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## Editor's Notes

**ERRATA** *The Quarterly* apologizes to the family of ex-S/Sgt. F.G. Wolno for having erroneously published his dates of birth and death on page 80, Vol. 54 No. 3, Summer 1989. The birthdate should have read June 11, 1925, and the date of death, April 17, 1989.

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There is a spelling mistake in the photo caption for RURAL CRIME WATCH, p. 50, Summer 1989: Cst. Don Bechtel, RCW coordinator... *The Quarterly* apologizes for the inconvenience.

**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY** Attention! The Canadian Provost Corps will celebrate its 50th anniversary in Ottawa, June 15-17, 1990. All ex-members, widows of ex-members, members of other corps who served with any element of the Canadian Provost Corps, families and friends are invited to attend. Please write to:

The Canadian Provost Corps Association  
P.O. Box 3145  
Station "D",  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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**CARTOON ISSUE** *The Quarterly* intends to publish, funds permitting, a cartoon issue similar to that published in 1952. The intent will be to look at ourselves in a lighter vein, and perhaps to share a few laughs with our readers over some of the more humorous incidents that have happened throughout our service, or maybe the way we are seen by some of the cartoonists who publish in newspapers. There are a few guidelines...

- The meaning must be inclusive in the drawing or national in scope. Parochial humour from Fish Trap, British Columbia, would have little meaning for someone from High Tide, New Brunswick.
- No criticism must be made of government at any level. We wish only to share humour about ourselves.
- We have no funds to purchase cartoons. Any material forwarded will be duplicated and returned ASAP. This includes donated material from the news media.
- Any donated material from a commercial source must be "released." We will, of course, give the media source the appropriate credit.
- Selection of cartoons from the material forwarded to *the Quarterly* will rest with the Editorial Committee, and will be final.

The cartoon issue is targeted for 1991, since we must first ascertain if there is enough interest to attempt to budget the funds. We will be approaching several of the larger newspapers for a selection of material they may have published recently, but you may know publishers who would be happy to assist.



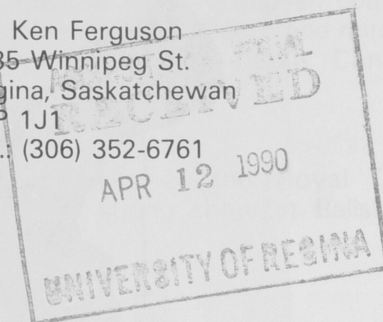
So let's see what we can do. We have to have significant input in the next six months or so to see whether or not there is sufficient interest out there.

LET'S GO!

**50th ANNIVERSARY No.1 PROVOST COMPANY** One of the most interesting episodes in the history of the RCMP is the service of its members as military policemen overseas, in the Second World War. This service began 50 years ago on November 1, 1939, when volunteers from across the Force were formed into the No.1 Provost Corp, the first military police unit in the Canadian Army. To commemorate the Golden Jubilee of this historic unit, the surviving members are planning a reunion in Regina, in July, 1990. At present, the status of 16 former

members of the company is unknown to the organizers of the event. If any reader can help update information on the following list of "missing" members, please contact the organizers. Information is being solicited about: A.E. Baxter, T. Brown, D.F. Buchanan, E.H. Campbell, D.A. Carrothers, J.W.Cowan, R.C. Fenn, B.C. Lane, X. Leclair, F.S. McCutcheon, F.A. McIntosh, J.E. McPhee, J.H.F. Mara, J.D.F. Morrison, C.L. Payne, and A.J. Quail. For information on the July, 1990 reunion, or to advise of the whereabouts of any of the members listed, contact:

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## Letter to the Editor

### SWISS COLLECTOR

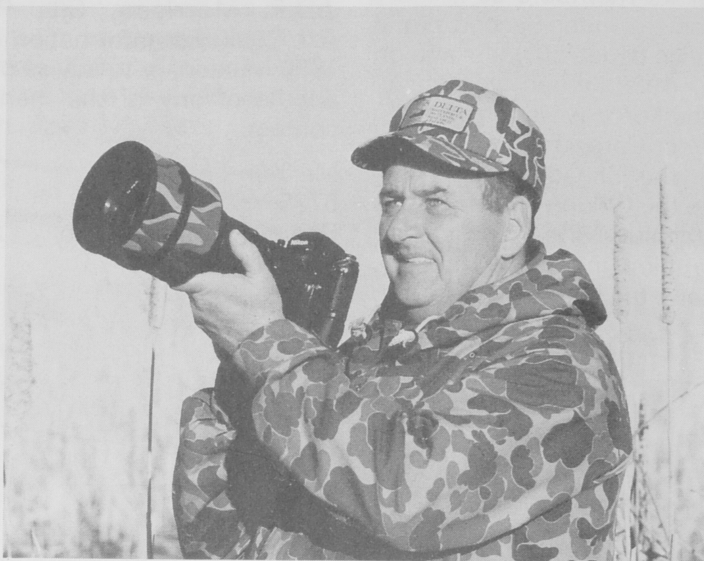
I am a member of the Gendarmerie in Vaud, Switzerland, and a collector of police insignia, hats, and photographs of police vehicles. I wish to trade with a Canadian colleague.

Thank you,

Bernard Guex  
1306 - Daillens  
Vaud, Switzerland

# Photographer Extraordinaire

by Sgt. P.T. Hughes



Reg. No. 18441, ex-S/Sgt. Jack Arnold Barrie joined the Force November 12, 1953, at Victoria, British Columbia. He spent his entire service in "D" Division, Manitoba, serving at Winnipeg, Norway House, Hodgson, Fisher Branch and Portage la Prairie. In 1962, he was selected for the enforcement of the Migratory Birds Convention Act (MBCA) in Western Canada and the Arctic.

During this time, Barrie developed a great love for waterfowl in North America, and a driving desire to capture the birds in flight in their natural habitat. While enforcing the MBCA in the Delta Marshes of Lake Manitoba, north of Portage la Prairie, he was always armed with his camera and ready for photographing.

In 1966, Barrie was transferred out of MBCA and into other facets of police work. He had an extraordinary ability for

investigating major crimes, in particular murder cases. He became a very proficient lecturer in both areas of wildlife and major investigations.

In 1981, Barrie returned to Portage La Prairie as Detachment Commander, which lead to furthering his dreams of becoming a more professional photographer of wildlife, and it also afforded him the opportunity to utilize the Delta Marshes in his spare time.

On October 11, 1985, Jack Barrie said goodbye to his career (32 years) in the Force, and returned to Courtenay, British Columbia, to follow his dream of photographing wildlife in flight on a fulltime basis. Today, Barrie is recognized as one of North America's most prolific wildlife photographers, and has also become one of the world's foremost photographers of birds. ■



# Ride Tour of Europe Best Yet

by Daniel Hall

May 1, 1988, heralded the beginning of the longest and most ambitious tour of Europe for the Musical Ride to date. Under the watchful eye of Inspector Luc Boivin, 36 horses and 13 Ride members took off from Mirabel Airport on a specially equipped Air Canada DC-8 stretch aircraft. The remainder of the Ride members travelled by commercial aircraft to their first destination, Ireland. The long haul had begun and would not be

completed until the horses and Ride members were safely ensconced back in Ottawa on July 13. They performed 42 times in seven European countries. This meant a hectic pace and minimum 12-hour day for these Canadian ambassadors.

## Highlights

Appearances at the Royal Dublin Society's spring show at Ballsbridge,



**The Musical Ride leaves the square in front of Buckingham Palace at the start of a procession through the heart of London.**

Photo by London Pictures Service provided by British Consulate-General, Information Department, Toronto, Ontario.

Ireland, were described as "super" and "beyond expectation" by members, who marvelled at the beauty of the show site and the enthusiasm of the capacity crowds. Other special events included participation in the Lord Mayor's parade, receptions hosted by Ireland's Minister of Justice, the Commissioner of the Garda Siochana (Ireland's federal police force), Mr. Dennis McDermott, Canada's ambassador to Ireland, and the Allied Investment Bank.

The board of directors and organizers of the Royal Dublin Society said they were impressed by the calibre of the Ride, on and off the performance site.

### Royal Stables

Always prepared for changes in plans, the Musical Ride horses flew from Dublin to London, England, because of a British ferry strike. The horses were stabled at Windsor Castle, and were visited

repeatedly by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, Prince Philip and Prince Edward. Insp. Boivin was a guest at the Royal Mews, Windsor, and S/Sgt. Gerry Ogilvie rode "Centennial", the horse presented to Her Majesty by the RCMP at Windsor Castle in 1977, as a result of a special request from the Queen. Performances at the Royal Windsor Horse Show included a performance for Queen Elizabeth.

While in London, the Musical Ride provided a mounted escort for Canadian High Commissioner Roy McMurtry who, accompanied by the Queen's head coachman, Arthur Scholl, made several official courtesy calls. During the escort, the Ride had to enter the City of London, that mile square of city in the centre of the sprawling metropolis, and as has been the custom since the beginning of that city, were challenged by a "mounted" Chief Constable, before permission was granted to enter.

The final stop for the Ride in England was the Devon County Fair. Located in Exeter, this particular show has been a regular stop for the Ride, and the 1988 Ride continued the tradition — drawing large crowds at the shows and at the stables, for a closer look at the RCMP horses.



The Commissioner of the Garda, Dublin, presents Insp. L. Boivin a plaque commemorating the Ride's visit to Ireland, while Canadian Ambassador Dennis McDermott looks on.

Photo by UPPA LTD, London

The next stop was Lahr, West Germany, and the logistics for transporting members and horses from Exeter posed some interesting problems. The horses were shipped from Harwich by ferry to Holland, and then trucked overland to Lahr. While some members travelled with the horses, the others went by boat to Calais, France, and then overland by bus to meet up with the horses at Lahr. The reception at Canadian Forces Base Lahr was warm, notwithstanding the fact that the base commander took the final salute at that performance in the pouring rain. It may be noted in the log book that



there was very little dust during this performance!

### Border Challenges

Travelling in Europe poses interesting changes in travel routines compared to a Ride tour in Canada. The numerous border crossings are a good example of this, and perhaps none better than when entering Switzerland. Permission was required for Ride members to enter Switzerland in uniform, and later, when leaving Switzerland for West Germany. While in Lausanne, Switzerland, the Ride performed at the *Concours International de Dressage*. Canadian Ambassador Jacques Dupuis attended, and watched the Musical Ride, representing Canada, escorting winners to the winner's circle.

Duerne, Netherlands, provided the next setting for a five-day stay by the Ride, which shared billing with the main event, a four-in-hand horse and coach competition.

The Hague followed Duerne, and it was there that the Ride began to attract really large crowds. The centre of The Hague was converted into a massive show ring, and over four performances, the Ride performed for audiences totalling 270,000. As you might imagine, the influx of this many people during a short period of time posed numerous crowd control problems for police.

During its stay in the Netherlands, the Ride gave a royal command performance for Queen Beatrix at Apeldoorn. Large crowds also attended this performance — no doubt an indication of the close relationship between the people of the Netherlands and Canada, and between the Dutch Royal Family and Canadians. Princess Margriet, Queen Beatrix's sister, was born in Ottawa, Ontario. The tulip festival in Ottawa each year is a reminder

of the warm relationship which still exists.

Paris, France, was described as "quite an experience", by Ride members, who performed as close as is legally possible to the Eiffel Tower. The sheer magnetism of the Ride's colourful presence at this world renowned monument drew 6,000 spectators for the performance.

Later, at the famous Longchamp Racetrack, the Musical Ride was given exactly 22 minutes to perform its spectacle. The Ride was equal to this challenge — brought about by the television industry so satellite coverage of an American horse race could be provided — and horses and riders completed the performance in exactly 22 minutes. That's show biz, folks!

One of the world's most prestigious horse shows is held at Aachen, West Germany, and the 1988 Musical Ride was privileged to perform there, from June 27-July 3. The show site is magnificent, and 35,000-50,000 people attended each show in which the Ride participated. It was there that the Ride was introduced to a local custom of audiences waving white handkerchiefs as a farewell gesture to competitors. It is quite an emotional experience that is shared by competitors and spectators. The Ride created its own response to this custom, by flying reversed pennons — white over red instead of red over white — on their lances. Audiences at Aachen appeared to be extremely knowledgeable in cavalry traditions, and this new Musical Ride tradition heightened emotions. These are the moments when each Ride member has that adrenalin-induced "rush" of pride, and sits just a little taller in the saddle. Those who participated in this moment will likely never forget it.

The final stop was Zurich, Switzerland, at a show somewhat comparable to the one at Aachen. There, the Ride performed

in a velodrome, before large and enthusiastic audiences. The white handkerchief salute was also used by Zurich audiences, and the Ride responded by adding a blue handkerchief to the traditional red-and-white RCMP pennon.

## Logistics

Many people really don't appreciate the amount of planning that goes into a tour like this. Accommodations for 41 members, including 36 constables, 2 corporals, a farrier, Riding Master and the officer in charge, present somewhat of a challenge. Add to this, accommodation requirements for 36 horses, travel arrangements, visa documentation, health regulations, food provisions, financial responsibility, *ad infinitum*, and you begin to get some idea of the undertaking of a tour.

Problems occur on such a mammoth trip, and it is a credit to the members that temporary glitches get settled and solved, and the Ride carries on.

Summing up the tour, Insp. Boivin said, "Unless you actually do something like a European tour, you can't believe the value in terms of public relations." European media coverage of the 1988 tour was plentiful, and included newspaper articles, radio broadcasts and televised coverage of Ride performances, and live interviews.

Insp. Boivin praised the enthusiasm and hospitality of the Europeans, and had special praise for External Affairs staff in Ottawa and at Canadian missions and embassies abroad. According to Boivin, much of the tour's success was directly related to the contribution made by these people.



Insp. Boivin, High Commissioner McMurtry and the Ride welcomed by the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Grenville Spratt, at Mansion House.

Photo by UPPA LTD, London



# Certificate of Bravery Awarded

by Cst. A.D. Basha, Minnedosa Detachment

At 16:30 on April 7, 1987, 12-year-old Brandy Syroteuk put her life and health into great danger to save the life of her two-and-a-half year-old brother Thomas (T.J.), who had fallen into a swift-moving creek that swept him into a culvert under a highway near Erickson, Manitoba.

Brandy, T.J., and their sister Jolene had gone down the road from their farm that day to watch the running water that had developed during the spring runoff. They were standing at the mouth of the culvert when the surrounding snow gave way. Thomas fell into the water and was swept away. The water in the culvert was two-and-a-half feet deep.

Brandy was on crutches, recovering from one of a series of operations to strengthen and lengthen her legs. While four-and-a-half-year-old Jolene ran home to get help, Brandy dropped the crutches, and ran across the road, but the exit of

the culvert was not visible from that side of the road because of the snow cover. She jumped into the three-feet-deep water, and began to clear the snow away with her hands. T.J. was stuck in the culvert, but once Brandy cleared the snow away, he came floating out on his back, head first. She carried him back onto the road and flagged down a car. Had Brandy not allowed her brother to come clear of the culvert, the incident would have proven to be a fatal one.

T.J., who had never lost consciousness, was rushed to the hospital and recovered quite well. Brandy was very scared that she would have to repeat the last six months of operations and recovery, because she had put herself in great danger by walking on her legs. But X-rays taken a few days after the incident confirmed that no damage had been done to her legs. ■



The OC, Brandon Sub-Division, Supt. R.E. Boughen, presented Brandy Syroteuk with the Royal Canadian Humane Association Honorary Testimonial certificate for courage and bravery, in the presence of her young brother T.J.

# Collector's Tour of the Eastern Block

by Cst. R. Morrow, Sylvan Lake, Alberta

**Editor's Note:** Cst. Morrow who is a member of the International Police Association (IPA), has been collecting badges from the Force, other Canadian police forces, and IPA colleagues around the world for eight years. In July and August, 1988, Morrow toured Scandinavia, residing in IPA accommodations in Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark. He then travelled to Soviet Russia, Poland and East Germany. This is an account of his memorable trip and attempts to add to his collection of police memorabilia.

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Several months before leaving, I contacted fellow European collectors seeking advice on trading badges with their neighbours in the Eastern Block countries. All strongly suggested that I not bring up the subject, and gave me stern warnings against it. But being a stubborn person, nothing was going to deter me.

In Scandinavia, I received warm receptions in Copenhagen, Oslo, Stockholm and Helsinki, toured many police offices and received many new items for my collection. I can't say enough about the Scandinavian people's warmth and friendly manner, and about the open door treatment that they gave me.

Before entering the Eastern Block countries, I had given a great deal of thought as to the best approach in trading badges. I concluded my best bet would be to have our Russian guide draft a short note that I could present to police officers

with whom I wished to trade. Translated, it came out something like this, "He is a policeman from Canada. He would like to get a hat and things characteristic of us. He is friendly and means no harm." Having been warned about our activities in the Soviet Union, and unsure of their laws and customs, I debated for two days before finally deciding to approach, note in hand, a traffic cop near our hotel in Moscow.

Introducing myself and upon getting a grin, I nervously produced my note and watched him read it. I then pointed to his hat, and with a couple of hand signals tried to explain that I had some items to trade for it — a simple exchange.



Here's a highway patrol officer's dream! Show this to your Division Traffic Officer. At \$100,000 (cost in Holland), there may be some hesitation. The Dutch police have 25 of these little beauties in their inventories. The top end speed is 265 km/h, but if a Porsche isn't your style, you could always try one of their other cars (second best...), a Mercedes.



He smiled and shook his head — meaning “no.” I was disappointed that we could not swing a deal. I knew my chances for a trade were not very good if I approached police officers on the street, but I did it three more times with the same result.

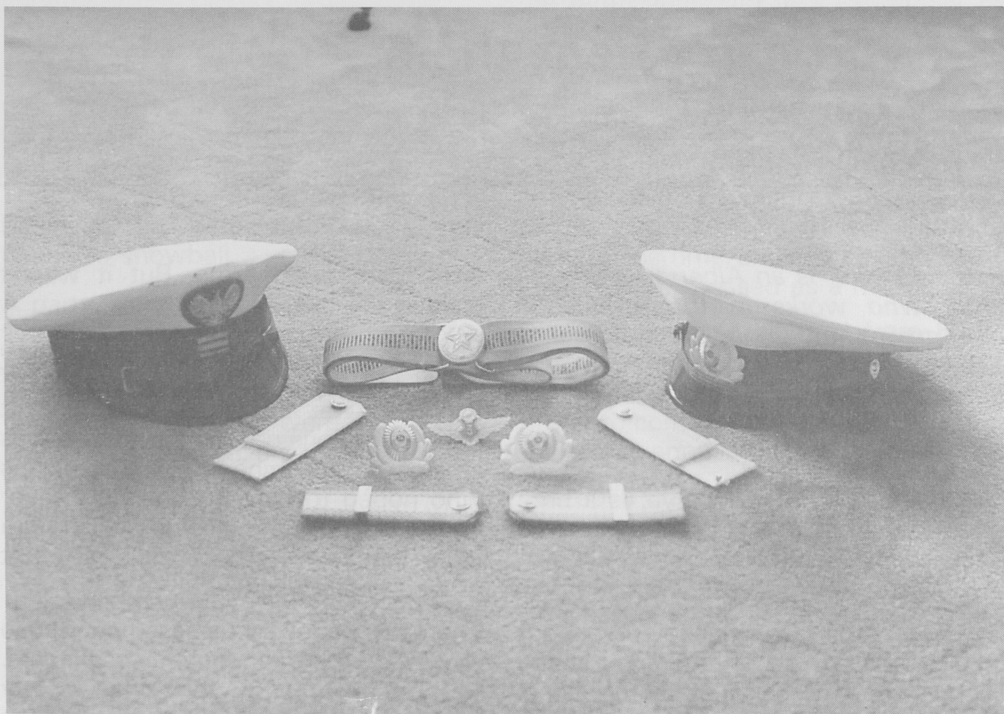
A few days later in another city, I spotted two police officers in the hotel restaurant. I asked our tour guide to approach them and let them know of my intentions. After a brief discussion, the officers declined and as a friendly gesture, I gave them a couple of tie bars and Musical Ride decals.

After a short tour of the city, I saw the same two officers sitting in the hotel lobby. Seizing the opportunity, and armed with my trading material, I approached them again. This time they were able to see what I had to offer. I also had some posters depicting RCMP uniforms and badges and the famous

“Charge” of the Musical Ride. At this point I was ready to lighten the load of my suitcase by at least giving some of the items away.

Looking over my collection, they made it well known that the American badges were their favourites. I was given a dress forage cap, epaulettes, collar insignia, a breast badge, and two dress belts. They just about cleaned me out; my trading stock was depleted. If I had been trading anywhere else in Europe, I would have ensured a one to one ratio. But what the heck!

There is another twist to the story however. A deaf mute on our tour ran across six young men who were also deaf. As I struggled through a conversation in crude sign language and broken English, I spotted them with their hands just a blurr! It was a sight to behold. Here we were, able to speak and hear perfectly, and yet because of the language



New acquisitions: forage cap, epaulettes, collar insignia, breast badge and dress belt.

barrier, we could hardly communicate. There they were, using a universal language and obviously carrying on a much better conversation.

In Warsaw, Poland, I managed to lay claim to another hat, but East Germany was a dry well for trading.

Now having acquired these collectibles, the next challenge was to get them back home. When we left Poland going to East Germany, all the passengers on the bus ahead of us had to disembark and some

of their bags were opened. Coming into the Soviet Union, all our bags were X-rayed, and the bus was driven over a mechanic's pit. Border guards checked the top, inside, storage areas and under-carriage. As things turned out, I managed to squeak through five border crossings.

What an uneasy feeling. I left the Eastern Block countries with a more realistic view of the way of life there, and a great appreciation of the new additions to my precious collection. ■

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## If you can't beat them — join them

by Patricia Parker

*Patricia Parker is an Alberta writer and artist who works in the production department of Canadian Emergency Service News, Calgary. Reprinted with permission.*

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October 31, All Hallows Eve, is a time when ghosts and goblins and things that go "bump" in the night are visible in every community across the country.

Canmore, Alberta, a small town of about 5,000, located on the Trans-Canada Highway four miles east of Banff National Park, is one such place. Canmore residents welcome these creatures of all

sizes with open arms. But it wasn't always like this.

In the 60s and 70s, when the Canmore Mines Ltd. was operating, the impact of vandalism was realized as November 1st dawned. On one occasion, dynamite was stolen from the mine by some hooligans who hoped to blow up the Bow River bridge linking the mineside of Canmore with the town proper. The attempt proved unsuccessful.

There was a local businessman whose clientele was predominantly teenagers. He stored garbage, which was mostly used paper cups and plates, in a shed at the back of the commercial property he

was renting. Normally, this trash was picked up every week, but it hadn't been left out for the garbage men for a few weeks.

On the night of October 31, 1971, teenagers dragged the shed into the middle of the road on the main street. Although the fast food business was open, the proprietor did nothing to stop them, nor did he contact the police. Several Molotov cocktails were tossed into the shed. Constructed of old, dry wood, it exploded into flames. Some cocktails missed their target and smashed against the curb. A strong wind came up and several buildings on the main street were in danger of catching fire. To the young people, it was all a game.

Hooligans waylaid small children and stole their treats. Some local businesses had their windows smashed and garbage was strewn everywhere.

The following week, juvenile court was packed with the culprits and their parents.

In 1977, RCMP Corporal Robert (Bob) Swift and Constable Al Zizac decided that things would have to change. The Canmore RCMP detachment dug deep into their slush fund. They had an idea. They contacted some of the local businessmen who suffered. Things began to snowball.

A party, refreshments, and dance with live music was organized in the school auditorium. Two bicycles as well as numerous door prizes were offered. The youngsters, however, were not to take anything for granted; they paid one dollar to enter. Parents got in free. All school children from Grades 1 through 12 were invited. And parents, some dressed in costumes, waited on the sidelines while their children enjoyed themselves for a few hours.

All members of the Canmore Volunteer Fire Department were deputized to help police the town, but things were so quiet

they found themselves sampling refreshments and observing the young people partaking in good, clean fun.

Hallowe'en in Canmore hasn't been the same since.

The following year, live entertainment and refreshments were offered to the parents in the home economics room, while their youngsters partied in the gym. The young people discovered they could enjoy Hallowe'en without doing damage. It was fun going to a party where the RCMP and their wives, dressed in costumes, served refreshments and enjoyed the evening.

In 1986, some teenagers no longer attending school, were caught in the act of vandalism. Justice was swift. The RCMP turned them over to the firefighters and the youngsters learned the hard way. The firefighting vehicles were all spic and span and up to the fire department's high standards before punishment was completed.

In 1987, the RCMP hosted the dance for the tenth year, and it is as popular as ever.

Al Zizac, who resigned from the Force a few years ago, still resides in Canmore and has his own business. He continues his involvement with the RCMP dance and retains his popularity with the young people. Every year, he dresses appropriately, in costume, and emcees the party. Last year he dressed as a moose.

Scuff Shoes, a local band from Banff, donated their time. They could make a great deal of money on Hallowe'en, but prefer to contribute their talents to help make this annual party a success.

Cst. Colin Glabus of the Canmore RCMP town detail was in charge of organizing things. Glabus, 31, is an 11-year member of the Force, and that was his fourth year of involvement in the Canmore Hallowe'en party. He enjoyed serving hot dogs and pop while his wife Ruby, Cst. Margaret Stacey and the RCMP steno, helped out in the kitchen.



The RCMP had a working budget of \$400, not including donations. Two 12-speed bikes were donated by a Canmore business. All the refreshments were donated. There were compact discs, Walkmans, and tapes among the prizes. The donations came from the local businesses and residents in the area. Between 300-400 youngsters attended, enjoying themselves, if one judged by the noise they made.

Glabus said every member of the Force was on duty, either at the dance or on the streets. He was concerned about vandalism, because it was so warm. When it is cold and there is snow on the ground, there is less damage to contend with. He hoped the dance, which lasted from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m., would prove more popular than any outside activity. Members of the Canmore Volunteer Fire Department and the Bow Valley Ambulance were deputized.

This writer toured the town, observed a few strange-looking creatures going door-to-door, but found no evidence of hooliganism, so common in years past.

There was no one on the streets once the party got underway. Buses travelled to the nearby communities of Exshaw and Seebe to pick up youngsters and bring them to Canmore.

Insurance claims following October 31 were nil. Youngsters were not seen on the streets. The volunteer firefighters went to the dance, where the action was, because the town was otherwise quiet. The prizes were bigger and better and more people than ever contributed to the party.

On November 1, Sgt. Gary Kirwan said a few windows were soaped, but there was absolutely no damage done within the town.

"It's not like the old days," he said with a hint of pride. "We had no trouble at all."

Cpl. Bob Swift has just recently been transferred to Edmonton from Hinton. He had been posted to Fort Saskatchewan,

Alberta, in 1979, after serving six years in Canmore. He was then stationed in Edmonton and Hinton, Alta.

Swift, a popular member of the Force, stated there was never any need to develop the same system in either Fort Saskatchewan or Hinton, because those communities have many activities for the young people. He is pleased members of the Canmore Detachment have continued to put on an annual dance.

"The kids in Canmore didn't have any reason to take their minds off making mischief. This is why we decided to hold the party and dance for them," he says.

While stationed in Canmore, Swift gained recognition and respect as being the only man not a coal miner, who was one of two instructors for the two Canmore mine rescue teams. Canmore teams had gone on to win provincial mine rescue competitions.

Last year, the Fort Saskatchewan Kinsmen Club presented him with a plaque as most outstanding president. Swift also coaches youngsters in sports.

Aside from coverage in the local weeklies, members of Canmore's RCMP, firefighters and the Bow Valley Ambulance have never received any media coverage. It seems that it just isn't news if it isn't bad news. People aren't interested in reading about how great a time everyone has in Canmore on Hallowe'en. They'd much rather read about the vandalism done elsewhere.

Swift and Zizac are firm believers that there is a right way and a wrong way to handle young people. The police officer can be your friend. You can have fun on Hallowe'en without getting into trouble. Considering their continued popularity among the younger generation, this positive credo has proved true over the past 10 years. Both believe if more police and fire departments in small communities become involved, Hallowe'en would cease to be a breeding ground for juvenile delinquency. ■

# ***Centennial's* Last Patrol**

by Sgt. G.S. Gallant



RCMP Patrol Vessel *Centennial*, built by A.F. Theriault and Sons Ltd., of Meteghan River, Nova Scotia, was commissioned for service in 1973, to patrol the coasts of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. P/V *Centennial's* main duties included enforcing the Customs Act, along the south coast of Newfoundland and the French islands of St-Pierre and Miquelon, in addition to enforcing other federal and provincial statutes like the Wildlife, Migratory Birds and Canada Shipping Acts. The patrol vessel was also a welcomed sight to residents of isolated

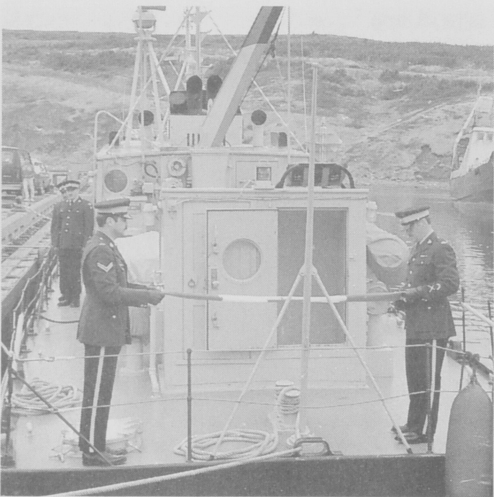
communities along the coast during search and rescue operations.

P/V *Centennial* was also seconded for escort duties during royal family visits like Prince Charles and Lady Diana's visit on the Royal Yacht to St. John's and Harbour Grace, and for security duties at the blessing of the fleet at Flatrock, Newfoundland, part of the papal visit during the summer of 1984. *Centennial* also provided numerous escorts for the lieutenant-governor of Newfoundland

and Labrador during visits to communities along the south coast.

On April 5, 1988, P/V *Centennial's* colours and flags were lowered and her name

plates and liferings removed. The last of the wooden patrol vessels was retired from active service, and made her last voyage from her home port of Fortune, Newfoundland. ■



(L-R): Cpl. D.A. Smith and S/Sgt. G.H. Dawe lower the Canadian flag during closing ceremonies.



Members of *Centennial's* last crew, (L-R): S/Cst. L.R. Hillier, Cpl. D.A. Smith, Cst. D.R. Godreau, the CO, "B" Division, C/Supt. R.C. Currie, the OC, Gander Sub-Division, Supt. I.E. Furey, and S/Sgt. G.H. Dawe.



# Depot 1935

by ex-S/Sgt. E.C. Parker



**Reg. No. 12640, ex-Staff Sergeant Ernest C. Parker joined the Force June 26, 1935, and upon completion of training, was posted to "K" Division, Alberta, until June 25, 1940. Parker then served with the Royal Canadian Air Force — September 9, 1940 to July 13, 1945 — and rejoined the Force May 1, 1946. He was posted to "F" Division, Saskatchewan, and on October 1, 1957, was transferred to "K" Division. Parker retired to pension January 1, 1963.**

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Recently, an ex-member friend of mine loaned me 20 RCMP *Quarterly* magazines to peruse in my spare time. I have found it a real treat, reading about police

operations and events over the years. I must admit that I enjoy *the Quarterly* now more than when I was an active member, about 29 years ago. I even have the urge to write something, which I have never had before.

I joined the Force at Edmonton with five other chaps, only one of whom I had known previously, the late R.W.P. Jones. We left for Regina during the evening via the CNR, and arrived on the barracks square at Depot the next evening about 8 p.m. Transport from downtown Regina, in an open-air truck, was provided by a character well-known to most members, the late Cst. Waddy.

At this time, Depot was jam-packed with members from all over the Western provinces preparing for anticipated trouble with the hundreds of "On to Ottawa" unemployed who were arriving in Regina daily via freight trains. The Regina Riot occurred a few days later, on July 1, 1935.

Our arrival on the square attracted considerable attention from the members of "B" Block, hanging out of the windows, who felt impelled to convey words of good-natured greeting such as "suckers!" One of them was the late Superintendent George MacKay, who became our "A" Squad marker all through drill and PT recruit training for the next 10 months, until we joined the Mounted Section.

If I remember correctly, we were met on the square by the division orderly (DO),

and following a few words of welcome to "Pile o'Bones", he escorted us to the quarter master's (QM) stores in the basement of "A" Block. We were issued with a paillasse each, and proceeded to No. 4 stable, where we filled it with straw, and as it turned out, with the odd cricket and/or grasshopper. Once this was done, we were shown our quarters, located in a lot between the riding school and the chapel. There were about 10 bell tents of First World War vintage, awaiting our occupancy for the next six weeks.

Sleeping in tents was considered fun until the next morning at six, when all hell broke loose! Two characters wearing hooks started crashing their leather-covered sticks on tent openings and yelling something about rear ends and sheets. These disturbers had names like Robbie and Griff, and were both from the Imperial Army of Great Britain. We learned that Corporal Robertson was from the Gordon Highlanders, and that Cpl. Griffiths from the Welsh Guards. For the next six months, these two did nothing to endear either of these two outfits to us, Great Britain or themselves. They seemed to have a thing about hair, especially if it appeared on a recruit's head or neck, and could be seen from two paces. This meant a fast trip to the basement of "C" Block, where Cpl. Todd would be waiting, brandishing a set of clippers like machetes. For two bits and 90 seconds, he could make you forget all about hair. The next time you looked in the mirror, you wondered, "Who is this person?" No matter how you dressed, the people in downtown Regina all knew who you were, just by the hair style. Of course, there were other instructors also allergic to hair, such as Sergeant Freddie Whitehead, Cpl. Sykes, Cpl. Fenton, Cst. Coughlan and Happy Glanville. They all seemed to be chummy with Cpl. Todd, the hairstylist of "C" Block.

In those days, the Mounted Section staff consisted of Sergeant Major Tim Griffin,

Cpl. Cec Walker, graduate from Sandhurst, England; Cpl. Anderson, Lord Strathcona Horse; Cpl. Stoot, and a lance corporal who had been "horse troughed" during the riot days. These chaps were more interested in horses than men, and were not concerned so much with hair on men as on the horses they loved. Of course, by the time we hit the Mounted Section, we were getting to be pretty senior people — 3rd class constables at \$1.50 *per diem*. Besides, hair had become so discouraged it had practically given up growth altogether. I think this is why so many members went to pension looking like billiard balls.

Looking back, learning to ride mounted police cavalry style was the most fun I had during my service. Every day was a riot of fun and laughs, and the horses seemed to enjoy it too. Often they even contributed to the mayhem, when one of them would try to lie down in a puddle during an exercise ride, or several of them staged a runaway or refused jumps. This was also a difficult time for recruits with no spurs and crossed stirrups, and the mounts seemed to be well aware of that fact, especially on a Monday morning. This action usually brought S/M Griffin from his lair in the riding school. He would fling open the doors with a bang, and enter carrying a black bull whip. The horses loved this part, made the most of it with loud snorts and galloped in all directions, kicking the side walls and depositing the third-class jerks in the tan bark. The sergeant major swung his whip at the horse rumps he could reach, which only tended to speed up the action. Sometimes, old Tim wasn't too accurate and connected with the other rumps, if they still happened to be in the saddle. In the meantime, the instructor just relaxed in one corner, and waited for the retreat, when he could get reorganized and "trr-o-o-tt" and "circle and change."

Any member who has been a "stable bitch" will know all about the "home

run." This was an exercise that took place shortly after guard mount, or just before the orderly officer was expected to visit your stable to make sure that everything was neat and clean, and that all the equine members were happy. Sunday afternoons were crucial times also, because civilians were often escorted through the stables, and droppings in the straw bedding were definitively a no-no. This is when the "home-run" came into play, so to speak. The only equipment required was a sharp eye, a scoop shovel

and running shoes — not to mention stamina, and a good shot of adrenalin. The players were the stable orderly, scoop in hand and a wheelbarrow nearby, and up to 30 horses. Looking left and right, the orderly would sprint as soon as a tail began to rise; if he was in time to catch it all, it was scored as a "home run."

There were times when the hay burners conspired to defeat him. Two or sometimes more, would start the action at the same time, at opposite ends of the





stable. The orderly had to reach top speed, in hope of reaching even partial success. Some horses were known to fake the action just to annoy the orderlies. It was pretty maddening to stand with scoop extended and nothing happening, while farther down the aisle everything was landing in the straw.

Tent living was not as rosy as we had hoped. After a few days, the grass dried up and died inside the tents, leaving nothing but dust and grasshoppers. Regina is also noted for its violent thunder storms which often arrived in the middle of the night. This meant piling outside to dig a ditch around the tent to prevent a flood inside. It was quite a sight — during flashes of lightning — to see grown men, without pyjamas, scrabbling at the ground trying to make little ditches, sometimes with their bare hands.

After the Regina Riot, the unemployed and extra police personnel returned home. We expected to move into barracks, but as "C" Block was being redecorated, we remained in the tents a further two weeks.

Every morning before breakfast, there was a scramble to shave and clean up in the basement of "C" Block. With five wash basins and mirrors for 40 men, there were times when you couldn't tell whether you were shaving your own face or the guy's next to you. The only ones who had enough room were the straight razor types. Later, the "trustees" from Regina gaol moved in and "squeegeed" the blood down the drain, much to their delight. The ghost of Louis Riel was believed to be hanging around also enjoying our discomfort.

Finally we left the canvas village, and I found myself in room 6C, right above the

Mess hall. There were 18 men in our quarters, all from Western Canada. The only eastern squad was "E" Squad, mostly francophones from Quebec, and they were located in "B" Block, having arrived later than the rest of us. There were also 17,000 cockroaches, also from Western Canada, in our room every evening after the Mess closed. They were friendly creatures, apparently harmless, and they stayed around for several months, until the exterminators arrived. We survived, however, partly because a few food merchants from the city visited the barracks every evening with truckloads of sandwiches, cake, ice cream, milk and whatever. Everything was purchased on credit, because no one had cash until payday, once a month. This event took place in the basement of "C" Block, near the pool tables. The paymaster gave you a cheque for about \$45, only if you marched out and saluted properly before and after. If you made an error, however slight, you would get a "blast" from either Robbie or Griff or both, and find yourself behind the X,Y, Zs. When you finally got your pay, you proceeded upstairs to the library, where a Bank of Montréal employee would cash your cheque quite happily. This attitude was such a change from the one in the basement, that you felt like opening an account right there and then with this nice man. From the library, you entered the hallway where the creditors from downtown, also referred to as "vultures", were waiting with their little black books indicating how much cake and ice cream you had consumed during the month. You were lucky if you reached your sack with 50 cents left in your hot little hand. We soon realized why we had to wait six years for marriage privileges.

We were all glad to finally leave the leaky tents, but then I had to contend with a leaky ceiling above my head. Every time it rained, it came through a crack in the plaster, and dripped on my bed. I stuck a wooden match in the crack to make a

spout so that the drips ran down the match and into a milk bottle I placed on the shelf, next to some items of kit. I pointed this problem out to the corporal in charge, but nothing was done about it. I decided to make a complaint at the next commanding officer's inspection. I was told by my friends that if I did, I would be fired out the north gate at the "high port." This thought was pretty scary, with unemployment the way it was at the time. Nevertheless, the fateful day arrived, and "C" Block was the last building to be inspected. Finally, the door of our room crashed open, with the usual "ROOM SHUN!" They were an impressive looking bunch, led by the Officer Commanding, Supt. C.H. Hill; 2i/c, Insp. Cooper; Training Officer, Insp. Tapson Jones; S/M E.O. Taylor; DO, Cpl. Kennedy, and Room Corporal Fenton. Then it began. "Any complaints?" from the OC to each man, who of course, said "No Sir!", until they almost reached the end of the room where I was with the milk bottle on the shelf. When I was asked, I said "Yes, Sir!" As the OC was about to make a U-turn and go back the other side of the aisle; I was thankful he didn't trip over his spurs. He was very gracious, and enquired about my problem. I mentioned the leak, and pointed at the bottle on the shelf, half full of soft water. The OC looked at the S/M, who made a note in his book, and they went away. I guarantee that within the hour a group approached "C" Block with a ladder, and repairs were completed. The only "high port" I did was out at the rifle range. Faith in the system was confirmed. Equally relieved were my friends

P.G. Hunt later of *St. Roch* fame, and Joe Downey, who led the Ride at Queen Elizabeth's Coronation, who were standing near my end of the room, overlooking the chapel.

Duties of the night guard were numerous and extended over a 12-hour period. After lighting the stove in the Sergeants' Mess, the final duty was waking one of the trumpeters on the top floor of "C" Block, in order to sound *Reveille*, and raise the flag at the flag pole on the east side of the square. There were four trumpeters at the time, George Cutting, Bing Lindsay, and apprentices Ted Hutchings and Pete Howell. I won't mention which one was awakened on this particular morning, but it was done on time. The member apparently rolled over and remained in the arms of Morpheus, until it was far too late to make it to the flag-pole, properly dressed. Consequently, the next best thing was to open the slat in the storm window, push the trumpet through the space and *Reveille* found its way across the square. Actually, it sounded more like a spin-off from "*Seagrams V.O. Opus 35*." We suspected that one particular note was so intense it cracked a window in the church in Brora, Saskatchewan. Despite the uncommon procedure, everyone reported for work on time, and a crisis was averted by the usual ingenuity of the trumpeter.

I could write a lot more, but enough is enough. Looking back, it would be wonderful to do it all over again. It was a tremendous experience in a tremendous outfit. ■

# The Reluctant *Heron*

by Cst. Ian Rogers, Oshawa Detachment

Everyone is familiar with the caution not to "look a gift horse in the mouth." From experience, it has been learned the same may apply to Inland Waterways Transportation vessels, or, never "look a gift boat in the cuddy."

We acquired the *Heron* from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to enable us to better enforce the provisions of the Canada Shipping Act/Small Vessel Regulations on Lake Ontario. The *Heron* came well qualified, with 25 years of experience ranging from the high Arctic to the Great Lakes. She looked it, but we were assured she had a sound heart and could cruise all day, in any weather, with no complaint. From her stubby nose to her abbreviated stern, she measured 24 ft. with a matronly 8 ft. waist, tipping the scales at just under three tons. Other than the engine, only her horn and wind-screen wipers could be reliably counted on to work when required. With perhaps too much assurance that nothing would ever go wrong, delivery was taken at Hamilton Harbour. Due to these assurances, the *Heron* safely and uneventfully completed the voyage to Whitby Harbour, her home for the summer.

On our first patrol, we were running flat out at about 20 knots, when the 8 ft. marine radio aerial snapped off at the base and, fortunately, thudded inboard, landing safely in the cuddy. This occurrence should have been recognized as a portent of things to come.

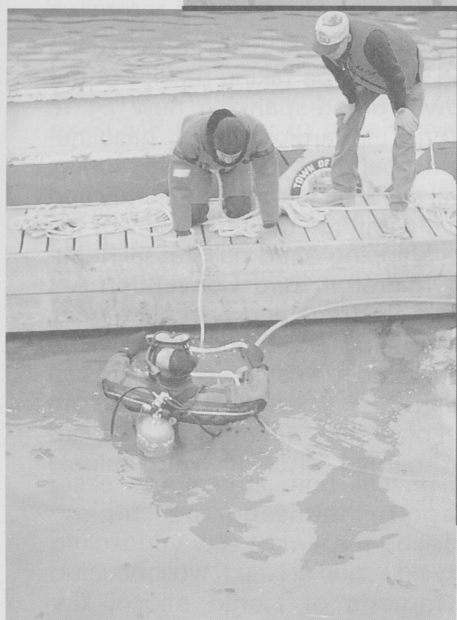
Two weeks later, the *Heron* attempted suicide. Our office was contacted by the

Whitby Marina and we were advised that the *Heron* was not looking well, that she appeared "down in the harbour", so to speak, and perhaps we should attend, like right now! We did, arriving in time to witness the old girl take one last glance at the sun before diving for the mud on the bottom. As you can imagine, we did not take this turn of events in very good grace, but as there were only a few geese in the vicinity (and Lord knows they've heard it all), our spleens were completely vented.

Not being sure of how long she could hold her breath, it was decided to get her back to the surface as quickly as possible, and we were getting tired of the locals dropping over to admire the RCMP's newest "underwater" patrol vehicle. Comments ranged from the obvious, "Your boat looks a bit damp, constable!" to the sublime, "How many torpedo tubes has she got?" to the ridiculous, "Yes, but can she fly?" There were also some crudely worded suggestions as to how to refloat her, and what could be done with her once she was returned to the surface. And things were a real yuk back at the office too, with everyone suddenly obsessed with having a Mr. Submarine sandwich (hold the leeks) for lunch. It was to laugh.

In very short time, the *Heron* was salvaged with the use of large yellow airbags (she looked like an over-endowed tugboat), returned to the department's boathouse, dried out, cleaned out, refitted with new equipment where





(Photo 1) Here's looking at you kid, GLUB!!" (Photo 2) "There must be some way of attaching a line to this old tub..." (Photo 3) "Here she comes!..."

needed, and returned to us. She then, grudgingly, returned to work, for about two more weeks. Then she ran away from home. Gone for almost a week. We were not a happy crew. The comments we put up with when she did her sub-

marine impression paled before the latest batch.

The *Heron* was eventually found hiding across the harbour, behind a large fleet

of dredging barges, covered with seagull droppings. She was none the worse for wear, but her battery was flatter than a slow toad on the Trans-Canada. She was towed back to her berth in shame. The battery, of course, refused to hold a charge and eventually was replaced with a new one, plus a back-up, plus the installation of a battery cut-off switch so this would not happen again. We had everything covered! No way she could sink, no way she could refuse to start!

Two weeks later, the *Heron's* crew had stopped and was inspecting a launch whose occupants were in a minor violation of the Small Vessel Regulations. She chose this moment to throw a temper tantrum. She absolutely, completely, and without warning, refused to go ahead. No amount of coaxing, cajoling or pleading would make her drop into the proper gear. Well, being only about a mile out, in relatively calm seas, it was decided to back her all the way into harbour, politely refusing the offer of a tow from the vessel just checked. Fifty feet underway, slow astern, and the *Heron* coughed, gurgled and dropped out of reverse gear. She was now dead in the water. As the vessel just inspected hadn't left the area yet (her owner was laughing so hard he couldn't see through his tears to safely control his boat), the offer of a tow was retendered and thankfully accepted.

You guessed it. This was the last straw. The restraint shown by our members, upon their safe return to harbour, boarded on the saintly, in that no physical vengeance was made on the *Heron*. They stoically withstood the onslaught of what everyone else thought were humorous asides made about the RCMP "navy" in general and the *Heron* ("Turkey") in particular. The *Heron* got her wish and was permanently retired. Time has obviously healed all, as no one flinches now, or begins muttering obscenities when the *Heron* comes up in conversation.

And joy of joys, we have at last been advised we will be taking receipt of our very own, brand-spanking new 24 ft. Limestone inboard/outboard, gasoline-powered, fiber glass runabout this spring. This will allow us to more efficiently and effectively enforce the provisions of the Canada Shipping Act/Small Vessel Regulations, Migratory Bird Convention Act and even Customs and Narcotics Acts. And because she's brand new, we've been guaranteed absolutely nothing can go wrong ..... although some of us are a tad concerned about going aboard a boat named after a water-soluble rock .....

# Ex-RCMP Member Conquers English Channel

by Daniel Hall

Vince Pogachar, an ex-RCMP member, at 57 became the oldest Canadian to swim across the English Channel to France, on July 27, 1989. Pogachar also had the distinction of being the third oldest swimmer in the world to have accomplished the feat. He was the eleventh Canadian to have completed the Channel crossing, and is believed to be the only ex-RCMP member to have done so.

Pogachar, from Grimsby, Ontario, has lived in Ottawa since 1966, and first attempted the crossing in 1984. By his records, his successful crossing was completed in 15 hours, 50 minutes. Involvement with a swim marathon club in Ottawa, led Pogachar to consider answering the challenge of a Channel crossing. He describes the "falling into place" of events, and feeling that it "might be possible!" Pogachar's philosophy was to make it possible and pursue/follow it up. He hopes his crossing will inspire others to attempt future crossings.

Costs involved in the crossing: training, airfare, accommodations, etc, were absorbed by Pogachar. He is a quiet, unassuming individual who is not fazed by any of the "notoriety" surrounding many previous crossings by other swimmers.

Pogachar received coaching from the Tsunami Swimming and Triathlon Club,

and especially from Trevor Tiffany, his mentor and guide. Although he had Canadian supporters, Pogachar travelled to England alone. He had made arrangements to charter a boat and hire a pilot a year before the crossing. British acquaintances served as helpers on the boat during the crossing, and were on hand to feed Vince at regular intervals, to maintain his stamina and energy levels.

## Pre-swim Training

Before the crossing, Pogachar embarked on a regimen of fitness, training and nutrition, which were an integral and important part of the preparation for the channel challenge. Vince received information from a range of people involved in sporting activities, training and performance. After three years, Pogachar's dream finally came about.

Pogachar started training for his 1989 crossing of the Channel in the late fall of 1986. He trained daily for a 1987 attempt, which was aborted after five hours in the water because of poor sea conditions. Pogachar resolved then to attempt another crossing, even though it meant another year of intensive training. However, before starting a swim in 1988, Pogachar had a mishap on the dock in



Dover, England, when he fell and cracked two ribs during pre-crossing training.

Looking back, Pogachar maintains that three years of training and preparation for the crossing would have been enough. He trained two or three hours a day and sometimes scheduled four- or five-hour sessions per month or intensive eight-hour non-stop swimming sessions at the University of Ottawa pool. He began

practice swims and two six-hour open water trials before embarking on the final crossing. Pogachar felt a sense of urgency to complete his crossing, which he had booked for the end of August, so the swim was rescheduled for July 27.

### **Ready, set, go!**

The intrepid swimmer confesses he was “up for it” at this point, and it was only



Ex-member, Vince Pogachar, greased and ready to enter the English Channel at Dover, England.

open water swimming on May 20, 1989, to acclimatize to colder water conditions. During his non-pool swimming time, Pogachar's sole concentration was on the open waters of the Ottawa River and Lake Ontario.

Pogachar travelled to Great Britain on July 15, 1989, to train in the waters of the Channel. The training went well, and Pogachar felt ready for the challenge facing him. He had several three-hour

a matter of time, good weather and favourable tides before he could achieve his goal of a successful crossing. Ideal tide conditions began on Monday, July 24, so there was a “window” of about seven days to select a day and complete the challenge.

Before embarking on the crossing, a medical examination from a British physician was required, and Pogachar obtained a clean bill of health. He had a

false start on Wednesday, July 26, but decided to do the real item on the following day. Starting out from Shakespeare Beach, near Dover, Pogachar entered the water at 06:17. The first half hour was easy going, until reaching open water beyond the sea wall, but the next three hours were pretty rough, and then the ocean calmed down considerably.

During his marathon swim, Pogachar was fed every 45 minutes for the first five hours, and every half hour after that, with a mixture of cammomile tea, orange juice and rice malt. This liquid mixture gave a more consistent level of carbohydrate intake, which worked well for him.

The first seven hours went well, until the tide turned and Pogachar developed hamstring cramps in both legs and a severe cramp in his left shoulder, with accompanying pain. Pogachar concentrated on swimming, dealt with the pain — willing it away — and kept on going, which worked. At 12:00, Pogachar first sighted the French coast, which lifted his spirits. During his last four hours in the water, Pogachar experienced a surge of energy and was able to increase his stroke rate. Throughout, he maintained a positive mental outlook about finishing the crossing and not giving up. Pogachar landed in France at 22:05. It was dark and he could hear the breakers on shore, but he didn't know how deep the water was until his knees touched bottom.

## Trouble-free crossing

Pogachar was not bothered by jellyfish during his swim, except for approximately the last 500 m in the warm water off France, where he was stung four times. A six-or seven-foot manta ray followed Vince for a short while mid-Channel, but didn't approach close enough to hamper his efforts.

Following his successful crossing of the English Channel, Pogachar was pumped-up and elated on landing on French soil — so much that he couldn't sleep for seven hours. He also couldn't move his left shoulder for three days. Pogachar had to swim back out to the boat for the return to Dover, where they arrived at 04:00.

Pogachar summarized his feelings about the experience, "I wanted to do it. I'm interested in giving people an understanding that personal limits are not insurmountable. You can go far beyond what you think you can do, not just under serious conditions." For Pogachar, to be physically fit means to be mentally fit, and his outlook, or *joie de vivre*, changed his mental attitude toward tasks such as marathon swims. He has a completely different way to respond to life, especially as a non-smoker and non-drinker, and he is aware that health and lifestyle are important parts of that response. ■

# Regimental Dinners

by Corps Sergeant Major E.B. Young, Headquarters

Regimental dinners originated about 200 years ago, and have always been a key element in the process of fostering high morale, good fellowship and *esprit de corps*. They are occasions when senior and junior members gather to meet in friendly, but formal circumstances, and perhaps to recall their heritage by practising those aspects of the dining ritual which are part of the history and tradition of the corps. The following will serve as a guide for those undertaking the task of organizing a regimental or Mess dinner.

By both custom and design, the dining format for regimental dinners is formal, and it is understood by all that this must be so if the event is to have any significance or purpose. It is an occasion for disciplined and genteel behaviour and high dress standards, since these serve to reflect the corps' standard of excellence and distinguished achievements. No dinner can succeed in this respect if those in attendance do not understand or appreciate this fact, so it is important for all to see that every effort is made to ensure the success of the occasion.

- By their nature, regimental dinners are "family affairs." That is to say, in its purest form, a regimental dinner is not only a "stag" affair, but does not include non-members of the regiment or corps. In modern practice, it is not unusual to invite one or two special guests from other units. For example, the RCMP may invite a military person,

such as the local base commander and/or the base chief warrant officer, or a local police official to attend. Sometimes a prominent or distinguished person is invited as guest of honour or guest speaker, and occasionally, a well known sports or entertainment figure is asked to attend as guest speaker.

- Correct dress for a regimental dinner is: Mess kit or walking out order, for uniformed members of the Force, Mess kit or patrol dress for military personnel, and black tie for civilians. When wearing Mess kit or black tie, miniature orders, decorations and medals are worn.

## Receiving Line

If a receiving line is deemed appropriate or desirable as an element of the dinner, it usually consists of the host and guest of honour (i.e., senior-ranking person). At a sub-division dinner, the CO of the division or other high-ranking person would likely be the guest of honour, unless a higher-ranking person is also in attendance — a federal cabinet minister or chief justice, for example. If a reception is also planned, the receiving line will not normally take place until after the guest of honour has been in attendance at the reception for a short time.



## **Arrival of Senior Guests**

It is not proper to serve cocktails or to permit smoking until after the arrival of the principal guests, such as the OC, CO, or perhaps the Commissioner or his representative. Guests should be met and escorted to the serving area. Once they have moved away, others may be served and members may smoke. This segment of the evening is usually called a cocktail hour, however, it is more properly termed the "assembly" before dinner.

It should be remembered that a guest of the Force or of the Mess is a guest of all members, and common rules of etiquette will prevail. If appropriate, introduce yourself to the guest and offer to obtain refreshment. If the guest is escorted, present yourself when and where it is appropriate. Do not interrupt if the guest is in the company of a senior person.

## **Seating Plan**

A useful custom is the preparation of a seating plan to assist in finding one's place quickly. This plan should be prominently displayed, and attendees should be encouraged to study it upon arrival. A traditional plan is based on rank and seniority, and includes the use of place cards on the tables. If other arrangements are preferred, the use of place cards for special guests, the head table, or specific members may still be used to good advantage.

## **Pre-dinner Warning Calls**

At regimental and Mess dinners, 15- and 5-minute warnings are sounded on a

trumpet. This allows people time to prepare for a long session at table, and assists those who persist in drinking excessively before being seated. It is considered bad manners to disrupt the dinner proceedings by frequent and often unnecessary visits to the rest rooms. However, exceptions are made in the case of older guests who can't sit for prolonged periods.

## **Announcement of Dinner**

Dinner may be signaled by a short trumpet call and the announcement by the host, or at a Mess dinner, by the president of the Mess committee (PMC), that "dinner is served."

## **Entering the Dining Room**

With the exception of the head table, all proceed into the dining room and take their places. The assembly should remain standing behind their chairs to await the arrival of head table personnel. The head table will form up in order of the seating arrangement and proceed into the dining room, led by the host and principal guest, to the music of the "Regimental March", if available, or the "Maple Leaf Forever." When they reach their places, the music will stop, and all remain standing for the blessing.

## **Blessing of the Meal**

This was known traditionally as the "grace before meat." On a verbal cue from the host, grace is said, either by a chaplain or designated older member. Immediately after grace, the assembly sits down and the meal commences.

## **The Loyal Toast**

The Loyal Toast is proposed after dessert and before coffee is served. The tables are cleared except for the decorations and wine glasses. Port wine is delivered to the tables, and the host will sample it to ensure that it is potable. When the host accepts the port, the wine steward will then give the decanter to the host, who then charges a glass three-quarters full and passes the decanter to the left, ensuring that it does not touch the table.

This is the signal for the servers to hand the wine to the person at the far right end of each table. The members charge their glasses three-quarters full and pass the decanters to the left, taking care not to let them touch the table. Two decanters are delivered to the head table: one to the host, who sits at the centre, and one to the far right end of the table. A sound system should be available to play six bars of "God Save The Queen", before drinking the toast. After the toast, coffee is served and smoking is permitted.

## **The Corps Toast**

The toast to the Force (the Corps) takes place after the Loyal Toast. The host or designated senior member calls upon the junior member to propose a toast to the Force. The same procedure follows as for the Loyal Toast, except that six bars of the "Regimental March" or the "Maple Leaf Forever" are played prior to drinking the toast.

## **Introduction of the Head Table**

The host introduces the head table personnel and guests, ending with the senior officer, or the guest of honour, as appropriate. Sometimes, a guest speaker

is invited or hired to entertain the assembly. In such cases, a special introduction is usually made.

## **Adjournment**

The host may reply briefly to an honoured guest's comments or speech, or in the case of a guest speaker, thank him or her for attending. Following this, the host or someone designated to act as master of ceremonies will ask everyone to stand while the head table personnel leave the dining room. All then adjourn to the lounge for the remaining activities.

## **After Dinner**

The formal part of the evening concludes and the remainder should include some form of relaxed entertainment. Regardless of the program, however, there should be no relaxation of dress or standards of discipline. Decorous behaviour is, after all, a basic element of any advanced society, and it is essential in a professional group such as ours.

## **Additional Points**

- If pre-dinner cocktails are scheduled, it is wise to limit both the time period and the amount of alcohol served. Thirty minutes is adequate in most instances. It is difficult to enjoy a long session at table after consuming several drinks, and calling a break in the proceedings is not in good taste. A proper dinner format is uninterrupted and ends after coffee and speeches. At any formal

dinner it is considered poor manners to leave the table during the meal.

- Head table seating is always based on rank, seniority and status. The host sits in the middle; the next senior person, to the right; the next senior person on the left and the next to the right, until the ends are reached (odd numbers are easiest to work with).
- At Mess dinners, the matter of head table seating is also based on rank, seniority and status. The senior-ranking member of the Mess is the head of the Mess, and sits in the centre. All the others, including the PMC, follow the usual order of precedence. In the case

of the Senior NCOs' Messes, or combined Messes, the senior-ranking member of the Mess is still the head of the Mess. If officers are invited, they will take precedence over the senior Mess member. The president will occupy the position appropriate for his rank.

- Chaplains are usually included at the head table.
- A guest speaker with no rank or status should be positioned as close to the centre as possible, without offending the dictates of rank. The speaker would not be given precedence over the CO of the division at a sub-division dinner, for example. ■

## Now That's a Lot of BULL!

by S/Sgt. R.S. Dew

Law enforcement and customs representatives from the Caribbean, the United States and Canada attend the Caribbean Customs and Law Enforcement conferences hosted by a different country every year. The 1987 conference was

held at Cancun, Mexico, an ultra-modern tourist resort with beautiful white sandy beaches, and of course, bull fights.

Initially, I felt fortunate to be selected to attend the conference, which was a



three-day affair. An invitation to attend a special afternoon *fiesta* at a nearby stadium was extended to all delegates during the closing ceremonies. The *fiesta* included a variety of equitation demonstrations, with *senoritas* riding side-saddle, and *gauchos* executing intricate movements on horseback, and of course, bull-roping. A message inviting conference delegates to take part in the festivities was blasted regularly over the PA system, but there were no volunteers.

As you may or may not know, this type of Mexican entertainment is a lot of fun for everyone but the bull. Part of the demonstrations involve roping the bull from horseback at full gallop, which causes the bull to somersault to the ground. This is followed by a second demonstration, also at full gallop, in which the rider grabs the tail of the bull, while pushing on his hind quarters with his foot, causing the bull to do what would appear to be a backwards somersault.

Then a fateful message was broadcasted over the PA system, "We understand that we have a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in the audience who would like to demonstrate his equitation skills." This was followed by a standing ovation from the other delegates and 200 invited guests.

Canada's honour appeared to be at stake, and I reluctantly accepted, after a *fiesta* spokesperson assured me it was all in fun, and that I would be properly outfitted for the occasion. The fun began as soon as I arrived at the stables. I am 6'2" tall and wear size 12 shoes. The tallest Mexican rider must have been half my size, and wore size 6 shoes. The only thing that fit was the *sombrero*. While all these preparations were underway, the PA system blared 30-second updates, saying that I would be arriving soon.

Now that I was at the point of no return, my Mexican friends explained that the whole world knows about the famous Musical Ride, and since every Mountie can ride a horse — and to avoid showing up their *gauchos* — they wanted me to ride *toro*.

*Toro*, as it turned out, was in a 3' X 8' cage. *Toro* was also the same bull that had been the guest of honour during the earlier performances... Needless to say, the animal appeared somewhat agitated. I truly felt that my Mexican friends were just testing my courage, and certainly never expected to ride that beast. At any rate, I followed instructions, and climbed on top of the cage and lowered myself over the back of the rather excited bull. Sure enough, when I was several inches above the bull, someone yelled, "Whoa!" As I quietly thanked you know who, and prepared to exit, someone reached through the bars, and wrapped a multi-coloured braided strap around the bull's shoulders and over my hands... You guessed it — the bridle, saddle, reins and stirrups were all conveniently missing!

"What comes next?" I asked. "We open the g—a—t—e," was the response. And out we came. No one had a stopwatch, but I could swear it was an hour, others said it was closer to 20 seconds before I joined the astronauts in space.

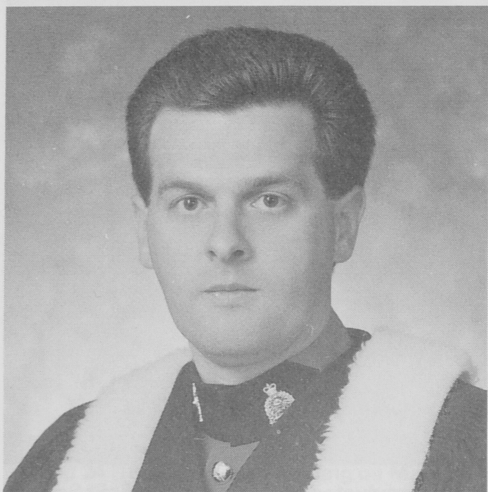
While in orbit, my training days flashed before my eyes, and I prepared to land with a tuck and a roll. Both were executed with the utmost precision, and I landed on my feet, only to receive a two-hoofed send-off from the notorious *toro*. Fortunately, only my pride was bruised, and I was escorted back to my seat to yet another standing ovation. Canada's honour was still intact — I think.

For those who may envy delegates who have to attend these conferences, let me say that I have heard rumours about sharks at the next conference — and that isn't any bull! ■

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## University Graduate

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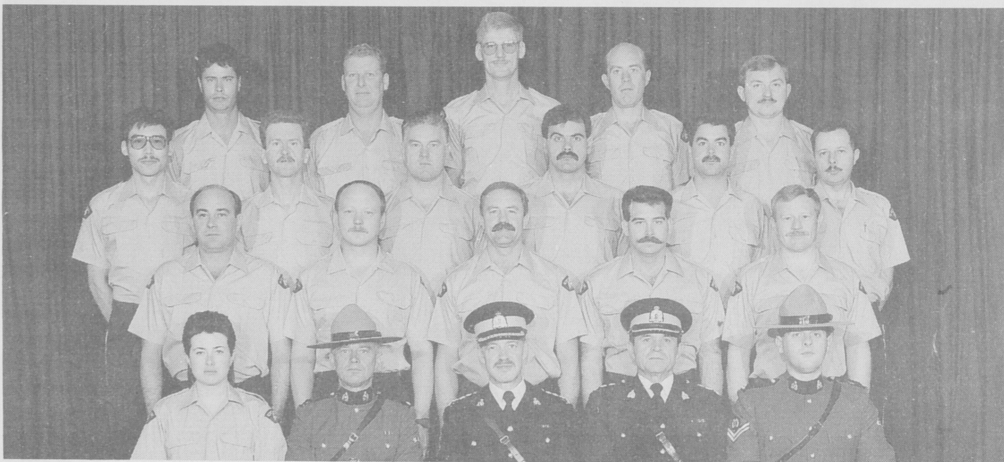


On May 26, 1989, Cpl. J.E.R.P. Tremblay graduated from the University of Regina, Saskatchewan, with a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Political Science.

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## RCMP Academy Graduates

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Re-entry Troop 1 (1989/90) began training on July 12, 1989, and graduated on August 4, 1989. (L-R) Seated: T.L. Delahey, S/Sgt. R.R. Hale, C/Supt. W.R. Spring, Supt. A. Antoniuk, Cpl. J.E.R.P. Tremblay. First row: S.N. Mowez, J.E. Corbett, R.K. Robinson, J.R.D. Lauzon, D.G. Groenhof. Second row: F.G. Waskewitch, W.A.J. Latimer, W.W. Anger, P. Lalovich, R.N. Renaud, L.S. Reissner. Third row: A.A.C. Hamilton, D.W. Moffatt, P.M. Cheney, B.A. Kelly, A.J. Rybka.



Troop 20 (1988/89) began training on January 19, 1989, and graduated on July 17, 1989. (L-R) Seated: K.L. Domes, S/M R.L.J. Mercier, Supt. A. Antoniuk, Insp. R.G. Lagimodière, Cpl. M.A. Norry. First row: C.K. Little, L.L. Cooper, J.L.C. Gervais, J.R.S. St-Jacques, J.G.R. Pellerin, K.A. Reddy, O. Kontakos, M. Savoie. Second row: J.M.S. Joannis, R.R.J. Currie, D.G. Crockett, D.B.W. Fitzpatrick, R.A. Hayes, G.M. Henley, J.F.L. Lévesque. Third row: J.A. Babineau, M.P. Renaud, F.J.S. Stinson, A.E. Pittman, S.J. Brozer, K.F. Petryshyn, R.G. Robbins, J.L.J. Carrière.



Troop 23 (1988/89) began training on February 23, 1989, and graduated on August 21, 1989. (L-R) Seated: S/Sgt. R.R. Hale, Insp. R.G. Lagimodière, C/Supt. W.R. Spring, Supt. A. Antoniuk, Cpl. L.S. Rac. First row: J.N.M. Lavoie, J.C.J. Lemay, B.J. Mueller, J.M.S. Sansoucy, M.H. Lefebvre. Second row: J.W.R.S. Desjarlais, D.D. Perrett, J.L.C. Filiatreault, J.L.J. Fournier, J.M. Martineau, J.R.D. Lévesque. Third row: P. Cost, D.A. Daley, J.R.P. Hardick, J.L.G. Piché, K.F.W. Boone, D.C.T.P. Sanscartier, A.L.J. LeCoz.





Troop 24 (1988/89) began training on March 2, 1989, and graduated on August 28, 1989. (L-R) Seated: S/Sgt. R.R. Hale, Insp. R.G. Lagimodière, C/Supt. W.R. Spring, Supt. A. Antoniuk, Cpl. R. Burns. First row: J.B. Perkins, H.M. Stark, J.M. Mercer, M.J. Bigonesse, A.S. Halliday, M.L.M. Roberge, M.I.M. Beauchamp. Second row: L.M. Froehlich, S.D. Dupont, B.A. Chapman, S.G. Olson, K.J. Dickson, J.L. Bulas, R.A. Dion, J.A. Strachan. Third row: J.L. Lyons, M.L.R.L. Raby, D.H. Smith, S.L. Black, D.S. Bazarski, C.M. Rich, K.M. Shalley.



Troop 25 (1988/89) began training on March 9, 1989, and graduated on September 5, 1989. (L-R) Seated: L.M.A. Doktor, S/M J.T.Y. Mercier, C/Supt. W.R. Spring, Insp. R. Castonguay, Cpl. G.R. de la Sablonnière, B.W. Mayrs. First row: R.I. McCloy, J.P. Wand, R.T. Lucko, R.L. Finley, P.D. Gregorash, H.W. Therrien, W.C.G. Wilson. Second row: A.R. Montgomery, J.R.M. Sutherland, B.R. Baulkham, M.G. Janes, S.K. Evans, F.M. McAndie, M.M. Power, G.K. Stewart. Third row: P.B. deBruin, G.G. Hodges, T.J. Vanderzwan, J.S. Malnick, Y.S. Brar, G.R.P. Nightingale, S.G. McNamara.

# Divisional Dispatches

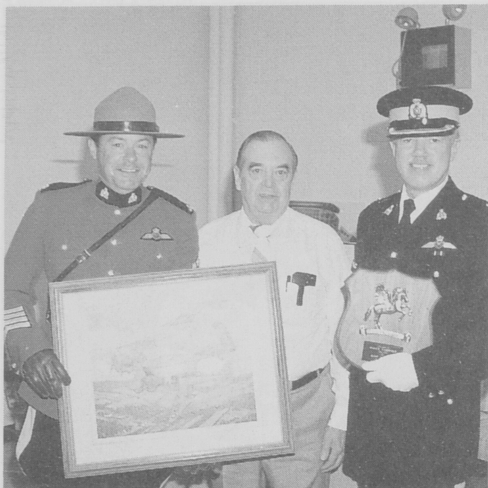
## Headquarters

Ottawa, Ontario



**LONG SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTATION, June 8, 1989, Canadian Police College.** In attendance were: D/Commr. H. Jensen, C/Supt. J.M.R. Guindon, Supts L.G. Larose (GCS), J.E. Religa (GCS), R.C. Jackson (GCS), G.D. Nelson (SCS), J.D. Walker (SCS), and D.F. Boire (BCS); Insps J.V.A.C. Normand (LSM), S. Ayliffe (LSM), D.P. Pederson (SCS), G.J.L. Rémillard (BCS), F.E. Cranton (BCS), T.R. Bentham (BCS), I.H. Ross (BCS), T.J. Abernathy (BCS), R.M. Juby (BCS), and R.R.B. Smith, retired (BCS); C/S/M E.B. Young; S/Sgts F.A. George (GCS), J.E.B. Gagnon (SCS), W.R. Sturgeon (SCS), G.V. Stewart (SCS), R.W. Bemrose (LSM), R.A. Connell (LSM), A.L. Sabey (BCS), D.R. Herda (BCS), G.D. Henderson (BCS), R.T. Beers (BCS), A.J. Hawco (BCS), J.G.R. Bordeleau (LSM), C.P. Clatney (LSM), W.J. Windeler (LSM), K.W. Murphy (LSM), and ex-S/Sgt. J.G.J.Y. Chaput (SCS); Sgts L.D. Burden (SCS), J.B. MacDonald (SCS), D.A. Wilson (BCS), W.S. Munro (BCS), M.P. Robblee (BCS), P.U. Longino (BCS), M.R. O'Brien (BCS), R.N. Armstrong (BCS), E.A. Ypma (BCS), B.M. Campbell (BCS), G.A. Smith (BCS), R.A. Lamy (LSM), W.R. Reggler (LSM), H.D. Beck (LSM), J.C.G. Fortin (LSM), R.A. Lewis (LSM), J.B. Lamoureux (LSM), H.P. Tarrant (LSM), J.P.R. Querry (LSM), B.T. Mousseau (LSM), M.B. O'Neil (LSM), R.J. Walsh (LSM), J.C.P. Lemieux (LSM), S.H. Neville (LSM), W.J. Rideout (LSM), J. Stott (LSM), D.F. MacDonald (LSM), J.A.G. Turpin (LSM), R.J.D. Jean (LSM), C.L. Fraser (LSM), G.B. Easton (LSM), J.A. Turner (LSM), C.J. Labrèche (LSM), and R.H. Goguen (LSM); Cpls J. Wiclawek (BCS), G.W. Comeau (BCS), R.R. Parkin (LSM), B.J. Johnson (LSM), A.J. Carter (LSM), D.E. Steeves (LSM), and J.R.P. Gervais (LSM); C/Ms T. Ayotte (SB), H.W. Jones (SB), J.J.P.N. Mertens (SB), G.G. Roberts (NB), J.Y. Isaac (NB), J.B. Baird (NB), and I.E. Latreille (NB); P/S J.E.A.M. Ouelette (M), A. Westran (P), A.E. McCooney (P), and A.R. Wilby (P).

**Legend:** Long Service Medal (LSM), Bronze Clasp and Star (BCS), Silver Clasp and Star (SCS), Gold Clasp and Star, Silver Badge - 30 years (SB), Nickel Badge - 20 years (NB), Medallion - 35 years (M), Plaque - 25 years (P)



On July 28, 1989, Air Services bid farewell to Wally Larocque (centre), who retired after 49 years of service with the Aviation Simulator Department, Ministry of Transport at Ottawa International Airport. Insp. P.A. Kember (R), presented an Air Services plaque and S/Sgt. R.W. Bemrose presented a painting of a Lysander aircraft.

Members of Strategic Intelligence Branch, Drug Enforcement Directorate, attended the Strategic Analysis Course No. 1 at the Canadian Police College, July 17-21, 1989. (L-R): C/Ms Ellen Gottheil, Angus Smith, Shelley A. Keele; course instructor, Dr. Charles C. Frost, associate professor, justice systems, Northeast Missouri State University; C/Ms Robert C. Fahlman and MarieThérèse O'Sullivan.



1989 GOLD MEDAL WINNERS, Ontario Law Enforcement Olympics, mixed slo-pitch. (L-R) Standing: Cst. Howard Adams, Insp. Doug Legault, Cst. Martin Chesser, C/M Kerry Barbe, and Sgt. Brent MacDonald. Kneeling: Cst. Martine St-Pierre, Cpl. Pierre Lalonde, and C/M Diane Greer. Missing: Cst. John Warr, C/Ms Shawn Dick, Claudio Pellegrini, Lee Malette, Wade Ross and S/Cst. Alain Drapeau.





On September 6, 1989, members from RCMP Headquarters and Ottawa City Police participated in a benefit softball game in aid of Multiple Sclerosis. Headquarters came out on the short end of the score; however, the MS Society was the big winner, as a total of \$45,000 were raised. (L-R) Standing: game coordinator Sgt. B.F.A. Finney, MS Fundraising Chairman John Kirkpatrick, Cpl. G.D. Patterson, Insp. D.G. Legault, Cpl. R. Blondin, Sgts P.T. Hughes, J.E. MacKay, D.B. Sandey, Cpls R.J. Cameron, D.J. Lafosse, and Sgt. W.A. Halliday. Kneeling: Csts S.E. Brown, R.A. Thompson, Sgt. C.G.J. Dionne, Cst. J.R.P.A. Marion, Insp. M. Pilon on secondment from the Ontario Provincial Police, and Cpl. W.K. McAllister.



Band members undergo foot drill exercises in front of the RCMP Chapel at the Academy, Regina, Saskatchewan, during their enhancement program in the spring, 1989.

**VETERANS' NEWS** The following new members have been accepted into the Ottawa Division of the Veterans' Association: Reg. No. 21796, Gary Donald Henry; Reg. No. 18431, Lorne A. Johnston; Reg. No. 16039, Walter Frank Kroeker; Reg. No. 18537,

Raymond Hugh Lees; Reg. No. 16970, Michael John Spooner; Reg. No. 24861, Raymond Jacobsen; Reg. No. 17932, Charles H. Spofford, and Associate Life Member, Arthur R. Rice, Chief of Ottawa City Police (retired).

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### **"A" Division**

Headquarters — Ottawa, Ontario

**BIRTH** To Reg. No. 32243, Cpl. R.J. Cameron and his wife, Reg. No. 37963, Cst. C.M.S. O'Farrell, a son, Conor John O'Farrell, on May 17, 1989, at Ottawa.

**RIFLE SHOOTING** On June 21, 1989, the CO, "A" Division, A/Commr. G. Allen presented Cst. D.N. Ramey with a keeper trophy of the Nicholson Cup. This is the first year that this award, dedicated to the memory of the late Commissioner Leonard Hanson Nicholson, and initiated by the Depot firearms staff to promote rifle proficiency, has been awarded. Commissioner Nicholson was very active with the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association and at one time served as president.



A/Commr. Allen presented Nicholson Cup trophy to Cst. Ramey.

## "B" Division

Headquarters — St. John's, Newfoundland



**LABRADOR SUB-DIVISION** On June 19, 1989, a social evening was held to bid farewell to transferred members and their wives. Presentations were made by the OC, Insp. R.A. Bunn, the Sub-Division NCO, S/Sgt. G. Mills, and also by S/Sgt. D. Urquhart and Sgt. J. MacDonald of Happy Valley/Goose Bay Detachment. (L-R) Front row: Cpl. R.J. Bradley, Csts D. Leblanc, P. McNeil, D. Burchill, S/Cst. B. Payson. Back row: S/Sgts D.A. Urquhart, G. Mills, Cst. R. Cashen, S/Cst. K. Pfeiffer, Sgt. J. MacDonald, Cst. L. MacDonald, and Insp. R.A. Bunn.



A bicycle rodeo, sponsored by Bell Island Detachment members and the Bell Island Kiwanis Club, was held May 17-18, 1989. School talks stressing bicycle safety were followed by written exams. One hundred and ninety-eight children between the ages of 6 and 12 attended the practical tests conducted at the local arena. A great deal of effort was made by rodeo organizer, Cst. Andy Harris (L), seen here with the high school students who assisted in marking the bikes for identification, and Sgt. E.P. Walsh, NCO i/c Bell Island Detachment.



**MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT** The annual Victor Lundrigan Memorial Softball Tournament, held June 9-11, 1989, was an overwhelming success. Seven teams travelled to Stephenville, and after a

round-robin of 15 games, Gander Sub-Division defeated St. John's, 25-14. Proceeds of \$1,347 were presented to the Canadian Cancer Society.

*submitted by Sgt. D.A. Baker*



**VICTOR LUNDRIGAN MEMORIAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT** Individual trophy winners (L-R): Cst. Greg Smith, Gander Sub-Division championship trophy; Cpl. Terry Scott, St. John's most gentlemanly player; Cst. Mike Rowsell, Gander's most valuable player; S/Sgt. John Ryan, St. John's runner-up trophy, and home run champion, Cst. Phonse MacNeil. (Insert) Supt. G. Butt presented proceeds to Laura Aylward, President, Stephenville Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society, and Vice-president Kathleen McCann.



**GANDER SUB-DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM** (L-R) Front row: Csts Greg Smith, Mike Rowsell, bat boy Matthew Smith, Barry McNeil, Harvey O'Toole, Cpl. Gary Nofall. Back row: Csts Dale Bogle, Paul Sheppard, Henry Poswiata, Phonse MacNeil, Ken Cormier, Russ Stewart and coach Cpl. Shaker Smith.

**SOFTBALL CHALLENGE** During Police Week 1989, Corner Brook Detachment challenged the local division of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary (RNC) to a softball game. After five innings, the RNC's superiority became obvious, and they won, hands down. Rumour has it that the RCMP team has started to work out for next year's game by learning how to play softball.

*submitted by Cst. G. Dimitroff*



RNC Cst. Perry Priddle (kneeling), received the challenge trophy from RCMP Cst. Guy Dimitroff, surrounded by RNC Csts Rick Wheeler, Everett Ogden, Dennis Byrne, and (standing), S/Sgt. Lorne Good, RNC Csts John Turpin, Frank Haskell, Cpl. Ron Peach, C/M Greg Wall, Cpl. Joe Young, RCMP Cst. Greg Byrne, penitentiary warden Glen Spracklin, and RNC Cst. Roy Robinson.

## "C" Division

Headquarters — Montréal, Quebec

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 37632, Cst. M. Bolduc and his wife, Reg. No. 37950, Cst. C. Bolduc, a daughter, Amy Hélène, on August 19, 1989, at Montréal.

To Reg. No. S/2986, S/Cst. S. Duchesne and his wife, Joanne, a daughter, Jessica, on August 21, 1989, at Ste-Agathe, Quebec.

To Reg. No. 35974, Cst. H. Wayne and his wife, Bette, a son, Michael Joseph, on July 3, 1989, at Thetford-Mines, Quebec.



Ice racing team from Quebec Sub-Division, completed its 16th consecutive year of competition. (L-R): Csts Jacques Lemieux, Alain Gagné, Cpl. Yves Bouchard, Cst. Roland Richard and Cpl. Denis Haché.

**MARRIAGE** Reg. No. S/2986, S/Cst. S. Duchesne to Joanne Labelle, on May 7, 1988, at Morin Heights, Quebec.



In May, 1989, the CO's administrative assistant, Mrs. Monique Meloche, retired after 34 years as secretary and assistant to the last nine Commanding Officers, (L-R): A/Commr. M.J.Y. Dubé, A/Commr. J.L.P. Mantha, D/Commr. J.F.J. Bossé, A/Commr. J.A.P.E. Thivierge (A/CO), A/Commr. J.F.S. Duchesneau (hidden), A/Commr. J.A.M. Breau, A/Commr. J.E.J. Julien, D/Commr. J.N.G.R. Marcoux and A/Commr. J.P.J.-P. Drapeau.



## "D" Division

Headquarters — Winnipeg, Manitoba

**BIRTH** To Reg. No. 33162, Cst. L.J. Gaudet and his wife, Cheryl, a son, Jeffrey David, on July 2, 1989, at Winnipeg.

**BAND TOUR** On April 2, 1989, the RCMP Bison Band performed at the Whitemouth School. The concert was jointly sponsored by the First Whiteshell Scout Group and the Whitemouth and District Lions Club. Proceeds of \$508.65 were donated to the Whitemouth Lions Centre for the Handicapped. On June 4, the Whiteshell Scout Group held their annual windup at the centre, and the cheque was presented that afternoon.

**"STAY REAL" DINNER** On June 9, 1989, Flin Flon welcomed celebrities from the Winnipeg Jets and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers taking part in a "Stay Real" Celebrity Banquet promoting "Say No To Drugs!" Approximately 150 people attended the event organized by the Flin Flon Crime Prevention Committee and Flin Flon Detachment members. While in town, the Winnipeg Jets attended the Flin Flon Detachment Golf Tournament and visited patients at the Flin Flon General Hospital.



(L-R): Evelyn Doerksen, Cst. D. King; President of the Whitemouth Lions Club, Ken Barnard, Chairman of the Handicapped Centre, Lorne Curwen; President of the First Whiteshell Scout Group, Dale Knowles; Gerry Lopaschuck, Arlene Pluchinski, and Tracy Knowles.



(L-R): S/Sgt. Bob Munro of Flin Flon Detachment, Winnipeg Jets Randy Carlyle, Molson Breweries representative Don Lewis, Winnipeg Jets Andrew McBain and Randy Gilhen, radio hockey analyst Ken "the Fryer" Nicholson, Winnipeg Blue Bombers General Manager Cal Murphy, Maxine Searle, Flin Flon Crime Prevention, and Cst. Bob Ruiters, Flin Flon Detachment Crime Prevention/Police Community Relations.

## "E" Division

Headquarters — Vancouver, British Columbia

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 30286, Cpl. R.G. Forand and his wife, Loree, a son, Russell Stewart, on October 19, 1988, at Kelowna, British Columbia.

To Reg. No. 37284, Cst. J.A. Ibbotson and his wife, Reg. No. 37554, Cst. B.A.A. Ibbotson, a daughter, Melissa Leigh, on August 4, 1989, at Richmond, British Columbia.

**MARRIAGES** Reg. No. 39423, Cst. B.R.M. Head to Jan Karie Penner, on July 15, 1989, at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

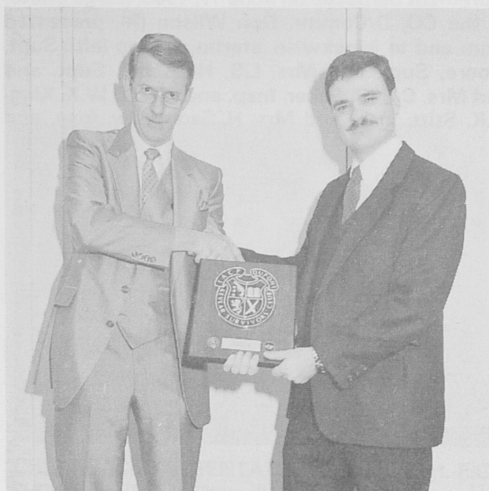
Reg. No. C/3150, C/M M.L. Dueck to Steve Chila, on July 1, 1989, at Kelowna, British Columbia.

**MUSICAL RIDE VISIT** After months of planning, the Musical Ride, the Vancouver City Police Pipe Band and members of the local RCMP Police Dog Services performed for more than 5,000 North Shore residents. North Vancouver Detachment was proud to turn over more than \$17,000 to Paul Johnson, President of the Vancouver Chapter Sunshine Foundation of Canada, an organization dedicated to bring happiness by granting wishes to terminally ill and disabled children. Local governments, corporations and many individuals donated supplies, services and time, to make this fundraiser an exceptionally successful undertaking.

*submitted by Cpl. Peter Farnell*



(L-R): The OIC, North Vancouver Detachment, Supt. Jack Morton, presented a cheque to Paul Johnson, in the presence of Insp. Dave Roseberry, Cst. Barry Hicks, Warren Cameron, and Dreams Activities Chairperson Kathleen Stubbs.



On November 16, 1988, Cst. R.A. Lavin was the second of two units responding to an emergency call in Surrey, when his police vehicle collided with a fence and some trees, to avoid hitting a child who had run onto the road. Lavin suffered a concussion and a spinal contusion, but fortunately he was wearing his Force-issued softside body armour, and permanent spinal injury was avoided. Cst. Lavin was inducted into the International Association of Chiefs of Police/Dupont-Kevlar Survivors' Club and received his award from Supt. G.U. Strathdee at Surrey Detachment.



The Officers' Mess hosted the annual transfer and retirement barbecue on June 17, 1989. (Large photo) Mess President, A/Commr. Frank Palmer (L), and the CO, D/Commr. Don Wilson (R), presented retirement gifts to A/Commr. and Mrs. R.R. Schramm and to (clockwise, starting at top left): Supt. and Mrs. G.U. Strathdee, Supt. and Mrs. E.D. Moore, Supt. and Mrs. L.S. Henschel, Supt. and Mrs. J.E. Hooper, Supt. and Mrs. L. Eyman, Supt. and Mrs. C.S.W. Fuller, Insp. and Mrs. D.W.K. King, Insp. and Mrs. E.B.M. Terkelsen, Insp. and Mrs. R.K. Stitt, Insp. and Mrs. H. Sadowsky, Insp. and Mrs. N.H. MacKay, and C/M I.M. Mayrs.



**GERITOL AND PABLUM GANG** (L-R) Back row: S/Sgt. Len Doyle, Paul Douglas, S/Sgt. Don Douglas, Kevin Bishop, Sgt. Tom Bishop, Tom Bishop Jr., Cpl. Bruce Abbott, Dawne Johnston, ex-Cpl. Larry Johnston. Front row: scorekeeper Jane Doyle, Jeff Doyle, Kris Abbott, Chris Doll, Jennifer Douglas. Missing: Sgt. Ken Doll.

**GERITOL AND PABLUM GANG** The second annual RCMP Vancouver Island mixed slow pitch tournament, hosted by Parksville Detachment, was held on Father's Day weekend. When three teams backed out, S/Sgts Len Doyle and Don Douglas organized a father, son and daughter team, which surfaced as tournament champions after a hard-fought contest. The gang intends to defend its title in Parksville next year.

**CHILLIWACK SUB-DIVISION** The annual Regimental Dinner was held on April 20, 1989, at the Officers' Mess, Canadian Forces Base Chilliwack. Guest speaker, Dave "Tiger" Williams, a 14-year veteran of the National Hockey League, provided the 137 guests with an entertaining evening. The OC, Chilliwack Sub-Division, Supt. W.S. Craig, presented a bronzed buffalo statue to "Tiger" Williams, and the CO, "E" Division, D/Commr. D.K. Wilson presented two Bronze Clasps and Star.

*submitted by Cpl. G.G. McGee*



**CHILLIWACK PRESENTATIONS** (L-R): Sgt. F.G. Willmets, Supt. W.S. Craig, Dave "Tiger" Williams, D/Commr. D.K. Wilson, Sgt. F.G. Hansen.



**VETERANS' NEWS** The Okanagan Division of the Veterans' Association welcomed new member Jim Warren. Reg. No. 19276, Jack C.M. Thornton was

officially sworn into the Veterans' Association at the Vancouver Division September meeting. Welcome!

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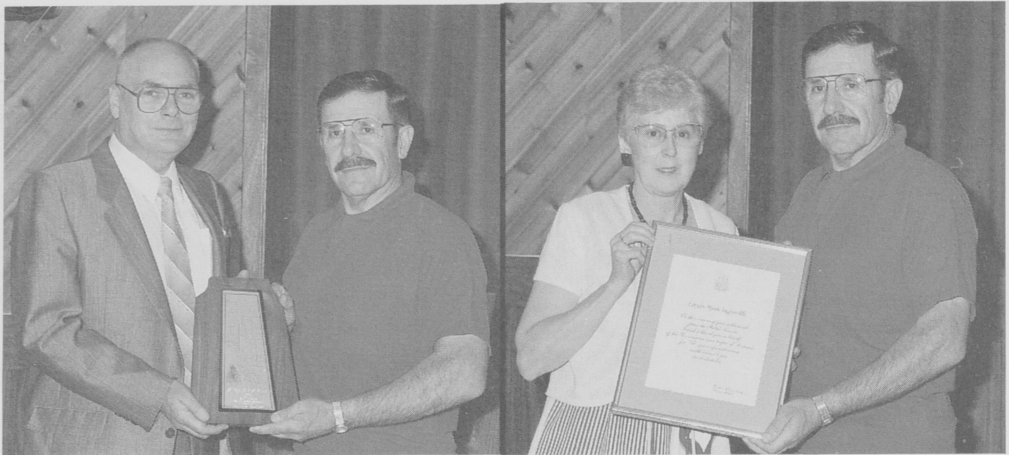
## "F" Division

Headquarters — Regina, Saskatchewan

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 34134, Cst. C.H. Foster and his wife, Lisa, twin sons, John Gordon and David Charles, on June 21, 1989, at Regina.



**SWIFT CURRENT SUB-DIVISION** Long Service Medals presentation, June 9, 1989. (L-R): Cpl. T.B. Scott, Csts R.B. Potter, D.L. Halliwell, Cpl. P.K. Fisher, the OC, Swift Current S/Div., Insp. A.J. Gramolini, the Hon. Pat Smith, MLA, the CO, A/Commr. C.I.C. Macdonell, Cpls B.L. Shiells, T.A. Trevors, and Cst. J.N. Fluker. (Insert) A/Commr. Macdonell presented CO's Commendations to Csts B.T. Oster and B.F.W. Jones, for entering a burning building three times to arouse and remove occupants on October 11, 1988, at Swift Current.



On June 17, 1989, the OC, Prince Albert Sub-Division, Supt. W.T. Procyk, presented mementoes to S/Sgt. Ron Smith, NCO i/c Prince Albert Detachment, retiring after 32 years, and to Mrs. Loreen Ingroville, Prince Albert Detachment clerk for over 13 years, retiring from the Public Service.

**DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY** On July 1, 1989, the town of Eastend celebrated its 75th anniversary with the help of local detachment members. Historically, the town figured prominently as far as the recorded past of the Force is concerned. East End, as the name was originally recorded, was the east end of the North-West Mounted Police (NWMP) trail leading from Fort Walsh.

In 1914, the village of Eastend was incorporated, and became a town in 1920. The original NWMP post boasted colourful Mounties such as Sam Gooch and J.J. Bird, or Dickie Bird as he was known. In 1917, the provincial force took over the NWMP's duties and then the RCMP regained police duties with the service of members such as constables Neville, Turnbull, and Ashby. It is not known for sure how long the RCMP ceased policing the town, but in the 30s, 40s, and 50s, Eastend was policed by several "town cops" as they were called. In 1966, Eastend signed a municipal contract with the Force, and permanent barracks were set up in 1968. Since then, the town has been policed by corporals such as George Lawson, Norman Knowles, Jim Lavery, Gerry Brooks, George Anderson, Ken Dakin and Pat Mills. Several constables have been posted there as well, and present-day duties are being carried out by Cst. Brian Morris.



(L-R): Sgt. W.C. Menzies and Cst. R.A.M. Harlos, Shaunavon Detachment, participated in the 75th anniversary parade with Cst. B.C. Morris.



In July, 1989, six-year-old Kelsi Borschnezk received a \$750 cheque from Cst. Darrell Robertson, President of the Battlefords and Area Recreation Club. Kelsi's travels to Saskatoon for leukemia treatments are a financial burden for her mother, Janice Piper (L). Recreation Club members voted unanimously to help ease the strain.

Photo courtesy of the *New Optimist*, North Battleford

**VETERANS' NEWS** Ron Ostrum and Mike Dwerlichuk were welcomed into the Veterans' Association by Ken McKenzie, President of the Regina Division of the Association.

## "G" Division

Headquarters — Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

**BIRTH** To Reg. No. 32642, Cpl. L.V. Desautels and his wife, Bev, a daughter, Kimberly Ann, on August 7, 1988, at Regina, Saskatchewan.

**RETIREMENT** For the past five years, Doris Itsi worked at Fort MacPherson Detachment as janitor. On April 1, 1989, she retired from this and her other position as guard, a position which she had held for the last 25 years. When asked why she was leaving, she responded with a sparkle in her eye, "Those security forms. I have 20 children and there is about 100 people in my family, including grandchildren. I can't get all that information on the forms." On a serious note, her health is not as good as it once was. She was also leaving her other position at the Canvas Shop, and she is about to start receiving her old age pension. Happy retirement Doris!

*submitted by Sgt. E.A. Defer*



As a token of appreciation, and on behalf of Fort MacPherson Detachment members, Cst. R. Piper (L), and Cst. R. McBride presented an appreciation award to Doris Itsi.





Cpl. D.D. Korotash (R), presented a Distinguished Sharpshooter Certificate to Cst. D.R. Erickson at a farewell gathering in Aklavik, in June, 1989. Cst. Erickson was one of the two recipients of this award in "G" Division, and is now NCO i/c, Snow-drift Detachment.

In the team spirit, Cst. Mayo volunteered the family blender, which had been a wedding gift from the Callan family. He returned promptly to the office, where the pair assembled the required ingredient: 10lb. of the dental stuff, because it was a big footprint. Then the water was poured, and the blender turned on... Rumour has it that as the mixture was whirling around in the blender, both constables were dancing around the machine singing, "A footprint, a footprint, now we can solve the crime!"; unfortunately, there is no evidence of this. As the potion neared the consistency of a milkshake, the dental stone "went off", as the ident. specialists would say. (Lay translation: the stuff started to harden.) Smoke poured from the blender motor as it laboured over the ever-hardening substance. Then silence... the blender had choked.

"Not a problem," chirped Callan. "Let's get those carbide drills and we can just drill it out, clean up the blender and bring it home. Next time your wife uses it, she will think that she did it, and no one will ever be wiser." No doubt Cst. Mayo was relieved by this suggestion, as we all know the importance of certain wedding gifts...

Well, when things go wrong, they don't get any better. Two carbide drill bits, a broken cold chisel and a blackened thumbnail later, the battle was

**NO IDENT. MEMBERS HERE** A rash of break and enters were taking place in Iqaluit, and Csts Phil Callan and Barry Mayo were having a hard time solving the case. They worked day and night, which if you are familiar with the North, you could say that they were working day in and day out because the sun does not set in the summertime. Then one day, a footprint was left in the sand at one of the scenes. The members danced around, chanting: "A footprint, a footprint, now we can solve the crime!"

But there was a small problem: NO IDENT. MEMBERS AVAILABLE - AOL (away on leave) UNTIL SPRING. Now in Iqaluit, that could mean forever. While Mayo continued chanting, Callan called Cpl. Stevely at Hay River Identification Section, to get his advice on how to make a plaster cast of the footprint for evidence.

Stevely advised them of the location of the dental stone in the ident. office, and how to mix it with water to the consistency of a milkshake. Then they would have to pour it on the footprint, wait a while, then lift off the cast. Easy — right? Well, two things would influence the outcome of this whole affair. Cst. Callan always wanted to be a dentist, so working with dental stone was a dream come true; second of all, he had been the top milkshake maker in Eastern Canada during his teens, and he therefore knew that a blender would give anything the consistency of a milkshake.



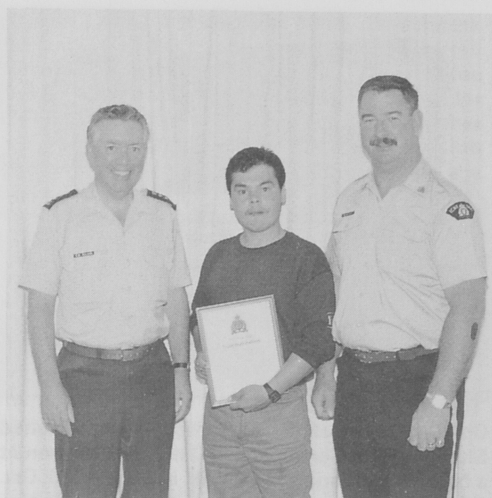
Evidently, there were no Ident. members here.

over; blender, 1, and Mayo/Callan, 0. The members later returned to the scene of the crime with a shoe box and a shovel to scoop up the footprint. When last seen, Callan was trying to reconstruct the sand into footprint, while Mayo was searching through manuals for a way to have the division FSS Branch pay for the blender. Neither were successful, and the blender is now the anchor for the detachment boat.

*submitted by Cpl. Dave Grundy,  
Division Drug Awareness Program*

**REGIMENTAL DINNER** Approximately 120 members, ex-members and friends of the Force from "M", "E" and "K" Divisions attended the "G" Division Regimental Dinner, held at the Explorer Hotel in Yellowknife on May 13, 1989. Guest speaker, ex-S/Sgt. Jim Armstrong, provided interesting stories and slides of his posting in Alexander Fiord. N.W.T. Commissioner John Parker received a plaque and an RCMP horse blanket. In keeping with the traditions of the Force, the CO, C/Supt. E.R. Wilson, served the meal to the junior member in attendance, Cst. J.E.R. Fillion.

*submitted by Cst. B.A. Florence*



On July 5, 1989, C/Supt. E.R. Wilson presented the Commanding Officer's Commendation to Mr. Roger Desjardins of Fort Rae, for his quick action when he took an axe away from a highly intoxicated individual who was about to strike Cst. J.E.M. Chauvin. In his attempt to arrest the individual, Chauvin had slipped on the ice, and was unable to protect himself. While Desjardins struggled with the individual, Chauvin was able to regain his footing and make the arrest.



Award recipients and guests attending the division Regimental Dinner (L-R), front row: N.W.T. Commissioner John Parker, Sgt. Bob O'Brien (LSM), Sgt. Gary Mills (LSM), the CO, C/Supt. E.R. Wilson, Cpl. Bob Nicholson (LSM), S/Sgt. Al Kirbyson (SCS), Sgt. Don Newman (SCS), and Sgt. Steve Goudie (CPCC). Back row: ex-S/Sgt. Jim Armstrong, the OIC, CIB, Supt. L. Callens, the OIC, A & P, Insp. E. Dennis, the OIC, Hay River S/Div., Insp. R. Epp, and the OIC, Red Deer S/Div., Supt. L. McKiel.

**LEGEND:** Canadian Police College Certificate (CPCC), Long Service Medal (LSM), Silver Clasp and Stars (SCS)



On May 13, 1989, more than 100 guests from Inuvik, Coppermine, Yellowknife and Ottawa enjoyed a Force tradition in the uniqueness of the Western Arctic, when they attended the first Hay River Sub-Division Regimental Dinner. Guest speaker Commissioner N.D. Inkster, members, and guests were treated to northern dishes like trout from the Great Slave Lake, and muskox from the Inuvik region.

*Submitted by Cst. R.D. Chadwick*

## "H" Division

Headquarters — Halifax, Nova Scotia



Insp. K.D. Byrt, Staffing and Personnel, swears in Reg. No. 41067, Cst. S.A. Sullivan, with his father, Reg. No. 22066, Sgt. D.A. Sullivan looking on.



**OFFICIAL OPENING** On January 19, 1989, Commissioner N.D. Inkster, Mr. J.M.F. Shoemaker, D/Commr. Corporate Management, the Director, Legal Services, Ms. C.F. Beckton, the CO, C/Supt. G.G. Leahy and the OC, Yarmouth Sub-Division,

Insp. T.W. Eggleston visited the new Meteghan Detachment. The official opening ceremonies took place on May 30, 1989, with Ms. Nadine Cooper-Mont, Deputy Solicitor General for Nova Scotia, performing the ribbon-cutting ceremonies.



(L-R) Standing: Insp. Egglestone, the President of the Chamber of Commerce Robert Thibault, the Président of the Fédération Acadienne Nouvelle-Écosse (FANE) Rev. Maurice Leblanc, the Secretary of the Municipality of Clare Delphius Comeau, and University of Ste-Anne rectors Omer Blinn and Gérald Boudreau. Sitting: C/Supt. Leahy, Commr. Inkster, D/Commr. Shoemaker, and Mrs. Beckton.

Photo courtesy of Harold Robicheau

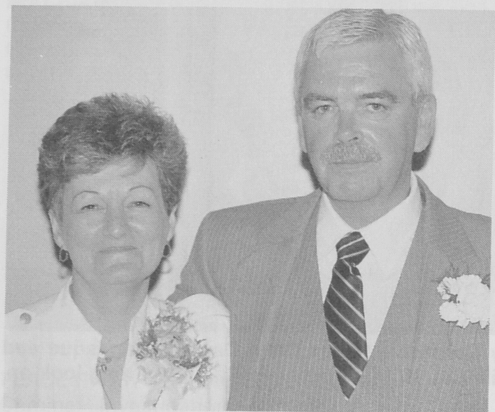


(L-R): Cst. C.M. Doucet, Public Works Canada Regional Director D. Samos, Clare warden Jean Mélançon, Alain Saulnier in the role of "Gabriel" for FANE, C/Supt. Leahy, Mrs. Cooper-Mont, Rev. Ulysse Doiron, Insp. Egglestone, Denise Lombard as "Évangéline" for FANE, and Cst. J.H.J.D. Turcotte.

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## "J" Division

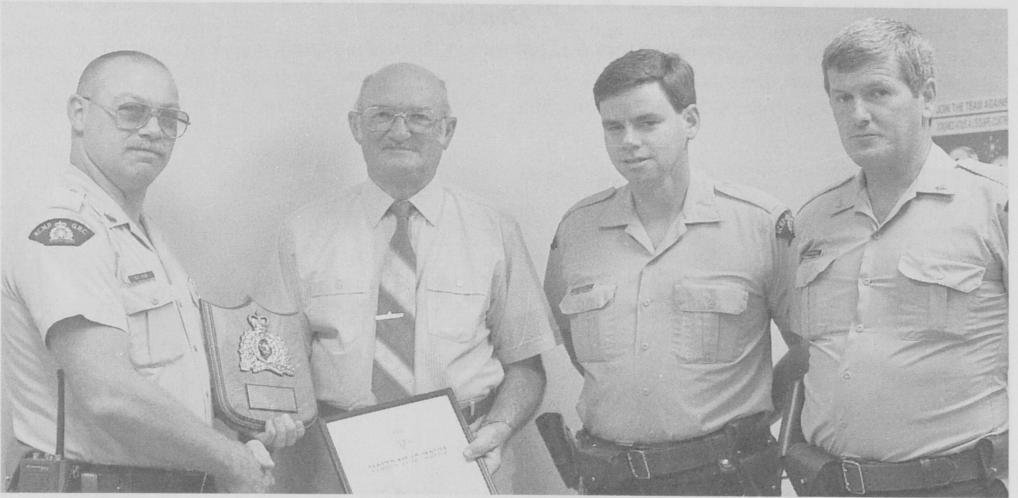
Headquarters — Fredericton, New Brunswick



Friends and family gathered at the Masonic Hall, Hampton, on June 10, 1989, to bid farewell to Cpl. Ian Vail, on his retirement after 30 years of service. Presentations were made to Ian and his wife, Rita, and an enjoyable evening was had by all.



Csts Marielle Michaud (R), and Mimi Mar were stationed at the Alma Summer Detachment in Fundy National Park, during the summer, 1989. This marks, not only the first time in Fundy National Park, but also a first in the history of the Force in New Brunswick: a two-member detachment staffed exclusively by female members.



Sgt. G. Cook presented Reg. No. A/116, Auxiliary Constable Elbert Craig Day with a plaque and certificate of service (March, 1963 June, 1989) while Cst. K. MacAuley and Cpl. C. Bunting look on. Photo courtesy of Wendy Mark, *The Observer*, Hartland, N.B.



The first Telecommunications Operator Field Training Program was held in Fredericton, April 18-27, 1989. This marks the first time that formalized instructions were developed to train Communications Centre personnel. Civilian members (C/Ms) from various divisions attended. (L-R) Front row: C.A. Hedges ("O" Div.), L. Couture, M. Desjardins and D. Proulx-Pharand ("J" Div.), J. Foston ("E" Div.), E.J. Kennedy and D.A. Ayles ("B" Div.), J.H. Reid ("H" Div.), and F. Marquis ("J" Div.). Back row: Sgt. L.M. Oickle (course coord. - Headquarters), J.M. Lavoie ("J" Div.), Cpl. A Lear (course policy monitor - Headquarters), M. Cousineau, W. Opie and R. Leclerc ("J" Div.).



## "K" Division

Headquarters — Edmonton, Alberta

**MARRIAGE** Reg. No. C/3000, C/M Victoria Gail Colonna, to Reg. No. A/3540, Auxiliary Cst. Christopher Harold Swan, on August 5, 1989, at Golden, British Columbia.



S/Sgt. W.D. Nicklin and Cst. B.F. Lloy, Stony Plain, present a \$1,850.80 cheque to T. Tomchuk, President of Stony Plain Victim Services Unit. Funds were raised as a result of two performances by the RCMP Band, at the Stony Plain Memorial Composite High School. Special guests included LaDawn Funk and her world junior ladies curling championship rink.

**PEACE RIVER SUB-DIVISION** On June 1, 1989, Criminal Investigations Officer, C/Supt. W.L. Holmes, the OC, Supt. V.A. Werbicki, and the Financial Services Officer, Supt. J.L. Healy, officiated at the opening of Slave Lake Detachment. Approximately 125 people attended the ceremonies, reception and tour of the new facilities.



**SLAVE LAKE DETACHMENT OPENING** (L-R) Front row: Cst. A.J. Rybka, Cpl. J.L.D. St-Pierre, Csts S.W. George and D.P. Hanson, municipal employees C. Wilton and K. Tanasiuk, P/S G. Pearson, and Supt. Werbicki. Back row: S/Cst. J.C. Klammer, Edmonton Air Services, Csts H.R. Dobson and G.W. Sedgewick, Supt. Healy, C/Supt. Holmes, and S/Sgt. R.D. Olsen.



Insp. D.N. McDermid, then OIC, Grande Prairie Detachment, presented Grande Prairie Regional College Foundation Chairperson Clem Collins with a \$5,485 cheque. The money was raised through a performance of the RCMP Band.

Photo by The Grande Prairie Daily Herald Tribune



On June 2, 1989, Cst. W.A. Fraser, Fort McMurray Crime Prevention and Victim Services Unit, was sworn into the Order of St. John as a Serving Brother, by Lieutenant Governor, Helen Huntley. Fraser is the superintendent for the Fort McMurray area.



(L-R): Cst. Barry Rumsey, Sgt. Wayne Gesy, Cpl. Cal Corley, S/Sgt. Ash Faith, Sgt. William Patton, and Insp. Vern Baugh gathered at the Senior NCOs' Mess, June 27, 1989, to honour Reg. No. S/2765, ex-S/Cst. Charles R. Whittaker, on his 100th birthday. Other congratulations were extended by President Bob Foster, Edmonton Division of the Veterans' Association, by Commissioner Norman Inkster, by ex-S/Sgt. Charles Cripps on behalf of the Boy Scouts Association, and by Dianne Prather on behalf of Branch 150, Strathcona, Royal Canadian Legion.

(Ed. note: Also hearty congratulations from *the Quarterly* staff.)

## "L" Division

Headquarters — Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

**FUNDRAISING CONCERT** Sgt. Terry Zinck, NCO i/c, Special "I", and Cpl. Don Smith, NCO i/c, Police Dog Service, organized a concert by the New Brunswick Country Showcase, the River Road Band, featuring Prince Edward Island entertainers, on June 24, 1989. "L" Division detachments and units provided assistance in this venture, with special thanks going to Jo Campbell, Cavendish Summer Detachment clerk. The \$2,100 raised were donated to the PEI Special Olympics and Children's Wish Foundation.

A general meeting and discussion of business was held in the afternoon of June 3. Octogenarian awards were presented to 10 veterans and the "Octogenarian Plus" award was presented to one member over 90 years of age. The ladies visited Government House, the Confederation Centre, and Province House. The weekend culminated with a banquet and dance, where head table guests, Commissioner and Mrs. Norman Inkster, the Hon. and Mrs. Wayne Cheverie, and Mayor and Mrs. William Ready were piped in by Cpl. Brian Walker. Cpl. Andy Arsenault sang the *RCMP Hymn*. Tributes were paid to PEI veterans for their efforts in hosting this annual meeting, and plaques were presented to Lou Pantry, Linda and Fred Lynch for their special efforts.

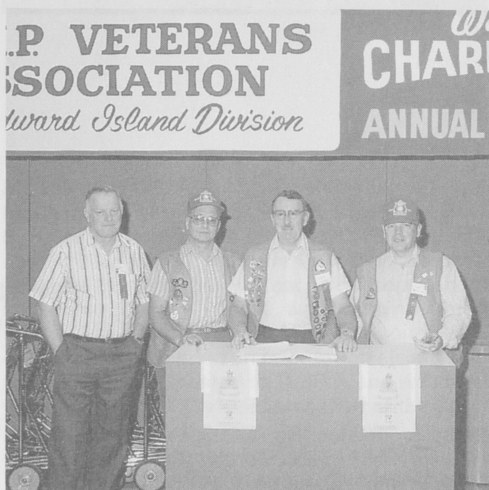


(L-R): Sgt. Terry Zinck, Mr. Lee Gauthier, the OIC, Criminal Operations, Insp. C.B. Jay, Mr. John McGuire, and Cpl. Don Smith.

Sunday, June 4, was yet another whirlwind of events: North Shore tour, lobster dinner at the fishermans' wharf in North Rustico, farewell wine and cheese at the Charlottetown home of PEI Association President Bush Dumville.

**VETERANS' NEWS** On June 2-4, 1989, close to 500 former members of the RCMP and their guests attended the 65th Annual General Meeting of the Veterans' Association, which was being held in Prince Edward Island for the very first time. Attendance records were broken with 451 paid registrants, and 476 guests at the banquet.

On June 1, a reception was held at the CP Prince Edward Hotel, for the members of the national executive. The next day, a luncheon hosted by the CO, "L" Division, the Officers' and NCOs' Messes, was held for national board members and PEI executives. The president's reception that evening featured a "down east" night of dining, dancing, entertainment, a casino and auction. There were over 40 food selections in the lobster/beef buffet.



Transportation Committee members (L-R): Ed Hamilton, Chuck MacKeen, Earl Elliott, and Damien Dumsford, greeted all delegates arriving by air over a five-day period at the Charlottetown Airport.

The veterans were treated to island hospitality at its finest by the members of the "little division that could", and host committee members: chairman, Lou Pantry; secretary/treasurer, Fred Lynch; corresponding secretary, Linda Lynch; entertainment committee members Harry Kennedy and Bush Dumville; transportation committee members Earl Elliott, Ed Hamilton, Chuck McKeen, Damien Dunsford; spouse program, Marshall MacKinnon; sergeant-at-arms, "Mac" MacDonald; audio arrangements, Larry Gillis. Other members also deserve recognition for their efforts: Jim Hatcher, Bob McCann, Ed Dornan, Jack Emmett, Doug Hender, Frank Graham, Bernie MacDonald, Peter Sorenson, Gene Beatty, Royce Greene, Al Johnston, Don Webster, Chet Campbell, Mat Hagan, Doug George and John Matheson.



(L-R): Commissioner Norman Inkster, Halifax President Merle Adamson, oldest veteran in attendance, John Smaridge, and National Chairman Mitch Owens.



Past and present "L" Division Commanding Officers, (L-R): Louis G. Pantry, H.R. "Hap" Armstrong, and Sterling McNeil.

## "M" Division

Headquarters — Whitehorse, Yukon Territory

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 37265, Cst. A.R. Lane and his wife, Irene, a son, Jordan Robert, on July 12, 1989, at Whitehorse.

To Reg. No. 36263, Cst. R.D.T. Noack and his wife, Mary Ann, a daughter, Carrie Lynn, on September 27, 1989, at Whitehorse.



## "O" Division

Headquarters — Toronto, Ontario

**BIRTH** To Reg. No. 31845, Cpl. E.B. Allen and his wife, Nancy, a son, Christopher Brian, on June 27, 1984, at Oakville, Ontario.

**HOCKEY TOURNAMENTS** Ten teams participated in the annual "O" Division Hockey Tournament hosted by Sarnia Detachment on February 8, 1988. A team of unlikely winners from Simcoe, Oakville, Mississauga and Toronto Airport Detachments beat the tough competition from Sault Ste. Marie Sub-Division. Proceeds raised were donated to the Sarnia Chapter of the Big Brothers Association.

On February 9-10, 1989, the reigning champs from Simcoe Detachment hosted the annual hockey tournament. Niagara Detachment defeated Windsor in the finals. Goal tender Larry Hayes, Niagara, won the most valuable goalie award; Cpl. John Wheelihan, Airport Detachment, won the most valuable player award, and Cpl. James (Mudd) Grimshaw, of the Simcoe, Mississauga and Oakville team, won the McKinnon Memorial trophy for the most sportsman-like player. A total of \$2,000 were donated to the Simcoe-Delhi Minor Hockey Association.

*submitted by Cst. Randy Fraser,  
Simcoe Detachment*



With the help of an unidentified member of the Simcoe-Delhi Minor Hockey Association, the OIC, London Sub-Division, Supt. R.A. Hannam, dropped the puck at the opening game between London and Sault Ste. Marie Sub-Divisions.

*Photo by the Delhi News Record*



**MOUNTIE FOR A DAY** Twelve-year-old Eric McCharles of Mississauga won the Toronto Lester B. Pearson International Airport (TLBPIA) Detachment Police Week "Mountie for a Day" contest. On June 21, 1989, he was escorted from school in a marked police vehicle, and was welcomed by the A/OIC, Insp. Wayne May. Eric toured the detachment, attended an orientation class given to new members posted to TLBPIA, and was then welcomed to "O" Division, on behalf of the Commanding Officer, by Supt. Larry Proke. He was given a comprehensive tour of the air traffic control centre and control tower, and had lunch with Airport General Manager, Mr. Chern Heed. "Mountie for a Day" Eric McCharles, received a plaque from Insp. Wayne May (R), while his partner for the day, Cst. Roy Luscombe, looks on.

*Photo by Ron Sculthorpe*

**AWARDS CEREMONY** On May 30, 1989, the CO, "O" Division, A/Commr. R.M. Culligan, and A/Commr. F.A. Howe (retired), presented various long service awards, officers' parchments and a Suggestion Award Certificate. A/Commr. Culligan also presented the CO's Commendation to four

members of Toronto Commercial Crime Section for their part in the lengthy investigation of a sophisticated and complex international fraud case involving several hundred thousand dollars.

*submitted by Insp. R.A. MacDonald*



**AWARDS CEREMONY** (L-R): Cpl. V.K. Secord, Sgt. B.M. Reteff, Cpl. H.E. Thompson, Sgt. G.A. Gunn (COC), Cpl. N.J. Smith (LSM), A/Commr. R.M. Culligan, A/Commr. F.A. Howe (retired), Sgt. B.P. Thomas, Cpl. W.G. Johnston, Sgts T.R. Gammon, P. Fatijewskyj (LSM), Cst. M.D. Adair (SA), Sgt. R.T. Boyd (LSM), C/M D.M. Grainger (NB). (Insert) Insp. A.J. Cronan, W.R. Black (OP), A/Commr. Culligan, A/Commr. Howe (retired), and Supt. L.R. Proke (SCS).

**Legend:** Commanding Officer's Commendation (COC), Long Service Medal (LSM), Nickel Badge - 20 years service (NB), Officer's Parchment (OP), Suggestion Award (SA), Silver Clasp and Stars (SCS)

Photo by C/M J. Gieruszczak, Toronto Forensic Ident. Section



On Canada Day, 1989, the Toronto Blue Jays Baseball Club and the Secretary of State Canada Day Committee invited Sgt. Rick Morris (L), and Cpl. Garnet Wheadon to escort Maureen Forrester, who sang the Canadian and American national anthems at the new Toronto Dome Stadium.

Photo by Gord Stevens, Toronto Blue Jays



Members from Pembroke won the Best Police Team award at the Upper Ottawa Valley Police Golf Tournament, August 30, 1989. (L-R): Probation/Parole Officer Mike Bradbury, Csts Guy Martin, Al Bennett and Pierre Dubé.



On August 2, 1989, Mrs. Betty Wright retired after 31 years at Sudbury Detachment. A party was held on June 23, and Mrs. Wright received several gifts, including an original mining sculpture designed by Peter Ellero, presented to her by the A/NCO i/c Sudbury Detachment, Sgt. Ron Duguay. We wish Betty and her husband, Clayton, a happy and well-deserved retirement.



On June 2, 1989, Minister of Transport, the Hon. Benoît Bouchard, presented an award of excellence to Reg. No. S/2821, S/Cst. C.A. Macdonald, Toronto Lester B. Pearson International Airport Detachment, and to the airport duty manager, a Canada Customs official and two members of Toronto Metropolitan Ambulance, for their joint efforts in stabilizing an eight-day-old infant weighing less than 2 lb., who had gone into stress trauma during a neo-natal transfer at the airport.



**VISITORS FROM LANCASHIRE** The Lancashire Constabulary Fanfare Trumpeters performed at the Britannia Show, from April 26, to May 3, 1989, and appeared in different period uniforms of the English Constabulary. As shown in the photograph, (L-R), Lancashire Police Constable 1107, Keith Wilson stationed at Ormskirk, wears the current day uniform, as worn by officers of the Lancashire Constabulary since 1980. Lancashire Police Constable 1276, Edwin Bull stationed at Haslingden, wears the uniform of the Blackpool Borough Police Force, standard uniform of the Lancashire Constabulary from 1923-1974, with the exception of the distinctive white helmet.

Retired Detective Inspector Ross Simms of the Metropolitan Police wears the uniform of Police Sergeant 700 Dixon, of the television series "Dixon of Dock Green", portrayed by actor Jack Warner. This uniform was used during the series until 1968, and was a replica of the uniforms worn by London's Metropolitan Police from 1945-1968.

Lancashire Police Constable 2473, Philip Cross stationed at Chorley, wears the uniform of the Worcester City Police for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth in 1953. The helmet was standard for the City Force at that time. Lancashire Chief Superin-

tendant, Michael Heaton wears the uniform of the City of London Reserve Officer during 1939-1945, complete with gas mask, respirator and tin hat. Lancashire Police Sergeant 1265, Christopher Andrews stationed at Fleetwood Ports Unit, wears the uniform of the Glamorgan, now South Wales Constabulary, during 1907. It was first worn for the visit of Edward VII. Lancashire Police Constable 647, John Barker stationed at Headquarters Community Affairs Department, wears the 1870 Peelers uniform, just prior to the change-over to helmets. Here we see the complete uniform with frock coat and Peeler hat.

Lancashire Police Constable 2436, David Holland stationed at Great Harwood, wears the uniform of a Divisional Superintendent during 1860, worn by most county forces (also known as riding out dress). Lancashire Police Constable 2613, Martin Jebb stationed at Colne, wears the first Peelers uniform of 1831. The white trousers were purchased from the naval dockyards.

Reg. No. 25880, RCMP Sergeant Rick Morris stationed at "O" Division headquarters, wears the RCMP Review Order No.1 with striped Sam Browne, which has been worn since 1903.







It took a real joint effort to win the first annual Sergeants' Mess Slo-Pitch Tournament. The winning team consisted of RCMP, U.S. Customs (USC), Canada Customs (CC), and RCMP support staff members. (L-R) Front row: Cst. Lynn Baril, Barrie Detachment, Emma Constantini (CC), Brenda Clouthier, coach Cst. Peter Porter, Toronto Lester B. Pearson International Airport (TLBPIA) Detachment, and Hugo Rex (USC). Second row: Cst. Kim Bergman, Newmarket Detachment, Donna Muir, John Keeshig (CC), Cst. Stéphane Langlois, TLBPIA Detachment, and Cpl. Terry Brown, Kitchener Detachment. Third row: Chuck Sorce (USC), S/Sgt. Gerry Denstedt, S/Cst. Chris Smith, Cst. Barb Vincent, and Cst. Ron Fields, TLBPIA Detachment. Missing: Joanne Cardozo and Cst. Pierre Brière, Newmarket Detachment.



The OIC, Toronto Drug Section, Insp. Doug Ewing, recently presented the Silver Clasp and Stars to S/Sgt. Don Kennedy (centre), in the presence of his son, Gordon.



On May 28, 1989, Sgt. P.L. Beselaere entered the 1989 Young Drivers of Canada Championships Regional 911 Challenge, along with other members of the RCMP, York Regional, Metropolitan Toronto, and Ontario Provincial Police forces. Sgt. Beselaere won the event and was the first recipient of the 911 Challenge plaque, presented by Mr. Reno Minichiello.



The Toronto Lester B. Pearson International Airport Detachment was involved again this year in a work experience program involving three area students who were posted there to experience "life as a cop." Shannon McDougall (not shown) of Phillip Pocock Secondary School, Lisa Haines of Sheridan College, and David Linton of Chinguacousy Secondary School, made many new friends. (L-R) Photo 1: S/Cst. P. Banks, Cst. R. Luscombe, S/Cst. K. Cosman, Lisa Haines, Cpl. R. Watt, S/Sgt. K. Cornforth, and Cpl. W. Young. Photo 2: S/Cst. J.L.J. Pageau, Cst. Y. Goupil, S/Sgt. W. Armstrong, Cst. M.A.M. Viveiros, David Linton, S/Cst. A. Gollob, Cst. C. Coffill, and S/Cst. M. Schutte.

**VETERANS' NEWS** Reg. No. 31181, Donald Wayne Lunau and Reg. No. 18071, Carlyle Whitman Potter were inducted into the Veterans' Association by Toronto Division President Keith Trail.

## RCMP Academy at Depot Division

Regina, Saskatchewan



Because of a recent reorganization, Depot Division was renamed RCMP Training Academy, and now reports to the Director of Training. The Director, A/Commr. G.L. McCully, inspected the Sergeant Major's parade for the first time, on September 25, 1989, and attended the graduation ceremonies of Troop 26 (1988-89).

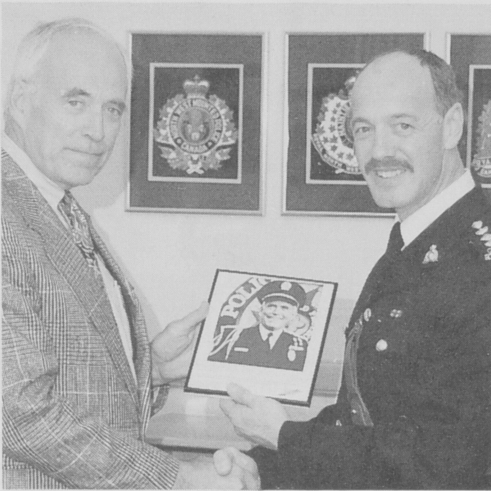


**ROYAL VISIT** Their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of York, visited the Training Academy on July 25, 1989, as part of their day-long visit to Regina. They attended the March Past of the troops, and visited the academic building, the gymnasium, the chapel and the museum. The royal visit ended with a farewell at the provincial Legislative Building in the evening, where members of the Academy performed a Sunset Retreat Ceremony. (L-R): C/Supt. W.R. Spring and H.R.H. Prince Andrew.



S/Sgt. Ray Hale, NCO i/c Physical Training Section, retired in October, 1989, after spending 15 of his 26 years of service at the Training Academy. Members of the Fitness, Swimming and Self-Defence Units under his command gathered for a group photo before he retired with his family to Berwick, King's County, Nova Scotia. (L-R) Sitting: S/Sgt. J.P. Ron Duguay (Hale's replacement), Sgt. A. Bonnell, ex-S/Sgt. R. Hale, Sgt. T. Mattatall, Cpls R. Landry, and D. Nadeau. First row: Cpls M. Raymond, J.P. Veillette, L. Sauvé, G. Terriault, R. Roy, and L. Delorme. Second row: Cpls J.C.R. Tardif, J.N.A. Pelletier, P.R. Wilson, R.G. Franklin, J.A.G. Gagnon, W.J. Plimmer, J.D. Ouellette, and T.L. Gibbon. Missing from photo: Cpl. M.A.R. Pharand.





Hollywood star George R. Robertson, also known as Commissioner Hurst in the *Police Academy* film series, visited the Training Academy on September 27, 1989, while in Regina during his cross-country tour as national chairman for the Jeunesse UNICEF Youth Fundraising Campaign. He displayed a remarkable knowledge of the Force, which he gained while writing and starring in the film *Dawson Patrol*, and presented C/Supt. W.R. Spring with a signed photograph of himself as Commissioner of the Police Academy.

**SERGEANT MAJOR'S LAST PARADE** July 21, 1989, marked the last official inspection for S/M Ray L.J. Mercier, (foreground), seen here with C/Supt. W.R. Spring (L), and Supt. A. Antoniuk. Insp. Mercier received his commission and is now the OIC, Kingston Sub-Division, "O" Division, Ontario.



On July 17-18, 1989, Ms. Kay Stanley, Coordinator for Status of Women Canada, toured the facilities, attended the graduation ceremonies of Troop 20 (1988/89), and addressed the graduates during the banquet. Ms. Stanley is seen here, during the Sergeant Major's parade, with (L-R): the Training Officer, Supt. A. Antoniuk; the CO, "B" Division, C/Supt. R.C. Currie, and the CO, Training Academy, C/Supt. W.R. Spring.





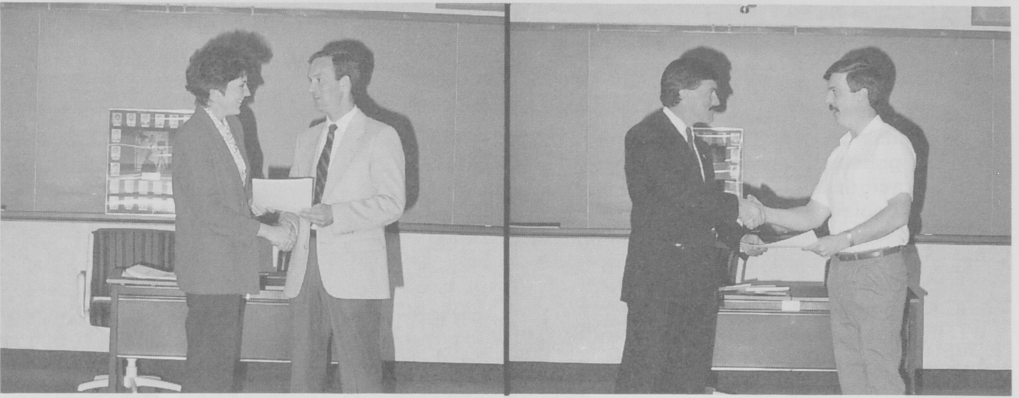
**17TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE** (L-R): On September 10, 1989, the CO, Training Academy, C/Supt. W.R. Spring, Commissioner N.D. Inkster, and the CO, "F" Division, A/Commr. C.I.C. Macdonell, attended the church parade and wreath-laying ceremony. Plaques were dedicated to the memory of Reg. No. 31162, Cpl. Derek J. Flanagan, and Reg. No. 40153, Cst. Della S. Beyak. The Commissioner presented Cpl. Flanagan's police badge to his wife, Fiona, and Cst. Beyak's badge to her parents, Paul and Sophie Beyak.



**WORLD POLICE AND FIRE GAMES III** Eight instructors represented the Training Academy at the 1989 games held in Vancouver, British Columbia, from July 31 to August 5. The competition was stiff, but the group brought back seven gold and two bronze medals. (L-R) standing: Cpl. Brian Ross, Armourer Section, gold medal in pistol master team; Cpl. Serge Bissonnette, Firearms Section, gold medals in rifle individual small bore, individual large bore, team small bore and team large bore; Sgt. Brian Scott, Human Relations Unit, participated in the golf event; Sgt. Terry Mattatall, i/c Physical Training, participated in the golf and defensive driving events; Sgt. Wayne Ross, Admin. NCO, participated in the golf event; S/M Yvon Mercier, Sergeant Major's office, bronze in trapshooting open class. Sitting: Cpl. Dennis Krauze, Firearms Section, gold in pistol master team and bronze pistol individual master; Cpl. Millie Norry, Firearms Section, gold in pistol master team.

## Canadian Police College

Rockcliffe, Ontario



**FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION COURSE GRADUATES** (L-R): The first female member to graduate from this course and enter the understudy year as an identification specialist, Cst. Tracy L. Ramsey, Brandon Sub-Division, Manitoba, received her certificate from Insp. R. Lesser, OIC, Specialized Training Section. Cst. Larry A. Handy, Coquitlam Detachment, British Columbia, received his certificate from his brother, Sgt. Doug Handy, Identification Section, Ottawa Police, who graduated from the course in 1986.



On June 29, 1989, the Identification Training Unit lost one of its most experienced identification technicians, S/Sgt. Roger Couture, also known as the "Silver Fox", retiring after 35 years of service. Roger had been teaching since 1974, and in charge of the training unit since 1981. Attending the farewell party were: S/Sgt. Blair and Carol Meating, ex-S/Sgt. Dave and Clair Smith, Sgt. Jean-Marc and Louise Desrochers, Sgt. Mike and Marylyne O'Donnell, Sgt. Lawren and Suzanne Nause, Sgt. Paul and Suzanne Morin, Sgt. Luc and Colleen Maltais, and Roger and Jeanine Couture.

# Promotions

## HEADQUARTERS — (Ottawa, Ontario)

**Assistant Commissioner** — C/Supts N.A. Doucette, R.H.D. Head

**Chief Superintendent** — Supts D.J. Fox, J.C.A.P.L. Génereux, G.E. Godfrey, D.A. Bradford

**Superintendent** — Insp J.A.J. L'Abbé, J.F.L.C. Sweeney

**Inspector** — S/Sgts J.G.R. Bordeleau, M.B. Lemay, R.M.S. Kraus, J.M.J. Hanssens, J.P.R. Poitras

— Sgts E.C.D. Chapman, E.D. Paquin, M.J. Dundon, H.L. Kennedy, R.A. MacIntyre

**Staff Sergeant** — Sgts G.B. Braun, J.R.G. Koehler, J.Y.P. Dubeau, V.S.J. Gareau, J.E.J. Deguire, N.R. Hooper, S.H. Neville, R.J. Young

**Sergeant** — Cpls M.E. Embury, D.E. Franklin, J.D.L. Maltais, L.W. Moore, D.E. Ramsay, J.P.M. Bélanger, J.P. Blais, J.A.J. Buisson, O.L.J. Champigny, D.R. Domenie, H.E. Doornbos, W.T. Forsythe, D.G. Hobbs, C.L. Lovenuk, W.J. Mead, D.B. Nicholson, H.B. Nielsen, R.R. Parkin, D.R. Tipple, J.R.F. Vanhoutte, R.L. Archer, J.G. Fyfe, H.B. Williams

**Corporal** — Csts B.V. Mayer, G.R.J. Boisjoli, J.D.A. Constant, R.J. Fraser, J.P. Olbort, J.F.B. Rémillard, J.E.A. Houde, J.F.S. McDonagh

**Civilian Member** — C/Ms A.W.S. Beattie, L.G. Bunbury, J.V. Lalonde, R.F. Dent, J.H.M. Desrochers, J.C.J. Hébert, M.A.G. Leblanc, J.J.A. Richard, J.A.V. Robillard, F.M.A. Gélinas, D.W. Pharoah, M.P. Crozier, B.W. Hunt, J.P.R. Joubarne, G. Kelly, M.J.S. Pearson, D.R. Lampman, B.G. Deugo-Mills, J.M. Fortin, J.M. Mason, E.A. McConnell, F.J. White, G.E. Beiko, M.G.G.C. Partenza, W.F. Lucas, M.L. Drost, S.C. Aynsley, M.T. Fabbro

## "A" DIVISION — (Ottawa, Ontario)

**Inspector** — S/Sgt. D.F. Gork  
— Sgt. J.A.M.C. Cuerrier

**Staff Sergeant** — Sgts J.O.D. Auger, J.G.A. Gamble

**Sergeant** — Cpls J.L. Babin, J.A.G. Poitras

**Corporal** — Csts M.T.D. Bérubé, G.R.G. Dorion, J.L.S. Lafond, J.M.H.J. Morin, J.M. Demerath

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

**Superintendent** — Insp J.E.G. Grant, E.H. Kaiser

**Inspector** — S/Sgt. H. Avery

**Sergeant** — Cpls G.D. Bass, E. North, G.J. Smith, E.P. Walsh

**Corporal** — Csts H.W. Bourden, F.R. Skidmore, W.J. Smith, J.H. Davidson, A. Duffett, R.W. Griffith, D.J.V. MacDonald, K.F. McIsaac, R.B. Mallowney

**"C" DIVISION — (Montréal, Quebec)**

**Superintendent** — Insp. J.H.C. Desroches

**Inspector** — Sgts J.A.R. Bérubé, J.J.P. Droz

**Sergeant** — Cpls J.A.G. Bossé, J.L.G. Caron, J.N.P. Jeannotte, J.M.J.M. Laquerre, J.A.P.G. Lescadre, J.A.G. St-Onge, J.J.R.R. Boivin, J.B.J.M. Bossé

**Corporal** — Csts J.C.H. Essiembre, G.J. Hadley, J.P.C. Comtois, J.A.R. Darveau, J.J.R. Dion, J.P.E.M. Frappier, J.P.M. Gauthier, J.A.D.J. L'Heureux, J.M.D. Martin, J.P.M. Tardif, J.G.M.R. Trudel

**Civilian Member** — C/M J.R.A. Pomerleau

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**"D" DIVISION — (Winnipeg, Manitoba)**

**Superintendent** — Insp. N.B. Ayers, E.D. Dore

**Inspector** — S/Sgts C.R.E. Bothe, W.A. Roney  
— Sgt. J.A. Hislop

**Staff Sergeant** — Sgts W.F. Bohn, K.A. Craig, G.W. Elliott, L.F. Pregitzer

**Sergeant** — Cpls F.G. Kristjanson, K.G. Morrison, D.R. Noseworthy, R.G. Bereza

**Corporal** — Csts L.C. Forbes, R.B. Lyman, G.W. Carter, M. Rynar, J.J. Van Mulligen

**Civilian Member** — C/M P.E.A. Van Drunen

**ACADEMY — (Regina, Saskatchewan)**

**Inspector** — S/M R.L.J. Mercier  
— Sgts G. Soucy, J.J.A. Fontaine

**Sergeant** — Cpl. J.C.G. Chartier

**Corporal** — Csts T.L. Gibbon, J.R.G. Moreau, J.W.R. Roy, L.J.J.C. Sauvé, J.L. Best, J.E.J. Brassard, J.B.G.F. Desfossés, L.M. Dudgeon, R.P. Gauthier, J.M.D. Nadeau, E.W. Plitz, R.T. Smart, J.J.R. Touchette, J.J.P.A. Veillette, G.J. Vincent, J.R. Woychuk

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**"E" DIVISION — (Vancouver, British Columbia)**

**Superintendent** — Insp. K.A. Thompson, B.A. Beaudreau, G.L. Foulon, R.H. Waller, D.G. Cowley, T.M. Quilley

**Inspector** — Sgts D.M. Clark, A.R. Speevak

**Staff Sergeant** — Sgts R.G. Babcock, J.T.A.T. Dixon, S.F. Leach, R.W. Legge, D.N. Marchand, M.J. Sawatsky, A.M. Aleksich, F. Baruta, I.J. Callens, W.W. Mohn

**Sergeant** — Cpls E.R. Drozda, L.F.J. Plante, F.E. Armstrong, W.R. Bennett, K.E. Colonval, D.K. Dunn, W.J. Eglinski, J.M. Farrell, W.A. Fredin, R.J. Gray, D.A. Holmes, J.P. McKernan, W.D. Treleaven, D.A. Chadney, J.J.F. Dorey, R.P. Maitland, K.J. Morris, O.A. Nickel, R.G. Scheelar, R.R. Scheller, E.G.J. Spence, R.W. Ulinder

**Corporal** — Csts D.L. Klassen, P.R. Willms, K.A. Bennington, B.H. Coleman, P.A. Holmes, P.J. Juby, J.S. McNab, G.D. McRae, T.D. Neuls, M.L. Ryan, G.C. Aune, D.G. Didyk, G.E. Fielding, G.L. Gfellner, B.W. Gordon, J.D. Hunter, D.W. Knoll, G.S. McKenna, T.A. Middleton, D.I. Morse, R.I. Morse, C.R. Muckalt, J.C. Straker, H.D. Walden, R.C. Zimmerman



**Civilian Member** — C/Ms L.K. Adams, C. Graves

**"H" DIVISION** — (Halifax, Nova Scotia)

**Superintendent** — Insp. G. Timko

**Staff Sergeant** — Sgts J.J. Hackett, M. Kramers

**Sergeant** — Cpls D.R. Foley, C.J. Foxe, D.R. King, J.J. King, P.J. Kelly

**Corporal** — Csts A.D. Darrah, K.J. Doane, J.P.D. Parent, D.G. Briggs, J.B. McCormack

**"F" DIVISION** — (Regina, Saskatchewan)

**Staff Sergeant** — Sgts J.W. Somers, B.A. MacKeil, G.C. McRae

**Sergeant** — Cpls D.C. Beggs, R.J. Williams, J.K.J. Beasse

**Corporal** — Csts W.A. McKinnon, W.D. Axley, J.S. Bell, D.A. Hardy, D.A. Horn, J.E. Mills, F.R. Stevenson, R.M. Torgunrud, B.A. McLeod, E. Teichreb

**Special Constable** — S/Cst. M.L. Campbell

**"J" DIVISION** — (Fredericton, New Brunswick)

**Superintendent** — Insps F. Matchim, J.A. Rivard, L.E. Thomas

**Staff Sergeant** — Sgts F.M. Fearon, M.A. Munroe, J.G.Y. Renauld, A.R. Parnell, L.C. Doucet, B.E. Durling, J.G.M. Ouellette

**Sergeant** — Cpls J.N. Hachey, J.G.G.M.P. Lemonde, G.D. Roach

**"G" DIVISION** — (Yellowknife, Northwest Territories)

**Staff Sergeant** — Sgts D.W. Creighton, R.J. Kruger

**Sergeant** — Cpls W.J. Code, E.P. Farrell

**Corporal** — Csts G.A. Asels, D.R. Erickson, R.J. Fast, P.W. Hourihan, J.B.C. Fortin, P.R. Simonson, E.R. Streeter

**Corporal** — Csts J.Y.F.P.Y. Bourduas, D.A. Brown, G.D. Watson, J.P.C. Beaudoin, B. Bergevin, R.J.T. Bertrand, J.P.D. Boudreau

**"K" DIVISION** — (Edmonton, Alberta)

**Superintendent** — Insps A.O. Maguire, K.D. Gerhardt

**Inspector** — S/Sgt. H.B. Cox  
— Sgt. B. Anderson

**Staff Sergeant** — Sgts S.M.G. Chance, J.W. Metcalfe, P.J.C. Murdoch, B. Van Wert

**Sergeant** — Cpls H.P.H.C. Eichmann, D.C. Lock, A.W. Mahon, R.P. Reinhardt, C.G. Schmietenknop, R.J. Vardy

**Corporal** — Csts M.W. Gudzowaty, R.B. Reichert, M.W. Self, C.B. Smith, D.R. Blair, K.J. Graham, L.E. Ireland, S.D. MacDonald, D.C. McPherson, R.W. Swan

**Special Constable** — S/Cst. H. Dekok

**Civilian Member** — C/M F.A. Vanderham

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**"L" DIVISION — (Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island)**

**Inspector** — Sgt. B.E. Robinson

**Sergeant** — Cpl. J.A. Arsenault

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**"M" DIVISION — (Whitehorse, Yukon Territory)**

**Chief Superintendent** — Supt. J.R. Gilholme

**Inspector** — Sgt. J.F. Skrine

**Staff Sergeant** — Sgt. J.F. King

**Sergeant** — Cpl. B.M. Comeau

**Corporal** — Csts T.A. Grant, L.T. Cusator

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**"O" DIVISION — (Toronto, Ontario)**

**Inspector** — S/Sgts B.L. Campbell, C.J. Doyle, W.P. Gagné, J.J. Healey, R.G. Dicks

**Staff Sergeant** — Sgts R.F. Good, O. Rannaoja, G.R. McIntee

**Sergeant** — Cpls G.D. Hall, M.G. O'Malley, J.T. Kupusa, J. Schmidt, J.W. Shaw

**Corporal** — Csts C.E. Oliver, D.F. Dillon, K.G.J. Johncox, R.P. Jones, R.D.C. Lafortune, M.J. Thomson, W.L.I. Babenko, J.R.M. Goulet, J.A.B. Juteau, M.E. Moloney, G.R. Thompson

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# Retirements

The following members of the Force retired to pension.

Reg. No.	Rank	Name	Division	Date
0.0712	C/Supt.	Anderson, J.M.	HQ	89-08-27
0.0775	A/Commr.	Stamler, R.T.	HQ	89-07-31
0.0810	Supt.	Aitken, J.	"A"	89-10-01
0.0839	C/Supt.	Crosse, G.R.	HQ	89-09-03
0.0846	Supt.	Beaulieu, Y.E.J.	"K"	89-04-07
0.0848	Supt.	Larose, L.G.	HQ	89-10-01
0.0905	C/Supt.	Bell, R.G.	Academy	89-07-04
0.0942	Supt.	Hooper, J.E.	"E"	89-07-16
0.0986	Insp.	Dunham, L.E.	HQ	89-07-02
0.1003	Supt.	Murphy, H.E.	"B"	89-07-31
0.1006	Supt.	Robicheau, H.J.	"J"	89-07-23
0.1235	Insp.	Evans, P.R.	"B"	89-05-01
0.1384	Insp.	MacKay Jr., N.H.	"E"	89-07-28
17085	S/Sgt.	Dzikowski, R.A.	"A"	89-06-30
17379	S/Sgt.	Burgess, D.J.A.	"E"	89-07-07
17730	S/Sgt.	Wood, J.K.	"A"	89-08-31
17970	S/Sgt.	Holm, C.L.	"F"	89-07-28
18221	S/Sgt.	Brown, C.L.	"E"	89-08-31
18228	S/Sgt.	Cunningham, R.E.	"E"	89-07-28
18494	S/Sgt.	Major, R.J.	HQ	89-06-30
18547	S/Sgt.	Eppy, G.G.	"K"	89-04-11
19251	S/Sgt.	Jans, J.G.	"H"	89-08-28
19276	Cpl.	Thornton, J.C.M.	"E"	89-09-05
19284	Sgt.	Charron, J.J.M.	"C"	89-06-18
19321	Sgt.	MacKey, R.W.	"E"	89-06-02
19401	Sgt.	McAndrew, C.A.	"H"	89-08-22
19418	Sgt.	Prokopchuk, M.	"O"	89-09-05
19452	Sgt.	Martin, D.R.	"E"	89-06-03
19455	S/Sgt.	Orobko, S.	"O"	89-09-29
19623	S/Sgt.	Hall, H.W.	"O"	89-09-06
19867	S/Sgt.	Kirk, F.W.M.	"D"	89-06-30
19969	S/Sgt.	Couture, J.E.G.R.	HQ	89-06-30
20037	Sgt.	Lucko, G.D.	"E"	89-09-09
20116	S/Sgt.	Swim, C.J.	HQ	89-09-09
20135	S/Sgt.	Smith, M.J.	"O"	89-08-20
20447	S/Sgt.	Switzer, J.A.R.	"E"	89-07-12
20699	Cpl.	Giesbrecht, A.R.P.	"E"	89-07-31
20794	S/Sgt.	Mainman, E.R.	"K"	89-06-30
20878	S/Sgt.	Mathieu, J.E.J.	"A"	89-09-24
20997	S/Sgt.	Larson, M.L.	"K"	89-08-14
21013	S/Sgt.	Johnstone, J.E.	"E"	89-07-15
21370	Sgt.	Bamford, R.G.	"E"	89-09-09
21391	Sgt.	Brewster, L.E.	"K"	89-10-25
21396	S/Sgt.	Hyde, M.G.	"L"	89-10-15
21456	Sgt.	Collins, G.T.	"K"	89-07-15
21817	Sgt.	Doll, D.G.	"K"	89-09-08
21878	Sgt.	Snyder, W.B.	"K"	89-10-13
21913	S/Sgt.	Kruger, H.	"F"	89-09-18
21942	S/Sgt.	MacNeill, B.W.	"M"	89-07-14

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Reg. No.	Rank	Name	Division	Date
21975	Cst.	Saxon, L.L.	"D"	89-07-14
22004	S/Sgt.	McDermott, W.S.	"O"	89-07-02
22163	Cpl.	O'Brien, L.R.	"F"	89-08-25
0.0611	A/Commr.	Zwicker, E.T.	HQ	87-11-30
22275	Sgt.	McMaster, D.E.	"H"	89-08-17
22295	Cpl.	Duncan, K.G.	"K"	89-06-21
22399	Cpl.	Scott, D.J.	"E"	89-10-07
22416	S/Sgt.	Singer, B.N.	"L"	89-10-02
22602	Cpl.	Crowley, F.G.	"E"	89-06-03
22619	Sgt.	Massicotte, J.G.P.	"C"	89-06-04
22620	Sgt.	Evans, J.F.	"F"	89-10-06
22634	S/Sgt.	Wheaton, H.F.	"H"	89-06-25
22644	S/Sgt.	Johnston, D.S.	HQ	89-06-08
22744	Cpl.	Dorken, G.R.	"K"	89-08-03
22760	Cpl.	Novak, R.G.	"E"	89-09-29
22931	Sgt.	Saulnier, R.P.B.	"L"	89-07-15
22960	S/Sgt.	Morley, W.C.	"K"	89-10-22
22986	Sgt.	MacCallum, S.G.	"E"	89-08-01
23122	Sgt.	Kredba, R.S.	"F"	89-07-16
23179	Sgt.	Cooper, R.S.	"E"	89-09-25
23314	Sgt.	Goodall, E.R.	"K"	89-08-01
23353	Sgt.	Newman, R.J.	"K"	89-09-25
23406	Sgt.	Lucci, R.W.	HQ	89-08-07
23440	Sgt.	Currie, W.E.	"E"	89-07-08
23448	Sgt.	Peters, J.D.	"E"	89-07-18
23486	Sgt.	Armstrong, R.N.	HQ	89-09-30
23487	Cpl.	Harbottle, R.F.	"E"	89-06-05
23491	Sgt.	Campbell, J.D.	HQ	89-07-30
23550	S/Sgt.	Hildebrandt, K.W.	"E"	89-08-15
23569	S/Sgt.	Garand, G.R.	"C"	89-07-16
23614	Cpl.	Fyfe, B.R.	"E"	89-09-26
23616	Cpl.	Sutherland, W.A.	"K"	89-07-03
23682	Sgt.	Arndt, D.C.	"O"	89-08-31
23731	Cpl.	Bayliss, R.J.	"K"	89-07-22
23778	Sgt.	Veres, P.N.	"M"	89-07-14
23807	S/Sgt.	Gudmundson, V.C.	HQ	89-09-21
23826	Cpl.	Wiseman, B.V.	"E"	89-10-06
23913	Sgt.	Tunnah, L.R.	"O"	89-07-16
24041	Sgt.	Collum, K.D.	Academy	89-09-10
24058	S/Sgt.	Renauld, J.G.Y.	"J"	89-08-29
24096	Cst.	Taylor, K.W.	"K"	89-07-15
24130	S/Sgt.	Gidluck, A.J.	"K"	89-08-14
24221	Sgt.	Wiggins, G.D.	"E"	89-09-10
24255	Cpl.	Frank, H.A.	"E"	89-09-26
24276	Sgt.	Nesbit, J.L.	"E"	89-08-11
24683	Sgt.	Nyland, L.H.	"E"	89-08-31
24861	S/Sgt.	Jacobsen, R.O.	HQ	89-06-26
24872	Sgt.	Gagnon, J.E.G.	"C"	89-07-03
25001	Sgt.	Hachey, G.P.E.	"O"	89-08-12
25146	S/Sgt.	Pickering, T.B.	"O"	89-10-16
26058	Cpl.	Butler, E.S.	"K"	89-10-09
26142	Cpl.	Durling, H.A.	"F"	89-09-22
26204	Cpl.	Banasiak, J.	"D"	89-10-13
26375	Sgt.	Ellwood, W.H.	HQ	89-08-21
26484	Cpl.	Bliss, W.G.	"F"	89-10-21

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Reg. No.	Rank	Name	Division	Date
26651	Sgt.	McGarry, P.J.T.	"L"	89-09-24
26781	Cpl.	Fender, L.J.	Academy	89-07-28
26872	Cpl.	Kanuit, P.M.	"E"	89-09-25
26879	Cpl.	McEachern, W.S.	"D"	89-10-20
26965	Sgt.	Walsh, R.J.	HQ	89-08-27
27269	Cpl.	Trevors, T.A.	"F"	89-10-06
27396	Cpl.	Ickringill, F.J.	"E"	89-07-15
27561	Cst.	Sibley, B.S.	"B"	89-10-01
27585	Cpl.	Emmel, J.J.	"F"	89-10-09
27601	Cpl.	Brown, D.A.	"D"	89-10-23
S/0897	S/Cst.	Laprairie, J.R.P.	"E"	89-06-19
S/1189	S/Cst.	Labrosse, A.W.J.	"A"	89-06-24
S/2259	S/Cst.	Boudreault, J.A.F.	"A"	89-08-28
S/3305	S/Cst.	Hickey, L.D.	"E"	89-07-28
C/1514	C/M	Mayrs, I.M.	"E"	89-06-30

## Obituaries

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

**ADDIE** Reg. No. 33899, ex-Cst. Robert James Gordon Addie, 38, died September 8, 1989, at Prince George, British Columbia. He was born September 5, 1951, at Québec City, and joined the Force May 3, 1977, at Montréal. Upon completion of training at Depot Division, Regina, Saskatchewan, Addie was posted to "E" Division, British Columbia, where he served at Prince George, until being medically discharged September 14, 1985.

**BEATTY** Reg. No. 24512, Cpl. Clyde George Beatty, 43, died September 14, 1989, at Dawson Creek, British Columbia. He was born July 11, 1946, at Preeceville, Saskatchewan, and joined the Force January 21, 1966, at Calgary, Alberta. Upon completion of training at Depot Division, Regina, Saskatchewan, Beatty was posted to "E" Division, British Columbia, and served at Prince Rupert, Kitimat, Terrace, Hazelton, Queen Charlotte and Telegraph Creek. On August 1, 1974, he was transferred to "G" Division, Northwest Territories, and served at Rankin Inlet and Hay River. He returned to "E" Division on April 1, 1977, and was posted at Richmond, New Hazelton and Dawson Creek, where he was serving at the time of his death. He was promoted to corporal June 1, 1976.

**BEEDS** Reg. No. S/2691, S/Cst. Allen Raymond Beeds, 29, died October 4, 1989, at Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan. He was born May 11, 1960, at Chitek Lake (Sask.), and joined the Force as a special constable at Regina. Upon completion of training at Depot Division, Regina, Saskatchewan, Beeds was posted to "F" Division, Saskatchewan, and served at Beauval and Pinehouse.

**BOULET** Reg. No. 12287, ex-S/Sgt. Joseph Ernest Frederick Boulet, 78, died August 15, 1989, at Halifax, Nova Scotia. He was born November 27, 1910, at D'Aiguillon, Quebec, joined the Force as a special constable (S/1305) and was posted to Marine Division, where he served aboard cruisers *Ulna*, *Advance* and patrol boats *MacDonald* and *Fernand Rinfret*. Boulet took his discharge when he transferred to the Royal Canadian Navy September 9, 1939, to serve in the Second World War. He received the 1939-45 Star, the Atlantic Star, and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal. Boulet rejoined the Force September 11, 1945, and served on board the *Shaunavon*, *MacBrien*, *Irvine*, *Fort Pitt*, *Fort Walsh* and *French*. He retired to pension August 26, 1955. Boulet was promoted to corporal May 1, 1946; sergeant October 1, 1949, and staff sergeant May 1, 1952.

**COVEYDUCK** Reg. No. 16180, ex-Cst. Graham Coveyduck, 74, died August 22, 1989, at Winterton, Newfoundland. He was born November 27, 1914, at Clark's Beach, and became a member of the Force August 1, 1950, upon amalgamation with the Newfoundland Constabulary. Coveyduck was posted to Headquarters, Ottawa, where he served until his retirement June 30, 1957.

**DAVIDSON** Reg. No. 14710, ex-Cst. John Arthur Davidson, 66, died September 8, 1989, at Duncan, British Columbia. He was born May 15, 1923, at Hamiota, Manitoba, and joined the Force May 14, 1946, at Winnipeg. Upon completion of training at Depot Division, Regina, Saskatchewan, and "N" Division, Rockcliffe, Ontario, Davidson was posted to "F" Division, Saskatchewan, serving at Weyburn, North Portal, Regina and Moosomin. On May 24, 1948, he was transferred to "G" Division, and served at Edmonton, Alberta, and Fort Smith, Northwest Territories. Davidson took his discharge December 17, 1948. He rejoined the Force March 5, 1952, at Ottawa, was posted to "A" Division, where he served at Ottawa, and was transferred to "G" Division at Fort Smith. Davidson took his discharge again on May 31, 1956.

**DOWIE** Reg. No. 15144, ex-S/Sgt. John Charles Dowie (formerly Odowichuk), 62, died October 29, 1989, at Edmonton, Alberta. He was born August 11, 1927, at Rife, Alberta, and joined the Force as a recruit special constable (Spl. 9562) and was posted to Depot Division, Regina, Saskatchewan. On October 1, 1947, Dowie was transferred to "N" Division, Rockcliffe, Ontario, and upon completion of training, was posted to "F" Division, Saskatchewan, serving at Hafford, Regina, North Battleford and Prince Albert. On August 19, 1951, he was transferred to "A" Division, Ottawa, Ontario, and was then moved to Headquarters. On July 1, 1958, he was transferred to "K" Division, Alberta, serving at Edmonton. On March 1, 1965, he was transferred to "F" Division and served at Regina until his retirement November 23, 1967. He was promoted to corporal May 1, 1957; sergeant May 1, 1962, and staff sergeant November 1, 1965.

**FRY** Reg. No. 19369, S/Sgt. Alfred Edward Fry, 54, died October 26, 1989, at Surrey, British Columbia. He was born February 4, 1935, at Lipton, Saskatchewan, and joined the Force April 25, 1956, at Regina, Saskatchewan. Upon completion of training at Depot Division, Regina, he was posted to "E" Division, British Columbia, and served at Dawson Creek, Prince George and Cloverdale. On August 15, 1966, he was transferred to Headquarters, Ottawa, and on June 29, 1970, he was transferred to "F" Division, Saskatchewan. Fry remained in Regina until September 1, 1980, when he was transferred to "E" Division, namely at Vancouver, where he was working at the time of his death. He was promoted corporal May 1, 1967; sergeant June 1, 1975, and staff sergeant July 18, 1983.

**HALL** Reg. No. 16468, ex-Sgt. Ian Edmunstone Hall, 73, died October 23, 1989, at Cloverdale, British Columbia. He was born November 11, 1915, at Albroath Angus, Scotland, and joined the Force August 15, 1950, at Kamloops, B.C., upon amalgamation with the British Columbia Provincial Police. Hall was posted to "E" Division, B.C., where he served at Blue River, Parksville, Langley, Prince George and Burnaby, and retired to pension July 12, 1968. Hall was promoted to corporal November 1, 1955, and sergeant May 1, 1967.

**HANSON** Reg. No. 32665, Cst. John Victor Hanson, 42, died September 12, 1989, at Parksville, British Columbia. He was born March 15, 1947, at Calgary, Alberta, and joined the Force July 25, 1975, at Surrey, B.C. Upon completion of training at Depot Division, Regina, Saskatchewan, Hanson was

posted to "E" Division, British Columbia, and served at Colwood and Parksville, where he was still working at the time of his death.

**HOLLAND** Reg. No. 19437, ex-Sgt. Edwin Richard Holland, 54, died August 20, 1989, at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. He was born March 3, 1935, at Mabel Lake, British Columbia, and joined the Force May 17, 1956, at Kamloops, B.C. Upon completion of training at Depot Division, Regina, Saskatchewan, Holland was posted to "F" Division, Saskatchewan, and spent his entire service in that province, working at Weyburn, Regina, Estevan, Fort Qu'Appelle, Lloydminster, Maidstone and Creighton. He retired to pension August 23, 1982. Holland was promoted to corporal May 1, 1967, and sergeant June 1, 1975.

**INGRAM** Reg. No. 6846, ex-Cst. Hector Harman Ingram, 86, died August 27, 1989, at Calgary, Alberta. He was born February 26, 1903, at London, England. He joined the Royal North-West Mounted Police in 1917, and following World War I, served until taking his discharge June 2, 1919. (Information supplied by the RCMP Veterans' Association, Calgary Division.)

**LEBLANC** Reg. No. 15021, ex-Sgt. Melase Leblanc, 62, died September 17, 1989, at Pierrefonds, Quebec. He was born December 9, 1926, at Moncton, New Brunswick, and joined the Force as a recruit special constable (R/Spl./Cst. 9335), at Regina, Saskatchewan, on January 3, 1947. Upon completion of training at Depot Division, Regina, he was posted to "D" Division, Manitoba, and served at Winnipeg, Churchill, Flin Flon, The Pas and Dauphin. On November 1, 1950, he was transferred to "C" Division, Quebec, and served at Montréal, Québec City, Bersimis and Caughnawaga. On July 1, 1956, Leblanc was transferred to "G" Division, Northwest Territories, and served at Port Harrison. He returned to Montréal, July 23, 1957, and retired to pension September 24, 1966. He was promoted to corporal May 1, 1959, and sergeant November 1, 1964.

**MANSER** Reg. No. 31879, Cst. Terence John Manser, 50, died September 3, 1989, at Vancouver, British Columbia. He was born December 29, 1938, at Eastbourne, Sussex, England, and joined the Force as a special constable (S/730) April 17, 1973, at Vancouver. Manser was posted to "E" Division, British Columbia, served at Vancouver, and on

September 30, 1974, converted to regular member status. He was posted to Depot Division, Regina, Saskatchewan, and upon completion of training, he returned to "E" Division, serving at Burnaby. On November 15, 1976, Manser was transferred to Marine Services, and served aboard police vessels *Manyberries* and *McClellan*. In April, 1988, he returned to administrative duties at Vancouver, where he was serving at the time of his death.

**MOLYNEAUX** Reg. No. 11805, ex-Cpl. James Kenneth Molyneaux, 80, died July 26, 1989, at Burlington, Ontario. He was born June 24, 1909, at Ottawa, and joined the Force there on November 14, 1932. Upon completion of training at "N" Division, Rockcliffe, Ontario, Molyneaux was posted to "C" Division, Quebec, and served at Montréal, until being invalidated to pension September 7, 1944. He was promoted to lance corporal February 1, 1939, and to corporal November 1, 1941.

**PARSONS** Reg. No. 0.418 (10851), Supt. Joseph Thomas Parsons (retired), 82, died October 17, 1989, at Victoria, British Columbia. He was born March 29, 1907, at Cornwall, England, and joined the Force September 2, 1930, at Regina, Saskatchewan. Upon completion of training at Depot Division, Regina, Parsons was posted to "F" Division, Saskatchewan, serving at Regina, Kelvington, Esterhazy, Wadena, Kamsack, Yorkton, Pelly and Weyburn. He was transferred to Depot Division on December 1, 1951, and to "E" Division, British Columbia, on July 22, 1953, where he was posted to Victoria. On August 1, 1956, Parsons was transferred to "G" Division, serving at Whitehorse, Yukon, until August 1960, when he was transferred to "G" Division Headquarters in Ottawa, Ontario. On July 1, 1963, Parsons was transferred to Headquarters Division where he served until his retirement, February 24, 1966. He was promoted to lance corporal October 1, 1936; corporal August 1, 1939; sergeant December 1, 1944; staff sergeant May 1, 1948; sub-inspector August 1, 1951; inspector August 1, 1953, and superintendent April 1, 1962. Parsons was the father of Insp. I.T. Parsons, Courtenay Sub-Division, B.C.

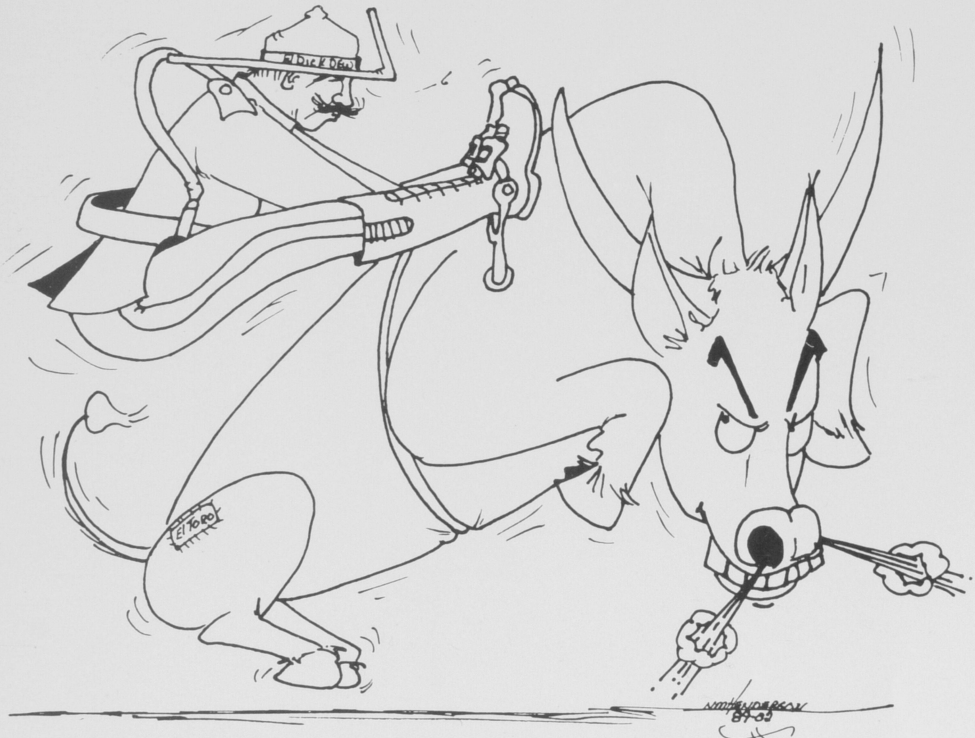
**ROBERTSON** Reg. No. 9868, ex-S/Sgt. Alexander Kenneth Milne Robertson, 93, died October 22, 1989, at Ottawa, Ontario. He was born August 10, 1896, in the United Kingdom, and joined the Force November 23, 1921, at Ottawa, where he served his entire service. Robertson retired to pension May 31, 1950.

**SPOHR** Reg. No. 14094, ex-S/M George Ulric Spohr, 69, died September 2, 1989, at Calgary, Alberta. He was born November 26, 1919, at

Grahamdale, Manitoba, and joined the Force May 5, 1941, at Winnipeg. Upon completion of training at Depot Division, Regina, Saskatchewan, Spohr was posted to "K" Division, Alberta, serving at Edmonton, Gleichen, Calgary, Drumheller, East Coulee and Innisfail. On August 1, 1946, he was transferred to "G" Division, Northwest Territories, and served at Whitehorse and Dawson, Yukon Territory. On September 20, 1951, he was transferred

to "E" Division, British Columbia, where he served at Vancouver, Richmond and Kamloops. On August 1, 1960, Spohr was transferred to "J" Division, New Brunswick, and was stationed at Saint John and Fredericton. He retired to pension December 1, 1966. Spohr was promoted to corporal January 1, 1951; sergeant May 1, 1955; staff sergeant November 1, 1960, and sergeant major September 1, 1965.





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