**THE 7TH ANNUAL NORTH WEST POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS' OLYMPICS** "First Class" might be the attribute that best describes the staging of the 1983 North West Police/Firefighters' Olympics, held in Edmonton, Alta., between July 20-23, 1983. Many participants who had competed in previous years called the event "the best yet" and "can't be topped."

The competition in about 50 separate events was intense. The athletes were well prepared, and although a limited number of participants can receive medals in each event, no one went home disappointed.

Approximately 700 police and fire department personnel brought their families and friends from locations as distant as North York, Ontario, Washington, D.C., and San Diego, California. The Olympics were launched with registration and a social gathering at the Westin Hotel on July 19, and wrapped up with a gala banquet, awards ceremonies and a dance on the evening of July 23.

Everything from the competitions, facilities, social activities and comradeship to the City of Edmonton "Klondike Days" and the weather made for an exciting and memorable holiday.

The Force in "E" Division was well represented in the games, judging by the amount of "gold" won by some of our members. The names of the "E" Division participants who were successful in their chosen events are listed here. If the list is

incomplete, I apologize and suggest that the members affected submit their results "for the record" and for publication.

**Power Lifting** 198-lb. class (89.92 kg), Gold, Cst. Mic Leclair, White Rock Det., 1309 lb. (594 kg) total lift; 181½-lb. class (82.32 kg), Silver, Cst. Ray Watson, Surrey Det., 1166½lb. (529 kg) total lift.

**Half Marathon** Open Class, Gold, Cst. Glen Magark, Vancouver Drugs, 1 hr. 15 min. (1st overall); Senior Class (over 35 years), Gold, Cpl. Rod Ulmer, Policy Evaluation & Correlation Sec. "E" Div. HQ, 1 hr. 29 min. (3rd overall).

**Slo-Pitch Softball** 10-Man Team, 5th Place, Coquitlam "Razorbacks".

**Table Tennis** Open Class and Masters (over 45 years), Gold, S/Sgt. D. Keith, Doane (retired), repeat from New Westminster 1982.

**Track and Field** High Jump, Gold, Cst. Don Smalley (Surrey Detachment), 6'4" (1.93 m); Triple Jump, Gold, Cst. Don Smalley, 39½' (12.04 m); Shot put, Gold, Cst. Jim Smith (Duncan Detachment); Discus, Silver, Cst. Jim Smith (Duncan Detachment); Javelin, Bronze, Cst. Jim Smith (Duncan Detachment); 10,000-5,000 metre race, Silver, Cst. Don Brown (Nanaimo Detachment).

The Seattle Police and Fire Departments will host the 1984 North West Police/Firefighters' Olympics, which may be a regional qualification event for the first "World Police and Fire Games," to be held at San Jose, Calif., August 3-11, 1985.

Any member who is athletically inclined is urged to consider going to Seattle next year in preparation for the 1985 World Games. The competition might be just below world class, and a lot of hard, intensive training will be required by the competitors, but just "being there" would make the trip and effort worthwhile.

Good luck to those making preparations for 1984 and 1985!

*submitted by R. K. Ulmer*

## "F" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Regina, Sask.)

**MARRIAGE** Reg. No. 31035, Cst. Richard J. C. Gagnon to Reg. No. C/2153, C/M Diane R. James, on July 30, 1983, at Regina, Sask.

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 34563, Cst. D. F. Willis and his wife Janice, a daughter, Virginia Mary, on August 12, 1983, at Shaunavon, Sask.

To Reg. No. 36882, Cst. and Mrs. G. P. Fleming, a daughter, Jessica Lea, on July 16, 1983, at Regina, Sask.

To Reg. No. 37592, Cst. and Mrs. A. M. Lewis, a daughter, Kimberley Gaile, on February 15, 1983, at La Ronge, Sask.

To Reg. No. 35631, Cst. C. E. Jackson and his wife Caroline, a daughter, Brandy Carol, on December 24, 1981, at Yorkton, Sask., and a daughter, Chandra Bridget, on March 10, 1983, at Langenburg, Sask.

To Reg. No. 25923, Cst. D. V. Hofer and his wife Faye, a daughter, Kristi Faye, on May 16, 1982, at Yorkton, Sask. (See following notice — **Christening.**)

**RETIREMENTS AND FAREWELLS** On June 10, 1983, about 150 friends gathered at Empringham's to extend their best wishes to Supt. Cliff Morin on his retirement. His wife Norma and three of the Morins' four children with escorts were also in attendance.

Supt. P. J. C. Morin joined the Force on July 16, 1948. Following training and the 1949 Musical Ride, he was posted to New Brunswick until 1952 when he again joined the Musical Ride. This was followed by 21 years of involvement with equitation training, rising through the ranks until he was appointed the O.I.C. of the Musical Ride in 1968. In 1973 he became the division staffing officer at Depot. During these years Cliff earned the respect of a large number of members who passed through "N" and Depot Divisions. In 1975 Cliff became the assistant officer commanding, Regina Sub-Division and later that same year took over as officer commanding, a position he held until his retirement.

On the occasion of his retirement, (L-R) Supt. P. J. C. Morin, Norma Morin and their children Keri-Lynn, Brent and Jeffrey. Missing from the photo is their son Shaun.





Norma and Cliff were presented with a propane barbecue by their friends, together with their best wishes for a long and happy retirement. Norma and Cliff will continue to reside in Regina during the winter and at their cottage at Regina Beach for the summer.

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A retirement and farewell party for two Swift Current Sub-Division members was held on June 14, 1983. The retirees honored on this occasion were S/Sgt. Herman Duerksen and municipal employee Jim Bailey.

Herman Duerksen, born in St. Jean, Manitoba, joined the Force on June 24, 1953. After training at "E" and Depot Divisions he served 30 years in "F" Division at Regina, Moose Jaw, Yorkton, Punnichy, Canora, Lanigan and Porcupine Plain. In 1970 Herman took charge of the "F" Division Protection of Property Section and in 1976 he became the West Section NCO of Swift Current until he retired August 16, 1983, at the rank of staff sergeant.

Insp. P. Chyzyk presented Herman with an engraved silver tray, and a presentation of long-stemmed red roses was made to his wife Irma by Mrs. Ruth Lee-Knight.

Also in Herman's honour, a farewell social was held on June 28 at Gull Lake Legion Hall. An original oil painting of Swift Current Creek, framed by Cpl. Bill Sterling, was presented to Herman by Sgt. Bill Urquhart on behalf of West Section personnel.

Herman and Irma will be moving to Greenwater Provincial Park, Sask., where they have built a new home.

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Jim Bailey served on the Swift Current City Police force for 34 years and was promoted through the ranks to sergeant. When the RCMP took over the city contract in 1971, Jim stayed on as police clerk.

Insp. P. Chyzyk presented Jim with a plaque which, among other paraphernalia, displayed Jim's original city police badge, regimental number 2. Flowers were presented to his wife Adina.

City alderman, Mr. Bill Bowers, presented Jim with an inscribed gold watch for past service.

Supt. Bill Procyk, O.C. Prince Albert Sub-Division, read Jim a letter of congratulations on his retirement.

The Bailey charm and wit will be missed, as well as his culinary skills at social functions.

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Mrs. Dorothy Hayden was presented a Long Service Certificate at Yorkton Sub-Division Headquarters by Insp. Ron White, O.C. Yorkton Sub-Division. Mrs. Hayden was employed for over 28 years with the Public Service, the last 14 of which were with the RCMP in Yorkton. She was employed as sub-division clerk from 1972 until her retirement in April 1983. We all wish Dorothy a long and healthy retirement.

**SOFTBALL CHAMPS** The Saskatoon Sub-Division (Park Town Texaco) team had an excellent year in fastball, winning the "F" Div. Championship for their division in the Saskatoon Amateur Softball Association League. The team was sponsored by Henry Loepky, the owner of Park Town Texaco in Saskatoon.

**KRISTI'S CHRISTENING** Shortly after the birth of our daughter, my wife and I made arrangements for her christening, which took place at the United Church in Langenburg, Sask., on April 13, 1983. To our surprise and delight, all the members of Langenburg Detachment arrived at the church in red serge, to help us celebrate our special day. Needless to say, my wife, Faye, my son, Dean Dennis, my parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Miller and myself were impressed and honored by this obvious gesture of comradeship. Numerous favorable comments were made by members of the congregation and the community at large. It was certainly a special day our family will always remember. A special thanks to all the members of the Langenburg Detachment for their thoughtfulness and their friendship.

*submitted by Cst. D. V. Hofer*

## "G" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Yellowknife, N.W.T.)

**BIRTH** To Reg. No. 35361, Cst. H. M. Searle and his wife Cindy, a son, Benjamin John Morley, on March 23, 1983, at Yellowknife, N.W.T.

**SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT** On July 9 and 10, 1983, Yellowknife Detachment hosted the first annual RCMP-DENE Nation Pee Wee Boys Softball Tournament. Teams from Providence, Rae-Edzo, Dettah Village and Rainbow Valley (Yellowknife) participated. The teams were coached by members of the various detachments.

The first day of the tournament was held in Ft. Rae and in Yellowknife with the championship

game between the Rainbow Valley Base Stealers and the Dettah Jr. Braves. "G" Division Safety Bear was on hand and threw out the game ball. Rainbow Valley came out on top with a score of 20-18.

The game was followed by a barbecue and an awards presentation at Petitot Park. This event was a big success thanks to the members and wives who volunteered their services as coaches, umpires, scorekeepers, cooks, etc. We are already looking forward to the tournament next year.

*submitted by Cst. J. W. Powers*

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## "H" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Halifax, N.S.)

**MARRIAGES** Reg. No. 36001, Cst. J. A. Briggs to Janet Patterson, on August 20, 1983.

Reg. No. 36371, Cst. J. H. Chlow to Bonita MacDonald, on September 25, 1982.

Reg. No. 38018, Cst. J. H. C. Drouin to Susan Ekelund, on June 11, 1983.

Reg. No. 33365, Cst. T. S. Faye to Paula Cunningham, on July 23, 1983.

Reg. No. 32158, Cst. D. K. MacKinnon to Helena Terebenec, on February 13, 1982.

Reg. No. 36282, Cst. P. E. Nicks to Heather Yorke, on August 27, 1983.

Reg. No. 32316, Cst. J. R. Pineo to Paulette Sutherland, on July 3, 1982.

Reg. No. 32061, Cst. C. D. Thompson to Patricia Acker, on October 2, 1982.

Reg. No. 33294, Cst. C. J. Walker to Frederick Weaver, on May 27, 1983.

Reg. No. 32467, Cst. R. H. Walker to Colina McDonald, on July 2, 1983.

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 28845, Cpl. W. J. Milley and his wife Lorraine, a son, Morgan, on June 16, 1983.

To Reg. No. 32372, Cst. J. V. Murphy and his wife Brenda, a son, Kevin, on May 10, 1983.

To Reg. No. 28626, Cst. E. Prid and his wife Claudette, a daughter, Jennifer, on January 16, 1982, and a son, Chad, on March 24, 1983.

To Reg. No. 30692, Cst. C. G. Vokey and his wife Carol, a son, Stephen, on May 16, 1983.

To Reg. No. C/0874 C/M W. D. Weatherby and his wife Linda, a son, Darren Michael, on July 26, 1983.

To Reg. No. 36371, Cst. J. H. Chlow and his wife Bonita, a daughter, Jennifer, on September 7, 1983.

To Reg. No. 35125, Cst. L. S. Kakonyi and his wife Janice, a son, Michael, on April 25, 1983.

### **OFFICIAL OPENING OF YARMOUTH SUB-DIVISION**

On June 1, 1983, the official opening ceremony for the new Yarmouth Sub-Division building was held with a large number of members and invited guests in attendance. The building, located on Starr's Road in Yarmouth, is the new home for Yarmouth Rural Detachment, Yarmouth Sub-Division Headquarters and various sub-division support sections. The ceremonial ribbon was cut by the Hon. Fraser Mooney, M.L.A. for Yarmouth. During the ceremony a mounted buffalo head, which will be displayed in the new building, was presented to the sub-division Sports and Recreation Club by the members of the sub-division.

In conjunction with the opening, and in true Force tradition, a buffalo barbecue was held during the evening and was well attended by members and guests. The idea for the buffalo barbe-



**At the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the official opening of Yarmouth Sub-Division Building, (L-R) Cst. Debbie Burstall; Deputy Mayor Willard Allen; Town of Yarmouth, Commanding Officer C/Supt. C. J. Reid; Hon. Fraser Mooney; O.C. Insp. S. G. MacNaughton; Warden Don Stanton, Mun. of Yarmouth; Warden Pat Murphy, Mun. of Argyle; and Cst. Mike Carter.**

cue was the brainchild of Cpl. Dave Waterhouse of Digby Detachment. Although the idea was initially greeted with some scepticism, the event proved to be a success.

*submitted by S/Sgt. A. H. Bennett*

**TROOP REUNION** My transfer to HQ Ottawa back in 1970 gave me the opportunity to locate many of my former troop mates (Troop No. 1, "N" Division, 1963) through the available personnel records. This made it possible for many of them to visit or at least make contact with others from the troop when travelling through various parts of Canada. This contact over the years re-kindled our "esprit de corps" and made it possible for us to organize a 20-year troop reunion.

The RCMP Long Island Camp, located on the banks of the Rideau River just south of Ottawa, provided the setting for this event, held between July 20-22, 1983. It was here, where over the years many of our Force membership have gathered for social and leisure time, that 15 of our 32 troop mates were reunited, many for the first time in 20 years! We were represented from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and many of us were accompanied by our families.

Members began to arrive at Long Island in the afternoon of July 20, and by supper time most of them were accounted for. Our Ottawa friends had prepared a barbecue and everyone was well fed and "watered" by early evening. The "war" stories started and I'm sure, by the early hours of the next morning, the truth got "stretched" a little. What was said and heard is only known by the privileged few who lasted the longest!

On the morning of the 21st, troop mates and family members gathered at "N" Division for a tour of the old and new sections of the Canadian Police College complex. This was followed by lunch at the college "messing" facilities. At 6:00 p.m. we gathered again at the camp for a sit-down steak barbecue, at which time we were joined by two of our former training instructors, Ron Speaks (drill and troop supervisor) and Bob Taylor (driver training). Our chef and master of ceremonies for the evening, Doug Budgell, did an excellent job. Each member, in order of seniority of rank, had the opportunity to account for the past 20 years. A troop photo, including our two guests, was taken, followed by the cutting of our reunion cake.

During the evening everyone had the opportunity to view slides and photos of our training



days. While our facial features have not really changed, most of us are working on "The Bob Adie Hair Style" or a midriff bulge.

Due to other engagements, some of the group had to bid an early farewell on Friday. Those remaining, together with families and friends, went to Parliament Hill and observed the Changing of the Guard ceremony. This was followed by a boat cruise on the historic Rideau Canal.

Later on, more goodbyes were exchanged as our numbers dwindled. A leisurely afternoon was spent enjoying the excellent facilities at Long Island Camp.

On Friday evening, the remaining eight couples officially concluded the reunion with a dinner and dance at the Nepean Sportsplex Continental Dining Room.

Needless to say, the three-day reunion passed much too quickly. Another most memorable event in our lives had taken place. It is most

unfortunate the entire troop could not be present but many circumstances precluded this.

The years can pass very quickly and during this time transfers can spread troop mates further apart or bring them closer together. Whichever the case, it is a truly great feeling when friends can gather after 20 years to renew the bond they cemented during their recruit-training days.

I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to thank the supervisors and staff at Long Island Camp, as well as our Ottawa friends, for their assistance in helping to make our reunion activities a success. There are tremendous facilities for such gatherings at the camp and I would like to issue a challenge to other troops to plan such events so they, too, can once again experience the "esprit de corps" they had in training.

Our next goal is number "25" in Hawaii in the Spring of 1988!

*submitted by S/Sgt. L. A. Mitchell*

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## "J" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Fredericton, N.B.)

**MARRIAGES** Reg. No. 33198, Cst. P. R. MacGregor to Josephine Matchette, on September 18, 1982, at Renous, N.B.

Reg. No. 35358, Cst. J. P. M. Page to Danielle Cormier, on July 2, 1983, at St-Joseph, West County, N.B.

Reg. No. 36295, Cst. R. A. Fullerton to Suzanne Quimper, on August 6, 1983, at St-Quentin, N.B.

Reg. No. 37110, Cst. S. Orlando to Brenda MacDonald, on March 20, 1982, at Cornwall, Ont.

Reg. No. 35489, Cst. J. D. N. Goulet to Cecile Essiembre, on April 15, 1983, at Campbellton, N.B.

Reg. No. 31066, Cst. J. L. H. Charlebois to Monique Robichaud, on April 22, 1983, at Moncton, N.B.

Reg. No. 35970, Cst. C. C. W. Carmichael to Dianne Williams, on April 30, 1983, at Beaconsfield, Que.

Reg. No. 35497, Cst. J. O. D. Quirion to Diane Bourque, on May 7, 1983, at Richibucto, N.B.

Reg. No. 37107, Cst. C. G. L. McCulloch to Deborah Speckert, on May 21, 1983, at Montreal, Que.

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 31535, Cst. and Mrs. R. L. Geddes, a son, Michael, on January 24, 1981, and a son, Mark, on April 29, 1983, at Fredericton, N.B.

To Reg. No. 33663, Cst. and Mrs. M. Gladu, a son, Jean-François, on February 13, 1982, at Moncton, N.B.

To Reg. No. 34181, Cst. and Mrs. B. Bergevin, a daughter, Karine, on March 6, 1982, at Shediac, N.B.

To Reg. No. 34057, Cst. and Mrs. K. E. Legge, a son, Michael, on July 26, 1982, at Petitcodiac, N.B.

To Reg. No. 30005, Cst. and Mrs. G. D. Watson, a son, Jonathan Ryan, on April 15, 1983, at Florenceville, N.B.

To Reg. No. 33657, Cst. and Mrs. J. D. Caron, a son, Mathieu, on April 28, 1983, at Edmundston, N.B.

To Reg. No. 35582, Cst. and Mrs. R. Pessot, twin daughters, Miranda Elizabeth and Jessica Florina, on May 27, 1983.

To Reg. No. 25821, Cpl. and Mrs. D. J. H. McNeill, a daughter, Melissa, on June 11, 1983, at Fredericton, N.B.

To Reg. No. 35314, Cst. and Mrs. R. C. Dery, a son, Marc, on June 18, 1983, at Gagetown, N.B.

To Reg. No. 33343, Cst. and Mrs. L. L. Emery, a son, Johnathan, on May 6, 1983, at Tracadie, N.B.

To Reg. No. 28489, Cst. and Mrs. H. C. Keeping, a son, Collin, on May 21, 1983, at Campbellton, N.B.

To Reg. No. 37682, Cst. and Mrs. J. M. Y. Talbot, a son, Eric, on June 2, 1983, at McAdam, N.B.

To Reg. No. 31782, Cst. and Mrs. M. A. Turcotte, a son, Simon, on June 8, 1983, at Newcastle, N.B.

To Reg. No. 30560, Cst. and Mrs. C. R. Andrews, a son, Daniel Jeoffre, on June 12, 1983, at Woodstock, N.B.

To Reg. No. 30045, Cst. and Mrs. J. F. R. Girard, a son, Robert Michael, on June 21, 1983, at Sussex, N.B.

To Reg. No. 29232, Cst. and Mrs. M. D. Leclair, a daughter, Danielle, on June 29, 1983, at Riverview, N.B.

To Reg. No. 34156, Cst. and Mrs. R. L. Hillier, a daughter, Lisa Nicole, on July 26, 1983, at Sussex, N.B.



Cst. R. A. Vinet, Cpl. D. J. Lockhart both of Jacquet River Detachment, Lt. Gov. Stanley, Brig. Gen. Laurin and Cpl. L. C. Doucet of Campbellton Detachment at the Lifesaving Awards Presentation.

**LIFESAVING AWARDS PRESENTATION** Lt. Governor George Stanley, Vice-prior of the Order of St. John in New Brunswick, and Brig. General C. J. Laurin of Toronto, Past Chancellor of the Order of St. John in Canada, recently presented meritorious certificates to three members of the RCMP for their lifesaving efforts. The presentations took place in Fredericton on May 28 at the Annual Investiture and Awards Ceremony of the Order of St. John.

The awards recipients were: Cpl. Leonard Charles Doucet of Campbellton Detachment, and Cpl. Douglas James Lockhart and Cst. Robert Andre Vinet of Jacquet River Detachment.

Cpl. Doucet was recognized for his efforts in reviving a young Balmoral boy last December by

the application of mouth-to-mouth and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. First aid was applied while an RCMP car transported the boy to the Dalhousie Hospital. Although he was revived by Cpl. Doucet's efforts, the youngster subsequently died while being airlifted to the Moncton Hospital.

Cpl. Lockhart and Cst. Vinet were commended for their actions in applying first aid under very difficult conditions to the victim of a highway accident on December 29, 1982. Their quick action, knowledge of first aid and treatment of the victim for hypothermia were instrumental in saving the man's life.

*submitted by Sgt. J. C. Doucette*

**BED RACE** On July 24, 1983, the Brussell Sprouts Festival in Rogersville, N.B., highlighted a bed race as one of its opening activities. The four teams participating were male competitors except for the Rogersville R.C.M. Police Detachment entry, which featured the wives of the local members. Although the women were fourth-place finishers, they were certainly winners in the eyes of their spouses, and their involvement in this community event does much for police community relations.

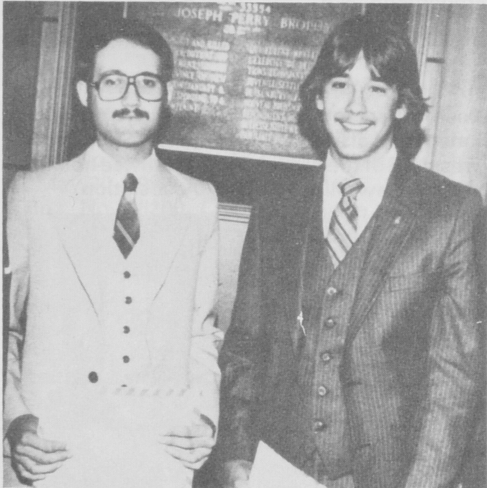
*submitted by Cst. J. R. R. Ross*

**ONE OF THE BEST RUNNING DETACHMENTS** Cst. Mario Roy and Cst. Denis Tardif both received a "J" Division Certificate of Achievement for running 100 miles for fitness, while Sgt. Len O'Halloran and Cst. Rejean Cormier received the same certificate for 1,000 miles. C/Supt. Jack Hunter remarked that this was the first time four out of six members of the same detachment received these awards, making Florenceville one of the best running detachments.

*submitted by Sgt. O'Halloran*

**RCMP SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED** The RCMP Centennial Scholarship Fund was established in 1973 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Force. The fund provides annual scholarships to assist a child of an RCMP member, ex-member or veteran in furthering his or her education in the academic sphere, or in conjunction with learning a trade or profession.

**Recipients of the 1983 Centennial Scholarship, (L-R) Keith Roy Latchford, son of Sgt. Keith and Marlene Latchford of Perth Andover and Scott Merrithew, son of S/Sgt. Stan and Anne Merrithew of Oromocto. Missing from this photo is David Tessier, son of S/Sgt. Ron and Irene Tessier of Grand Falls.**



The fund is administered by a Board of Directors comprised of seven NCO's from detachments in New Brunswick, and by three representatives of the N.B. Veterans' Association.

Funds for these scholarships are acquired by way of donations from RCMP members, messes, the "J" Division Recreation Club, the RCMP Veterans' Association and proceeds from various functions; \$942 has been raised to date through this year's fund-raising campaign.

The three recipients of the 1983 Centennial Scholarship were announced recently.

Keith Roy Latchford, son of Keith and Marlene Latchford of Perth-Andover, will be entering his second year at University of New Brunswick toward his BBA degree. David Tessier, son of Ron and Irene Tessier of Grand Falls, will be attending Dalhousie University in Halifax. Scott Merrithew, son of Stan and Anne Merrithew of Oromocto, will be entering first year Science at Mount Allison University.

*submitted by Cpl. Norm Hooper*

**AFTER 25 YEARS** The thought of getting together with the "old troop" has crossed the minds of everybody with over one year of service. A number of troops have had reunions after five, 10 or 15 years of service and a few at 20 but never before, to our knowledge, has there been a 25-year reunion.

In June 1957, a group of very young men from every province in Canada gathered together at "N" Division in Ottawa, where they received their introduction into the Force. They were evermore to be known as No. 37 Troop. These young recruits were dispatched from "N" Division on April 11, 1958, and, except for a few chance encounters, never really saw much of each other again.

In August 1982, Ottawa was once again invaded by No. 37 Troop. This time, Long Island Summer Camp was the scene. Twelve members, some still serving, some not, gathered for a few days that took us back 25 years in time. For those who arrived early, the first week in August was spent "swapping lies" and touring the city. One Friday evening was spent at the "A" Division Officers' Mess for an informal gathering. S/M Eric Young, who was our drill instructor in '57, was invited to join our reunion. Since he had married during our training, we presented him and his lovely wife with a small gift to help celebrate their 25th anniversary as well. On Saturday, we all gathered at "N" Division where we planted and dedicated a tree in memory of one of our fellow mates, Cst. Clarence Clark, who died in 1966. Eric Young gave a short but moving eulogy that touched the hearts of all of us. Following this ceremony, we returned to Long Island (with a brief stopover at the Maple Leaf) and we socialized long into the night.

Those few short days brought back memories of days gone by and sealed a bond that was formed in 1957. The spirit of the reunion was contagious and the members' families joined right in as part of No. 37 Troop.

Saying goodbye on Saturday evening and on Sunday was difficult for everyone, but the many hours of friendship had such a telling effect that the group vowed to meet again for a 30-year reunion in Banff in 1987.

*submitted by Sgt. G. W. Snow*

**RETIREMENTS** On January 15, 1983, the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre in Fredericton, N.B., was the site of a farewell dinner/dance for C/Supt. and Mrs. W. J. Hunter on their retirement from the Force.

Master of ceremonies, S/Sgt. D. J. Sherwood did a commendable job of organizing the evening. He gave the floor to Supt. Reid who presented C/Supt. Hunter and Mrs. Hunter with a gift of a beautiful painting done by a local artist.

The Commanding Officer gave a speech tailored for the occasion, filled with nostalgia and humor.

Over two hundred people in attendance greatly appreciated the evening.

All members of "J" Division wish C/Supt. and Mrs. Hunter all the best in the years to come.

*submitted by Sgt. C. A. Smith*

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On September 16, 1983, a farewell dinner and dance was held in Fredericton at the Capital Winter Club in honour of Supt. George E. Reid, O.I.C. "J" Division C.I.B. and Mrs. Reid on their retirement from the Force. There were 225 people in attendance, including his son, his two daughters and their families, a brother and sister from Nova Scotia and members, public servants, civilian members and ex-members from various divisions.

Master of ceremonies for the evening was a former C.O. "J" Division as well as a long-time friend and associate of Supt. Reid, C/Supt. W. J.

(Jack) Hunter (Rtd.), who expounded on the many contributions made by Supt. Reid during his tenure in the Force. Messages were received from across Canada and read by the M.C., wishing the Reids a happy and healthy retirement.

Mrs. Reid was presented with a bouquet of roses. A set of golf clubs from the people in attendance, a golf bag from his family and a golf cart from the Officers' Mess were presented by Insp. Hugh J. Robicheau, O.C. Bathurst Sub-Division; a plaque from Edmundston Detachment was presented by Cpl. Mark Fleming, a set of coffee mugs from the New Brunswick Telephone Company Ltd. and a photograph from Insp. Earl Hamilton, "H" Division.

The Gift and Comfort Fund, the Senior NCO's Mess, Officers' Mess, C.I.B. Support Staff and members of the Drug Units from across the province also presented Supt. Reid with mementoes.

After completion of 35 years service the Reids will be residing in Fredericton. Their many friends from within and outside the Force wish them both a long and happy retirement.

*submitted by Sharon A. Clark*

**RIVERVIEW HOCKEY TOURNAMENT** From February 24 to 27, at Riverview, N.B., the third Annual "J" Division Hockey Tournament took place with teams representing Fredericton, Moncton, Bathurst and Grand Falls Sub-Division. Again this year, Fredericton and Grand Falls played the final game with Grand Falls coming on top with a score of 3-0.

The real winner of this tournament was the Riverview Minor Hockey Association. A cheque for \$1,800 was presented by the organizing committee to Preston Beaumont, president of the association. A banquet and dance followed the presentations of trophies.

Next year, the tournament will be held in Fredericton, N.B.

*submitted by Cst. J. J. M. Leblanc*

(L-R) Insp. M. Huot, O.C. Moncton Sub-Division; Preston Beaumont, president Riverview Minor Hockey; S/Sgt. R. L. Smith, NCO i/c Riverview Detachment and also coach of Moncton Sub-Division team, and Cpl. Yves Juteau of Shediac Detachment, president of the organizing committee holding a cheque for \$1,800 which they later presented to the Riverview Minor Hockey Association.





## "K" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Edmonton, Alta.)

**MARRIAGES** Reg. No. 35172, Cst. I. J. Ronnie to Lucy Pasolli, on August 6, 1983, at Jasper, Alta.

Reg. No. 34298, Cst. A. G. Milne to Reg. No. 36660, Cst. A. Bokemper, on May 28, 1983, at Grand Forks, B.C.

Reg. No. 35647, Cst. G. M. Srogen to Leslie Allen on August 6, 1983, at Oyen, Alta.

Reg. No. 35646, Cst. W. J. Dwyer to Ernestine Barron, on July 30, 1983, at Whitbourne, Nfld.

Reg. No. 32714, Cpl. W. L. Miller to Paul Montpellier, on August 6, 1983, at Namao, Alta.

Reg. No. 27802, Cst. R. D. Cameron to Colette Carric, on April 6, 1982, at Reno, Nevada, U.S.A.

Reg. No. 37687, Cst. R. M. Gollan to Mary Sere-da, on June 18, 1983, at Prince Albert, Sask.

Reg. No. 35715, Cst. G. E. Edwards to Christine Davies, on June 4, 1983, at Ponoka, Alta.

Reg. No. 34921, Cst. D. P. Laporte to Francie Maull, on June 25, 1983, at Drumheller, Alta.

Reg. No. 32409, Cst. M. L. Johann to Bonita Riddle, on April 2, 1983, at Innisfail, Alta.

Reg. No. C/2359, C/M C. M. Kuhn to James Seward, on July 2, 1983.

Reg. No. 37458, Cst. D. A. MacLean to Frances Currie, on July 30, 1983, at Sydney, N.S.

Reg. No. 37453, Cst. D. S. Warren to Darlene Drew, on May 28, 1983, at Belleville, Ont.

Reg. No. 35637, Cst. J. A. Y. Lamarre to Reg. No. C/2992, C/M V. M. Laschilier, on July 16, 1983, at Calgary, Alta.

Reg. No. 32744, Cst. P. M. Yanchula to Vicki Brown, on July 2, 1983, at London, Ont.

Reg. No. 37227, Cst. B. J. Wainwright to Tami Dunlop, on July 23, 1983, at Airdrie, Alta.

Reg. No. 35778, Cst. G. H. Low to Tracy Semchism, on August 20, 1983, at London, Ont.

Reg. No. 21723, Sgt. W. N. Stanley to June Lenz, on August 5, 1983, at Edmonton, Alta.

Reg. No. 37776, Cst. G. M. MacKenzie to Shannon Anderson, on May 20, 1983, at Kamloops, B.C.

Reg. No. 37553, Cst. G. E. Pridham to Reg. No. 37437, Cst. S. M. Kinahan, on May 28, 1983, at Duncan, B.C.

Reg. No. 36910, Cst. L. J. Ripley to Bruce Abel, on May 20, 1983, at Vancouver, B.C.

Reg. No. 36200, Cst. R. C. Dickie to Theresa Disney, on June 4, 1983, at Edmonton, Alta.

Reg. No. C/3084, C/M T. J. Gagne to Rudy Parenteau, on April 22, 1983, at St. Paul, Alta.

Reg. No. S/2239, S/Cst. L. D. Masse to Cathy Klepachek, on June 18, 1983, at Edmonton, Alta.

Reg. No. 37184, Cst. D. R. Bazowski to Jean Lucci, on June 4, 1983, at Valleyview, Alta.

Reg. No. 36805, Cst. G. F. Fedor to Janice Martel, on May 21, 1983, at Ottawa, Ont.

Reg. No. 36195, Cst. G. G. McKay to Jacqueline Dobson, on June 25, 1983, at Provost, Alta.

Reg. No. 35783, Cst. P. G. White to Jo-Ann Harvie, on May 7, 1983, at Simcoe, Ont.

Reg. No. 30788, Cst. R. N. Carriere to Gayle Wyton, on May 21, 1983, at Edmonton, Alta.

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 34213, Cst. and Mrs. B. M. G. Fillmore, a son, Ryan Gerald Paul, on August 3, 1983, at Red Deer, Alta.

To Reg. No. 35109, Cst. P. R. Schram and his wife Barbara, a son, Aaron, on August 11, 1981, and a son, Bradley, on May 4, 1983, at Edson, Alta.

To Reg. No. 34620, Cst. and Mrs. J. A. Cantafio, a daughter, Jodi Marie, on July 14, 1983, at Calgary, Alta.

To Reg. No. 36382, Cst. B. W. Mann and his wife Kimberly, a son, Jordon, on February 10, 1983.

To Reg. No. 35014, Cst. C. L. Gerow and his wife Marlene, a daughter, Brianne, on April 23, 1983.

To Reg. No. 29701, Cst. J. S. Griffiths and his wife Kathleen, a son, Jonathan, on April 12, 1983.

To Reg. No. 29551, Cpl. R. T. Boal and his wife Patricia, a daughter, Paige, on July 2, 1983.

To Reg. No. 37399, Cst. J. B. Pevett and his wife Helena, a daughter, Halina, on May 5, 1983.

To Reg. No. 24330, Cpl. A. T. Beggs and his wife Rosemary, a daughter, Pamela, on May 26, 1983.

To Reg. No. 37649, Cst. J. C. D. Blanchard and his wife Chantale, a daughter, Genevieve, on June 25, 1983.

To Reg. No. 36903, Cst. P. R. Lavallee and his wife Wendy, a daughter, Tamara, on May 4, 1983.

To Reg. No. 35857, Cst. S. G. May and his wife Shelley, a daughter, Sarah, on June 27, 1983.

To Reg. No. 34993, Cst. S. J. Danby and his wife Ilean, a son, Stephen, on July 10, 1983.

To Reg. No. 34872, Cst. P. Thompson and his wife Candice, a daughter, Melissa, on June 24, 1983.

To Reg. No. 33859, Cst. A. R. White and his wife Deborah, a son, Colin, on July 15, 1983.

To Reg. No. 31891, Cst. R. S. Sobol and his wife Gina, a son, Jonathan, on June 26, 1983.

To Reg. No. 31178, Cst. D. A. Goodbrand and his wife Catherine, a son, Derek, on July 17, 1983.

To Reg. No. 36214, Cst. B. T. Scott and his wife Jennifer, a daughter, Victoria, on May 22, 1983.

To Reg. No. 35891, Cst. K. D. Fitzgerald and his wife Karen, a son, Jason, on May 11, 1983.

To Reg. No. 34984, Cst. W. A. Oakes and his wife Lauraine, a son, Paul, on June 14, 1983.

To Reg. No. 35051, Cst. D. E. Coates and his wife Lise, a son, Luc, on July 19, 1983.

To Reg. No. 34686, Cst. E. W. Stenberg and his wife Mary-Jo, a son, Kurt, on June 9, 1983.

To Reg. No. 32959, Cst. K. W. Simmill and his wife Loretta, a daughter, Lisa, on July 28, 1983.

To Reg. No. 36194, Cst. C. U. Albers and his wife Deborah, a son, Matthew, on May 30, 1983.

To Reg. No. S/2384, S/Cst. D. R. Marshinew and Karen Henderson, a son, Colton, on June 16, 1983.

To Reg. No. 35548, Cst. K. R. Bailey and his wife Helen, a son, Adam, on June 21, 1983.

To Reg. No. 30491, Cst. W. C. Parker and his wife Janet, a son, Kevin, on May 6, 1983.

To Reg. No. 37796, Cst. T. M. Materi and his wife Donna, a son, Robert, on March 27, 1983.

To Reg. No. 36709, Cst. A. M. Graham and his wife Sheri, a daughter, Heather, on April 6, 1983.

To Reg. No. 36616, Cst. R. E. Kuzyk and his wife Diane, a daughter, Sarah, on March 31, 1983.

To Reg. No. 37090, Cst. J. A. Callander and his wife Brenda, a son, Nolan, on December 25, 1982.

To Reg. No. 36331, Cst. M. E. Ferguson and his wife Lynnette, a son, Russell, on June 14, 1983.

To Reg. No. 35945, Cst. C. R. Brennan and his wife Rosemarie, a daughter, Christina, on May 20, 1983.

To Reg. No. 34862, Cst. B. H. Wallace and his wife Cynthia, a son, Michael, on April 22, 1983.

To Reg. No. 35198, Cst. R. J. Weiss and his wife Veronica, a daughter, Dana, on April 3, 1983.

To Reg. No. 35062, Cst. D. R. Tower and his wife Tracy, a daughter, Krystle, on January 31, 1982, and a son, Chase, on May 23, 1983.

To Reg. No. 35029, Cst. R. J. J. Jeffrey and his wife Kathryn, a daughter, Teanna, on May 18, 1983.

To Reg. No. 34389, Cst. D. R. Muldoon and his wife Marica, a daughter, Alana, on March 18, 1983.

To Reg. No. 34339, Cst. G. J. Pletz and his wife Sharon, a son, Bradley, on June 1, 1983.

To Reg. No. 31645, Cst. B. D. P. Watts and his wife Karen, a daughter, Kendra, on May 21, 1983.

To Reg. No. 29634, Cst. A. C. J. Turgeon and his wife Barbara, a daughter, Alaina, on May 3, 1983.

To Reg. No. 28736, Cst. J. D. Hamilton and his wife Alenka, a daughter, Ashley, on June 15, 1983.

To Reg. No. 34858, Cst. R. G. Kewley and his wife Valeri, a daughter, Eraka, on May 28, 1983.

To Reg. No. 34514, Cst. J. D. Graham and his wife Peggy, a son, Ryan, on August 16, 1979.

To Reg. No. 31286, Cst. M. W. Gudzowaty and his wife Joani, a daughter, Jessie, on April 19, 1983.

To Reg. No. 31239, Cst. L. W. Kjemhus and his wife Lorraine, a son, Bradley, on May 10, 1983.

To Reg. No. 30556, Cst. P. Calvert and his wife Lynn, a daughter, Erin, on April 3, 1983.

To Reg. No. 29947, Cst. J. E. Purney and his wife Catherine, a son, Sean, on October 26, 1983.

To Reg. No. 22424, Cpl. R. M. Preston and his wife Frances, a son, David, on May 10, 1983.

**CHAUFFEUR CALLS IT QUILTS** After 14 years on the job, Ed LeBlanc reluctantly hung up his uniform and turned in his paddy-wagon keys for the last time. He didn't want to but had no choice, since he was already two years past the mandatory retirement age of 56.

LeBlanc, a native of St. Paul, N.B., joined the Force in 1969 as a chauffeur after leaving the RCAF. In 1970 he was made a special constable and was posted to provost duties at Edmonton HQ. In 1972 he was transferred to a one-man provost section in Red Deer. As crime increased, three more officers and a second wagon were added to the unit.

Since 1972, Ed has driven more than 800,000 km, wearing out five prisoner wagons, escorting thousands of prisoners ranging from petty thieves to murderers, and has never had one escape!

In June 1983, a retirement party was held for Ed and Josephine, his wife of 35 years, with a group of members, ex-members and friends in attendance. After an extended holiday, the LeBlancs will reside in Red Deer. The officers and members of Red Deer Sub-Division wish Ed and his wife a long and happy retirement.

*submitted by Cpl. R. J. Williams*

**RCMP AWARDS** Red Deer City Detachment was one of the 26 police departments across Canada to receive an award by Southland Canada Inc. (7-11 Stores) during Police Week 1983. The presentation took place at the Bower Place Shopping Centre.

The award was given in recognition of the robbery free status of the three 7-11 Stores in Red Deer and also for the involvement of Red Deer City Detachment members in promoting crime prevention in the city.

Insp. D. C. (Don) Nielsen, O.I.C. Red Deer City Detachment, accepted the plaque from Mr. Randy Rausch, security officer of Southland Corporation, on behalf of the detachment. Mr. Harold Dawe, Chairman of the Red Deer Police Commission and Mr. Jack Kokotallo, Deputy Mayor, were also in attendance.

During the presentation, Mr. Rausch stated, "We can't do it all ourselves, it's about time the police get the recognition they deserve."

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On August 12, 1983, the first Annual RCMP "Air" Services (Alberta) Award was presented to the top flight cadet graduating from the Edmonton Flying Club. This award is made possible through funds contributed by Air Services Personnel in "K" Division, and will be awarded each year to the top air cadet graduating from flying training at the Edmonton Flying Club's Annual Wings Parade. The award was presented by S/Cst. R. G. Martin of Edmonton Air Detachment to Cadet Sgt. Robert Campbell of 577 Grand Prairie



**RED DEER DETACHMENT RECEIVES AWARD** (L-R) Cst. K. J. Taylor; Mr. Harold Dawe, Chairman of Red Deer Police Commission; Insp. D. C. Nielson, O.I.C. Red Deer City Detachment; Mr. Randy Rausch, security manager of Southland Corporation; Mr. Jack Kokotallo, Deputy Mayor of Red Deer; Cst. R. A. Moss.

Squadron. The large plaque, boasting a bronze crest of the Force over a bronze "Air" Service Pegasus, will hang in the offices of #577 Squadron until next year's Wings Parade. A miniature plaque, designed by Mr. Cliff Freure of Edmonton, remains with the individual Cadet as a permanent reminder of his accomplishment.

*submitted by S/Sgt. N. Muffitt*

**HOSPITALITY WESTERN STYLE** Calgary Stampede was celebrated in true western spirit by members, staff, and families of Calgary Sub-Division. The first Annual Stampede Breakfast was held at the sub-division and was attended by 150 people. Special guests included Paul

Reinhart and Steve Konroyd of the Calgary Flames, who thrilled the children with an autograph session.

To everyone's amusement, two outsiders showed up uninvited. An elderly unknown couple came to the attention of the organizers during the course of breakfast. The couple was approached and asked how they enjoyed the meal. In a deep southern U.S. drawl, they replied: "This is what we call great Canadian hospitality." As it turned out, the couple had been staying at an adjacent motel and had decided to join in the breakfast line. Who said the "spirit of the west" was dead?

*submitted by Sgt. Bob Newman*

### Stampede Breakfast





## "L" DIVISION

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



**RCMP TUG-OF-WAR TEAM** (L-R) Cst. George Wright, Mayor Frank Moran, Sgt. Pete McGarry, Cst. Ian Atkins, Cst. Jim White, Cst. Lorne MacKinnon, Cst. Vic Josey and Cst. John Bureaux.

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 33117, Cst. Paul MacFarlane and his wife Cheryl, a daughter, Lori Dawn, on June 1, 1983.

To Reg. No. 33609, Cst. Tim Kohlsmith and his wife Judy, a daughter, Katherine Sara, on January 17, 1983.

**COMMISSIONER VISITS P.E.I.** During his visit to "L" Division in March 1983, Commissioner R. H. Simmonds addressed a large gathering of members and employees in the newly completed headquarters facilities.

The Commissioner delivered a brief but informative talk on the ever-changing requirements in the police world. After his address, those in attendance were given the opportunity to ask questions, many of which were in regard to the future role of the Force, and all were very ably replied to by the Commissioner.

Several presentations were made during the course of the afternoon by Commissioner Simmonds and C/Supt. R. M. Culligan, Commanding Officer of "L" Division.

Cst. Sarah MacLean of Sherwood/Parkdale Municipal Detachment was the recipient of two separate suggestion awards, the first for an improved method of bicycle identification and the second in connection with business security.

Cst. John MacCormack of Souris Detachment was awarded the C.O.'s Commendation for the excellent manner in which he defused a potentially dangerous domestic dispute. Cst. Shirley Cuillierrier, also of Souris Detachment, was sent

a letter of recognition from the C.O. for her part in assisting Cst. MacCormack in this matter.

Long Service Medals were presented to Sgt. Walter Charlesworth, Sgt. Peter McGarry and Sgt. Paul Saulnier. Bronze clasps went to S/Sgt. Brian Stevenson and Sgt. Ches Gilliatt, and Sgt. Winston McTavish received a silver clasp.

**POLICE WEEK ON P.E.I.** National Physical Activity Week and Police Week '83 activities were combined by the Charlottetown City Police and "L" Division in the Charlottetown area.

The week was launched on Sunday, May 15, on which day an ecumenical church service was held at Zion Presbyterian Church. The service was attended by C/Supt. Ralph Culligan, along with members of the Force in service order, as well as by members of the city police and training cadets in the Atlantic Police Academy. Reverend G. Matheson offered a message of spiritual support to all police officers in attendance.

The days ahead were filled with sports events under the supervision and planning of our D.S.R.R., Cst. Jim White and city police ident. technician, Cst. Marvin Cameron.

On the 16th, a ball-hockey game unfolded at the Sherwood Sportsplex. The skill of the city police (combined with their numerical superiority) ensured their 9-3 win.

The following day, the Force pulled through with a volleyball and basketball victory.

On the 18th, the opposing forces met at the University of P.E.I. soccer field for what proved to



be a very strenuous game. The city team, led by former Olympic performer Sgt. George Barna and his son, Jonas, scored the winning goal in the last minutes of the game, to win a hard-fought contest.

Going into Thursday, May 19, both sides were tied. The next event was the tug of war, staged before a large and lively audience at the Charlottetown Mall. The city boys were anchored by such stalwarts as Cpl. Walter MacIntyre, Csts. P. Gormley and Reg Flannigan. Our team was anchored by S/Sgt. Brian Stevenson, Cpl. Dave Holmes, Csts. Ian Atkins, John Bureaux, Vic Josey, Lorne MacKinnon and Jim White. The contest can best be described as David against Goliath. With the home crowd giving tremendous vocal support, the coach, Cpl. Jeff Geddes, watched his team literally pulled out of their shoes by the big team of city police officers. The Charlottetown Police Department captured the trophy and presentations were made accordingly at a social function the next evening at the "L" Division NCO's Mess.

Overall, these events made a significant contribution to police community relations, and the week's activities were deemed successful by both the participants and the public.

*submitted by Cst. Lorne MacKinnon  
with contributions by Cst. Jim White*

**OPENING CEREMONY** The new "L" Division Mess was officially opened by C/Supt. R. M. Culligan, Commanding Officer, on July 8, 1983. Following the ribbon-cutting ceremony, C/Supt. Culligan presented the Mess with a brass bell. Mess President Deane White rang the bell on

behalf of all members. This was followed by a round of refreshments. During the festivities, Sgt. White presented S/Sgt. Laurie Orr with a special plaque in appreciation of his success in obtaining the new facilities.

**POTENTIAL POLICEMAN** In mid-October 1982, eleven-year-old Peter Mutch of Mt. Mellick, P.E.I., sent a letter to Charlottetown Detachment. He wrote: "I am 11 years old and am going to be a policeman when I grow up. I would like to help you on Halloween night."

As a result, Cst. Roger Waite dropped into Peter's residence to chat with him. Peter told the constable he wished to become a policeman because his older brother, who died in a motor-vehicle accident, had had a brief career in police work.

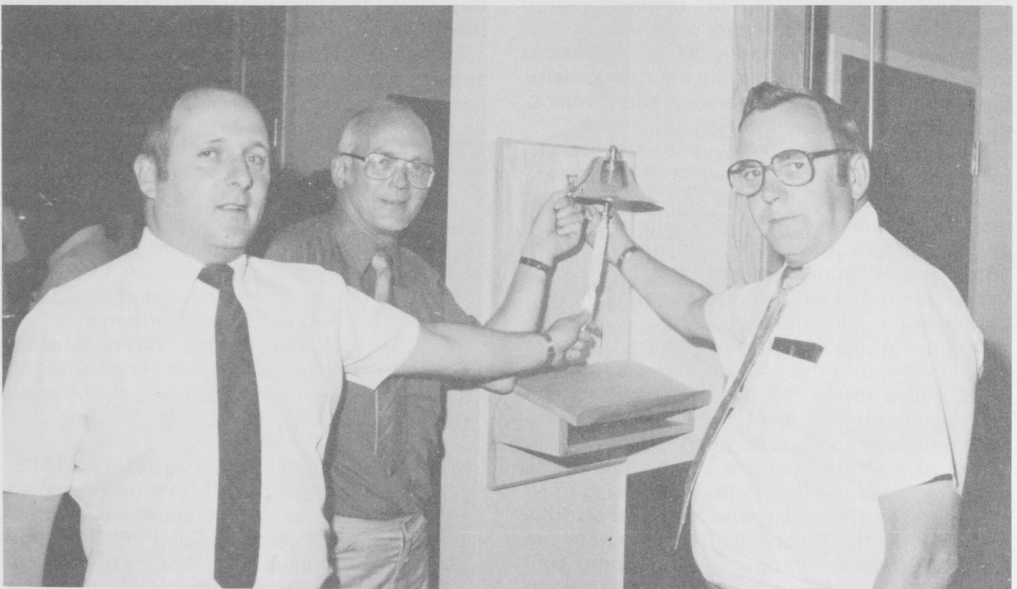
Peter was informed that he would be taken on a tour of the new headquarters facilities as soon as construction of the building was completed.

A few months later, in April 1983, Peter was given a very personal tour of HQ. He was introduced to the Commanding Officer, C/Supt. R. M. Culligan, who presented him with several Force pictures. He then visited various units, where the purpose and functions of operational equipment were explained to him.

The tour was followed by lunch at the Confederation Inn, where Peter sampled the "Cahill Special" (an exclusive Mountie-type main course).

Feedback after the tour indicated that the members were as delighted to meet Peter as he was to meet them.

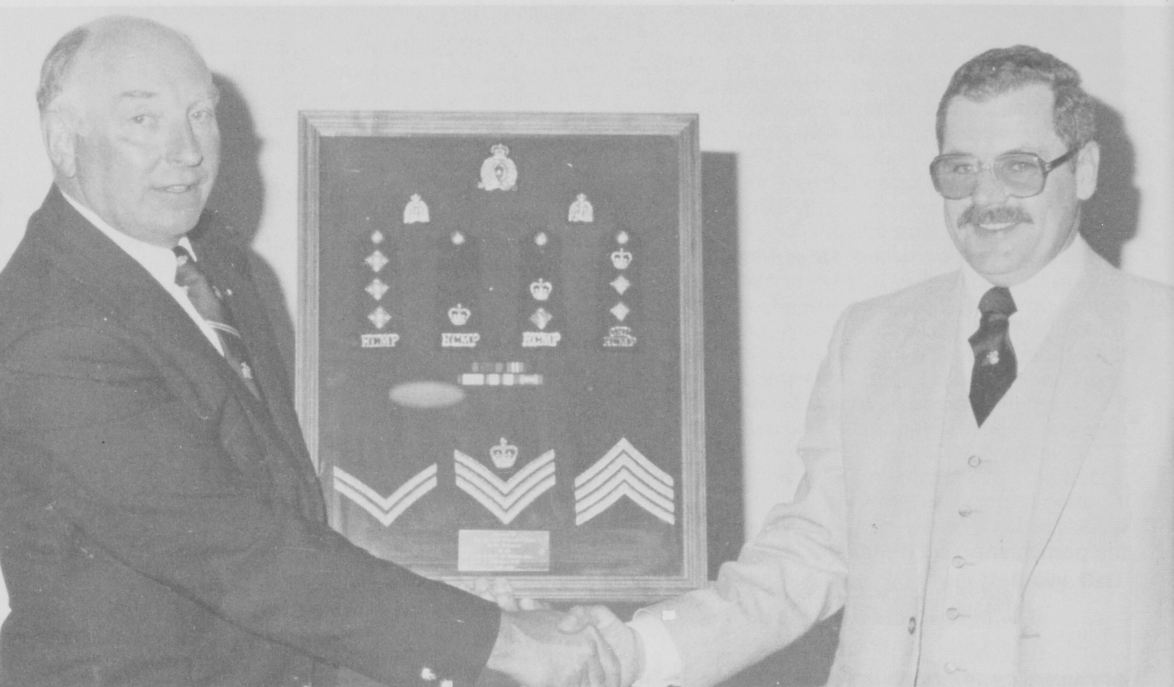
The RCMP will always be a big part of Peter's life, as will all the Peters be a big part of the Force's life.



"L" Division Mess now open for business.

## "M" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Whitehorse, Y.T.)



(L-R) C/Supt. H. T. Nixon, C.O. "M" Div., receiving his rank badges from Cpl. Don Pittendreigh, president of the "M" Div. NCO's Mess.

**THE END OF AN ERA** On August 31, 1983, C/Supt. H. T. Nixon, C.O. "M" Division, retired from the Force after 33 years of service.

On June 29, approximately 300 of his friends, including ex-members, serving members, members from other police agencies and civilians, met to bid him a fond farewell.

The evening commenced with a cocktail hour, followed by a buffet-style meal and dessert.

Master of ceremonies for the evening was Insp. Bob Tramley, who read a number of telegrams, letters and cards addressed to the "Chief" by individuals who could not be there for the occasion, but who wanted to wish him well on the eve of his retirement.

During the course of the next several hours, 15 people walked to the podium, representing various police forces, service organizations and local government, to bid C/Supt. Nixon farewell and reminisce on his tenure in the North.

One of the more notable presentations was made by Arnold Friberg, who is known to most members as the artist who depicted various scenes of the RCMP for calendars printed by the Northwest Paper Company. Mr. Friberg presented the C.O. with a color picture of a painting he did of His Royal Highness Prince Charles, the

Prince of Wales, standing beside the horse Centennial that was presented to the Queen on the occasion of the RCMP Centennial.

The ceremonies were concluded by Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Doug Bell, who gave a toast to the C.O. for his service in the Force and the North.

The C.O. thanked all of the out-of-town guests for attending and the host committee for arranging the farewell. As his retirement coincided with his wedding anniversary, the "Chief" gave special thanks to his wife Hazel, who has "put up" with him for the past 28 years.

Once the formalities were concluded, a dance was held to the music of the Northernairs.

The "Chief" is going to Union Bay on Vancouver Island, where he has a house. He plans to fish for West Coast salmon in his new boat, and enjoy retired life to the fullest.

**COMMENDATIONS** On August 19, 1983, C/Supt. H. T. Nixon, C.O. "M" Division, presented three Commissioner's Commendations for Bravery to S/Sgt. J. W. Pringle, Cpl. R. A. Wheadon and Cst. R. P. Dunlap. Cst. R. J. Fast was presented with the Commanding Officer's Commendation for the part he played in the rescue.

The four members were involved in the successful rescue of Francis Bentham, of Whitehorse, an apparently mentally disturbed person, after she walked into the Yukon River.

Before going into the river, Bentham had attracted the attention of Thomas King, President of the White Pass & Yukon Corporation, near the White Pass Railway Station at about 12:00 noon, by her somewhat strange behaviour. Shortly afterward, she was observed floating in the river by an unknown male person, who ran to a nearby store and reported the matter to Whitehorse Detachment at 12:08 hrs.

Cpl. Wheadon, Cst. Dunlap, and Cst. Fast responded immediately. S/Sgt. Pringle, "M" Division Section NCO, was driving a police vehicle in downtown Whitehorse and overheard the conversation on the police radio. He proceeded to 20-20 New & Used, a secondhand store situated on the riverbank, downstream from where the woman entered the river, and arrived there just after the other three members came to the scene.

Bentham was observed floating towards an ice jam which blocked the entire river a short distance downstream from 20-20 New & Used. Cst. Dunlap grabbed a 12-foot pole from one Real Simnard, owner of 20-20 New & Used. Stepping off the shore and onto an ice floe, he managed to reach out and place the pole in a position

where Bentham could grab it. At the same time, Cpl. Wheadon jumped off the shore into a pocket of open water, almost going under the ice, but managed to crawl onto the floe on his stomach to the ice edge where the woman in the water was grasping the pole. However, due to her condition and the strong current, she was unable to hold on and disappeared under the ice. S/Sgt. Pringle joined Wheadon and Dunlap on the thin, rotten ice floe to search from the surface in an attempt to locate the woman.

Cst. Fast, in the meantime, ran to the 20-20 New & Used store, where he acquired a length of nylon rope, and returned to the riverbank. He threw one end of the rope to Cpl. Wheadon, which he tied around his waist. Cst. Fast handed the other end of the rope to one Robin Pilgrim. Cst. Dunlap started to break pieces of ice off the leading edge of the floe where the woman had disappeared, in an attempt to dislodge her should she be stuck under the ice. Cpl. Wheadon, with one end of the rope around his waist and the other end held on shore by Mr. Pilgrim, walked about 10 metres downstream on the ice floe to a pocket of water, in the event the woman should float by. Cst. Fast also proceeded downstream along the shore to watch in case the body might surface in one of the many spots of open water.

**Commended for bravery (L-R, holding plaques), S/Sgt. J. W. Pringle, Cpl. R. A. Wheadon and Cst. P. R. Dunlap with C/Supt. H. T. Nixon, C.O. "M" Division. Missing from the photograph, Cst. R. J. Fast, who was also commended for his role in the rescue.**



After three or four minutes of searching the surface, Cst. Dunlap observed a blue spot through the transparent ice floe, which proved to be Bentham's jacket. S/Sgt. Pringle kicked a small hole through the ice and grabbed hold of the victim. The hole was enlarged and Bentham was pulled out of the water and onto the ice surface by the three members. Bentham was quite discoloured from the ice-cold water. She was not breathing and showed no signs of life. S/Sgt. Pringle immediately started mouth-to-mouth resuscitation while Cpl. Wheadon performed timed external heart massage right on the ice floe. Cst. Dunlap kept count for the other two members. Cst. Fast called for an ambulance. He also acquired some blankets from the police vehicle and from one Robert LaBar, who lived nearby. These were handed to Cst. Dunlap and they were placed over the victim.

After about five minutes, the woman's left leg flinched. Then both her legs moved. She vomited and began to regain consciousness. The members helped her to her feet and had her move her legs and arms, as hypothermia was a critical concern. She was then taken off the ice floe and onto the shore where she was assisted to the ambulance and taken to the Whitehorse General Hospital. Bentham had floated approximately 450 yards in the river, from the White Pass Railway Station to the ice floe. It is estimated that she was in the water approximately 15 minutes.

S/Sgt. Pringle, Cpl. Wheadon and Cst. Dunlap showed great courage when, without hesitation and at personal risk, they proceeded onto the thin and rotten ice floe, to rescue Bentham. The ice, which had drifted into place two or three days previous, was not stable or safe by any means. All three members were wet and suffered cold and swollen hands from the icy water. The water temperature was between 32° and 33°F.

Cpl. Wheadon showed no hesitation in plunging into the water in order to position himself on the ice floe and crawl to a point at the edge of the floe where he thought he could intercept Bentham before she went under the ice. S/Sgt. Pringle also suffered a bruised mouth in his attempt to force air into Bentham's lungs after she was pulled from the water. There is no doubt that the actions of these three members and their know-

ledge and use of practical first aid were responsible for saving the life of Francis Bentham in this emergency situation.

Although Cst. Fast played a lesser part in the actual rescue of Bentham, he remained on shore and carried out important and critical functions to assist the members on the ice.

All members involved acted with a high degree of professionalism, and their conduct and actions were deemed highly commendable.

*submitted by C/Supt. H. T. Nixon\**

**NEW C.O. "M" DIVISION** On August 31, 1983, the command of "M" Division changed hands for the first time since its inception in 1974. C/Supt. H. T. Nixon, who was the first commanding officer of the new division, turned the division over to Supt. A. J. Toews.

The ceremony was marked by an official parade and inspection of a troop of members in Review Order.

**FAREWELL** On August 19, 1983, a social was held at the Whitehorse Legion Hall to honour S/Sgt. Bill Pringle and his wife Isabel, on the eve of their retirement. Bill completed almost 31 years service in the Force upon his retirement on August 31, 1983. Of the last 31 years, 27 have been spent north of 60°.

Approximately 140 of Bill and Isabel's friends and associates came to Whitehorse for the evening of celebration, during which a number of presenters paid tribute to the Pringles, wishing them well on their retirement.

After the presentations, a dance was held until the small hours of the morning.

The Pringles will remain in the Yukon, residing in Carcross.

**TRANSFER PARTY** On May 14, 1983, the annual "M" Division transfer party was held in Whitehorse, Y.T., organized by the "M" Division Mess. This year, 17 members were transferred out of the division.

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\* Now retired.



## "N" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Rockcliffe, Ont.)

**SOUNDS AND SADDLES** The three-day event last May at Ottawa's Civic Centre Arena, featuring the Band, Musical Ride, Equestrian Jumping Team, police dogs and starring the youthful singers and dancers of the nation's capital was an "experience" for all. The brainstorm of S/Sgt. Garth Hampson, it started as a series of performances to mark the Force's 110th anniversary. However, he wanted it to be more than that, and it truly was. The young people in the Sounds and Saddles chorus and the dancers put the icing on this entertainment cake. All proceeds (just over \$56,000) went to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (C.H.E.O.).

Auditions were held in January. The wealth of talent in Ottawa and area overwhelmed us. Rehearsals began almost immediately and, under the direction of S/Cst. Gary Morton with assistance from Cst. Randy Demmon, the Band was able to feature the "Sounds and Saddles" gang singing and dancing their way through Fame, Star Wars, Annie, Muppets and E.T. music, into the hearts of all of us. The second half of the show featured the Police Service Dogs, the jumping team, and the Musical Ride. Just when everyone felt the climax had come — out came the kids again for the finale, the dedication hymn and our national anthem. Warm standing ovations were spontaneously offered at each performance.

If the "Sounds and Saddles" gang stole the hearts of all from the stage, Tony Pitt and Donella Kaitell and all their colleagues at C.H.E.O. did a bit of the same behind the scenes, working with all of us in the Force. Their dedication and determination was our inspiration.

A lady from Cranbrook, B.C., who was visiting relatives in Ottawa, described the spirit of "Sounds and Saddles" when she said: "I've seen this show three nights in a row! I've never had more fun; the kids made me feel proud, the dogs made me laugh, the "O Canada" made me cry! Only in Canada could we see a show better than anything from New York or Hollywood that has "our Mounties" working with kids to make others happy and supporting a worthwhile project at the same time."

This lady said it all: everyone, audience and participants alike, was choked with emotion and we will never forget this truly memorable experience.

**FAREWELLS** The division packed the lounge in mid-June at the annual surf and turf bash, to wine, dine and dance, and to say farewell to the first trio of secondees to join the instructional staff of the Canadian Police College (C.P.C.): Sgt. Jim Saunders of Metro Toronto P.D., Sgt. Hugh

Richards of Edmonton P.D. and Insp. Walter Bennett of Royal Newfoundland Constabulary. Over their two-year stay at the C.P.C., they truly became part of our Force family at "N" Division, and the farewells were emotional. It was also an opportunity to say farewell to Sgt. Claude Shaver, now Deputy Chief, Cornwall Police; Sgt. Don Lecompte, now in the accident investigation business in Kelowna; Cpl. Ted Clark to Canada Post; Insp. Keith Thompson to Calgary Sub-Division; S/Cst. J. Delorme to HQ, and Cpl. Joe Harris, who has left the Force to go back to school.

It is probably timely to say welcome to newcomers at "N" Division: Cpl. Erv Austin, Insp. Les Bittner, Sgt. Harold Bowes, Insp. Vern Bough, Sgt. Pete Masson and Sgt. Gerry Coulter.

### NOTES FROM THE BAND AND MUSICAL

**RIDE** Over the summer months, "N" Division was a hive of activity. While Equitation Branch was busy training new horses and 32 new class members, the Musical Ride was away touring the maritime provinces. Our equestrian ambassadors performed 17 times in 13 different communities, with applause and acclaim from the public and Force members alike.

At the other end of the country, the Concert Band was busy touring southern B.C. The 22-day tour took the Band to 21 communities where they presented 31 performances before capacity audiences. Many detachments are successfully using these presentations to draw public attention to their ongoing crime prevention programs and police community relations activities, with very positive response from the communities they serve.

Meanwhile the seven-member "Bison" ensemble from the Band toured Nfld., presenting 17 performances in 15 communities. The "Bison" also had interesting tours to Labrador and Canada's eastern Arctic.

The other event worth mentioning is the Concert Band's two-and-a-half weeks in Edmonton, where they appeared at the opening and closing of the World University Games. During the interim, the Show Band, under the direction of S/Sgt. Chuck Hendricks and the Dance Orchestra with leader Cst. Val Laflamme, performed daily in the city at a variety of locations.

**SCHOOL NOTES** Although the division slows down with the absence of the Band and Musical Ride, the Canadian Police College staff continues cranking out the lectures for the various classes in attendance. Despite restraint, the staff is con-

stantly on the move and classes continued at a reduced rate well into midsummer.

**SPORTS NOTES** In mid-August, "N" Division's annual golf tournament was held at Kingsway, an ideal place for the event. Great fun, good food, amiable fellowship and winners galore: best lady, Pauline Potvin (105), best handicap player, Kim Cronin (70) and most honest player, Norah Bain (225) and, oh yes, best golfer of the day, Ed Tetzlaff with an 84.

We also had a family picnic day for "N" Division staff, complete with fun and games for the kids, ice cream and pop and a softball tournament, where the equitation team won the trophy after a four-game round robin double knockout affair. The day closed with the usual refreshments and barbecues.

*notes submitted by S/S/M D. Carroll*

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## "O" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Toronto, Ont.)

**MARRIAGES** Reg. No. 36589, Cst. A. G. Mills to Karen Antuma, on April 16, 1983, at Wallaceburg, Ont.

Reg. No. 37783, Cst. J. A. D. Perron to Helene Roy, on May 7, 1983, at Montreal, Que.

Reg. No. 35016, Cst. W. Spilin to Rachel Buisse, on May 14, 1983, at St. Boniface, Man.

Reg. No. 32185, Cst. P. J. Greenlaw to Deborah Teeft, on May 28, 1983, at Simcoe, Ont.

Reg. No. S/2640, S/Cst. J. J. Cox to Kimberly Doughty, on June 11, 1983, at Tottenham, Ont.

Reg. No. 37779, Cst. S. H. Murray to Melody Marshall, on July 2, 1983, at Belleville, Ont.

Reg. No. 33547, Cst. B. R. Renouf to Olga Szpurko, on July 16, 1983, at Mississauga, Ont.

Reg. No. 36351, Cst. S. Cote to Claude Boulanger, on July 9, 1983, at Victoriaville, Que.

Reg. No. S/2478, S/Cst. D. D. Shaw to Douglas Myke, on July 16, 1983, at Burlington, Ont.

Reg. No. 22356, Sgt. E. Santori to MaryJane Gibson, on August 12, 1983, at Mississauga, Ont.

Reg. No. 29019, Cpl. E. F. Bailey to Carol Bailey, on March 26, 1983, at Chatham, Ont.

Reg. No. S/2153, S/Cst. P. J. Hundy to Reg. No. S/1300, S/Cst. G. Quinlan, on September 2, 1983, at Brampton, Ont.

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 30793, Cst. and Mrs. B. Flieger, a son, Jonathan, on May 29, 1983.

To Reg. No. S/2481, S/Cst. and Mrs. D. Fullerton, a son, Shane Bryan, on November 11, 1982.

To Reg. No. 24100, Sgt. and Mrs. W. Matheson, a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, on January 16, 1983.

To Reg. No. 28944, Cpl. and Mrs. G. O. Scott, a son, Matthew Douglas, on July 9, 1983.

To Reg. No. 37018, Cst. and Mrs. J. B. S. Joyal, a son, Jean-Paul Pierre Vincent, on May 21, 1983.

To Reg. No. S/2645, S/Cst. and Mrs. M. J. McVicar, a daughter, Melissa Anne, on May 17, 1983.

To Reg. No. 29143, Cpl. and Mrs. A. F. Roach, a son, Gregory, on July 6, 1983.

To Reg. No. 26322, Cpl. and Mrs. T. Wienhold, a daughter, Kristina Elizabeth, on July 29, 1983.

To Reg. No. 33406, Cst. and Mrs. D. J. Deveau, a daughter, Diane, on June 17, 1983.

To Reg. No. C/1096, C/M and Mr. Bodor, a son, Robert Andrew, on April 23, 1983.

To Reg. No. 30851, Cst. and Mrs. B. M. Giberson, a daughter, Cheryl Marie, on May 2, 1983.

To Reg. No. 28743, Cst. and Mrs. M. E. Lane, a son, Mervin Scott, on August 16, 1983.

To Reg. No. 32205, Cst. and Mrs. M. Nicota, a son, Adam Alexander, on July 20, 1983.

To Reg. No. S/1563, S/Cst. and Mrs. D. G. N. McCormack, a son, Ryan, on September 6, 1983.

To Reg. No. 34180, Cst. L. E. Foy and his wife Reg. No. 33095, Cst. C. L. Foy, a son, Matthew, on May 18, 1983.

To Reg. No. 27500, Cpl. and Mrs. P. J. W. Whalen, a daughter, Meghan Amanda Elizabeth, on July 27, 1983.

To Reg. No. 32041, Cst. and Mrs. B. Martin, a son, Stephen, on April 9, 1983.

To Reg. No. 36405, Cst. and Mrs. J. Knee, a son, Travis, on March 20, 1983.

To Reg. No. 23466, Cpl. and Mrs. B. Dixon, a son, Joshua Earle, on March 30, 1983.

To Reg. No. 32963, Cst. and Mrs. W. Niklaus, a daughter, Andrea Christine, on April 10, 1983.

To Reg. No. S/2216, S/Cst. and Mrs. M. Baird, a son, Jeffery, on May 1, 1983.



London area Scouts visit "O" Division.

To Reg. No. S/1538, S/Cst. and Mrs. P. Folkes, a son, Christopher William Roy, on February 23, 1983.

To Reg. No. 28565, Cpl. and Mrs. B. MacDonald, a daughter, Amanda Dawn, on February 2, 1983.

To Reg. No. 32424, Cst. and Mrs. E. Gough, a son, Darryl James, on May 2, 1983.

To Reg. No. 29972, Cpl. and Mrs. W. Johnson, a daughter, Lauren Elise, on February 27, 1983.

To Reg. No. 30449, Cst. and Mrs. H. Kenny, a son, Joseph Andrew Michael, on July 26, 1982.

To Reg. No. 29595, Cpl. and Mrs. R. Douthright, a son, Darryl Michael, on May 24, 1983.

To Reg. No. 31605, Cst. and Mrs. T. Hennigar, a son, Robert, on April 4, 1983.

**SCOUTS VISIT HQ** On July 21, 1983, a troop of 38 scouts from the Metropolitan London area visited "O" Division Headquarters. The scouts were among approximately 1,500 people from the British Isles who took part in the World Scout Jamboree at Kananaskis, Alberta, between July 5 and 15. The leader of the Greater London North West Scout Troop, Martin P. Buckland, who is also a member of the Metropolitan Police at Chelsea, London, brought greetings from his commissioner. On behalf of our commissioner, the commanding officer "O" Division, exchanged mementoes with Mr. Buckland. The Scouts were presented with lapel pins and pamphlets to add to their souvenirs and memories of a "once-in-a-lifetime" trip.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT** On Friday, September 9, 1983, the division's annual golf tournament, organized by the Toronto RCMP Social Club, was

held under sunny skies and warm temperatures at the Hawthorne Golf and Country Club.

Unlike other years, this tournament was highlighted by the participation of 16 women. Each foursome was divided in such a way that males and females played as partners, each pair using only one ball. There were high scores and lots of laughs.

The game was followed by a social gathering at our division HQ cafeteria, where all the golfers were treated to a gourmet meal of Swiss Chalet chicken. Prizes and awards were presented.

"The Low Gross Foursome" award was presented to Viola Pleasant, Gord Jenion, Dave Martin and J. Craig (a summer student attached to Toronto CCS).

"The Low Net Foursome" was won by Blair MacDonald, Anne Coles, Barry Harrison and Josie Catalano, with a net score of 154.

"The Low Gross Member" award was captured by Mary Estabrooks and Bud Black from Hamilton Detachment. The two came in with a score of 86. The "Low Net Member" went to Katie Weighart and Glenn Samson from Toronto CCS. (Katie would be best remembered for her role of providing security for Princess Diana on her recent visit to Canada. Glenn would be best forgotten.)

"The Most Honest Golfer" award was won by Anna Thompson from F.S.S. and Rick MacFarlane from Toronto Drug Section, who scored a respectable 108.

"The Longest Drive" for male golfers was won by Bill Lumley from Records, while Mary Estabrooks outshot all her other female competitors to win the longest female drive.

The entire event was a great success and we look forward to seeing everyone on the No. 1 hole next year.

**COMBAT REVOLVER SHOOT** The "O" Division Rifle and Revolver Club hosted a Summer Combat Revolver Shoot on July 8 and 9, 1983. At the banquet and awards presentation many fine prizes and trophies were awarded by Supt. J. D. Lawson, Insp. Walter Kalichuk (club president) and Don Hinchley, of the Ontario Handgun Association who was chief referee for our match. The top prize was a Winchester 30-30 Legendary Lawman presentation-issue rifle.

The first place winners in each of the traditional categories were: Grand Champion, Sgt. Paul Hanson, Irondequoit Police, New York; High Masters, Trooper Tom Matecki, New York State Police; Masters, Cpl. Gary Faulkenbridge, RCMP (Ottawa); Expert, Patrolman Ron Ott, Irondequoit P.D., New York; Sharpshooter, Al Lubimiv, Canadian Correctional Service; Marksman, Cst. Steve Ballard, Niagara Regional Police Force; Tyro, S/Cst. Gary Rioux, RCMP (Toronto); Un-classified, Cst. H. Sheppard, Niagara Regional Police Force.

The special category winners were: Top Service Revolver, Cst. Rick Harrington, Ontario Provincial Police (Perth Detachment); Top American Shooter, Patrolman Dan Feather, Jamestown P.D., New York; Top Female Shooter, Sgt. Marilyn Bint, Metropolitan Toronto Police; High RCMP ("O" Div.), S/Cst. Dave Simms; Top Snub-Nose Shooter, Cst. Klaus Gropler, RCMP (Ottawa).

We in "O" Division were pleased with the support we received and hope to see you all again next year.

*submitted by Cst. R. B. Hamilton*

**"The Lyle Switzer Rink" (L-R), L. Switzer, A. MacDonald, M. Smith, D. Ramsay.**



**Supt. J. D. Lawson presenting the Grand Champion Trophy to Sgt. Paul Hanson Irondequoit Police Dept., New York State on July 9, 1983.**

**1983 CANADIAN POLICE CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP** The members of "O" Division and, in particular, Windsor Detachment, are justifiably proud of their team, "The Lyle Switzer Rink," which emerged triumphant in the 1983 Labatts Canadian Police Curling Championships, held in March 1983 at Summerside, P.E.I.

All curlers praised their competition, the police comradeship, and the week-long Summerside event. Twelve teams participated in the championships, each having won their own title as provincial (or territorial) police champions, in itself no small feat! In Summerside, all teams curled 11 games. Four teams — Alberta, British Columbia, New Brunswick, and Ontario — advanced to the semifinals, with the championship game eventually being played between the Switzer Rink of Ontario (Windsor Detachment) vs. the Carmichael Rink of New Brunswick.

Our Ontario rink's pleasure in winning was no doubt heightened by the fact that third, Al MacDonald and lead, Doug Ramsay, are both natives of P.E.I. Furthermore, second, Mike Smith, has relatives on the Island, while skip, Lyle Switzer, took his rink to the runner-up position last year and is pleased to emerge as the 1983 winner.

**SLOW-PITCH TOURNAMENT** The "O" Division Social Club held its 7th Annual Slow-Pitch Tournament, at Trinity Bellwoods in Toronto on June 24 and 25. Eleven teams were entered in the two-day event, played under bright sunny skies. Proceeds from the tournament were donated to the Community Association for Riding for the Disabled.

The overall championship was won by Toronto International Airport Detachment, with the



help of a few ringers from Mississauga Detachment. The "A" Champion runners-up were a joint forces team (C.F.S.E.U.) from "O" Division HQ. The "B" Championship was won by the Jarvis Street Ballers. I knew they were going to win when they beat my team by a "close" score of 23-10. The "B" Champion runners-up was won by a gallant bunch from Customs & Excise. The "C" Championship went to a visiting team from Metropolitan Toronto Police Department, #41 Division and the "C" Champion runners-up award went to Toronto C.C.S.

A dinner and dance were held at the "O" Division HQ gymnasium on the evening of the 25th, at which time trophies and prizes were presented.

All in all, it was a most successful tournament and we would like to congratulate the winners and thank all of those who participated. Looking forward to seeing you all next year.

*submitted by B. A. MacDonald*

**OUTSTANDING SERVICE** In the afternoon of Wednesday, March 17, 1982, Cpl. P. J. MacQueen, Kitchener NCIS was on duty in the down-

town area of Kitchener when his attention was drawn to a male person acting in a suspicious manner outside the Mayfair Hotel on King Street. Somewhat apprehensive, Cpl. MacQueen circled the block and returned to find this unknown man in a struggle with a uniformed Kitchener/Waterloo police officer. The man was on top of the officer, attempting to remove the revolver from his holster.

Cpl. MacQueen entered the fray, removed the revolver from the assailant's hand and subsequently subdued and arrested the man.

As a result of his actions, Cpl. P. J. MacQueen was the guest of honour at the Optimist Club Awards Night on May 3, 1983, and received a plaque for saving a constable "from serious if not fatal injury."

This was followed by an awards presentation by the Kitchener/Waterloo Police Department on May 19, 1983, when Chief Harold Basse presented Cpl. MacQueen with a citation for saving the life of one of their members... truly a commendable act and worthy of recognition throughout the Force.

*submitted by S/Sgt. H. J. S. Blythe*



**PUBLIC SERVICE RETIREMENT AND AWARDS** On April 8, 1983, a social function was held in "O" Division HQ Training Room to honour four public servants. (L-R) Mrs. Evelyn Douglas and Mrs. Lillian Creary, retiring public servants; A/Commr. Howe; Miss. Pat McGivney and Mrs. M. Marion Chan, completing 25 years of service.

*submitted by Anne Coles*

**RETIREMENTS** On September 24, 1983, members and veterans of the Sergeants' Mess, along with their ladies, attended a very enjoyable farewell dinner and dance to honour retiring members. Entertainment for the evening was provided by Verhovintsi (Highland Dancers) and the Ukranian Nova Khvylya band. An excellent table of authentic Ukranian food was enjoyed by everyone.

Framed displays of the retiring members' ranks were presented by the Mess President, Sgt. R. T. Rawluk, to: S/Sgt. W. Werezak, Sgts. R. D. Cooke, E. M. J. Woods and C. A. MacDermid. Their wives each received a dozen roses. S/Cst. E. R. Pickard, who retired after 27 years, received a hand-carved clock and a beautifully decorated ice bucket. His wife also received fresh roses.

With the exception of S/Cst. Pickard who is retiring in Haliburton cottage country, the other retirees have taken on new careers in the Toronto area. *submitted by Sgt. R. T. Rawluk*

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On January 29, 1983, "O" Division F.S.S. held a social in the Sergeants' Mess for the retirement of S/Sgt. Paddy Ryan and S/Sgt. Bob Stuckless.

Both members served in "O" Division F.S.S. for the past 10 years, and were highly thought of for the professional manner in which they carried out their duties, as well as their personal communication skills. Although they will be missed within the RCMP, they both obtained positions in Toronto and are working in jobs that will enable them to maintain contact with the Force.

## Promotions

### HEADQUARTERS (Ottawa)

**Inspector** — S/Sgts. F. E. Cranton, F. G. Juhasz.

**Sergeant** — Cpls. I. S. Goertzen, T. M. Hampel, T. A. Leroux, D. G. Monteith, A. J. B. Quesnel, M. J. Bialek.

**Corporal** — Cst. P. Bass.

**Special Constable** — S/Cst. J. M. Russell.

**Civilian Member** — C/M's M. M. R. Aviles, J. W. L. King, M. A. S. L. Dubord, M. L. P. Hebert, M. L. M. Jennings, K. S. F. Kwok, B. M. Bramall, B. A. Labelle, S. Y. Yee, J. A. V. Robillard, M. T. S. Cooper, J. A. C. Deschenes, M. Holtzman, J. J. D. Leonard, L. E. E. Bonsal, T. O. Pipes, H. H. L. Poon, T. E. Schmidt, P. J. Nolan, B. R. Wainwright, D. E. Harrison, B. W. Stanley, I. S. Granger, Y. M. Helmes, C. M. Taylor, R. E. Brouzes, D. R. Vancoughnett, N. D. Patterson, D. L. Nicol.

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### "B" DIVISION (Newfoundland)

**Corporal** — Cst. R. E. Yetman.

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### "C" DIVISION (Quebec)

**Sergeant** — Cpls. J. O. O. Emond, A. B. Hunter, J. M. Pelletier, J. A. P. Brossard.

**Corporal** — Csts. J. V. S. Landry, J. P. G. G. Beuparlant.

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### "D" DIVISION (Manitoba)

**Staff Sergeant** — Sgt. H. K. Moorlag.

**Sergeant** — Cpl. E. D. Basse.

**Civilian Member** — C/M C. M. Deacon.

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### DEPOT DIVISION (Regina, Sask.)

**Civilian Member** — C/M D. G. Rederburg.

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### "E" DIVISION (British Columbia)

**Staff Sergeant** — Sgts. E. W. Owsianski, D. K. Price.

**Corporal** — Csts. W. R. Bennett, C. G. Hayward, G. K. Hill, T. R. Kimoto.

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### "F" DIVISION (Saskatchewan)

**Staff Sergeant** — Sgt. B. F. Thompson.

**Sergeant** — Cpls. D. H. Cousins, B. H. Heigh, L. B. Gudmundson, J. N. Ogden.

**Civilian Member** — C/M M. H. Wendell.

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### "G" DIVISION (Northwest Territories)

**Corporal** — Csts. M. T. Hollett, R. Samotej.

**Civilian Member** — C/M B. P. Olesen.

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**"H" DIVISION (Nova Scotia)****Superintendent** — Insp. D. J. McCormick.**Sergeant** — Cpl. N. O. Curry.

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**"J" DIVISION (New Brunswick)****Corporal** — Cst. J. D. B. Hudon.

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**"K" DIVISION (Alberta)****Staff Sergeant** — Sgts. B. R. Lindsay, G. E. Lindstrom, A. M. McLeod,**Sergeant** — Cpls. J. F. Lynch, R. G. Dobson, R. J. L. Munro, B. W. Roth.**Corporal** — Csts. R. C. Bert, W. A. Befgquist, P. Calvert, W. R. Grimm, J. M. Herman, P. H. Hurl, B. G. Phillips.**Civilian Member** — C/M C. S. Glabus.

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**"L" DIVISION (Prince Edward Island)****Corporal** — Cst. J. M. F. Van Der Lans.**"M" DIVISION (Yukon Territory)****Sergeant** — Cpl. D. A. Martin.

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**"N" DIVISION (Rockcliffe, Ont.)****Sergeant** — Cpl. H. W. H. Bowes.**Special Constable** — S/Csts. D. M. Leduc, J. W. G. Tremblay.

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**"O" DIVISION (Ontario)****Staff Sergeant** — Sgt. W. C. Davis.**Sergeant** — Cpl. C. J. Daigle.

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**SECURITY SERVICE (HQ — Ottawa)****Inspector** — S/Sgt. G. W. Coulter.**Staff Sergeant** — Sgt. N. A. Burrows.**Sergeant** — Cpls. G. L. Gravelle, J. T. Chernoff, C. L. R. A. Dijkstra, R. C. Hartley.**Corporal** — Csts. R. J. Brown, B. H. C. Mulley, W. D. Murphy.

## Retirements

The following members of the Force retired to pension during the period  
June 27, 1983 to September 26, 1983

Reg. No.	Rank	Name	Div.	Date
S/0824	S/Cst.	P. Chefurka	K	June 27
0.0680	A/Commr.	W. J. T. Rankin	HQ	July 1
0.0695	C/Supt.	W. T. F. Sherman	K	July 1
20456	Sgt.	W. D. Sundvist	HQ	July 3
17929	Sgt.	J. N. G. Bishop	C	July 4
0.0624	C/Supt.	J. A. B. Riddell	HQ	July 4
0.0681	Supt.	C. L. Thomas	E	July 4
0.0710	Supt.	D. F. Christen	H	July 4
0.0736	Supt.	R. B. Gavin	SS	July 4
21516	Sgt.	L. G. Hamilton	F	July 4
22038	Sgt.	C. A. MacDermid	O	July 4
S/0093	S/Cst.	J. I. Johnston	K	July 6
21471	Sgt.	R. O. Bowie	F	July 8
S/2193	S/Cst.	F. M. Oxner	H	July 9
29062	S/Sgt.	R. W. Thom	D	July 9
0.0634	Supt.	P. J. C. Morin	F	July 15
22292	Sgt.	E. M. J. Woods	O	July 15
23120	Cst.	J. G. Netsena	E	July 17
22679	Cpl.	A. DeBruin	E	July 22
18265	Cpl.	J. F. Baker	O	July 23
0.0704	Supt.	G. A. Scott	O	July 26
21108	S/Sgt.	A. J. Erickson	E	July 26
20531	Sgt.	J. J. A. Bernard	C	July 31
0.0595	Supt.	J. F. G. Kennedy	C	July 31

0.0814	Supt.	E. G. Forrest	E	Aug.	1
20057	S/Sgt.	L. G. Doughty	HQ	Aug.	1
22340	S/Sgt.	P. T. Walsh	HQ	Aug.	1
21355	S/Sgt.	M. E. L. Foster	K	Aug.	3
0.0939	Insp.	J. A. M. Cardinal	HQ	Aug.	5
0.0940	Insp.	A. D. Surette	C	Aug.	5
22584	Sgt.	D. J. Marykuca	E	Aug.	5
S/0380	S/Cst.	G. W. Davey	K	Aug.	8
22752	Sgt.	R. S. Stucky	K	Aug.	8
18220	S/Sgt.	H. J. Duerksen	F	Aug.	16
15156	S/Sgt.	W. F. McCheyne	E	Aug.	19
18294	Sgt.	D. O. Britton	D	Aug.	20
22816	Sgt.	M. C. Erickson	D	Aug.	20
0.0688	C/Supt.	W. Schramm	B	Aug.	24
17906	S/Sgt.	J. M. Graham	E	Aug.	24
21058	Sgt.	R. F. MacAulay	K	Aug.	29
21062	S/Sgt.	R. H. Hamilton	E	Aug.	29
0.0585	C/Supt.	H. T. Nixon	M	Aug.	31
17964	S/Sgt.	J. W. Pringle	M	Aug.	31
0.0868	Insp.	W. V. Williams	E	Sept.	1
22225	Sgt.	C. B. Irwin	F	Sept.	5
17697	S/Sgt.	A. J. Ross	H	Sept.	6
20064	S/Sgt.	D. L. Roberts	E	Sept.	9
22622	Sgt.	W. E. M. Whelan	B	Sept.	16
20444	S/Sgt.	J. G. J. O'Neil	E	Sept.	16
C/1309	C/M	R. E. Langston	E	Sept.	16
19779	S/Sgt.	R. J. Brooker	D	Sept.	17
19433	Sgt.	J. E. McLean	H	Sept.	18
21495	Sgt.	R. W. Daye	K	Sept.	19
0.0573	A/Commr.	D. W. McGibbon	HQ	Sept.	20
0.0650	Supt.	G. E. Reid	J	Sept.	26

## Obituaries

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

**ALDRICH** Reg. No. 9420, ex-Cst. William Clifford Aldrich, 87, died June 1, 1983, at Toronto, Ontario.

**BAKEWELL** Reg. No. 14870, ex-S/Sgt. Russell Bakewell, 58, died on June 16, 1983, at Kamloops, B.C. He was born on June 21, 1924, at Wayne, Michigan, U.S.A., and joined the RCMP on April 8, 1947, at Toronto, Ontario. Following recruit training at "N" Division and Depot Division, he was posted to Halifax Detachment, "H" Division. He performed general duties in Halifax and Parrsboro Detachments, "H" Division, Whitehorse and Watson Lake Detachments, "G" Division, and Burnaby, Kimberley, Kelowna and Kamloops Detachments, "E" Division. At Kimberley and Kamloops he was 2 i/c. On December 1, 1954, he was promoted corporal; on November 1, 1961, sergeant; and on November 1, 1967,



staff sergeant. He was discharged to pension on November 15, 1971.

**BEATTY** Reg. No. 11561, ex-Cst. Arthur Patrick Beatty, 90, died on June 4, 1983, at Halifax, N.S. He was born on June 7, 1892, at Holywood, Northern Ireland, and served with the Nova Scotia Provincial Police for two years before joining the RCMP on April 1, 1932, at Halifax. He spent his service in "H" Division at Halifax, Sherbrooke and Dockyard Detachments until retiring from the Force on June 7, 1950.

**BULLEN** Reg. No. 14755, ex-Cpl. John Tatchell Bullen, 62, died on December 25, 1982, at Brandon, Man. He was born on May 23, 1920, at Victoria, B.C., and served with the Canadian Armed Forces in Canada and abroad as a gunner and wireless operator before joining the RCMP on September 30, 1946, at Vancouver, B.C. He took his recruit training at Depot Division and then was posted to "D" Division where he spent the rest of his career. He served at the following detachments: Brandon, Virden, Rivers, Treherne, Deloraine, Gladstone, Melita, Boissevain, Rossburn and Portage La Prairie. He was promoted to corporal on May 1, 1959. On February 4, 1967, he retired to pension.

**BUTCHER** Reg. No. 9878, ex-Sgt. Charles Arthur Butcher, 81, died on November 5, 1982.

**CURRIE** Supt. Raymond Victor Currie (Rtd.), 69, died on December 27, 1982, at Regina, Sask. He was born on February 2, 1913, at Fredericton, N.B., and joined the RCMP on November 27, 1934, at Ottawa, Ont. He was assigned regimental number 12502. Following recruit training at Depot Division, he served for three months in the Mounted Section of Depot Division and then for approximately a year-and-a-half as NCO i/c Onion Lake Detachment, "F" Division. On January 17, 1941, he was accepted for service overseas with No. 1 Provost Company (RCMP). On November 9, 1945, he returned to the Force and three months later was promoted to corporal while performing general detachment duties in "F" Division. From 1951 to 1954 he attended the University of Saskatoon, Sask., graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce Degree on May 14, 1954. In June of that year he transferred to HQ Division and in December of the same year was promoted to sergeant. The next year he was appointed NCO i/c Lands and Building Section, Supply Directorate. He worked at Supply Directorate, being appointed staff sergeant on May 1, 1956, and inspector on May 1, 1959, until July 3, 1964, when he was appointed to the command of Ottawa Sub-Division. On September 8, 1966, he was transferred to the command of Depot Division and three months later was promoted to superintendent. He received the Long Service Medal, gold clasp and star, on November 26, 1969, five months before his retirement on April 24, 1970.

**ELDER** Reg. No. 7135, Edward James Elder, 82, died on July 7, 1983, at Edmonton, Alberta. He was born on April 2, 1901, at Glasgow, Scotland, and served with the Canadian Expeditionary Force during World War I before joining the RCMP on May 1, 1918. He served in Regina, Winnipeg and Edmonton and retired from the Force on April 30, 1920. *Information for this obituary was kindly supplied by the Calgary Division, Veterans' Association of the RCMP.* **Ed.**

**HARVEY** Reg. No. C/71, ex-C/M Frederick Arthur Harvey, 72, died on May 3, 1983, at Fredericton, N.B. Born on February 5, 1911, at Birmingham, England, he served with the Canadian army in Canada, the United Kingdom, the central Mediterranean area and in continental Europe between March 1940 and October 1945, and was awarded the following decorations: France and Germany Star; 1939-45 Star; Italy Star; Defense of Britain Medal; Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp; and the British War Medal 1939-45. He joined the Force as a civilian employee on June 21, 1954, at Fredericton, N.B., and served his entire service at "J" Division headquarters as a chauffeur and duty driver. On April 1, 1960, he became a civilian member and worked in the above capacity until his retirement to pension on December 30, 1975.

**INNES-TAYLOR** Reg. No. 9821, ex-Cst. Charles Alan Kenneth Innes-Taylor, 82, died on January 14, 1983, at Whitehorse, Yukon. He was born in London, England, on February 12, 1900, and joined the RNWMP on April 16, 1921, in Ottawa. After training, he was posted to Vancouver, "E" Division, and later to Whitehorse, Yukon, where he worked as a night stoker and flying sentry. On April 29, 1926, he purchased his discharge from the Force.

**KASPROWICZ** Reg. No. 13352, ex-Cpl. Joseph John Kasprowicz (name changed to Joseph John McLeod), 64, died on June 29, 1983, at Edmonton, Alta. Born on February 25, 1919, at Stellarton, N.S., he served in the 1st and 7th Anti-Aircraft Battery, RCAF, Canadian Active Service Force before joining the RCMP at Halifax on April 8, 1940. Following recruit training at Depot Division, he was posted to "D" Division, where he served at Carman, Morris, Winnipeg and Fort William Detachments, on general police duties. In August 1941, he was transferred to "N" Division for three months, after which he returned to Depot for the second half of recruit training. In June 1942, he was stationed in "G" Division, and served on general detachment duties at Whitehorse, Dawson City and Kluane Lake. In January 1944, he was made i/c of Watson Lake, and later that year, i/c of Carcross Detachment. In July 1945, he was transferred to "F" Division, Weyburn Detachment. Between August 1947 and September 1953, he was made i/c of Bromhead, Torquay and Avonlea Detach-

ments. In September 1953, he was transferred to Regina Town Station on Provost duties, and was posted to Depot Division in December that year as assistant mail orderly, Interior Economy Branch. Before retiring to pension on September 6, 1959, he had been promoted corporal in 1956, and had received the War Medal, 1939-45.

**KENNEDY** Reg. No. 9714, ex-Sgt. William Kennedy, 81, died at Regina, Sask. on February 11, 1983. Born on May 24, 1901, at Camousti, Scotland, he joined the RCMP at Vancouver on December 15, 1920. He served as a motor truck driver in "E" Division, Vancouver until March 1, 1923, at which time he was posted to Depot Division for the first half of recruit training. He completed training at "N" Division, Rockcliffe, and Lansdowne Park. In June 1924, he was posted to "G" Division, and spent the next six years at Simpson and Herschel Island Detachments. On October 1, 1928, he was promoted to corporal, and was made i/c of Herschel Detachment that year. After a brief posting at Edmonton, between September 1930 and June 1931, he was transferred back to Northern service, as NCO i/c at Fort Smith and at Fort Norman Detachments. In October 1934, he was posted to Depot Division as division orderly, also serving on general duty and with the Mounted Section. In June 1940, he was again posted to "G" Division, as NCO i/c Resolution Detachment. On July 1, 1944, he was promoted to sergeant. Two years later he returned to Depot Division, where he performed division orderly and instructional duties. Before retiring to pension on December 14, 1947, he had been awarded the Long Service Medal.

**LAW** Supt. Henry Francis Law, 73, died on May 28, 1983, at Brighton, Ontario. He was born on April 8, 1910, at New Carlisle, Que., and joined the RCMP on June 26, 1935, at Ottawa, Ont., with regimental number 12604. Following recruit training at "N" Division, he served with the Mounted Section until February 15, 1938, when he was transferred to "H" Division. On November 1, 1939, he volunteered for the No. 1 Provost Company and later served overseas in the United Kingdom and Central Mediterranean. He was awarded the 1939-45 Star, Italy Star, Defence Medal and Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp. He reengaged with the RCMP on April 9, 1946, and was posted to "C" Division, Special Investigation Squad. While in "C" Division he was promoted to corporal on May 1, 1948; sergeant on May 1, 1952; and staff sergeant on December 1, 1954. He was next transferred to "O" Division. On October 1, 1962, he was appointed inspector. Two years later he took over command of North Bay Sub-Division, "A" Division, and three years after that command of Victoria Sub-Division, "E" Division. The following year he was promoted to superintendent. He retired to pension on June 25, 1970.

**LEBLANC** Reg. No. 12230, ex-Cst. Frederick Leblanc, 82, died on February 7, 1983, at Sheet Harbour, N.S. Born on November 7, 1900, at West Port Felix, N.S., he joined the Preventive Service, working intermittently between July 1929 and March 1932. He joined the Force as a special constable on April 1, 1932, and worked as an engineman (oiler) in the Marine Section, "H" Division, Halifax. For the next four years, he served in the above-noted capacity on the RCMP cruiser *Fleurdelis*. Between August 1936 and October 1937 he served on the cruisers *McDonald*, *Laurier* and *Madawaska*. He was then posted to "C" Division at Quebec, serving on the *Madawaska* until August 1938, when he returned to "H" Division, Marine Section. From that time until September 1939, he served on the following cruisers: *Laurier*, *Adversus*, *Captor*, and *Madawaska*. On September 1, 1939, he was again posted to "C" Division, Montreal, and was discharged for wartime duty on September 30 that year. He was transferred to the Naval Service, Department of National Defense. He was reengaged in the Force at Halifax as a special constable guard on October 23, 1944, and stationed in "H" Division with the National Harbours Board Guards. He was discharged on June 30, 1945, and re-engaged as a second-class constable in the Marine Section on July 1, 1945. He was invalidated to pension on September 4, 1945.

**MORTIMER** D/Commr. Geoffrey Walter Mortimer, 65, died on May 17, 1983, at Victoria, B.C. Born on May 8, 1918, at Leader, Sask., he joined the RCMP (Reg. No. 12868) on June 1, 1937, at Regina, Sask., and took his recruit training at Depot Division. As a constable and a corporal he saw service in the Fingerprint Section and Criminal Investigation Branch, Ottawa; general duties in Manitoba; personnel duties in Regina and Winnipeg, and work with youth in Edmonton. In 1950, he enrolled in the University of Alberta, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Commerce in May 1953. While attending university he was awarded the Board of Governors' Student Activity Award. Following graduation he was posted to Supply Branch, Ottawa. The following year he received his commission. On August 1, 1960, he was transferred to Depot Division where he served first as post adjutant then as O.I.C. Financial Services and Supply. On October 17, 1966, he became commanding officer Penhold Training Establishment. The following year he was appointed administrative officer, "E" Division and the year after that assistant commissioner, director of Services and Supply, HQ, Ottawa. On July 5, 1970, he was appointed deputy commissioner (Administration). He had been appointed superintendent on September 1, 1965; chief superintendent, April 1, 1968; and assistant commissioner, August 1, 1968. He was discharged to pension on June 30, 1972.

**NICKERSON** Reg. No. 12229, Roy Lester Nickerson, 88, died on July 1, 1983. He was born on October 3, 1894, at Central Wood Harbour, Nova Scotia, and joined the RCMP on May 26, 1932, as an engineman on the cruiser *Bayhound*, "H" Division. Except for six years, from September 30, 1939, to August 16, 1945, when he served in the Royal Canadian Navy, his career was spent in the Marine Section of the RCMP aboard such cruisers as *Fleurdelis*, *McDonald*, *French*, *Adversus*, *Alachasse*, *Laurier*, *Macleod* and *MacBrien*. He retired as a fourth class engineer on October 17, 1954.

**PHILLIPS** Reg. No. S/117, ex-S/Cst. Cecil Frank Phillips, 63, died on August 23, 1982, at Whitehorse, Yukon. Born on February 17, 1919, at Bernard Harbour, N.W.T., he joined the Force on December 5, 1956, as a special constable in "G" Division, Fort Smith Detachment, where he spent his entire service. He performed general maintenance work until January 3, 1961, when he became provost guard. Later he also assisted regular members in minor investigations and preventive patrols. Before retiring to pension on December 26, 1976, he had been awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal.

**ROBERTSON** Reg. No. 10793, ex-S/Sgt. James Alan Stone Robertson, 77, died in Ottawa, Ont., on July 16, 1983. He was born in Liverpool, England, on February 1, 1906, and joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on April 23, 1930, in Edmonton, Alta. Following recruit training at Depot Division, he was posted to Jasper Detachment, "G" Division, where he performed general detachment duties until April 1, 1935, when he was posted as NCO i/c to Edmonton Detachment, "K" Division. He was promoted to corporal at the same date. On July 1, 1936, he was transferred to Halifax Detachment, "H" Division. He spent the rest of his career in the following detachments of this division: Sydney, Glace Bay, Gaysboro, Truro, Yarmouth and Halifax. While serving as NCO i/c Truro Detachment he was promoted to sergeant. Seven years later and shortly after being appointed NCO i/c QM's Branch, Halifax Detachment, he was promoted to staff sergeant. On October 28, 1950, he was discharged to pension.

**ROSS** Reg. No. 12460, ex-S/Sgt. Allan MacKenzie Ross, 71, died on January 2, 1983, at Vancouver, B.C. He was born on September 15, 1911, at Indian Head, Sask. and joined the RCMP on November 8, 1934, at Regina, Sask. Following recruit training at Depot Division, he was posted to "K" Division where he performed general detachment duties at Wetaskewin, Kimley, Leduc, Bonnyville, Regina, Lamont and Athabasca Detachments. While serving as NCO i/c Athabasca he was promoted to corporal. On September 4, 1950, he enrolled as a full-time student in the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, gra-

duating with a law degree three years later. On May 3, 1953, he transferred to "HQ" Division, Ottawa, where he worked as a C.I.B. reader until his retirement from the Force on November 7, 1958. On May 1, 1954, he had been appointed sergeant and on November 1, 1956, staff sergeant.

**ROY** Reg. No. 12957, ex-Sgt. Joseph Leopold Rodolphe Roy, 72, died on June 9, 1983, at Trois Rivières. He was born on July 20, 1910, at Amqui, Quebec, and joined the RCMP as a reserve constable on July 5, 1937, at Fredericton, N.B., two months later becoming a regular member. Following recruit training at Depot Division, he was posted to Quebec Detachment, "C" Division. Following that posting, he performed general detachment duties at a number of locations in "C" Division, among them, Matane, Bersimis, Gaspé, Cabano, Lacolle and Rivière du Loup. On July 1, 1946, he was transferred to "J" Division and NCO i/c Shippegan Detachment. He then served as NCO i/c of Bathurst Detachment, then Edmundston and last Shediac. On November 1, 1947, he was promoted to corporal, and on November 1, 1956, to sergeant. He was discharged to pension December 12, 1960.

**SERGEANT** Reg. No. 28509, ex-Cst. Paul Frederick Sargeant, 33, died on February 8, 1983, near Kelowna, B.C. He was born on May 12, 1949, at Hamilton, Ont. and joined the RCMP on October 30, 1970, at Toronto, Ont. Following recruit training at Depot Division he was posted to Ponoka Post then to Red Deer Highway Patrol, "K" Division before resigning from the Force on September 30, 1981.

**SCOTT** Reg. No. 12440, ex-Sgt. James Lauder Scott, 76, died on July 13, 1983, at Kentville, N.S. He was born on June 26, 1907, at Kirriemuir, Scotland, and joined the RCMP as an ordinary seaman on August 17, 1934, at Halifax, N.S. For five years he served in Marine Section, "H" Division, aboard RCMP cruisers *Chaleur*, *Fleurdelis*, *Islander* and *Acadian*, rising to the rank of engineer, 4th class. On September 30, 1939, he left the Force to join the Royal Canadian Navy. Following the end of the war, he rejoined the RCMP and returned to Marine Section as a marine engineer. In this capacity he served aboard the *Cutknife*, *French*, *Fort Walsh*, *MacBrien* and *Irvine*, rising to the rank of engineer 2nd class before his retirement on October 31, 1955. He was promoted to corporal on January 1, 1951, and sergeant on May 1, 1954.

**STIFF** Reg. No. 10224, ex-Cpl. Reginald Charles Stiff, 79, died at Ottawa, Ont., on February 12, 1983. Born on November 28, 1903, at London, England, he joined the Force at Ottawa on July 19, 1926. Upon his engagement, he was immediately posted to "A" Division Headquarters where he spent his entire service, except for a brief period at "N" Division, Rockcliffe, in the No.



1 Provost Company, between April and December 1939. In "A" Division, he served on the Traffic Squad on motorcycle detail, and as chauffeur. In 1938, he was transferred to the Central Registry, where he worked as a file clerk. In 1947, he was made second i/c Card Index Section and in 1953, was made i/c Screening Sub-Section of the Central Index. He was promoted corporal on November 1, 1943, and received the Long Service Medal with bronze clasp and star before retiring to pension on November 30, 1954.

**VAN DUSEN** Reg. No. 16682, ex-S/Sgt. Hugh George Van Dusen, 62, died on February 9, 1983, at Vancouver, B.C. He was born on October 7, 1920, at Spokane, Washington, U.S.A., and served with the United States Army from 1940 to 1946 before joining the RCMP on September 19, 1950, at Victoria, B.C. Following recruit training at Depot and "N" Divisions, he was posted to "F" Division where he performed general detachment duties in a variety of detachments, among them Regina, Radville, Carnduff, Avonlea, Strassbourg, Bengough and Carlyle, until February 10, 1954, when he was transferred to the Crime Detection Laboratory, Regina, Saskatchewan. Shortly after November 1, 1957, when he was promoted to corporal, he was appointed NCO i/c Firearms Identification Section. He continued with this section, being promoted to sergeant on November 1, 1960, and staff sergeant on November 1, 1964, until November 9, 1966, when he transferred to Vancouver, to become senior firearms examiner. On January 14, 1973, he was discharged to pension.

**VAN PATTEN** Reg. No. 11862, ex-S/Sgt. Richard Roy Van Patten, 73, died on May 14, 1983. He was born on September 14, 1909, at Kylemore, Sask. and joined the RCMP on November 17, 1932, at Regina, Sask. Following recruit training at Depot Division he served with the Mounted Section of Depot until September 18, 1942, when he was transferred to general detachment duties, Regina Town Station, "F" Division. He later served as NCO i/c Wolseley Detachment, "F" Division and NCO i/c Sault Ste. Marie Detachment, "O" Division. The major part of his service, however, was spent as riding master either at Depot Division or "N" Division. On April 1, 1941, he was promoted to corporal; on April 1, 1950, to sergeant; and on December 1, 1954, to staff sergeant. He was discharged to pension on November 24, 1961.

**WOOD** Reg. No. 13229, ex-Sgt. Albert Wood, 67, died on May 19, 1983, at Ottawa, Ontario. Born May 16, 1916, at Winnipeg, Man. he joined the RCMP as reserve constable on November 25, 1938. On November 1, 1939, he was engaged as a regular member at Winnipeg. Following recruit training at Depot Division, he was transferred to "H" Division where he spent most of his service. He performed general police duties at the follo-

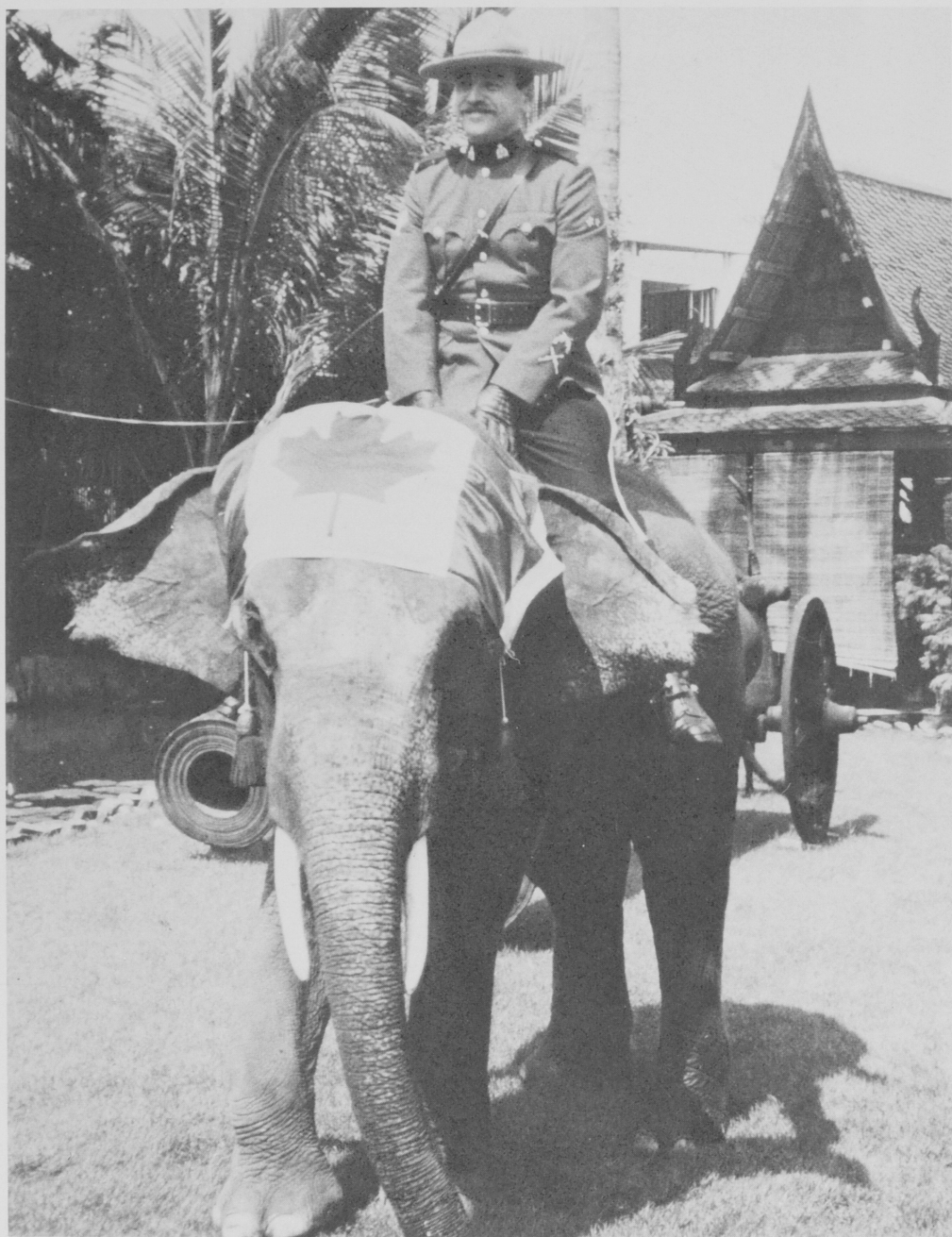
wing locations: Halifax, Sydney, Inverness, Louisbourg, Port Hawkesbury, Kentville and Lunenburg. He was promoted to corporal on June 1, 1947. In January 1956, he was made i/c G.I.S. in Sydney Sub-Division HQ until June 30, 1963, when he was transferred to HQ Division, Ottawa, on Main Door Post. In 1964 he was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, bronze clasp and star. On May 25, 1965, he was appointed division orderly and promoted to sergeant. Following his retirement from the Force on June 29, 1967, he was appointed parole investigator with the National Parole Board at Ottawa.

**WOODHOUSE** Reg. No. 10953, ex-S/Sgt. Raymond Leslie Woodhouse, 74, died on May 7, 1983, at Kirkland Lake, Ont. Born on May 21, 1908, at Calgary, Alta. he served in the R.C.A.S.C. from February 1928 to April 1929, before joining the Force on July 13, 1931, at Calgary. Upon completion of recruit training at Depot Division, he was posted to "F" Division, where he served on general police duties at the following detachments: Regina Town Station, Regina Beach, Melfort, Spiritwood, Tisdale and Prince Albert. In December 1938, he was made temporary i/c of Saskatoon Sub-Division Headquarters, C.I.B. He was transferred to "O" Division in August 1939, and served at Windsor Detachment on general and investigation duties for the next eight years. On May 1, 1942, while at Windsor Detachment, he was promoted to corporal. On January 1, 1948, he was made i/c of Kirkland Lake Detachment, where he assumed duties of patrol NCO, Sudbury Patrol Section. He was promoted to sergeant on October 1, 1948. In June 1954 he was transferred to "A" Division, North Bay Sub-Division, and was made staff sergeant that November. He received the Long Service Medal, bronze clasp and star in September 1956 and retired to pension on July 12 the following year.

**WOODS** Reg. No. 12643, ex-Cpl. Leslie Charles Woods, 72, died on November 25, 1982, at Winnipeg, Man. He was born on May 19, 1910, at Stonewall, Man., and joined the RCMP on June 26, 1935, at Winnipeg. Following recruit training at Fairmont Barracks, he was assigned to the Mounted Section, Vancouver Post, "E" Division. On August 23, 1938, he was transferred to "D" Division, where he spent the rest of his career performing general detachment duties at the following locations: Winnipeg, Shoal Lake, Flin Flon, Dauphin, Ste. Rose du Lac, Ashern, and Charleswood. At the last three locations he was NCO i/c. On November 1, 1947, he was promoted to corporal. He retired from the Force on August 25, 1955.

**WRIGHT** Reg. No. 10383, ex-Sgt. Jonathan Edward Wright, 80, died at Victoria, British Columbia, on June 6, 1983.





Riding high in the photograph is Cpl. Serge Carrière of the Public Relations Branch, HQ Ottawa. To find out how he got himself into this precarious position see Divisional Dispatches, Headquarters, the "South East Asia Tour" on page 38.

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