

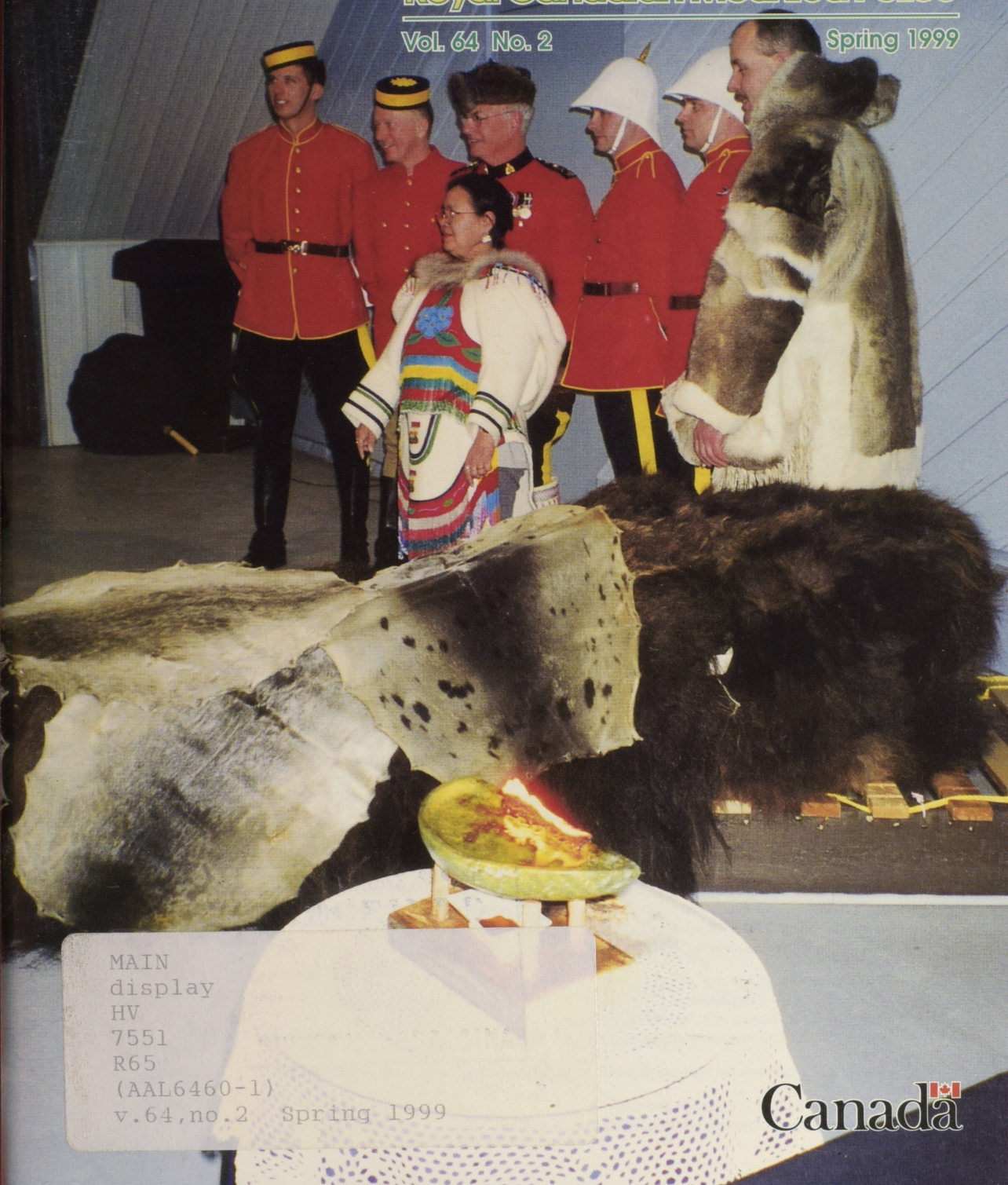


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**OUR COVER:** Attending the "V" Division Establishment of Command Ceremony, held at Iqaluit, Nunavut Territory, with Commissioner Philip Murray (L-R): Cst. Andrew Hobson and Sgt. Bruce Mulley in pillbox hats, Cpls Don Perrett and Grant MacDonald in pith helmets, Cpl. Glen Siegersma dressed in caribou skins from head to foot, and Elisapee Itulu, one of several women who attended the ceremonies dressed in colourful beaded Inuit clothing. In the foreground is a qulliq, a whale-oil lamp traditionally used to heat igloos and cook food. Photo by Brenda Zanin. See article on p. 8.

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# Editor's Notes

## **A HISTORY OF THE RCMP VETERANS' ASSOCIATION**

Donald J. Klancher, a well-known author of RCMP-related publications and himself an RCMP veteran, has put out an interesting, informative and long-overdue history of the RCMP Veterans Association. The book, titled *The History of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Veterans' Association 1924-1999*, includes a rich chronicle of the activities and stories of RCMP veterans long before the charter formalized the Association in 1924.

Attractively bound in red and gold, the book represents the dedicated and outstanding efforts of many veterans in bringing together the histories of 20 of the Association's divisions. Order your copy now (\$19.95, plus 7% GST or 15% HST, where applicable in Canada, and \$3 S&H), as the first 200 books sold will be numbered and signed by the author. Please make your cheque payable to the "RCMP Veterans Association 75th Annual General Meeting" and mail to:

75th Annual General Meeting  
P.O. Box 42020  
1200 St. Laurent Blvd.  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1K 4L8

Please allow six weeks for delivery. The book will also be available at the Annual General Meeting and Conference being held in Ottawa June 24-28, 1999.

## **MARCH WEST COFFEE TABLE BOOK**

GAPC, in association with renowned Canadian photographer John McQuarrie and the RCMP, has published a photographic table top book to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the March West. *RCMP: The March West* uses photographs and illustrations, both recent and historical to trace the origins of the RCMP, beginning with the March West, and follows the RCMP's evolution into a modern police force.

The book will be available this summer at all Chapters, Smithbooks and Coles book stores across Canada. This is truly a Canadian memento, keepsake and gift in celebration of Canada and the new Millennium.

**RCMP VETS NET** A free listing containing names and Internet addresses of more than 600 RCMP veterans, or to add your name and address to the list, visit Jim Forsyth's website at: [www.members.home.net/mpvets](http://www.members.home.net/mpvets).

## **MISSING CHILDREN — ABDUCTION INDICATORS**

Law enforcement personnel will encounter all types of travelling criminals along our highways. Listed below are numerous indicators that may assist police in detecting a child abduction when encountering travelling motorists:

- ✓ child appearance (ie: new clothes, makeup, etc.),
- ✓ child shows signs of abuse (ie: bruising, unclean appearance, malnutrition),
- ✓ inappropriate amount of clothing for length/purpose of trip,
- ✓ inappropriate amount/type of toys (ie: do not suit age of child or are not appropriate for season; recently purchased indicating a spontaneous trip),
- ✓ baby present but no diaper bag, bottles or other baby articles,
- ✓ child pornography present,
- ✓ child's demeanor is suspicious (ie: child appears as being physically controlled; appears to be asleep at unusual time),
- ✓ attempt a border crossing at an inappropriate time of day for children (ie: early morning on a school day, etc.),
- ✓ adult tends to answer questions for everyone in the vehicle.

Many of the same principles apply as taught on the Pipeline Convoy courses (ie: signs of stress/deception, etc. ...).

Source: Missing Children's Registry



**BABY IN WAITING** For many expectant mothers, pregnancy has many hidden risks, which are not always apparent to others, especially to doctors and paramedic personnel who may have to attend to a mother who may have been involved in an accident, unconscious or otherwise unable to speak for herself. A mother may have an allergy to medical drugs, a rare blood group or a medical condition that uninformed medical response personnel may not know of, resulting in serious consequences for both the mother and the unborn child.

A Cornwall (Ontario) area mother has developed an initiative to help protect mothers and their "babies in waiting." Tammy Séguin, the mastermind behind this innovative concept, has worked hard to make the Baby in Waiting wrist bracelet a reality. The bracelet, worn by the expectant mother, has the Baby in Waiting logo and pertinent medical information on the reverse. It also comes with a wallet card for additional information that medical personnel should know in order to prescribe the correct treatment.

The Baby in Waiting bracelet is available now to anyone who feels at risk, or just wants that extra protection in knowing they are doing all they can to look after their babies. For further information please contact:

Baby in Waiting  
P.O. Box 681  
Cornwall, Ontario  
K6H 5T5  
or call toll free: 1 (800)691-4384  
Fax: (613) 347-2108  
E-mail: babyinw@cnwl.igs.net

**BIKER GANG HOTLINE** Recently, the Criminal Intelligence Service Canada (CISC) established a toll-free telephone line — **1 (877) 660-4321** — which will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to gather as much information as possible about outlaw motorcycle gang activities in Canada. All information will be treated on a confidential basis and dispatched to the proper authorities, whether federal, provin-

cial or municipal. For more information, please contact the CISC National Coordinators for Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs: S/Sgt. J.P. Lévesque at (613) 993-8338, or Cpl. J. Lemieux at (613) 993-9063, or e-mail at: webmaster@cisc.gc.ca.

**NATIONAL DNA DATA BANK** Legislation to create a national DNA data bank to track repeat sex offenders received Royal Assent and was announced last December by Solicitor General Lawrence MacAulay. The RCMP will manage the national data bank; it should take about 18 months to establish. The DNA data bank will be a powerful investigative tool for law enforcement in Canada and marks a major milestone in the government's safer-communities agenda. The data bank will include a crime scene index, to contain DNA information obtained from crime scenes, and a convicted offenders index, to contain DNA profiles of adult and young offenders convicted of designated *Criminal Code* offences. The structure will help police ensure those who commit serious crimes, such as repeat sex offenders and violent offenders, are identified and apprehended more quickly through police jurisdictions. Federal legislation has already been implemented to allow police to obtain DNA samples from suspects by using a warrant.

**URGENT NEED FOR FRENCH BOOKS** In addition to its contribution to the United Nations Civilian Police (UNCIVPOL) mission in Haiti, the RCMP is also involved in bilateral aid and development to the Haitian National Police (HNP) through funds provided by CIDA. The project focuses on HNP management development as well as delivery of training programs at the HNP Academy in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The HNP Academy Library book acquisition project is well underway. A collection of approximately 1,300 French books, periodicals and videos have been accumulated to date. The HNP Academy Library is still in desperate need of additional books to complete this project. We are now canvassing RCMP employees for French books related to all aspects of police and judicial matters, although we will be



delighted to accept any type of French literature. If you wish to donate books, please send them to the attention of:

Cst. Sylvie Côté  
International Training  
and Peacekeeping Branch  
RCMP Headquarters,  
L.H. Nicholson Building  
1200 Vanier Parkway  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0R2

Books can also be brought to room G 201, L.H. Nicholson Building, RCMP Headquarters.

**SEAT BELT STATISTICS** Every year 3,000 people are killed in car crashes in Canada; 34% of these were not wearing a seat belt. In a 60 km/h collision, a 70 kg (150 lb) backseat passenger will now weigh 900 kg (2,000 lbs) and have enough force to break the front seat and kill that passenger. When getting in a car, everyone's safety is in jeopardy if all passengers are not buckled up. Surveillance teams, VIPs and plain clothes units are not exempt from wearing seat belts. There is only one exception for members on duty to not wear seat belts and that is when there is a prisoner in a police car with no protective shield. Most provincial traffic acts give similar exemptions. For more information, contact:

Community, Contract and  
Aboriginal Policing Branch  
ATTN: Sgt. André Lemaire  
Traffic Services

RCMP HQ, L.H. Nicholson Building  
1200 Vanier Parkway  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0R2

Telephone: (613) 991-2208

**COUNTERFEIT ALERTS** The RCMP is posting *Counterfeit Alerts* on the RCMP web site, which contain a short textual description and hand-drawn representation of banknotes that are most often counterfeited. These alerts will also highlight certain features that are common to a particular series of counterfeit notes, such as the planchette placement or printing defects. Police and the public are encouraged to download alerts and to watch for published notes. To see these counterfeit banknotes, check out the RCMP Web site at [www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca](http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca).

**JOINING FORCES TO COMBAT COUNTERFEITING** The joint Bank of Canada/RCMP Counterfeit Analysis Project (CAP) has now been in existence for 18 months with more than 20,000 records on the database. John MacKenzie, the Bank of Canada analyst seconded to CAP, continues to conduct strategic and tactical analyses of counterfeiting in Canada. The success of CAP depends on the timely submission of counterfeit banknotes and occurrence reports to the Central Bureau for Counterfeits in Ottawa. Police officers requiring an analysis, are asked to contact:

John MacKenzie  
Telephone: (613) 993-8357



**MEMORIAL SERVICE** The annual memorial service will be held at "Depot" Division, on Sunday, September 12, 1999, commencing with a parade at 9:00, followed by an ecumenical service in the Chapel and a short service at the Memorial Wall — in recognition of RCMP members who gave their lives in the performance of duty. Those wishing to attend, or in need of barrack or hotel accommodation are asked to call "Depot" Division, Public Relations at (306) 780-5900; Fax: (306) 780-6337.

or by ROSS at JMACKENZIE  
or contact Michael Duncan  
Telephone: (613) 991-0762  
or by ROSS at MDUNCAN

**FOR SALE** Serving or former RCMP members interested in purchasing an RCMP Centennial Rifle, Serial MP 556 (never fired) are asked to call ex-Sgt. Clifford Barager at: (604) 792-7022 or (520) 305-0285 (in winter).

**COLLECTION FOR SALE** RCMP memorabilia consisting of books, booklets, magazines, prints, posters, calendars, postcards, a large selection of loose RCMP *Quarterlies*, as well as a complete collection of bound *Quarterlies*. Anyone interested in purchasing any of these items can contact:

Mrs. Margaret Shebib  
1001-100 County Court Blvd.  
Brampton, Ontario  
L6W 3X1  
Telephone: (905) 457-4942  
E-mail: Margarach@idirect.com

**WANTED** The undersigned is interested in purchasing an RCMP officer's sword or any older RCMP paraphernalia. Please contact:

Cst. J.-P. Birtz  
Box 67  
Fort Vermillion, Alberta  
T0H 1N0  
Telephone: (780) 927-3848

**ERRATA** In the *Quarterly* Spring 1998 edition, we listed a number of new members being welcomed to the Toronto Division Veterans' Association. It should have read that the following were welcomed in the London Division, and not Toronto: Reg. No. 21088, R.H. Bilty; Reg. No. 21754, C. Brushett; Reg. No. 23575, P.H. James; Reg. No. 22850, F.J. Juhazs; Reg. No. 20500, A.D. MacLeod; Reg. No. 25758, N.G. Moss; Reg. No. 30056, R. Porter; S/Cst. L. Hayes.

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**INVESTIGATOR'S CHECKLIST** An Editor's Note on p. 2 of the Winter 1999 issue of the

*Quarterly* announced an investigator's checklist developed by Michael J. West to help with computer investigations. The copyrighted checklist is available to law enforcement-related personnel — all names are subject to verification. **Here are the corrected numbers to order the checklist and/or to contact Michael J. West by telephone: (304) 296-7801 (evenings) or web site: [www.BannerPeople.com](http://www.BannerPeople.com)**

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In the picture at the bottom of p. 63 of the Winter 1999 issue, the Hockey Legends should have identified as (L-R): **Jean Béliveau**, Henri Richard and Yvan Cournoyer.

*We apologize for any inconveniences these errors may have caused. — Editor*

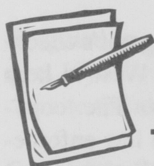
## RCMP HORSE AUCTION

The Mounted Police Foundation (MPF) will present the 3rd RCMP Horse Auction on Saturday, September 18, 1999, at the RCMP Stables, at Rockcliffe Park, Ottawa — featuring RCMP bred horses exclusively. The RCMP breeding program, one of the largest producers of sport horse types in Canada, has been enriched over the past few years with the acquisition of Thoroughbred/Hanovarian sport horses imported from Europe. The program seeks to produce elegant, athletic, black mounts which possess even temperament and enough substance and stamina to withstand the rigour and strain of the extensive national and international tours of the Musical Ride.

In the previous two auctions, 28 RCMP surplus horses have been sold by the MPF. The average sale price was \$7,900, with the top price of \$31,000. Most of the successful buyers were from Ontario, however, others were from as far away as Calgary, Regina, Winnipeg and Nova Scotia. American buyers came from Arizona, Oregon, New York, Illinois and Connecticut.

Net proceeds from the sale will be used to enhance the RCMP breeding program. The MPF is an independent, non-profit, charitable corporation whose purpose is to support and enhance RCMP community policing initiatives throughout Canada. For more information, please contact the stable manager at (613) 991-9444; Fax: (613) 952-7324, or visit the RCMP Website at [www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca](http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca).





# Letters to the editor...

## ✉ FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Dear Editor,

In the photo captioned "Windsor Detachment Awards Presentation, October 10, 1997" (p. 74, *RCMP Quarterly*, Summer 1998), the

"unknown person" is the late Shaugnessy Cohen, MP for Windsor/St. Clair. The gentleman seated next to her is Wayne Lessard, MPP.

Neta Bissonnette  
Windsor, Ontario

## ✉ GHOST RIDERS

Dear Editor,

The following is a poem that I wrote, in keeping with the 125th anniversary of the RCMP.

### **The Ghost Riders**

We ride along with you still, my son, my daughter.  
Though long days have passed since we rode these great lonely plains,  
smelled sweet grass, heard lowing buffalo, and the proud tom toms  
of Blackfoot and Sioux.

Listen,  
Strain your ears to the deafening silence.  
Crunching snow, frozen breath of huskies,  
man and animal trudging along a stark arctic trail.  
Is the Klondike's calliope and clamour,  
its ecstasy and despair, lost to your memory?

Though your towns and byways bear mute testament to our deeds,  
are MacLeod and Fitzgerald but forgotten names?  
Do you recall Steele's firm hand, or Larsen's icy grail?  
Proudly they bore the same scarlet coat *you* wear.

You follow the trails that we have broken,  
serving the same great cause of justice in this our beloved land.  
Lean on us when the burden and loneliness of duty overwhelms,  
the strength and courage of generations gone before you will sustain you.  
For we ride along with you still.

Cst. Stephen A. Grant  
Grand Falls, FIS  
New Brunswick

## ✉ LOOKING FOR PEN PALS

*The following persons wrote in to the "Quarterly" asking if any RCMP members/employees would be interested in corresponding with them by mail:*

- ✓ Miss Jennifer Beauchesne is 15 years old and aspires to one day become a police officer. She would like to correspond with male or female members of the Force — of any age, rank or section — in order to learn more about the job. She can be contacted at: 11675 Family Place Road, Prince George, British Columbia V2N 6K4.
- ✓ Melanie Vasquez, a 36-year-old law clerk from Toronto, is interested in corresponding with a member of the RCMP stationed in the far north, who is willing to exchange ideas and stories. She can be contacted at: 316 The Kingsway, Apt. B2, Etobicoke, Ontario M9A 3V2.

## ✉ MOUNTIE IDENTIFIED

*On p. 10 of the Summer 1998 issue of the "Quarterly," we were seeking assistance from our readership in identifying the*

*Mountie in a picture that we received from Fernie, B.C. Here is the response we got. — Editor.*

Dear Editor,

The member has been identified as Mike Voynovich, now residing in Armstrong, B.C. When he was stationed at Fernie in 1955, the owner of the local photo studio took his photo, which was then hand-painted by the owner's daughter. The daughter was cleaning out the studio recently and found the picture lying around and then passed it on to a woman who knows Fernie Detachment employees. After the photo was published in the *Quarterly*, Mr. Voynovich got a phone call from a friend who recognized him. He went to his local Detachment to take a look at the *Quarterly* magazine, to confirm that the person in the photo was himself. The response from *Quarterly* readers was wonderful — I got messages from as far away as Nova Scotia. To everyone who called in, a big thank-you!

Rosanne Anselmo  
Fernie Detachment, British Columbia



### **SAME PLACE, DIFFERENT CAR**

*Csts Kerry McLean and Jeff Whitfield successfully emulated retired Force Historian Jack White's photo of a 1952 Chevrolet Cruiser with their photo of a 1998 Crown Victoria. How times have changed!*

*Courtesy of Golden Detachment (B.C.) photo collection*



# The Dawn of "V" Division

After years of negotiations, plans and preparations, the Territory of Nunavut finally became a reality. On April 1, 1999, the Governor General of Canada, Roméo LeBlanc presented Nunavut with its new Territorial Coat of Arms.

The establishment of command ceremony held on March 31, 1999, officially launched the RCMP's newest Division — "V" Division. The Governor General also presented Commissioner Phillip Murray with the RCMP's newest ensign emblazoned on a brilliant red, blue and gold flag. Members from all across Nunavut, some dressed in NWMP period uniforms and some in sealskin clothes, attended the various ceremonies and celebrations to mark the formation of the new Territory of Nunavut and the birth of a new RCMP Division.

Nevertheless, despite the fanfare that surrounded the creation of Canada's newest ter-

ritory, great challenges face the people who live in and police the enormous expanse of ice and wind-swept snow that lies north of the 60th parallel to the North Pole, nudging Greenland on the east and reaching westward as far as British Columbia's eastern border.

"You have to be up here to appreciate it," says C/Supt. Chris Bothe, "V" Division's new commanding officer. "The temperature often drops to 40°C and the wind chill can hit 110° C. Priorities are different up here. Convincing someone who hasn't experienced the North that our needs are different can be difficult."

One of the difficulties is the working language: the vast majority of the population speaks only Inuktitut. "Communication is essential," C/Supt. Bothe says, "and I would expect our members at the very least to be



**ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMAND CEREMONY,  
MARCH 31, 1999**

*(Photo 1): Governor General Roméo LeBlanc signing official documents creating the "V" Division ensign. (Photo 2): Commissioner Philip Murray, C/Supt. Chris Bothe (R), CO, "V" Division and Insp. Dan Fudge (L), attended the colourful ceremony with a decidedly northern flavour, officially launching "V" Division in Iqaluit. They were dressed in full uniform, except that high browns were replaced with hand-made seal skin boots, or kamiks as they are known in these parts.*



*Photos by Brenda Zanin*

## New "V" Division : Vital Statistics

Nunavut:	Inuktitut word meaning "our land," pronounced nuh- nah-vut
Area:	1,994,000 square km (almost ¼ the size of Canada)
Population:	27,219
Cultural makeup:	85% Inuit, 15% non-aboriginal
Capital city:	Iqaluit (formerly Frobisher Bay) population 3,700
Regions:	Kitikmeot (Arctic Coast), Kivalliq (Keewatin), Qiqitaaluk (Baffin)
Pop. under age 25:	56%
Unemployment rate:	29%
Communities:	28
Detachments:	22
RCMP employees:	112 (includes Regular Members, Civilian Members and Public Service Employees)
Inuit employees:	6

able to say 'hello', 'goodbye', 'please' and 'thank you' in the native language. I've taken some classes, and it's difficult to learn because there is no English-Inuktitut dictionary and there are different dialects in different regions."

The issue remains unresolved so far, but C/Supt. Bothe has some practical ideas. He would like to see the recruits taking some training in Inuktitut in Regina. For example, when they are taking police defence, they should be allowed to yell out in Inuktitut, as that will be their working language. Recruiting members from the Inuit communities would go a long way to address these challenges.

Psychological support is also important, because of the stark contrast between a cadet's snowbound home and "Depot." Peers from the south do not come from a population where only 15% graduate from high school (of that group only 6% go on to university). People who have not experienced the North do not know how claustrophobic trees and buildings can make you feel, when up North "you can watch your dog team running away for two days." Peers from the south don't long for a taste of walrus or caribou meat at the cafeteria, or for a relaxed conversation in Inuktitut.

Inuit candidates travelled to Iqaluit in March as part of "V" Division's recruiting drive. Familiarization workshops, assessments, PARE and eyesight tests introduced them to the initial stages of applying to the RCMP. Right now, of the 112 members serving in the new territory, only six are aboriginals and four of the six can speak Inuktitut.

The language and cultural barriers are not the only challenges facing "V" Division. Policing the North involves long distances. Transporting prisoners and people accused of crimes to courts or detention facilities in larger centres hundreds of miles away can be very costly. Some settlements have set up restorative justice committees to examine ways of correcting unlawful behaviour within the community. This would reduce costs considerably, but, more important, involve all the affected people in the resolution of the problem instead of handing it over to far-off groups and agencies.

Partnerships are especially important in this vast region, and the RCMP has been building these from the outset. The divisional headquarters in Iqaluit, for example, will be sharing space in one large federal government building with the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, the





(Photo 1): "Drum Dance" and the lighting of the Qilliq. Ian Monteith, a prospective RCMP recruit is seen here playing drums; (in background): Indian Affairs and Northern Development Minister, Jane Stewart. (Photo 2): Canadian singer Susan Aglukark with some family and friends.

Photos by Brenda Zanin

Department of Justice and Parks Canada. Construction will be completed in the summer of 2000.

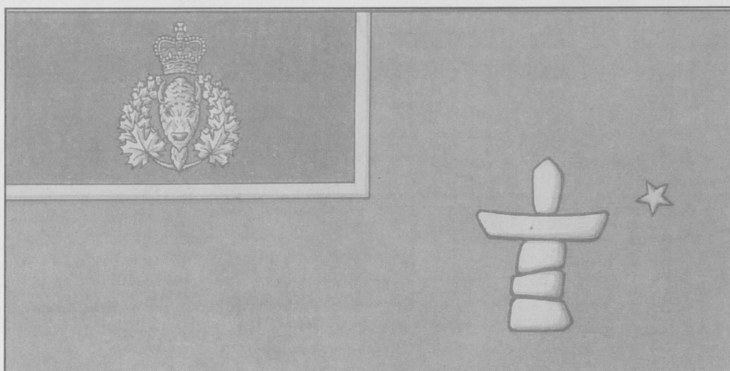
The government of Nunavut is setting up communications links so that residents can go to their local school or nursing station and contact their representatives directly. The Force will piggy-back on these linkages. There are also Internet hook-ups, and every month, conference calls are held with hub Detachments. There's no video yet, but this helps us keep in touch," said C/Supt. Bothe, "communication is a big issue." In addition, a team of technicians from Ottawa spent several weeks in Nunavut to ensure that all RCMP Detachments in the new Territory had fully operational CPIC terminals with new

numbers to distinguish them from the "old" "G" Division.

C/Supt. Bothe hopes that when members from the south come into "V" Division, they will be able to receive orientation and cultural courses from their communities. "Some Detachments have that set up already," he says. "Members can learn so much just spending time with local families."

"This is going to be an opportunity to change the face of the Force," C/Supt. Bothe continues. "I have great respect for the people here, and how they cope with a harsh environment. They're a very giving and caring people — very patient and determined. Nunavut is unique."

*An Inukshuk and the North Star — beacons for travellers in the isolated northern landscape — stand against a scarlet background on the flag that flies over the RCMP's newest Division, "V" Division. C/S/M Yvon Mercier, NCO i/c Ceremonial and Protocol, and Mr. Robert Watt, Chief Herald of Canada, recommended the new ensign, which passed approvals from the Nunavut Implementation Committee and Commr. Murray earlier this year. "V" Division's ensign joins 17 other ensigns designed for the RCMP and presented to Commissioner Norman Inkster in June 1991, by the Governor General. The 17 ensigns include one for each RCMP Division and one each for the Equitation Section, RCMP Headquarters in Ottawa, "Depot" Division and the Commissioner (see Vol. 56 No. 3, Summer 1991 issue of the "Quarterly").*



Courtesy of C/S/M Yvon Mercier

\* From the files of Brenda Zanin, *Pony Express*

# Memories of Frobisher Bay

By A/Commr. Robert J. Mills (retired)

*The creation of the Territory of Nunavut is the start of a new chapter in the history of the Eastern Arctic. In honour of this event, A/Commr. Mills looks back on another time when change swept across the tundra, and reminds us that times change, even in the Great White North. A/Commr. Mills served as Officer Commanding, Frobisher Bay Sub-Division, from 1965 to 1967, when he was transferred to "P" Division at Penhold, Alberta. He retired from the Force in 1981, as CO, "F" Division. — Editor*

I believe that the Frobisher Bay Sub-Division was established in the early 1960s, and I was perhaps the third Officer Commanding. At that time, "G" Division Headquarters was in Ottawa and the Division included the Yukon Territory. I held the rank of sub-inspector and I replaced Insp. Ross Pilkey, who served as OC, Frobisher Bay Sub-Division from 1963 to 1965. Insp. Pilkey retired from the Force as an assistant commissioner and is now deceased. Mine was the first Force family to have school-aged children in the Eastern Arctic.

The Frobisher Bay Sub-Division offices were housed in the Federal Building, about a mile from the residential settlement; Frobisher Bay Detachment was in an old building nearer the settlement. There were six or seven constables and one special constable, Paul Oodlateeta, who left the Force a number of years ago and joined the clergy. He is now the Right Reverend Paul Idlout, Bishop of Iqaluit.

Many things have changed since then, even names: Frobisher Sub-Division is now called Iqaluit; the Inuit were then referred to as "Eskimo," had single names such as "Akavak" and were registered with a disc number such as "E5-30." The 1960s saw quite a change in the way of life of the Inuit. Camp life was decreasing as families moved to the main communities for schooling and some employment. Experienced carvers found a good market for their products. Fewer people kept up the old ways of fishing and hunting. The down side to this transition was the exposure to liquor and the increase in welfare rolls.

Drastic changes also took place in the various modes of transportation in the North. The use of dog teams was rapidly decreasing, being replaced with snowmobiles. The single engine aircraft, usually the Single Otter, was being replaced with the Twin Otter. The first Twin Otter appeared in 1965, flown by Weldy Phipps, owner of Atlas Aviation. Phipps put large tires from a dog-3 on the Twin and operated with tires partly inflated, which enabled him to land and take off in rough terrain.

The Force retained a bunch of sled dogs longer than their being useful, sometimes at considerable expense. On my first inspection of Lake Harbour, I noticed a stock of meat and tallow in a storage shed and asked Cpl. Lamb what it was used for. He replied that it was to feed the dogs. There was a large boat with an inboard motor which, if I remember correctly, was called *Peterhead*. I inquired as to its use and was informed that it was used to visit camps and hunt walrus for dog food. Cpl. Lamb explained that smaller boats were used for similar travel and to hunt seals for dog food. "Where do you travel with the dogs?" I asked. Lamb replied, "We don't use the dogs, we travel by Ski-doo and boat." During the summer of 1966, the boat sank after an explosion and a fire on board. There was no justification to replace it.

Then there is the story of "Old Salty" the panel truck. Sometime in early summer of 1965, some members decided to do a boat patrol (also known as "going fishing") on a Sunday, which they did. When they returned, the tide was quite a way out. The recently-purchased panel truck and trailer were backed to the water's edge to load the boat and when attempting to drive away, the truck dug itself down in the sand. Despite numerous attempts to save the vehicle from the rising tide, everyone was forced to watch the tide rise over the top of the Force truck and trailer. As the tide receded 12 hours later, the truck was rescued, but needless to say, "Old Salty" had many problems over the years and was in for repair a lot of the time.

(...) After much planning, budgeting and waiting, Igloolik Detachment was to get a new building — a double wide Arco product built in the Calgary area — to house a detachment office and other space such as singles quarters, storage and even a lock-up. The double Arco trailer was transported by truck and rail to Churchill, Manitoba, and from there by ship to Igloolik. But when the ship ran into rough going in Hudson Bay, one half of the building fell into the drink. What a disappointment at Igloolik Detachment — receiving half a building that was of little use. I don't know how long it took to get a replacement detachment.

The remoteness and cold weather of Frobisher Bay were not a problem for me, and I enjoyed my association with the Inuit, Force members and other Northerners. ❖



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

# RCMP 125 Celebrations, in Retrospect (Part II)

*Hundreds of events were held across Canada in 1998 to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the RCMP. Many were written up, photographed and sent in for publication in the "Quarterly" by organizers and/or participants. Most of the events were featured in the Winter 1999 issue of the magazine. With space at a premium in the magazine, Part II of this series is also grouped by Region — from east to west, like Division Dispatches — as a tribute to everyone involved in these celebrations, and in recognition for their heartfelt input in a very special year in the history of the RCMP. — Editor.*

## ATLANTIC REGION "B" DIVISION (NEWFOUNDLAND)

### FORTEAU CELEBRATIONS

Thousands of visitors cross the Quebec border into Labrador each year to visit

Forteau and the surrounding communities. Now they will be greeted by a new sign thanks to a Grade 10 student from the Moun-



(Left): Forteau sign. (Top, L-R): Deb Barney, A/Cst. Lester Letto, Margaret Hancock, Cpl. Harvey Butler, Bobby Davis, Dorothy Letto, Cst. Gilles Côté, Margie Hancock, Sara Flynn and Monica Hunt. (Bottom, Left): The cake. (Bottom, Right): A/Commr. Larry Warren, CO, "B" Division, presented Lorna

Griffin with a Certificate of Appreciation and a 1998 125 proof Silver Dollar for volunteering her time and talent to depict the proud history of the RCMP.

tain Field Central High School. The sign was the brainchild of Cst. Gilles J. Côté, Forteau Detachment.

Members in the Forteau Community Office in Labrador decided to thank their seniors for

their goodwill throughout the years and for setting the foundation for their children. They had an RCMP 125 cake specially baked and presented to the Labrador Straits Senior Complex — the only structure of its kind on the coast.

## STEPHENVILLE FESTIVAL

*The Stephenville Theatre Festival produced and presented an evening with RCMP skits and songs. The event was a sell-out and all those in attendance enjoyed this positive portrayal of the RCMP. Many thanks to the cast and company of the Stephenville Theatre Festival for a most entertaining evening.*

*By Cst. Mike Dawson*



## "H" DIVISION (NOVA SCOTIA)

### CELEBRATIONS AT CANSO

Various celebrations were held at Canso Detachment throughout 1998 in conjunction with many youth-oriented activities during the summer, organized by the Eastern Communities Youth Association. Members of Canso Detachment organized and participated in various events including contests

for youth, parades, an open house, sporting events, and a teddy bear birthday party with Safety Bear. Canso Detachment also awarded two \$250 scholarships, organized two bike races and held a reunion for past members of the Detachment, who also marched in the Canso Regatta parade.

*Standing in front of the newly-landscaped Canso Detachment are (L-R) front row: summer students Kathleen Lumsden, Melissa Richards and Rachael Richardson. Back row: Cst. Gary Smith, Cpls Chris Paley, Tom Townsend and Glen Shermerhorn, Csts Doug MacKinnon and Glen Rees, Cpls Tim MacArthur and Kevin Baillie, Csts Roger Waidson and Phil Feltmate.*



**CHARITY BALL** *The Annapolis Valley Detachments hosted a charity ball at the Annapolis Mess, at CFB Greenwood. Cutting the 125th anniversary cake are (L-R): The Hon. James J. Kinley, Lt.-Gov. of Nova Scotia; A/Commr. Dwight Bishop, CO, "H" Division, and Erin Duke, Queen Annapolis 66. Overlooking the ceremony is Federal Policing Officer Insp. W.J. Kazmel.*

*Photo by Cst. R. Walkinshaw*

## NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

### REGIMENTAL BALL

A Regimental Ball was held at the West Block, Parliament Hill. About 230 people packed the ballroom (and the dance floor) until 1 a.m., and walked away with a souvenir photo and an RCMP 125 wine glass. Amidst all the fun, \$1,500 was also raised for the Down's Syndrome Association.

As it turned out, hundreds of volunteers were involved throughout the year with the 53 events that were held in celebration of the RCMP's 125th anniversary, in the National Capital Region — raising more than \$107,000 for local charities!

### FESTIVAL OF TREES

Local artists, designers, businesses, corporations, celebrities, politicians, volunteers and community groups participated in the 4th annual Festival of Trees in support of the Big Sisters of Ottawa-Carleton, who, in 1998, celebrated their 25th anniversary. To help celebrate the RCMP's 125th anniversary, some employees of Public Affairs and Information Directorate teamed together to decorate and donate a tree.

The theme of the 1998 festival was "A Child's Dream" and the title of the RCMP's entry was "When I Grow Up, I Want to be a Mountie." Working within this parameter,

team members sewed red serges, boots and horses created from felt and added numerous RCMP ornaments. The decorated trees were sold throughout the Festival of Trees, with all revenues going towards the Big Sisters program. The RCMP tree was displayed in the main lobby of the L.H. Nicholson Building at RCMP HQ throughout the holidays.

*By Linda Holmes*



*The RCMP Tree Team captain Julie Taylor (R), with decorating "elves" (L-R): C/Supt. André Thouin, Christiane Evans, Natasha Tusikov, Hélène Dew and Linda Holmes.*

## CENTRAL REGION

### "C" DIVISION (QUEBEC)

### THE RCMP IS A GREAT FAMILY

When Sgt. Yves Roy, the RCMP 125 Coordinator in "C" Division, asked me to travel across the province of Quebec with the RCMP kiosk of souvenirs and memorabilia — to promote this material wherever the Musical Ride and other RCMP 125 events were being held in the various Detachments — I jumped at the chance to once again put on the uniform that I loved so much. Throughout the tour, from June to September, the kiosk was put up and taken

down numerous times mainly by Christian Forté, and occasionally with the help of Sgt. Yves Roy and his wife, Sgt. Yvon Poirier, Dany Martin, various host Detachment members, as well as my wife and me.

First and foremost, this exercise in public relations allowed me to meet the public — which I discovered has a great deal of admiration for the RCMP and still holds our organization in the highest regard — and to welcome the Musical Ride, and to meet the



OIC, Insp. John Gaudet, and trainer, Sgt. Mike Robblee, who took great pleasure in coming back to Quebec. Then, there was the pleasure of working with RCMP personnel across the province, all of whom devoted a lot of energy and enthusiasm to make the RCMP's 125th an unforgettable anniversary. Finally, there was the sustained support of RCMP management in Montréal and Ottawa — who went a long way to ensure that active

and retired members had a chance to help the RCMP celebrate in style.

As a retired RCMP member (1963-1998) and a former *Quarterly* associate editor, this opportunity renewed my sense of belonging to our great organization. To all my former colleagues, I wish you a happy anniversary!

*ex-Sgt. Martin Laforge*

## "O" DIVISION (ONTARIO)

### JOINT 125 CELEBRATIONS

The London Fire Department (LFD) and the RCMP held a joint open-house — both were celebrating their 125th anniversaries! An array of events and demonstrations took place, including simulated rescue operations using the Jaws of Life. Captain Chris Marrison and his crew destroyed two cars as onlookers stared in disbelief.

But the event that drew the largest crowds was the simulated hostage-taking, which was carried out three times throughout the day. The hostages, Mike Mason, Nick Paparella

and Jackie George were held at gunpoint by a hostile criminal who also happened to be a pyromaniac. Both the RCMP Emergency Response Team (ERT) and the LFD were called in to put out the fire, save the hostages and make the successful arrest.

Thanks in part to corporate sponsors such as Loeb, the day provided fun for the entire family and was a great success. Proceeds from the events, about \$1,000, were donated to Jesse's Journey.

*By Vanessa Piccinin*

## NORTH WEST REGION

### "D" DIVISION (MANITOBA)

### SHOAL LAKE REGIMENTAL BALL

Shoal Lake/Hamiota Detachment took time to celebrate with the communities they serve. The semi-formal Regimental Gala, which took place November 28, 1998, provided the opportunity for RCMP members to commemorate 125 years of service to Canadian citizens — with style and finesse. Their mission was accomplished. RCMP members attended in Red Serge, and many of the guests invited to the function took advantage of a pre-arranged photo session and "captured" their image with their favourite Mountie. The colourful 8 x 10 inch glossy photos were delivered back to the guests before the evening ended.

A/Commr. T.W. Egglestone, CO,"D" Division, gave the main address. His opening



(L-R) Front row: Cst. Liz Porter, Sgt. Alex Graham, C/M Roberta Watson, Cpl. Phil Noonan. Second row: Csts Keith Fleury, Pat Clark and Harry Searle; A/Csts Rick Drebin and Milt Drosdoski. Back row: A/Cst. Chad McLeod, Csts Don Coker and Ewen Booth.

*Courtesy of Greg Vincent, Vincent's Photography, Hamiota*

remarks spoke of appreciating the opportunity to attend the gala and experience first hand “the respect and support from the area.” Members of the 1999 graduating class from Shoal Lake assisted as servers to the caterer for the event, which attracted more than 160 guests.

*From an article in the “Brandon Sun”*

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

On October 9, 1998, members from Lac Du Bonnet Detachment as well as representatives from Manitoba East Sub-Division and “D” Division HQ attended a memorial service for S/Cst. Joseph Clyne held in Berens River. Joseph Clyne had joined the Force as a guide/interpreter at Berens River, on November 1, 1947. He became a special constable on April 1, 1960, at Bloodvein, and on Octo-

ber 5, 1962, he was transferred to Norway House. Records indicate that he spoke Cree and may also have spoken Saulteaux, and that he had retired on June 26, 1973.

Pastor Oliver Everette officiated the ceremony and speeches were given both in recognition of S/Cst. Clyne’s service to the community and of the RCMP’s service to this and all communities in the last 125 years. A wreath was laid upon S/Cst. Clyne’s grave. A large number of local residents and school children attended the ceremony, as did a surviving relative of S/Cst. Clyne. Following the memorial service, the Berens River First Nation Band graciously provided lunch at the band office.

*By Cst. G.J. McLean  
Lac du Bonnet Detachment*



(Photo 1): A plaque placed to mark S/Cst. Clyne’s gravesite. (Photo 2, L-R) Front row: Band Chief Alfred Everette, Band Councilor George Green, Pastor Oliver Everette. Back row: Band Councilor and ex-Cst. Hugh Semple, Band Councilor Norman Hudson, S/Sgt. Gary Guest, S/Sgt. Mel Mitchell, Insp. John Henderson, Fred Baptiste (stepson of S/Cst. Clyne), Cst. Ed MacKenzie, Sgt. Kevin Stark, Cpl. Graham Firlotte, A/Cst. John Pilon.

*Photo by Cst. Greg McLean*

## “G” DIVISION (NORTHWEST TERRITORIES)

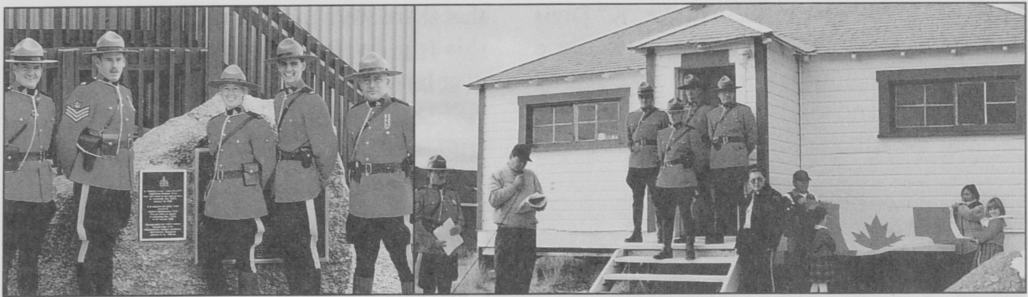
### MEMORIAL PLAQUE UNVEILED

On September 4, 1998, Cambridge Bay Detachment (*now part of the new RCMP “V” Division, Nunavut Territory*) paid tribute to a fallen colleague with the dedication of a memorial plaque in honour of Cst. Colin Lelliott, who was killed while serving in Cambridge Bay in 1960.

On January 12, 1960, 21-year-old Cst. Lelliott arrested Jimmy Ayalik after a fight broke out at a local residence. Once in the Detachment, Ayalik attacked Cst. Lelliott and escaped, grabbing a Detachment rifle and some ammunition as he fled. Cst. Lelliott

and another member pursued Ayalik on foot when Ayalik fired the rifle in their direction, and the bullet fatally struck Cst. Lelliott.

With the assistance of Insp. Dan Fudge, Nunavut Policing District, and Cambridge Bay Detachment Commander Sgt. Jim MacDougall, a bronze plaque was permanently installed by local craftsmen on a large stone in front of the Detachment. A dedication ceremony was held and the plaque was blessed by Cambridge Bay elder Luke Novoligak as local residents, community officials and Detachment personnel looked on. The plaque, which contains inscriptions



*(Photo 1, L-R): Cst. J. Cosgrove, Sgt. J. MacDougall, Csts A. Hills, D. Krumbhols and E. Legault. (Photo 2, L-R): Sgt. J. MacDougall, Mayor W. Wilcox of Cambridge Bay, Csts J. Cosgrove, A. Hills, D. Krumbhols and E. Legault, Summer student Z. Maniyogina, and children from the community.*

in English, French and Inuktitut, will now serve as a constant reminder of the commitment and sacrifice that members of the RCMP have shown during their dedicated service to their communities and to their country.

*By Cst. J.G. Cosgrove*

## ORIGINAL DETACHMENT BUILDING RESTORED

Also on September 4, 1998, Cambridge Bay Detachment personnel reopened the original Detachment building and invited the community to join them as they reflected on the Force's beginnings and celebrated the future. The move to reopen the building, which served as the Detachment office until the early 1960s, was spearheaded by Cst. Eric

Legault. Local businesses also rose to the challenge and donated valuable supplies and countless hours to complete the restoration. To add a sense of history to the project, numerous artifacts and RCMP memorabilia were loaned to the Detachment by past and present RCMP members. These articles were placed on display in the building in a museum-style setting.

The members and staff of Cambridge Bay Detachment would like to extend their sincere appreciation to the many individuals and companies who came together in a truly cooperative spirit in order to help this high-Arctic Detachment commemorate its colourful and historical past.

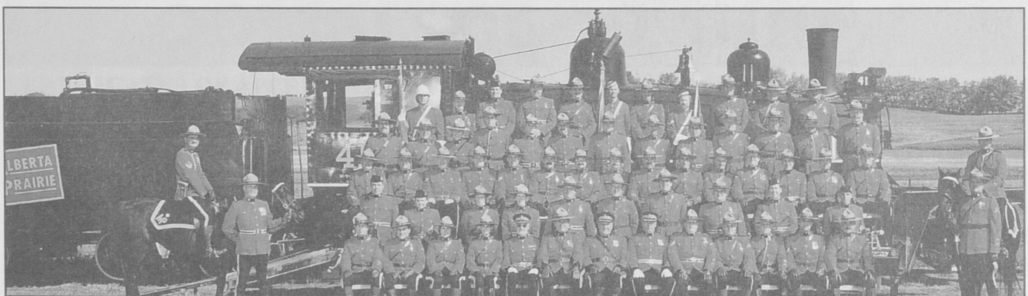
*By Cst. J.G. Cosgrove*

## "K" DIVISION (ALBERTA)

### RED COAT SPECIAL

Stettler Detachment, in conjunction with the Alberta Prairie Railway Excursions of Stettler, hosted the RCMP 125 anniversary celebration steam train ride dubbed the "Red

Coat Special" — an afternoon excursion via steam locomotive and vintage passenger coaches from Stettler to Big Valley and back. The activities started with a parade of the members from downtown Stettler to the train



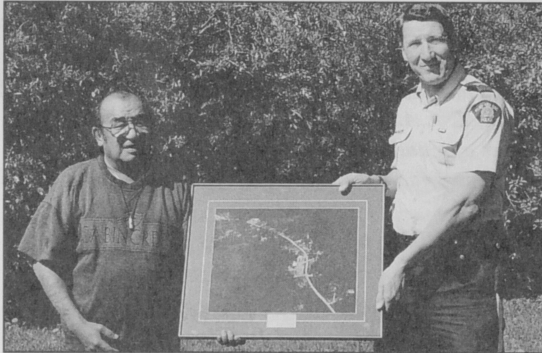
*A total of 65 members dressed in Red Serge, and their families, enjoyed a beautiful day and the special events on the train and at Big Valley.*



station lead by five members of the "K" Division Pipe and Drums Band. The event was a huge success and was very well received by both citizens and tourists alike. The Management of the Alberta Railway Excursions said

that there were more than 500 passengers on this trip, by far the largest event they have ever hosted.

*By Sgt. F.R. von Krogh*



*S/Sgt. Ron Fehr, NCO i/c Hinton Detachment, presented Chief Wayne Roan with a framed aerial photo of the Smallboy Camp. The presentation was made to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the RCMP.*

*Photo by Cst. G.R.P. Nightingale*

## "DEPOT" DIVISION (REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN)

### COMMEMORATIVE LICENSE PLATE

On November 2, 1998, Supt. Gérald Doucet, presented a framed commemorative license plate (serial number 0001) to William MacKay, Director of the RCMP Centennial Museum. Five thousand such license plates were offered for sale and the funds raised were used, among other things, to install an eternal memorial flame at the RCMP Cenotaph, on the Parade Square, at "Depot."

*By Sgt. François Desfosses*



*Supt. Doucet making presentation to Mr. MacKay.*

*Photo by Chris Caverly*

## Red Coats on the Prairie:

# The RCMP 125 Anniversary Tattoo

*By Sgt. François Desfosses*

**F**our performances of the RCMP Tattoo were held at the Regina AgriDome and one in Saskatoon, in celebration of the Force's 125th anniversary. The Tattoo was spearheaded by the Friends of the Mounted Police Museum in order to raise funds for the

RCMP Centennial Museum. All four performances of the Tattoo were sold out.

Highlights of the program included "The Old West," a nostalgic overview of the history of the RCMP. The re-enactment covered such

issues as the way of life of the First Nations People, the arrival of European settlers and the role of the North-West Mounted Police in its early days on the prairies. The performance was given by people of the First Nations, serving and retired RCMP members, Cadets and community volunteers.

The two-and-a-half hour show also included a Mounted Arms Competition — a centuries-old tradition dating back to the days when horse and rider trained as a team for battle. Members of the RCMP Musical Ride were joined by members of the Mounted Branch of the Victoria Police, Melbourne, Australia, in this exciting competition. Teams competed in revolver, lance and sword exercises. Also included in this part of the program was a demonstration of physical training by “Depot” Cadets, police dogs and the RCMP Emergency Response Team.

Following the performance of the Musical Ride was The Grand Finale. Performers in the Tattoo, RCMP veterans, members and Cadets joined the Musical Ride for a closing ceremony of colour and pageantry. During this portion of the program, as a rare event



*Following the Tattoo, the Friends of the Mounted Police Museum were presented with a cheque for more than \$92,000. The money will be used to assist the Museum in purchasing, revamping and fixing artifacts at the Museum. (L-R): Friends of the Mounted Police Museum President Ken Barker, Commissioner Philip Murray, Mounted Police Tattoo Committee President Doug Egan, Committee member Cpl. Vern Quinlan and Bill MacKay, Director of the RCMP Museum.*

*Photo by Chris Caverley*

and with the permission of the Commissioner, the RCMP's Guidon was paraded and flown in front of the troops and spectators alike. ❖



**CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION** *For quality service in the organization, coordination and administration of the RCMP's 125th Anniversary Tattoo, Commissioner's Certificates of Appreciation were presented following a luncheon hosted by A/Commr. Robert Leatherdale and C/Supt. Harper Boucher on behalf of the Commissioner, at the "Depot" Division Officer's Mess. (L-R) Seated: Chris Niemczyk, Wendy Kraushaar, Bill Perry, Organizing Committee President Doug Egan, Al Nicholson and Ken Barker, President of the Friends of the Mounted Police Museum. First row: Supt. Gerry Doucet, Glenn Lemchuk, Ron Williamson, Doug Alexander, Vanda Wall, Ivan Thue, Bill MacKay and Ron Ostrum. Second row: C/Supt. Harper Boucher, Insp. Chuck Orem, Jim Hill, Sgt. François Desfosse, Dan Marce, Cpl. Lynn Spring, Bill Salt, Cpl. Vern Quinlan, Terry Lewis and A/Commr. Robert Leatherdale.*

*Photo by ISSU, "Depot" Division*

# Unity Peak Climb & RCMP 125 Celebrations

by Cpl. Gail Secord, Lake Louise Detachment, Alberta

During April, 1998, members of Lake Louise Detachment received a request from Marc Bourgon, a geography teacher at South Carleton High School in Richmond, Ontario. Mr. Bourgon advised that his school had received permission from the Federal Government of Canada as well as the Provincial Government of Alberta, to name a previously unnamed peak in the Canadian Rocky Mountains. The teachers and students of South Carleton High School had raised \$92,000 and were now preparing to head west to Lake Louise for the inaugural ascent to name this peak on June 21, 1998. Marc Bourgon stated that a plaque was to be mounted at the summit, commemorating the women and men of the Canadian Armed Forces and the RCMP who lost their lives in service to Canada, and to praise the youth of our country. Mr. Bourgon was interested in having a local RCMP member join the inaugural ascent. He stated that the students also wanted to establish partnerships with schools in all Canadian

provinces and territories and — realizing the difficulties Canada has been experiencing — had chosen to name the peak Unity Peak.

Lake Louise Detachment decided not only to participate in this venture, but also to have it coincide with events celebrating the RCMP's 125th anniversary. After much planning and organizing and with great community support, a very memorable weekend was held in Lake Louise. On June 20, 1998 — the day before the climb — an open house was held at Lake Louise Detachment depicting the history of the RCMP. Cpl. Gail Secord and Csts Kerry Doran and Howard Cann of Lake Louise and Cst. Andrew Lamb of Banff Detachment were dressed in Red Serge and were joined by PSE Kate Sanderson of Lake Louise. A cake decorated with the RCMP 125 logo, was prepared by the Chateau Lake Louise Hotel and refreshments were supplied courtesy of the community. Much to the amazement of all the members and staff involved, more than 500 people attended the



*At the climb's send-off, pipers (L-R) Sgt. Jim Medley and Cst. Andrew Lamb lead the way as the climbers commence their journey.*



open house, making this event a great success.

The following day was a beautiful, sunny morning in the Canadian Rockies as approximately 90 students, along with teachers, parents and members of the media, converged on the Detachment. Kevin McEwen — a physically challenged student — set up a computer on which he would provide frequent updates about the climb to the Unity Peak web site being accessed by students across Canada. Kate Sanderson volunteered to help Kevin with his important task. Twelve students had been selected from the group — representing each province and territory — to reach the peak's summit. All other students were designated to climb different mountain peaks in the area, accompanied by Csts Ron Coles and Chantal St. Hilaire of Banff Detachment, Cst. Val Bouey of Calgary IPOC, and Cst. Lyle Singular of Calgary CCS. The send-off commenced at 8 a.m. with the students being piped away to their respective climb sites by Sgt. Jim Medley of Edmonton I & P and Cst. Andrew Lamb of Banff Detachment, both members of the "K" Division Pipes and Drums.

It took five hours to reach the 3,153 m high summit. The participants hiked from Skiing Louise, made their way through the woods and then into Wolverine Valley. Once this magnificent valley was crossed, the ascent began. Joining the students were Cpl. Gail Secord, Cpl. Ian Currie of Calgary FIS, and David Pratt, MP for Nepean-Ottawa. The male students each took turns carrying the 30 pound plaque, while others volunteered to carry the drill and bits. Once at the top, one male and one female student were the first to wave the Canadian flag at the summit of newly-named **Unity Peak**, while Marc Bourgon received congratulations during a cellular telephone call from Prime Minister Jean Chrétien. Park Wardens Reg Bunyan and Gord Irwin assisted in mounting the plaque, which reads, in English, French and a local native language: "On June 21, 1998, an expedition of Canadian youth climbed and dedicated this peak to Canada and to the



*The group rests before the final leg of the climb.*

members of the Canadian Armed Forces and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who gave their lives in defence of the freedoms of all Canadians." As the plaque was mounted and unveiled, the students proudly sang "O Canada." A dedication to the Canadian Armed Forces was made by MP David Pratt while a dedication to the fallen members of the RCMP and all slain police officers was given by Cpl. Gail Secord. After posing for pictures, the group began the much quicker descent down the mountain.

After the climb, to celebrate RCMP 125 and the accomplishments of the climbers, a barbeque was held, hosted by the Chateau Lake Louise Hotel and attended by over 140 guests. Cpl. Carmen McKnight of Calgary CP/VS, assisted by Cst. Howard Cann, set up a fabulous display at the barbeque site which



*Members of Lake Louise Detachment at the reception held at Chateau Lake Louise Hotel (L-R): Cst. Howard Cann, PSE Kate Sanderson, Cpl. Gail Secord and Cst. Kerry Doran.*



*Attending the celebration (L-R) front row: Csts Val Bouey, Chantel St. Hilaire and Howard Cann, Cpl. Gail Secord, Cst. Kerry Doran and Cpl. Carmen McKnight. Back row: Sgt. Jim Medley, Cst. Lyle Singular, Insp. Don Schlecker, A/Commr. Don McDermid, Insp. Dennis Massey, Csts Ron Coles and Andrew Lamb.*

depicted the history of the RCMP from its beginnings to modern day times. All the guests were piped into the Larch Room by Sgt. Medley and Cst. Lamb. Lazarus Wesley of the Nakoda Nation gave a native blessing. The Commanding Officer of "K" Division,

A/Commr. Don McDermid, presented a plaque to the students and teachers of South Carlton High School commending them on their outstanding achievements. The weather fully cooperated for this event and the celebrations were a great success. ❖

# RCMP Veterans Proud Recipients of the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award (GGCCA)

by Clare Dent, RCMP Veterans's Association  
and Janice Burrow, *RCMP Quarterly*

**A**t the 1998 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the RCMP Veterans' Association held from May 29–31, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, 22 former members of the RCMP were awarded with the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award. It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have these prestigious honours bestowed during the year the RCMP celebrated its 125th anniversary,

and presented in the province from which the legendary March West set out in 1874.

The Governor General's Caring Canadian Award was created by Governor General Roméo Leblanc in November 1995, as a way of honouring volunteers who are unpaid, and unsung heroes, who have provided extraordinary help or care in their communities. It was

a new addition to the Canadian Honours System intended for those who might not qualify for the Order of Canada, yet are still deserving of public recognition. The Award consists of a framed certificate and a lapel pin for everyday wear. Presentations are made by the Governor General in communities across Canada as his travels permit or by a designate of His Excellency.

The symbol and name of the award were chosen from submissions from Canadians in a national contest which was held from November 1995 to January 1996. The award symbol represents Canadians who selflessly give of their time and energy to others. The maple leaf symbolizes the people of Canada and their spirit. The heart depicts the open-heartedness of volunteers and caregivers. The helping hand and heart support the maple leaf. The hand is outstretched to portray boundless generosity.

Not only have members of the RCMP and their spouses made an outstanding contribution to Canada, Canadians and the development of this country since its inception, but, over and above a career dedicated to public service from a policing perspective, they have dedicated literally countless hours in every field of voluntarism imaginable. And, as retirees, they continue to do so, expecting nothing in return except the personal satisfaction as a caring citizen doing their best to make this country a better place in which to live. To have these exceptional individuals identified by their own membership then recognized nationally and publicly in the presence of their peers was particularly appropriate.

Near the end of 1997, a campaign was launched by the RCMP Veterans' Association to have each of its 27 Divisions identify one member whose outstanding voluntary service to fellow Canadians would best fit the award criteria demanded by the Governor General's independent advisory committee. The President of Manitoba Division, Don Fleetwood, was approached for his and his Division's support of this RCMP 125 initia-

tive for presentation at the AGM in May 1998. Enthusiastic support was received, as well as approval from the Solicitor General's Office to proceed with the proposal. After all nominations from the Divisions were received, assembled and sent collectively to the Governor General's Office, they, and their independent committee investigated each application. It is interesting to note that the nominations received included several pages of independent sponsors documenting the exceptional voluntarism of these former members. A number of them had in excess of 15 pages of supporting data — in fact, many of them probably could have qualified for the Order of Canada.

For many years, these RCMP veterans have given so easily and selflessly of themselves, both individually and collectively, in many meaningful ways. Ken Bond — who was given the award posthumously — enjoyed a lifetime of caring for family and neighbours, and decades of volunteer service to the members of every community where he lived. He donated his time and efforts to the local branches of Scouts Canada, the Minor Hockey Association, the Eagles Association, the Alzheimer's Society and the RCMP Veterans' Association. Bond also sponsored immigrating families of Chinese Canadians, counselled families on the Kamloops Indian Band Reserve and volunteered on the Residents Committee of the Seniors Lodge. Gwen Turner — the only female recipient — has provided decades of volunteer work within the community. And, aside from his other volunteer activities, Marvel Mattson, at 78 years of age, continues to deliver Meals on Wheels to those many years younger.

On May 12, 1998, 22 former members of the RCMP were announced in a Governor General's news release as nominees to receive the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award. The awards presentation took place during the formal evening festivities on Saturday, May 30, 1998, with family members and friends of the honourees in attendance. Governor General Roméo Leblanc was unable to attend at the AGM in Winnipeg, however,



RCMP Veterans' Association members were delighted that Commissioner Philip Murray accepted an invitation to present the awards as his designate. In his remarks during the ceremony, the Commissioner passed on Governor General Roméo Leblanc's greetings and congratulations to the honourees. In instances where an award recipient could not

attend, the Division President or delegate was authorized by the Governor General's Office to receive the Award, and then to arrange an appropriate ceremony within their Division. In three cases, arrangements were made for the lieutenant-governors of Prince Edward Island and British Columbia to make the presentations.

The recipients of the Governor General's Caring Canadian Awards, along with their nominating Divisions, were:

A. Kenneth Bond (posthumous) Kamloops	John William Duggan Vancouver
A. Tony Brezinski Regina	Conrad Ranger Montréal
Joseph Irwin Brown Okanagan	Kenneth Earl Riley Lethbridge
John Leslie Coupland Thunder Bay	Gwen Turner Edmonton
Paul Craig Yellowknife	William R. Westgate Calgary
Lloyd Johnston Shuswap	Kenneth Goodrich Ottawa
Ralph Murray Culligan Toronto	Kevin James Lawlor Newfoundland
Gordon Copeland Cunningham Victoria	Louis G. Pantry Prince Edward Island
Donald Alfred Deeks Prince Albert	Rev. John Patrick Middleton Saskatoon
Donald C. Nielsen Red Deer	Marvel Dwight Mattson Nova Scotia
Ronald Dale Pond Yukon	Fred J. Ross Manitoba

## *Congratulations!*

There are probably thousands of other retired and serving members, their spouses, public service employees and civilian members who, through their remarkable involvement in volunteering in their communities, are deserving of this prestigious award. Anyone may nominate any Canadian citizen for this award, and there is no deadline for submissions as awards are announced on an ongoing basis. Nomination forms can be obtained from Government House, Canada Post corporate outlets, volunteer bureaux and centres and municipal governments. ❖

# The Codiac Regional Police: From a Shaky Beginning to a Happy Ending

By D.L. Tencer

At one minute past midnight on January 18, 1998, Insp. Lynn Twardosky of "J" Division, New Brunswick, welcomed and swore in the newest members of the RCMP, and the Codiac Regional RCMP (District 12) became the official police force in the Moncton area of New Brunswick, amalgamating the old Moncton, Dieppe and Riverview municipal forces. Twenty three members were present, including the contingent of police officers who worked the last shift with the Moncton Police Force on January 17, 1998. After the ceremony, the new RCMP members from the three cities went to work side by side, for the first time.

The seeds of the Codiac Regional RCMP had been planted when the New Brunswick legislature passed a law that gave them control over policing duties. Under the legislation, the Liberal government was allowed to disband the old Moncton police force, and the nearby Dieppe and Riverview forces. The government chose the RCMP to take over the largest policing contract east of the Prairies. The contract was also the RCMP's largest amalgamation of police forces in recent history.

Insp. Jim Payne, formerly of Campbellton Detachment, was named Commanding Officer of the Codiac Regional Force. Insp. Payne's immediate goals were to get the new police force up and running. He said, "We're seized with effecting the transition. The overriding objective would be to develop a sense of trust between the community and the

members and deal with the change that's taking place."

As can be expected with a change of this magnitude, complications arose. In Moncton, the local government and the union representing its officers were initially opposed to the creation of the Codiac Regional RCMP, and questioned whether the New Brunswick legislature was right in assuming control over policing duties. However, as the Codiac Regional force's first year drew to a close, the transition proved to be a successful one. "Just about everything has been put to bed," said Len Lockhart, the man chosen by the province to head the interim policing authority.

There were problems within the police force itself regarding this unique situation (the amalgamation of such a large police force). Because of the "culture shock," it was important to make sure the new members got off on the right foot, especially since there had been a lot of anxiety and uncertainty leading up to the amalgamation with the RCMP.

Many employees' initial anxieties and uncertainties melted away when the changeover to the RCMP took place, and the mood in the Codiac Regional RCMP changed drastically when the new employees were warmly welcomed into the RCMP. Some newly absorbed members were pleasantly surprised by the swift acceptance of both serving RCMP employees and newly-inducted Codiac RCMP members. For some, better kit and clothing, more career opportunities and a

well-structured chain of command were perceived as advantages to joining the RCMP.

In a display of goodwill towards and pride in their newly-adopted RCMP, members of Conversion Troop 53 (a troop of former municipal officers now working for the new Codiak force) planted a New Brunswick sugar maple tree on the grounds of "Depot" Division in Regina, Sask. The tree was a gift to "Depot" for the warm welcome they received there during their two-week orientation course. The members were introduced to the *RCMP Act*, practised problem-solving skills and learned about alternative dispute resolution. They were prepared for violent crime scenes and practised self-defence techniques using pepper spray and batons. The members trained with new computers and new weaponry. They also learned about the history of the RCMP. *(All new members were encouraged to subscribe to the "RCMP Quarterly" magazine, which will ensure that they will learn more about the RCMP's rich history and wealth of traditions — Editor.)* Many who participated in the course felt that it was an invaluable experience on their road to becoming Mounties.

On July 1, 1998, an RCMP neighbourhood policing centre opened in Moncton's Peoples Park Tower, replacing the former Moncton Police Force community policing station. The new site was chosen because it will cost less to rent, and the location is adjacent to Centennial Park on St. George Boulevard, where recent acts of vandalism have outraged

residents and cost thousands of dollars in repairs. Insp. René-Pierre Tremblay said neighbourhood centres, which are aimed at giving more time on the streets, are a component of the RCMP's programs to ensure community policing. They help make the offices more available and more visible on the streets.

### Special Swearing-In Ceremony

The swearing-in ceremony for the Codiak Regional Police on January 18, 1998, was not your typical RCMP ceremony. The members were sworn in, in large numbers, and some of the veterans of the Moncton, Dieppe and Riverview forces received their badges in very unique ways:

Cpl. Robert Bastarache, who started his policing career only after 32 years as a carpenter and in the fishing industry, had his new Codiak Regional RCMP badge presented to him by his son, Cst. Christopher Bastarache of Sackville Detachment. A 15-year veteran of the Dieppe Police Force, Robert was promoted to corporal shortly after his swearing in. So, even though Christopher has been with the Force seven years longer than his father, Dad still gets to be the boss.

Cst. Linda Gray (née Johnson) joined the RCMP in 1985 and was posted to New Brunswick. Her future husband, Cst. Vernon Gray, trained at the Atlantic Police Academy in 1984 and joined the Moncton Police Force shortly thereafter. He secured his commercial



(Photo 1): Cst. Chris Bastarache presents his father with his new RCMP badge in the presence of Insp. Tim Payne. (Photo 2): Cst. Linda Gray presents her husband Cst. Vernon Gray with his badge.



pilots licence and began flying for the RCMP with Joint Forces Operations. Cst. Linda Gray presented her husband with his RCMP badge, and the two are now working for the same police force.

Cst. Raymond Doiron, a 24-year veteran of the Toronto and Moncton police forces, was sworn in as an RCMP member in the morning, and presented his son-in-law, Cst. Raymond Fontaine, with his badge later that afternoon. They will both continue to work for Codiac Regional RCMP.

RCMP Cst. Daniel Roy received his training at "Depot" in 1996. While there, he met

his future wife, Cst. Christy Roy (née Elliott). Daniel's father, Cpl. Leo Roy, a member of the RCMP since 1972, had presented his son with his police badge upon his graduation. Christy went west to work in British Columbia, and Daniel headed east to work for the Dieppe Police Force. When the creation of the Codiac Regional Police was announced, Daniel and Christy felt the winds of change coming, and the two were married. The couple were granted a request by the Force, and will be working in neighbouring detachments in western New Brunswick. This time, wife Christy presented Daniel with his badge. ❖

# First Female Commanding Officer Takes Command of "F" Division

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**O**n August 31, 1998, A/Commr. Beverley Ann Busson became the first female member in the history of the RCMP to command a division when she assumed the duties of Commanding Officer for "F" Division. A/Commr. Busson took over command from A/Commr. Brian Watt, who has since moved on to command the Pacific Region. There are currently 2,037 female regular members of the Force; eight in senior positions.

The Change of Command ceremony was held in the "F" Division Headquarters in Regina, Saskatchewan. Insp. Brian Roberts, Master of Ceremonies, opened the program by introducing the arrival of the Lt.-Gov.

Jack Wiebe, and Mrs. Wiebe. During the ceremony Lt.-Gov. Jack Wiebe, A/Commr. Watt and A/Commr. Busson signed an official parchment as a public declaration attesting to their commitment to the Shared Leadership Vision, and further agreed to actively strive to ensure safe communities for the Saskatchewan people.

C/Supt. Busson was promoted to the rank of Assistant Commissioner upon assuming her duties as Commanding Officer. Her 24-year career has been a series of milestones — not only is she the RCMP's highest ranking female officer, she was also the first woman to rise to the positions of inspector, superintendent and chief superintendent. However,



*Lt.-Gov. Jack Wiebe looks on as A/Commr. Brian Watt passes the Tipstaff — a symbol of authority — to A/Commr. Beverley Ann Busson.*

*Photo by Don Healy of "The Leader Post"*

A/Commr. Busson does not see herself as being a role model for women in the RCMP. "The gender thing's never really been a big issue. (...) I look forward to the day when a

woman takes on a job like this and it's neither historic nor surprising," she said during an interview.

## **Appointment to B.C. Organized Crime Agency**

On March 23, 1999, A/Commr. Busson accepted the post as head of the new Organized Crime Agency of British Columbia, which will play an important role in the police's collective attack on organized crime in Canada.

"I am saddened to see a person of A/Commr. Busson's calibre leaving the RCMP," stated Commissioner Philip Murray. "However, at the same time, I am elated that she will remain in the Canadian policing circle, particularly in such a high profile and important position."

"I am very proud of my association with the RCMP," said A/Commr. Busson. "I hope that my 25 years of experience will help Canada in its fight against organized crime and will enhance the partnership between the RCMP and the Organized Crime Agency." ❖

# The "French" Connection

By Sgt. Sandy Fraser, Kingston, Ontario

**O**n December 4, 1998, members of Kingston Detachment were invited to the Officer's Mess at Fort Frontenac to participate in the Kingston Gunners Association annual celebration of Saint Barbara's Day, the patron saint of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (RCHA). During the course of the celebrations, Kingston Detachment personnel had the opportunity to meet and speak with many of the serving and retired members of the RCHA. During one of these conversations, I was approached by a gentleman who introduced himself as Terry French. With great pride, he proceeded to tell me that his great-uncle was none other than George A. French, the first Commissioner of the NWMP.

One week later I met with Mr. French at his home, in Kingston, and spoke to him about his life and the role his relatives have played in the formation and development of the NWMP, RNWMP, and the RCMP. In speaking with Terry, I found out that his great-uncle was not the only member of his family to serve in the NWMP. Reg. No. 0.1, Commissioner George A. French, had a younger brother, Reg. No. 0.19, Sub-Insp. John French, who immigrated to Canada in 1874 at his brother's request to assist him in the formation and deployment of the NWMP. Sub-Insp. John French had two sons: Reg. No. 3031, Cpl. John Poyntz French (Terry's father) and Reg. No. 0.163, Insp. Francis Henry French. Terry also has a cousin, Reg. No. 19345, Sgt. Dominic James French, who is the great-grandson of the first Commissioner.

Terence (Terry) French was born March 22, 1922, at Burlington, Ontario, the son of Cpl. John Poyntz French. Terry attended Queen's University from 1941 through 1943, at which time he interrupted his academic studies to enlist in the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals. He left the military at the end of the Second World War as a lieutenant, having

spent all of his wartime service in Canada. In 1953 he, along with three others, founded CKLC and CFLY, two Kingston radio stations which he owned and operated in partnership until his retirement in 1973.

Terry's great uncle, George Arthur French — the first permanent Commissioner of the NWMP — was born in Ireland. He had served in the British Army and, from 1862 to 1864, he served as Adjutant of the Royal Artillery stationed in Kingston, Ontario. After Confederation — and the departure of the British Forces from Canada — Lt. Col. French became the Commanding Officer of "A" Battery, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (RCHA) and the School of Gunnery in Kingston, Ontario. "A" Battery along with "B" Battery, which was located in Quebec, were the first permanent Canadian military units to be formed after the withdrawal of the British forces. In 1873, Lt. Col. French was appointed Commissioner of the NWMP on December 1, 1873, by Prime Minister John A. Macdonald.

Although Commissioner French was chosen for his organizational and military experience, his appointment by the government in power was widely viewed as a political one. This belief was to play a role in his resignation from that position in June 1876, in favor of the second Commissioner J.F. Macleod, who had connections to the Liberal government of the day. Leading the historical March West, French drove his column of mounted police relentlessly. For saddle sores he prescribed salt, thus tanning the backsides so leathery that it was claimed members who took part in the March West could "sit on a prickly pear" without discomfort. On the positive side he got the job done, and lost no men on the March. Shortly after their deployment into western Canada, the government ordered French to set up his headquarters at Swan River, some 250 miles northwest of Winnipeg.



Swan River was to have been on the proposed route of the Canadian Pacific Railway, but this never materialized. Furious at being isolated from the bulk of his force out west, and virtually out of communication with government authority, French took "D" Division to Winnipeg, leaving "E" Division at Swan River. By this time, however, French's NWMP career was already doomed by the election in 1873 of the Liberal government under Alexander Mackenzie. From this time on, Commissioner French found himself either criticized or ignored and was ordered by the Government to return to Swan River "or else" — which he did, but in his own sweet time.

Government bypassed Commissioner French to consult and deal with A/Commr. Macleod. At first, French and Macleod got along fairly well on the trek west, but eventually, with French stuck in the backwater of Swan River, and Macleod out west in the midst of the action, French became critical of Macleod, which resulted in Macleod's resignation on January 1, 1876. Macleod returned six months later, however, as the second Commissioner of the NWMP after French's resignation.

Upon his resignation in 1876, Commissioner French's men thought enough of him to present him with a gold watch, and Mrs. French with a silver tea service. The Liberal government, on the other hand, gave him nothing in recognition of his efforts.



(L-R): Terence French and S/Sgt. Don Webb in conversation at the Saint Barbara's Day Celebration, held at the Officers' Mess at Fort Frontenac, in Kingston, Ontario, on December 4, 1998.

Sub-Insp. John French, the younger brother of the first Commissioner, immigrated to Canada from Ireland at his brother's request to help in the formation of the NWMP. Having been a captain in the Irish Militia, he was appointed sub-inspector in the NWMP on March 30, 1874, and served in that capacity until July 1, 1883, when he retired to farm a tract of land near Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan, that had been granted to him in recognition of his Canadian service. Although it cannot be verified, it is believed that his daughter who was born June 26, 1874, at Toronto, was the first child born to a member of the NWMP. After the birth of his daughter, she and her mother traveled to western Canada to join her husband who arrived there with the March West of 1874.

It was rumored that Sub-Insp. French borrowed the money to move his family west from a subordinate under his command. This breach of military protocol resulted in his being severely reprimanded by his brother, Commissioner George A. French. Upon the outbreak of the Riel Rebellion, the now-retired sub-inspector-turned-farmer immediately offered his services to the NWMP in putting down the armed rebellion. For reasons that remain unknown, probably political, his offer to re-enlist in the NWMP was turned down by the powers that were.

His experience and willingness to offer his services did not go unnoticed or unwanted by General Frederick Middleton who was in command of the military forces sent west to put down the Rebellion. As a result, he was recruited, given the rank of captain, and authorized to raise a mounted corps which, during the course of the campaign, was known as "French's Scouts." In an otherwise uneventful police career, this was his time of glory, and he received high praise from Middleton as "full of pluck and energy" and "a first-rate rider and scout." Early in the battle of Batoche, he rescued a wounded soldier by hoisting him onto his shoulder and carrying him to safety. On May 12, 1885, during the main attack at Batoche, he was killed "standing in the door, directing his men" by a bullet which hit him in the chest. In addition to his wife and daughter, Sub-Insp. John French was survived by two sons,

Francis Henry French and John Poyntz French, who also served in the NWMP.

Reg. No. O.163 (4355), Insp. Francis Henry French joined the RNWMP at Regina on April 6, 1905, and served continuously until December 24, 1931. He was promoted to corporal on May 1, 1908, to sergeant on May 1, 1910, and was commissioned on November 1 of the same year. He remained at "Depot" until the spring of 1912, when he was transferred to The Pas, where he conducted a number of patrols into the area around Churchill.

These patrols may have prepared Insp. French for one of the most arduous and yet least publicized patrols in the history of the Mounted Police. The Bathurst Inlet Patrol, to investigate the murder of two Arctic explorers, Radford and Street, covered some 5,153 miles over a period of ten months under some of the most difficult Arctic conditions ever encountered by members of the RCMP. Initial accounts of the deaths indicated that an Eskimo band near Bathurst Inlet had been provoked into killing the two explorers, when Radford beat a band member with a whip, apparently for renegeing on a promise to provide his services as a guide. As a result, instructions received from the Commissioner instructed French that if it was found that the Eskimo had indeed been provoked into murdering the explorers, that it was not the government's intention to prosecute. Although this patrol was successful in identifying those responsible and determining the circumstances surrounding the death of the two explorers, it did not contain the "get your man" finish associated to other investigations conducted by the RCMP.

As a result it was passed over by the feature writers of the time as lacking in sensation. For his involvement in the Bathurst Inlet Patrol, French was appointed a Companion of the Imperial Service Order on June 3, 1919. On October 31, 1918, he volunteered for and was accepted in the Canadian Siberian Expeditionary Force (CSEF) and became a member of the Allied Military Expeditionary Force sent to Siberia shortly before the end of the First World War, to assist in the overthrow of the government forces which

came to power after the Russian Revolution. It was hoped that the deployment of this force and their success in overthrowing the revolutionary forces would open up an eastern front against the German forces.

Shortly before his departure, Sub-Insp. French became seriously ill, and for a time it appeared as if he would be unable to recover in time to participate in the expeditionary force being sent overseas. Just before its departure he overcame his illness and sailed from Victoria, on December 26, 1918, arriving at Vladivostok on January 15, 1919. The expeditionary force arrived in Siberia shortly after the end of the war and the contingent returned to Canada in May of 1919. French was struck off the strength of the CEF as of May 5, 1919, and returned to his Mounted Police duties at Portage la Prairie. He was subsequently transferred to Weyburn, in 1922, and to "Depot" in 1923. Francis Henry French retired on December 24, 1931, and lived the remainder of his life in Melville, Saskatchewan. On December 1, 1949, the Canadian Board of Geographic Names named a lake located 45 miles north east of Lac La Ronge, Saskatchewan, in his honour.

John Poyntz French, brother to Francis Henry French and Terry's father, was born at Fort Qu'Appelle, on April 4, 1876, and is commonly believed to have been the first child born to European parents in what is now the province of Saskatchewan. He joined the NWMP in April of 1894 at Regina, and was transferred to Calgary which at the time was known as "E" Division. During his time in "E" Division, he was posted at Gleichen, High River, Canmore and Banff. The discovery of gold in the Yukon and the influx of thousands of miners seeking their fortune resulted in Cst. French being transferred in the winter of 1897/98 to the Yukon, where he was stationed for a short time at Skagway and the White Pass Summit. In the spring of 1898, he transferred to Bennett under the command of Supt. Sam Steele before being posted to Tagish. In the winter of 1898-99, he carried mail by dog team between Tagish, Bennett and Whitehorse. He also broke trail and took the first mail into the Atlin gold fields. In the fall of 1899 he was transferred back to Regina and promoted to the rank of Corporal.

In 1901 John Poyntz French was granted a discharge from the NWMP and appointed to the rank of lieutenant in Lord Baden-Powell's newly organized South African Constabulary (SAC). While a member of the SAC, he served once again under the command of Col. Sam Steele, who by this time had also taken his discharge from the NWMP to renew his military career. While in Africa, he was posted to command the Frankfort Police District and, in 1903, was appointed resident magistrate and district commandant at Brantford O.R.C.

John Poyntz French resigned from the SAC in June of 1906 to return to Canada, but before doing so, he took part in the Zululand Rebellion as a Captain in command of a squadron of Mounted Rifles. After his return to Canada, French married and lived in western Canada until the outbreak of the First World War, when he joined the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) at Winnipeg, and went overseas with the rank of lieutenant. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Order (DSO) for the role he played in the battle at Vimy Ridge and was severely injured as a result of being gassed at Ypres, France.



*Commissioner George A. French*

Reg. No. 19345, Sgt. Dominick James French, the great-grandson of Commissioner George French, first joined the RCMP on April 16, 1956. He received his recruit training at "N" Division (Ottawa) and was posted to "H" Division, Nova Scotia, where he served at Truro, New Glasgow, and temporarily at Antigonish and Guysboro. On July 1, 1958, Cst. French was transferred to "G" Division, N.W.T., and served at Cambridge Bay, Whitehorse, with temporary assignments at Yellowknife. It was while posted in the North that he met and married Alice Masak, author of *I Am Masak*, a story of her life in the Arctic that is used extensively in Canadian school textbooks.

Cst. French was transferred to "A" Division (Ottawa) on December 15, 1960, where he took his discharge, time expired. Dominick French re-engaged with the RCMP on June 30, 1966, and was posted to "D" Division, Manitoba, where he served at Lac du Bonnet, Boissevain and Grand Rapids, took a volun-

tary discharge on July 2, 1979, and then retired to Newbay, Wexford, Ireland.

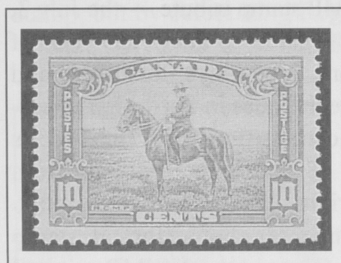
What is striking about the history of the French family and the RCMP is the number of historic incidents in which these members were involved during their lifetimes. The contributions made to Canadian history in general, and the early development of the RCMP in particular, by members of the French family are impressive. Who among us today could boast to have experienced in our lifetime the variety of historically significant events that some of the members of this family have? It was individuals such as these who set the standards that members of the RCMP still strive to attain. The reputation that the RCMP enjoys today is directly attributable to the sacrifices and dedication to duty demonstrated by those who have proceeded us. Nowhere is this more visible than in the role that members of the French family have played in the development of the RCMP that we know today. ❖



# Postage Stamps Relate Rich RCMP History

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**O**n July 3, 1998, Canada Post Corporation celebrated the RCMP's 125th birthday by issuing two stamps in a triptych — a three panel design. The stamps, which are attached by a centre tab that links them, provide both an historical perspective and a modern-day image of the Force (*see p.19, Spring 1998 Quarterly*). These new stamps, however, are not the first appearance of the RCMP on stamps. Eight previous stamp tributes were made to the RCMP by Canada's post office, and two other stamps may be considered "Mountie" stamps.



*The first Mountie stamp, the 10-cent carmine rose, 1935.*

The first appearance of the RCMP on stamps was the 10-cent carmine rose on June 1, 1935. A beautifully engraved image of a con-

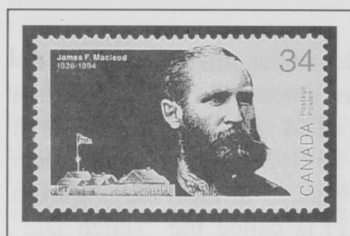
stable on horseback against a prairie background, it was among the first Canadian stamps to be issued with the hidden date in the design. The 1935 issue of Canadian stamps (there were 11 of them ranging from one-cent to \$1) is called the "Dated Die" issue because of those hidden dates, microscopic inscriptions that have appeared on many Canadian stamps since then. In the case of the 1935 "Mountie," magnification reveals "1935" enscribed to the right of the horse's left hind leg.

In 1973, Canada Post celebrated the RCMP's 100th anniversary with a set of three stamps. The first, an eight-cent stamp, portrayed the RCMP's first Commissioner George Arthur French against a background map that traces his historic journey leading the newly-formed NWMP from Dufferin, Manitoba, across what was truly an untamed west to Old Man's River, now in southern Alberta. A 10-cent value featuring a spectrograph (a device to compute the visual spectrum of a substance as a method of identification) and a 15-cent stamp with "the charging scene" from the Musical Ride completed the 100th Anniversary issue.



*RCMP 100th Anniversary stamps.*

One of the five stamps Canada Post issued for the 1982 International Philatelic Youth Exhibition held in Toronto was the “1935 Constable on Horseback.” It was issued as a 35-cent stamp on March 11, and it appeared with the Three-penny Beaver, Mount Hurd, Champlain, and the Bluenose on a show souvenir sheet on May 20. As a “stamp on a stamp,” the 10-cent carmine retained its exciting, artistic beauty.



*Commissioner James F. Macleod stamp.*

The two-stamp Men of Peace issue (September 5, 1986) features Crowfoot, a chief of the Blackfoot nation, while the other commemorates James F. Macleod (1836-1894) of the NWMP who was on the famous trek with Commissioner French. Later, as Commissioner, Macleod was a key figure in Treaty Seven (1877) with the Stonies, Sarcee and Blackfoot Nations.



*The St. Roch, one of a four-stamp coastal series, 1975.*

Canada's four-stamp Ice Vessels set issued November 15, 1978 emphasized the Mounties' marine division. One of the vessels was the *St. Roch* built at North Vancouver for the Force's Arctic Patrol service in 1928. The *St. Roch* went on to become a famous Canadian ship when, in 1940, she travelled from the Pacific to the Atlantic by way of the Arctic. Since ice conditions were terrible, it took two years to complete the trip, but the *St. Roch* became only the second vessel to

traverse the northwest passage. The return journey in 1944 followed an extreme northern route with more success, so it was completed in one summer, making the *St. Roch* the only vessel to do the trip in both directions. Her commander for both northern trips was Sgt. Henry Larson. The *St. Roch* was also the first ship to circle North America.



*The Gold Rush of 1896 (issued 1996).*

On June 13, 1996 at CAPEX '96, an international stamp show in Toronto, Canada Post issued five colourful stamps to mark the centenary of the Yukon Gold Rush. One Gold Rush stamp cites the efforts of the legendary Sam Steele who had a dominant role in law and order along the Yukon-Alaska border.

The latest RCMP stamp tribute — the July 3, 1998, triptych — fittingly traces 125 years of Mountie history. It employs illustrative and photographic techniques in the design to provide a stylistic transition from the Force's beginnings in 1873 to today. Moving from West to East (right to left and from natural to urban environments) the historical stamp illustrates an officer in the NWMP original uniform and a background scene of an officer meeting Stoney natives in a mountain setting. The tab between the stamps blends past and present with a striking frontal image of the Musical Ride which extends onto both stamps. A background maple leaf on the tab is framed by graduated red panels on each stamp, forming a Canadian flag. The second stamp features a portrait of a contemporary officer in working uniform against a background collage. The collage consists of a fingerprint technician in a crime lab and an RCMP helicopter in motion against a city skyline.



*The RCMP 125th Anniversary stamp.*

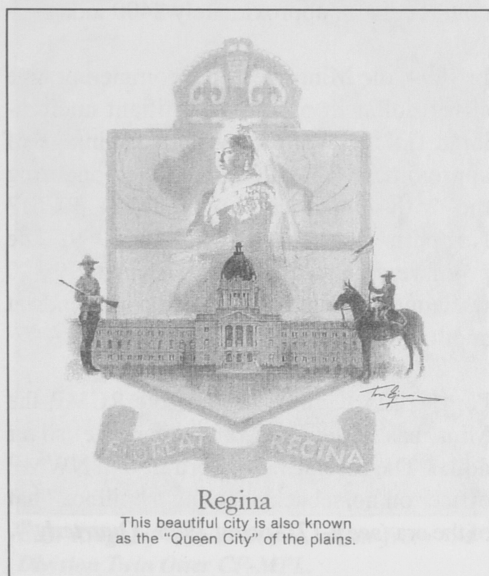
Two other Canadian stamps may be considered to have a direct connection to the RCMP. When the post office decided to commemorate Calgary's centennial with a special stamp on July 3, 1975, it honoured a community that started as a NWMP outpost. In September 1875, the NWMP erected a stockaded log fort at the junction of the Bow and Elbow Rivers which then-A/Commr. James Macleod named Fort Calgary, after a kinsman's home in the Isle of Mull, Scotland.

Another 100th anniversary stamp was issued on August 3, 1982, for Regina's birthday. Like the Calgary stamp, it is not a "Mountie" stamp, but by celebrating Regina it includes "Depot" Division where all RCMP recruits

to the Force are trained. The cachet of a First Day Cover (envelope) designed for the Regina event depicts an original NWMP member (in pillbox) and a modern-day Mountie in which the Saskatchewan parliament buildings are the outstanding image.

Lastly, the Central American nation of Belize issued a Mountie stamp (November 1, 1985) as part of an eight-stamp set to mark the 30th anniversary of Disneyland. The set has characters from "It's a Small World," and the first stamp is designated "Royal Canadian Mounted Police" with a Mountie in a canoe with a totem pole and mountains in the background.

The Scarlet Force has left its mark on Canadian history, and, collectively, these stamps enhance the rich and diverse history of a world class police Force. ♦



*The Regina anniversary cover.*

*All photos courtesy of M.O. Nowlan*

## Instant Arrest

"That's what makes this job so interesting — dumb people," said a Chicago police officer after he arrested a couple who attempted to hold up a bar hosting a police retirement party.

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# Numismatics and the RCMP

By Chris Boyer, Waterloo, Ontario

**O**ver the years, Canada has commemorated the RCMP by issuing paper money, commemorative coins and medals. This article looks at a few of the ways Canadian numismatics has honoured its national police force. In 1984, the author served in "D" Division, at Thompson, Manitoba, as a Supernumerary Special Constable. His father spent more than 35 years in the Force, at Winnipeg, before retiring as head mechanic for "D" Division Headquarters. Boyer has assembled an RCMP exhibit which was displayed in Ottawa as part of a competition and at the school where he teaches, in honour of the RCMP's 125th anniversary. — Editor

## Commemorative Coinage

The Royal Canadian Mint has issued a number of commemorative coins, some circulating and some not, to honour the RCMP. Perhaps the most commonly-known piece is the 25-cent circulating commemorative coin dated 1973. With a Mounted Police officer on horseback featured on the reverse, this coin has been a familiar item in pocket change since its issue 25 years ago. A scarce variety of this coin, known as the "large bust" is a sought-after collector's item. Because of the change in design for the commemorative 25-cent piece, a reduced bust of the Queen was prepared, so that the Mounted Police reverse would strike up well. A small number of these coins, estimated at 8,000 of the nearly 135 million coined, were struck with the larger-sized bust in error, creating a "mule," that is, a coin struck with a pair of dies not intended to be used together. These coins can command about \$175 in uncirculated condition.

Also in that same year, a .500 fine silver dollar was issued bearing a similar design to the 1973 25-cent piece, both designed by the RCMP's Paul Cederberg. With a mintage of nearly one million pieces, it proved to be a popular issue. Both the circulating 25-cent piece and the non-circulating silver dollar bear Cederberg's initials, PC, on the reverse. A special, limited edition case in blue leatherette with a gilt RCMP crest was available only to members of the RCMP. Approximately 10% of the total mintage were produced with this special packaging.

More recently, the Royal Canadian Mint has issued two more non-circulating commemorative coins to honour the RCMP. In 1993, the Mint struck approximately 10,000 \$200 gold coins with an RCMP officer and his horse near some children on the reverse. The coin retails for approximately \$400 today.

In 1994, the Mint released a commemorative silver dollar in proof and brilliant uncirculated finishes with a combined mintage of approximately 230,000, this time honouring the 25th anniversary of the last RCMP Northern Dog Team Patrol in 1969. The proof version retails for approximately \$30 while the brilliant uncirculated coin trends at approximately \$22.

For the 125th anniversary of the RCMP, the Mint has issued a commemorative silver dollar. The reverse has a portrait of a NWMP officer on horseback, wearing a "pillbox" hat of the era (*see p.17, Spring 1998 "Quarterly"*).

## Canadian Paper Money

Perhaps one of the most beautiful back

designs on Canadian paper money was that of the 1975-issue of 50-dollar note. Featuring the RCMP Musical Ride in dome formation, the design naturally complemented the red multicolour note. Unfortunately, due to widespread counterfeiting of this issue, it was replaced in 1988 with the introduction of the "Bird Series" notes. Known to banknote collectors as note "BC-51," its value ranges from \$50 in circulated condition to \$250 in uncirculated condition, depending on the serial number and the signatures of the Deputy Governor and Governor on the face side of the note.

### Commemorative Medals

Various commemorative tokens and medals

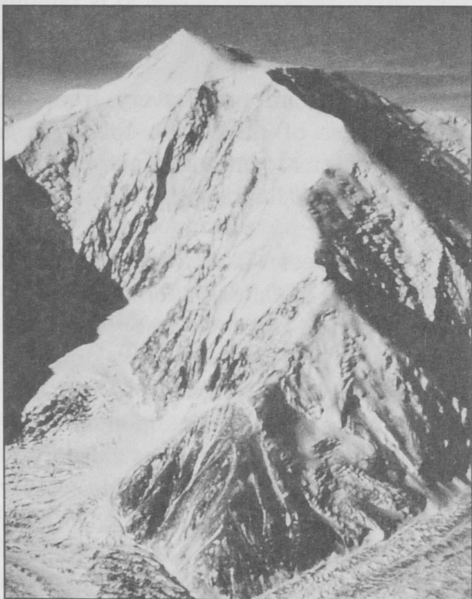
have been issued as well to honour the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Many towns and provinces have issued these coins in a variety of metals to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the RCMP, and other events in the Force's history. Most notably, the city of Regina, Saskatchewan, has issued a number of municipal trade tokens commemorating benchmarks in the history of the RCMP. These tokens and medals are inexpensive and easily obtained historical vignettes of the Force.

Everyone can collect some of the many issues of RCMP coins, banknotes and medals, most of which can be found in coin shops and by contacting a local coin club. ♦

# 1995 Mount Steele Expedition

By Cpl. Pat Egan

NCO i/c Federal Enforcement Section, Whitehorse, Yukon



*East Ridge of Mount Steele, taken from "M" Division Twin Otter CF-MPL.*

*Photo by Cpl. Pat Egan, October 1994*

**T**he Yukon is a vast territory with a diverse and dramatic landscape. Kluane National Park in southwest Yukon is the site of the largest non-polar ice cap in the world. Home to Mt. Logan — the highest peak in Canada — and within view of the Gulf of Alaska, Kluane is the site of some of the most intense storms in the world. Within this majestic landscape, is a group of glaciated peaks named in honour of prominent members of the North-West Mounted Police. This legendary group of police officers served in the Yukon during the Klondike Gold Rush. Mounts Wood, Walsh, Constantine, Jarvis and Strickland are crowned by the highest peak, Mt. Steele.

Early on the morning of May 24, members of the RCMP climbing expedition reached the summit at 16,664 feet above sea level. Pinned down in tents by severe three-day weather



*The expedition team (L-R): Deputy Chief Ron Chambers, Warden Andrew Lawrence, Cst. Dave Olson, journalist Brad Wroblewski, Cpl. Pat Egan, Ranger Sean McGuinness, Trooper Paul Randall.*

*Photo by Patrick Morrow*

storms, team members departed high camp (elevation 12,700 feet) at eight o'clock in the evening, hoping to capitalize on diminished winds. Two rope teams of climbers pushed on through the night trying to reach the summit despite a fierce wind storm.

The first pair to arrive was Alaska State Trooper Paul Randall and journalist Brad Wroblewski. Afraid that no member of the Mounted Police would summit that night, Paul Randall decided to conduct the planned dedication ceremony without the RCMP present. In gale-force winds, he dedicated the expedition to the RCMP and the memory of Sam Steele "Lion of the Yukon." At 2:30 in the morning, Brad Wroblewski and Paul Randall hurried back down the snow and ice-covered slopes of the mountain to the high camp, 4,000 feet below — arriving around breakfast time, exhausted, dehydrated and famished. Together with other expedition members at the camp, they awaited word from the second rope team that had also headed for the top the previous night.

It turned out to be a long night for the second team comprised of Canada Parks Warden Andrew Lawrence and RCMP Cpl. Pat Egan who reached the summit shortly after 3:00 a.m. About 20 minutes into the descent, Andrew Lawrence stumbled and fell and when they were unable to self-arrest with ice axes, it became apparent that further descent would be impossible. Low light conditions prevented the use of glacier goggles and incessant wind conditions caused Andrew Lawrence's eyes to dry out — making him temporarily blind. After digging into the side

of the mountain and staying put for several hours in a white out, the pair resumed their descent and Andrew Lawrence had to be lowered 50 metres at a time on the climbing rope. Fortunately, the weather cleared that morning and his eyesight improved with the warm rays of the sun. The next day at noon, all team members were reunited back at the high camp.

Other members of the expedition included Ron Chambers, Deputy Chief of the Champagne and Ashihik First Nations, U.S. National Park Service Ranger Sean McGuinness, and RCMP Cst. David Olson. The expedition pilot was Doug Makkonen of Trans North Helicopters — who is famous for his high-altitude sling rescues in the St. Elias Mountains. Doug Makkonen received an Award for Bravery from the Commissioner of the Yukon following a daring rescue on Mount Logan, above 16,000 feet, with his Bell Jet Ranger.

The Mount Steele Expedition was documented by one of Canada's foremost mountaineers, Patrick Morrow — the first person in history to climb the highest peak on each of the world's seven continents — who captured the Mount Steele Expedition on video. This documentary film features the story of the climb set amidst the breathtaking scenery of the St. Elias Mountains. Entitled, *Men of Steele — 1995 Yukon RCMP Centennial Expedition*, this 24-minute video was produced and edited by Bill Noble of Osprey Productions. It can be ordered from the Kluane Mountaineering Festival, P.O. Box 5339, Haines Junction, Yukon Y0B 1L0. ❖



# Saint Nick Nabs Car Thief

By Cst. Roger Long



(L-R): Dale Cooper, Dale Clattenburg, Cst. Roger Long, Santa (Aubrey Brown) and Julie Clattenburg.

On December 22, 1998, Santa, Mr. Dale Clattenburg — a local school principal — and Cst. Roger Long were getting ready to distribute 1,500 candy canes throughout the Lower Sackville community. At the request of Cst. Long to have a suitable photograph taken for the *Quarterly*, they decided to back up the pickup truck containing the candy canes so that it would line up with the Detachment's front door, where a "Tree of Hope" had been erected by a Venturers group. However, parked in the Detachment parking lot was a red Honda Prelude. As the truck began moving in reverse, Santa started yelling, "Stop! Stop! Ho! Ho! Ho! Stop!" Sure enough, the loud "crunch" sound that followed was the pickup truck backing into the right tail light of the Honda.

Cst. Long went inside the Detachment to find that the owner of the vehicle was being interviewed as a suspect in a fraud case. Then, not only was the owner unable to produce a valid driver's licence, vehicle registration or proof of insurance, it was revealed that the vehicle was in fact stolen.

Meanwhile, Santa was sweating bullets — until he realized that he had just solved a crime. Santa and his elves continued on with their mission of spreading the Christmas spirit over the Lower Sackville community. And as for the driver of the stolen vehicle, needless to say, he was provided with a hot meal and a warm bed for the night — compliments of Santa! ❖

# My First Arrest

By D/Commr. W.H. Kelly (retired)

(An excerpt from *Policing the Fringe: A Young Mountie's Story*)

*Author's note: In May 1934, I had been in the RCMP about 10 months, nine of which were in training. I had been transferred to North Battleford Detachment by way of Regina Town Station, and had been stationed there for about two weeks. This excerpt describes my first patrol alone. As a result of what I had done, it was the first time I was to submit, after several attempts, and in many copies, a police report on Form 237.*



The next morning Hervey and I met Cpl. Bill McRae, the NCO in charge of North Battleford Detachment. He was big, rawboned, mild mannered and fatherly, and needed nothing more than his size to enforce discipline. We were not surprised after our Regina experience when the corporal said Hervey and I would be on night guard more often than we would like. As he explained, the cells in the basement housed not only the Detachment's own prisoners, but also, frequently, prisoners from other detachments en route to the Prince Albert common gaol or penitentiary. He didn't need to explain that we would have extra guard duties because we were junior to the other eight constables in the Detachment.

Cpl. McRae's advice about work and study were similar to that of Sgt. Roberts in Regina, but he added two important points. Young constables in North Battleford, he said, were very popular with the girls, some of whom hung around the Dominion Cafe where we were to eat our meals. We must be extremely careful to avoid "girls of the wrong kind." He also warned us about the abuse of liquor, especially as the RCMP enforced the Saskatchewan liquor laws.

"And now," he said as Hervey and I prepared to leave, "you two had better get into fatigues. Police cars out back need washing. After that you can whitewash the stones around the parking lot."

He had already told us there was plenty of work on the Detachment, but we had foolishly thought he had meant police work. We spent the next two days washing cars and whitewashing stones. Our manual labours were not a complete loss, however. We learned to recognise Insp. Powell, the commanding officer of the sub-division, as we practiced our saluting whenever he walked from the office to his car, in the parking lot. Hervey, my senior by a couple of regimental numbers, did most of the saluting. I saluted only when Hervey did not notice the commanding officer. It comforted us somewhat that, as members recently arrived from the training depot, the one thing we could do well was to salute.

As we had done in Regina, we accompanied other members on patrol. At least, the corporal said, it would help prepare us for the time when we would patrol alone. I wondered if that day would ever come.

At last it came, unexpectedly. One morning the corporal as usual came out of his small inner office and saw that all other members had left on patrol and that I was alone. He looked through the office windows to the parking lot and, instead of telling me whom I should accompany on patrol, he merely said, "All the police cars are gone. You'll have to take my private car."

He handed me the keys to his cherished coupé, and I realised he was sending me out alone.

I also realised that he assumed I could drive. I had driven a few times before I joined the Force, but only enough to support the statement I had made on my application that I could drive a car. Besides, driving a gear shift car in those days was much more difficult than driving today's cars with automatic gear shifts. At that moment I remembered receiving full marks for describing in detail the principles of a four cycle combustion engine. But I knew that would not have impressed the corporal.

Silently I took his keys, and he gave me the details of the first case on which I was to work. A taxi from Meadow Lake, a village 110 miles straight north, was on its way to North Battleford. The driver was suspected of carrying furs stolen earlier from the warehouse of a store in the village.

His briefing concluded, the corporal gave me a piece of paper containing the licence number of the taxi and the name of the driver.

"If you find any furs when you search the car, bring them with the driver to the office," he said. Then as an afterthought, "and anyone else with him."

It took me some time to figure out how to start the motor, and just as long to puzzle out the movements of the gear shift. By trial and error I found the reverse gear. At last, and very, very slowly I backed the car on to the street. There was more delay as I made sure I had the car in first gear before I moved forward, away from the Detachment. By that time, it must have been obvious to the corporal that my driving experience was extremely limited, and he must have regretted allowing me to drive his personal car. I almost expected him to dash out to the street and retrieve it. I felt sure that if he could have left the Detachment with someone more experienced than I, he would have made the patrol himself. But he made no move in my direction, and I drove at a snail's pace to Number 4 highway, which led north to Meadow Lake.

About a mile beyond the town limits, I stopped the car at a place on the highway from

which I could see an oncoming car for a long distance. I was not on this, my first police patrol alone, in a panic, but I certainly was apprehensive. I knew what I had to do but I doubted my ability to do it. Should I keep the car headed toward the north? Or should I turn it around to face town? In that case I wouldn't waste time if the driver refused to acknowledge my signal to stop and I had to give chase. I shuddered at the thought of using the corporal's private car for any kind of chase with my lack of driving experience. Other questions arose. Should I keep the motor running so that I could get away more quickly if there was a chase? Should I go farther north so I could see the taxi coming from an even greater distance? How close should I allow the taxi to come before I stepped out to signal the driver to stop? If too soon, I thought, he might turn around and race back north throwing the furs out of the car before I could stop him. And if the worst possible thing happened, how could I go back to the corporal and tell him I had failed to stop the taxi? Finally I decided to turn the car around to face town and turned off the motor. I felt reassured as I considered my one advantage: no one would think there was a policeman in the corporal's coupé.

I waited for about two hours without seeing a car come from the north. Now other fears began to arise. Had the suspect gone into North Battleford by another route? Had he perhaps taken a turn to the east some 40 miles back on a road to Prince Albert? Even if I had been in a police car, in those days, it would not have had a radio. Should I return to the Detachment for further instructions? Then I took comfort from the fact that if the corporal wondered if anything was wrong, he could come and find me.

After I had waited about three hours, a car came along with nothing to identify it as a taxi. But its mud-splattered condition indicated that it had come a long distance. When it was about a hundred yards away, I got out and waved it down. To my relief, the driver pulled in behind the coupé. As I watched him do so, I noticed his car's licence was the same one I had read a hundred times on the corporal's piece of paper.



The car had no trunk in which to hide stolen goods, so I checked the back seat. There I saw two bulging gunny sacks. I looked into one and saw it contained furs. I had no idea what kind of furs they were, not having seen any such thing before. I placed the bags in the corporal's car and told the driver to drive slowly ahead of me to the Detachment. I felt sure the corporal was happier to see his car safely returned than he was to see the taxi driver and the furs.

"Hmm, muskrats, eh!" he said as he looked inside the sacks. "Take him down to the cells. I'll phone Meadow Lake and have them send a man down for him."

Only then did I realise that I had made my first seizure of stolen goods and had made my first arrest. There had been no formal arrest as I had been taught in formal training. I had not placed my hand on the man's shoulder and said "I arrest you in the name of the King." Practice was indeed different from theory, especially for me, having never seen anyone placed under arrest. (...)

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**HOT OFF THE PRESS!** The colourful Musical Ride has entertained audiences in Canada and abroad since it was first formed in 1886. William H. Kelly and Nora Hickson Kelly, well known authors of several books on the RCMP, tell the story of the Musical Ride in their newest book. *The Musical Ride of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police*, published by EQUIMEDIA Corporation. P.O. Box 90519, Austin, Texas 78709 U.S.A. [Telephone: (512) 288-1676] is distributed by Fitzhenry and Whiteside, 195 Allstate Parkway, Markham, Ontario L3R 4T8 [Telephone: (905) 477-9700]. The book is also available at the RCMP Headquarters Canteen in the L.H. Nicholson Building. In this picture book full of colourful photographs, readers will learn how the RCMP Musical Ride breeds and trains its beautiful black horses, how riders are chosen and trained, and how the music suits the complicated Ride movements. The book ends with the story of Burmese, the best known of all Musical Ride horses, given to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. — Editor. ♦



## Book Reviews

**THE MALINOIS** by Jan Kaldenbach, Calgary: Detselig Enterprises Ltd., 1997, 93 pp. \$23.95 ISBN: 1-55059-151-7.

Jan Kaldenbach is a renowned K9 handler and trainer, particularly as an expert on the Malinois. His decision to write a book on the Malinois stemmed from a lack of information on the breed as a working dog. The book explores the dog's background, breed characteristics, training and usefulness as a police service dog. It answers many questions concerning the Malinois Shepherd, a breed that, in recent years, has become increasingly popular in

North America for police work, guard duties and sporting competitions.

Kaldenbach's book is an asset to anyone who is thinking of purchasing a Malinois or has already done so. Sprinkled with photographs and anecdotes, *The Malinois* is detailed yet simple to understand. It takes the reader step by step through different procedures one must follow before and after purchasing a Malinois. The book even covers techniques for training an adult dog with a history of previous owners or training. Kaldenbach then goes on to examine the K.N.P.V. (Royal Dutch

Police Dog Association) Inspection Program and its different aspects.

By Geneviève Giroux

**ASCENT OF DOG: WORKING DOGS IN THE WEST**, by Wendy Bush, Detselig Enterprises Ltd., 210-1220 Kensington Rd. NW, Calgary, Alberta, 1998. 191 p. \$28.95 ISBN 1-55059-174-6

The relationship between humankind and dogs is unique. Few animals have bonded as closely with us as *canis familiaris*. Humans and dogs have lived side by side for centuries, as partners, as friends, as silent yet sympathetic therapists. Today, the dog's role is that of a household pet, but in the past the dog held much more varied positions in human society (although dogs, if they could talk, would surely claim that *humans* have held more varied positions in *dog* society). In *Ascent of Dog: Working Dogs in the West*, Wendy Bush explores the role that canines played in the opening-up of the West in the 19th Century.

*Ascent of Dog* is an easy read, informative yet light, brightened by the occasional bit of humour ("Alas, not all tails have happy endings") and livened by frequent anecdotes. Bush begins with an overview of her topic and moves into an historical summary of the relationship of man and dog, beginning with the earliest archaeological discoveries of human and dog bones together. By placing her subject in such a broad context, Bush impresses upon the reader the solidity of the bond between human and dog. The book then progresses thematically through the history of dogs in western Canada. From sled dogs pulling mail across the barren winter landscape of the prairies, to hunting dogs that provided sustenance for their human masters, to dogs that lost their lives when stranded explorers had nothing left to eat except man's best friend, the reader is shown how vital the role of the dog was in

the days before Canada was unified by rail.

One of the book's most unique and interesting chapters deals with the mythologization of the working dog by Hollywood. Throughout the 20th Century, the Yukon, complete with gold-diggers, thieves, Mounties and the ever-present Husky sled dog, fascinated moviegoers. Bush illustrates how the hard-working dogs of western Canada became cultural icons in America, even if their on-screen representation was not always accurate.

*Ascent of Dog* has a few flaws, one of them being continuity: the order in which the chapters appear does not always make sense, and the reader frequently finds him or herself jumping through time and space only to return to the point of origin in a later chapter. However, for anyone with an interest in dogs or the history of western Canada, or both, *Ascent of Dog* should prove an entertaining and informative read.

By D.L. Tencer

**A DOG IS NOT A GUN: OBSERVATIONS ON CANINE POLICING**, By Dr. Cannie Stark, Detselig Enterprises Ltd., 210-1220 Kensington Rd. NW, Calgary, Alberta, 1998. 127 p. \$24.95. ISBN 1-55059-152-2

Little has been said or written in the mainstream media about police service dogs. The general public has been exposed to them mostly in movies or in the customs line-up at the airport. Nevertheless, police dogs have proven to be a great asset to law enforcement agencies throughout the world, for reasons more varied than most lay persons would suspect. Dr. Cannie Stark's *A Dog Is Not A Gun* discusses the many ways in which the police dog can serve a law enforcement officer — as protector, as trace element detector, as an efficient and vigilant rescuer.

However, as the title of Stark's book suggests, the police dog is not just another tool of law enforcement — it is a living and (disputably) conscious creature. And as such, the police dog presents law enforcement agencies with a unique set of problems. Through a series of interviews with K9 specialists such as RCMP S/Sgt. Gil Radke, Stark sheds light on the problems which K9 units and handlers face in today's policing environment. Among Stark's many assertions is that the needs of K9 units are often unfulfilled because many superior officers don't have experience in dog handling and don't understand what is necessary. Stark also argues against the "tenure" system, practised in some police jurisdictions, in which dog handlers are given an arbitrarily-set amount of time to work in the K9 unit before being transferred elsewhere. Although the practice makes sense in terms of promotion and advancement opportunities for the officer involved, Stark argues that the practice is a waste of resources. The dangers of not properly training, deploying and maintaining K9 units is clear — increased risk to the public, to the handlers and to the dogs themselves.

Stark's book is essentially a series of essays and interviews that, brought together, paint a picture of the state of K9 policing in North America, at the end of the 20th Century. As a guide for police dog policy, *A Dog Is Not A Gun* may prove to be too general, but it certainly is a good springboard for change in this quickly-developing field of law enforcement.

By D.L. Tencer

***PROCEEDS OF CRIME: The Criminal Law, Related Statutes, Regulations and Agreements***, by Insp. Peter M. German, B.A. (Hon.), M.A., LL.B., LL.M. of the British Columbia and Ontario Bars; publisher: Carswell Thomson Professional

Publishing, Scarborough, Ontario 1998. ISBN:0-459-55552-9

This book should be required reading for those who work in the area of Proceeds of Crime, and also for anyone whose work could be affected by the proceeds of crime. Whether you work in the field of accounting, banking, corporate law, criminal law, finance, gaming, insurance, international law, law enforcement, securities, policy development or analysis with the provincial or federal government, or in academia, this resource is a must for your bookshelf.

Proceeds of Crime is a complex area, and while the legislation has ten years of history in Canada, Peter German's work is the first to assemble all of the relevant legislative material and case law into one resource. The structure of the book allows for easy access to any particular section, while at the same time providing comprehensive coverage of this field. The relevant statutory provisions are set out for each topic and the reader is guided through a step-by-step analysis of relevant issues that may arise, such as: a detailed analysis of the provision, an overview of the law, Charter concerns, sentencing issues, as well as any linkages to other provisions. Topics covered include: Money Laundering and the International Response, Criminal Law and Confiscation, all areas of Canada's Proceeds of Crime Legislation, including Investigation, Forfeiture, Relief, and Ancillary Legislation.

In the final part of the book, Peter German describes the role of the key players in the area of Proceeds of Crime law in Canada: the lawyers and the police. A particularly useful section of this book is the appendices, which provides the reader with all of the relevant Proceeds of Crime legislation and regulations.

As this book is in loose-leaf format, the reader is guaranteed to continue to have



the most up-to-date Proceeds of Crime resource available for their research and development. This feature is crucial in the area of Proceeds of Crime, as it continues to evolve with new legislation constantly being introduced and cases continually coming before the courts with more regularity. The author's historical review and analysis will allow the reader to place any

new legislation or case law into perspective and provide them with the knowledge that will allow them to remain on top of this demanding field. This book is essential for anyone serious about working in the area of Proceeds of Crime.

*By Gregory J. Rose\*, B.A.,  
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## University Graduates



*In March 1999, Reg. No. 39691, Cst. M.C. Gillingham graduated with honours from the Forensic Science Program, at the B.C. Institute of Technology.*



*On May 29, 1998, Reg. No. 38945, Sgt. C.S. MacMillan was the first student to graduate from the University of British Columbia with a Doctorate of Philosophy degree in Law. He is also believed to be the first police officer in Canada to have completed a Ph.D. in Law.*



# "DEPOT" DIVISION GRADUATES



*Troop 20 (1997/98) began training December 9, 1997, and graduated June 15, 1998. (L-R) Seated: G.C. Lachance, S/M R. Tardif, C/Supt. J.G.H. Boucher, Insp. C.C. Villeneuve, Cpl. K.D. Flood, L.E. McMullin. Standing, first row: M.L. Griffiths, T.L. Etienne, M.M.D. Veronneau, M.H. Nguyen, J.L. Mitchell, L.J. Christianson. Second row: I.G. Atkinson, J.F. Robert, C.G. Tully, J.S. Porewal, C.D. Fequet, M.M.C. Mitchell, T.D. Burns. Third row: L.B. MacDonald, S.M.A. Babb, R.D. Warner, G.J. Pask, J.G.F. Hachey, D.C. Brosinsky, K.P. Duggan, G.R. Gareau.*



*Troop 21 (1997/98) began training January 27, 1998, and graduated August 4, 1998. (L-R) Seated: C.L. White, Cpl. M.S. Mar, Cpl. J.P.R. Desjardins, C/Supt. J.G.H. Boucher, Cpl. P.R. Oliver, T.D. Scott, P.K. Dhillon. Standing, first row: B. Dhaliwal, R.D. Latham, D.J. Klop, S.W. Graham, A.L. Chapelle-McGrath, A.M. Jardine. Second row: E.K.L. MacLean, J.K.H. Wong, T.L. Brolon, M.G. Hahn, C.N. Kakahashi, S.E. Sanikoff, D.M. Patterson. Third row: J.J. Hailey, K.R. Gregson, F. Hosain, D.D. Collings, B.E. Daigneault, M.S. Norman, P. Mayes, K.A. Burndorf.*





*Troop 22 (1997/98) began training February 24, 1998, and graduated August 31, 1998. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. T.W. Lowry, S/M R. Tardif, Supt. J.C.G. Doucet, C/Supt. J.G.H. Boucher, Supt. C.C. Villeneuve, Cpl. C. Ouellet, Cpl. S. Jacques. Standing, first row: C. Déry, M.F.G. Cormier, D.M.G. Roberge, C.E. Soucy, M.E. Lavalée, M.R.C. Mailloux, P. Lavrault, Cpl. T.J. Sisk. Second row: Cpl. J.P.R. Desjardins, C. Pelchat, M.A.C. Champoux, T.C. Chang, C.J.P. Boismenu, M.M. Trépanier, J. Dumont, J. Labelle. Third row: R.J.R. Labbé, J.G.M. Pépin, P. Gauthier, W. Prosper, M. Groulx, S. Charbonneau, M. Vachon, J.G. Thériault.*



*Troop 23 (1997/98) began training March 3, 1998, and graduated September 8, 1998. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. M. Harvey, S/M R. Tardif, C/Supt. J.G.H. Boucher, Supt. J.C.G. Doucet, Cpl. P. Webb, Cpl. R. Fullerton. Standing, first row: C.A.M. Stechey, M.-L.F. Carignan, M.P.K. Rivard, M.R.S. Rousseau, M.L.M. Roy, Lebouthiller, M.K.S.A. Judd, C. Roger, I.M.Y. Trudel. Second row: C.A. Strawbridge, J.L. Myers, E.E. Grégoire, K.J. Inamasu, J.F. Huss, M.Y.V. Bernier. Third row: C.J. Chaisson, B.S.P. Mann, M.F. Callihoo, A.J.Y. Bouchard, R.E. Donovan, S.C. Gibson, B.A. Gervais.*





*Troop 24 (1997/98) began training March 24, 1998, and graduated September 28, 1998. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. T. McCabe, S/M R. Tardif, Supt. C.C. Villeneuve, C/Supt. J.G.H. Boucher, Supt. J.C.G. Doucet, Cpl. J.B. Parent, Cpl. G.N. Gourlay. Standing, first row: D.E. Fontaine, J.R. Murphy, K.L. Janecke, H.J. Glassford, C.C. Lawless, S.L. Lozinski, D.N. Chevarie. Second row: B.D. Schaible, T.M. James, A.D. Lavallée, D.A.J. Starnes, M.E. Delaney, D.W.E. Cocks, J.E. McDonald. Third row: G.J. Webb, G.C. Williamson, P.N.J. Wade, C.S.H. Cooper, G.A. Simpson, C.R. Pittman, C.F.L. Bureau.*



*Troop 1 (1998/99) began training April 21, 1998, and graduated October 26, 1998. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. A.J. Hofland, Cpl. M. McSween-Séguin, S/M R. Tardif, Supt. R.M. Castonguay, Cpl. O. Torsky, Cpl. C.G. Lawrence, P.K.Y. Tsui. Standing, first row: H.P. Scott, J.H. Marin, M.J. Thompson, A.S. Knowles, D.M. Allen, D.G. Kermociev, J.L. Lebourdais. Second row: J.C. Edwards, M.F. Pouliot, M. Piché, T.R. Tyndall, R.D.M. Davies, S.L. Marleau. Third row: J.J.A. Baron, M.J. Bishop, D.C. McIntyre, R.S. Kler, S. Selvage, N.W. MacDonald, T.M. Schmidt.*





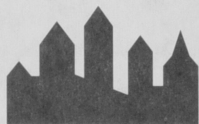
*Troop 2 (1998/99) began training April 28, 1998, and graduated November 2, 1998. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. C.L. Joyce, Supt. J.G.C. Doucet, Supt. R.M. Castonguay, Insp. J.M.F. Villeneuve, Cpl. P. Desjardins, Cpl. S.M. Bourassa-Muise. Standing, first row: H.L. Parker, M.-J. Darveau, C.J. Smith, E.C. Smith, C.E. Farina, J.M. Cain, T.L.L. Shestoplaski. Second row: J.N. Tchir, L.M. Grant, S.H. Goudie, S.D. Gosse, G.W. Fedrau, K.L. Melting-Tallow, J.F. Barr, S.D. Hellems, J.J.G. Roussel. Third row: D.R. Bazowski, D. Tremblay, K.S. Andres, S.B. Climenhaga, T.A. Creed, T.F.J. Chmarney, J.K. Hadley-Roberts, M.F. Flanagan.*



*Troop 3 (1998/99) began training May 12, 1998, and graduated November 16, 1998. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. P.A. Marsh, Cpl. C. Bradley, Supt. C.C. Villeneuve, C/Supt. J.G.H. Boucher, S/M R. Tardif, Cpl. P.E. Maeda, Cpl. D.J. Halstead. Standing, first row: L.K. Bristow, E.D. Climenhaga, M.G.L. Paquin, S.A. Matharu, E.E. Delisle, W.N. Martin, I. Naveen. Second row: S. Kim, A.M. Zahara, D.D. Vanthuyne, S.L. Beattie, R.J. Seitz, H.D. Fox. Third row: V. Borkhataria, J.F.M. Jobin, J.C. Jacobson, B.A. McIntosh, S.S. Minhas, L. Sardinia, C.D. Dara.*

*Photos by Instructional Support Service Unit*





# DIVISIONAL DISPATCHES

## ATLANTIC REGION

### "B" DIVISION

#### HEADQUARTERS — ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

**POLICE OFFICER HONOURED** Cpl. Glen Hudson, Marystown Detachment, received the award of Crime Prevention Police Officer for 1998, presented at the annual Crime Prevention Conference in Gander. Other award recipients included the Clarendville Crime Prevention Committee (Best Crime Prevention Committee), Betty Fitzgerald of Bonavista (Crime Prevention Volunteer for 1998) and the Grade Four Christmas Checkpoint, which was won by the Gambo Crime Prevention Committee.

**HOGAN'S TRAIL** On May 8, 1943, Newfoundland Ranger John Hogan was on a Royal Canadian Air Force Flight to Gander along with other RCAF personnel, when all of a sudden, the plane filled with smoke and lost altitude rapidly. Assuming that the plane was on fire, the passengers bailed out by parachute. Ranger Hogan landed in thick woods with only a minor injury to his knee and intended to walk to the coast until he found a settlement. He was making good progress when he spotted a fellow passenger, RCMP Cpl. Butt, who had landed in water. With the low temperature that night, Cpl. Butt's feet were frozen and he needed help to walk. Progress was painfully slow.

Numerous searches were conducted by land and air. However, because of the smoke filled plane, the pilot was uncertain where Hogan and Butt came down and the searches were concentrated to the north-west of where they landed. The two were presumed dead.

On May 16, Hogan and Butt came upon a

dilapidated cabin, where they spent the night. They struggled on for three more days until they found another cabin. By this time, Cpl. Butt was unable to walk and they were forced to remain in this cabin until June 25. Around that time, Hogan spotted a survey party crossing the pond by boat and flagged them down.

During the 52-day ordeal, Ranger Hogan managed to keep Cpl. Butt and himself alive by trapping rabbits, gathering berries exposed when the snow melted and brewing tea from wild herbs. Ranger Hogan was later awarded the King's Police and Firemen's Medal for his dedication in remaining with, and caring for, the incapacitated Cpl. Butt for more than 50 days.

Hogan was promoted to the rank of corporal and continued in the Rangers until 1950. At that time, he transferred to the RCMP with many of his fellow Rangers, when the Force was disbanded following Confederation. He served with distinction in the RCMP and retired in 1969 with the rank of staff sergeant. Hogan died suddenly on April 19, 1977.

The Town of Hawke's Bay designed the Hogan Trail to commemorate Hogan's remarkable courage, dedication and stamina. The trail will feature RCMP and Canadian flags to mark the site, and an octagonal seating area at the start of the trail, designed by Cst. Bruce George. Cst. George and Bill Maynard are presently trying to raise the money to build this monument for Hogan and



they hope it will be complete by the new millennium.

**NORM & FRED** "Norm and Fred" is a one-person, four-character play, preformed by Cst. Boyd Merrill of the Port aux Basque-Channel Community Policing office. The play takes the audience on an eye opening adventure into the world of drugs. The plot discusses this world through the eyes of four characters: Norm (a drug dealer), Fred (who has lost a friend through drug use), a student who goes off to university, and a RCMP police officer.

The play also covers various life skills, problem solving techniques and role playing, all within a common sense framework. The end of the play concentrates on the individual and the far reaching effects of drugs. Cst. Merrill has incorporated real life experiences to give this work a realistic touch. The play doesn't lecture the evils of drug use, but merely presents the true facts. The ultimate decision is left to the discretion of the audience. The play is scheduled to run from January to June and September to December 1999.

#### *"B" Division Newsletter*

**MONUMENT UNVEILLED** More than 60 RCMP members from across the province participated in the traditional Remembrance Day observances in Botwood last fall. Following the ceremony at the town's cenotaph, everyone proceeded to the foot of the hill in front of the town hall, where plaque in honour of the late Cst. Terry Hoey was unveiled.

No one would have thought that such a tragedy could happen in the small town of Botwood 40 years ago — the shooting death of Cst. Hoey on November 6, 1958. Responding to a call to an upstairs apartment, the 21-year-old Cst. Hoey took a fatal bullet in the chest. He had just graduated from "Depot" three weeks before.

Botwood Mayor Gloria Butt said the story of this incident has become entrenched in the

town's folklore, and it has given everyone a new appreciation of the police and their dedication.

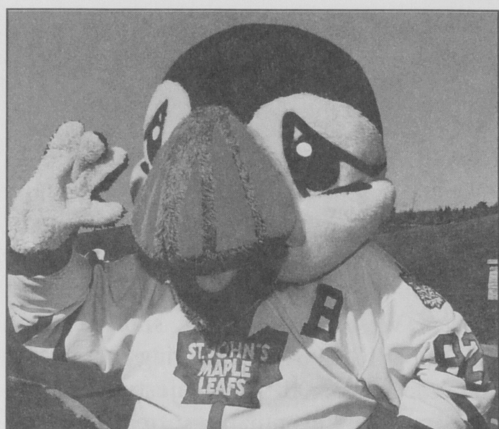
**SLAIN MOUNTIE REMEMBERED** A Mountie gunned down in the line of duty 34 years ago was remembered with a moving service and unveiling of a plaque near the scene of his death in Whitbourne. Cst. Robert Weston Amey was shot dead on December 17, 1964, while trying to recapture four escapees from Her Majesty's Penitentiary — who eventually surrendered and were returned to prison.

The plaque, dedicated to Cst. Amey was unveiled at the church last November in the presence of his sister, Gwen DeBaie. It will later be erected at the war memorial, across the street from where Amey was killed.

**HALLOWEEN IN THE BAG** Last Halloween, "B" Division decided to make safety a priority in Newfoundland and Labrador. The Division send out more than 26,000 orange Halloween bags with the RCMP 125 Logo on one side and logos of supporting sponsors (VOCM radio and Robinson and Blackmore newspapers — who donated almost \$10,000 worth of advertising each) on the other side. The bags were distributed by RCMP employees, to schools and the general public. By mid-October, the RCMP and supporting sponsors were flooded with calls from the public looking for more Halloween bags. This partnership was so successful that the sponsors and "B" Division have committed to doing this again in 1999 and ordering a lot more bags.

**MAPLE LEAFS OPENING NIGHT** More than 3,500 people jumped to their feet in a thunderous round of applause as members of the "B" Division Emergency Response Team (ERT) and 20 other RCMP members performed a spectacular opening night show for the St. John's Maple Leafs first home game.

Two weeks before the game, the Maple Leaf's team mascot, Buddy the Puffin, had been kidnapped and the Maple Leafs ran a



*Buddy the Puffin.*

contest on OZ FM radio, called: “Where in the World is Buddy?” Each morning, Cst. Tony Griffiths gave a clue and radio listeners called the station if they could guess where Buddy was last spotted — and for a chance to win a trip to Toronto to see the “real” Maple Leafs. The contest became the talk of the province. There were Buddy sightings everywhere!

The night of the game, hockey fans were treated to a real life drama. St. John’s memorial Stadium was surrounded by yellow police tape; Mounties on horseback greeted the public and treated this case like every other case (very seriously). There had been word that the kidnappers would make an appearance. Inside, RCMP members in Red serge handed out commemorative RCMP 125 pucks and Canadian flags.

As soon as Cst. Chantal Soucy finished signing “The Ode to Newfoundland” to a sold-out house, the lights went out as the kidnappers drove out onto the ice in an antique Ford, followed by two RCMP patrol cars. When Buddy was taken out of the truck, negotiations began and were failing until police Dog “Kris”, his trainer, Cy Gorman, an ERT member and Safety Bear came to the rescue, as the rest of the ERT repelled from the stadium ceiling (one member slid across the stadium on a cable with a lit flare shooting sparks) — to capture the kidnappers and

lead them off the ice in handcuffs before they had a chance to escape in the Zamboni.

Cst. Chantal Soucy sang the national anthem, and C/Supt. Larry Warren, CO, “B” Division, and hockey legend Ken Dryden dropped the puck to officially start the game. St. John’s Maple Leaf management said that this was their best opening night, ever. They (and the RCMP) received congratulatory calls for weeks afterward. There was even a call from head office in Toronto, asking how they managed to get the Mounties in the show? They were amazed at the cooperation and professionalism that went into it. Many thanks to Helen Cleary-Escott, “B” Division Media Relations Coordinator, and Insp. Randy Parks for all their efforts. “B” Division employees have been glowing with pride ever since.

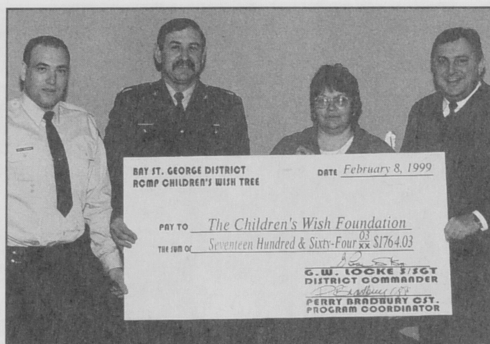
**TORCH RUN** All three members of Flowers Cove Detachment organized and participated in the first ever Law Enforcement Torch Run. They ran the entire length of the Provincial Highway through their Detachment area, completing the 85-km trek in a five-day period during National Police Week, and raising almost \$1,700 for Special Olympics from pledges and t-shirt sales. The trio have continued their training in preparation for the 1999 run, which will mark the 10th anniversary of the Law Enforcement Torch Run in Newfoundland and Labrador.

*By Cst. D.C. LeBlanc*



*(L-R): Csts P.A. Dowden, D.C. LeBlanc and W.J. Anderson.*

**WISH TREE PROGRAM** On December 6, 1998, the first annual Bay St. George District Children's Wish Tree was lit at Stephenville Detachment. The object of the fundraiser was to change a red light to white, signifying hope, for every \$25 donation made to the Wish Tree. The program, spearheaded by Cst. Perry Bradbury, ran with the generosity of the people of the Bay St. George area and the continued community commitment of the RCMP. The donations, totalling more than \$1,700, were presented to Ms. Doreen Denty, chairperson of the local chapter of the Children's Wish Foundation. The money will go towards granting wishes to children under the age of 18 with life-threatening illnesses. Ms. Denty was extremely pleased with the



(L-R): Cst. Perry Bradbury, S/Sgt. Gerry Locke, Ms. Doreen Denty, Insp. Gary Barnes.

success of this program and plans to adopt it as the official fundraiser of the local chapter for coming years.



#### BIBLES IN THE BARRACKS

*The Gideons dropped into "B" Division Headquarters last November to donate 30 Bibles — one for each barrack — at the request of Rev. Frampton. (L-R): A/Commr. Larry Warren, Rev. Frampton, Gideons Aubrey Pike and Robert Moore.*

### "H" DIVISION HEADQUARTERS — HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 39798, Cst. J.W. Czenze and his wife, Katherine Emslie, a daughter, Alys Nahanni, on August 27, 1998, at Halifax.

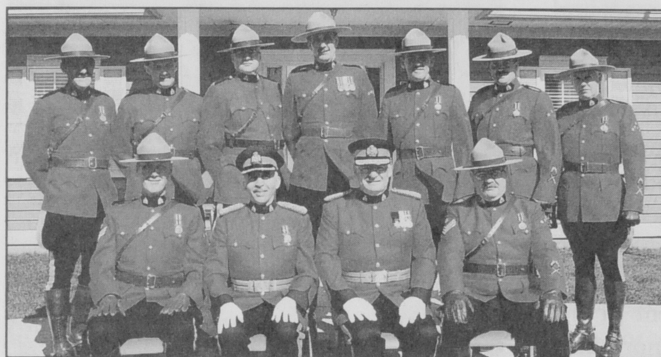
To Reg. No. 33644, Sgt. K.E. Smith and his wife Reg. No. 37548, Cst. P.M. Delaney-Smith, a son, Justyce Jean-Paul, on January 17, 1998, at Halifax.

To Reg. No. 39976, Cst. R.J. Waidson and his wife Lisa, a daughter, Bryn Lalea, on December 29, 1998, at Antigonish.

**PICTOU DETACHMENT OPENING** On October 2, 1998, in front of a crowd of approx-

imately 200 people, the new Pictou Detachment was officially opened. In attendance were a number of distinguished guests: Commr. Philip Murray, A/Commr. Dwight Bishop, CO of "H" Division, Charles Parker, MLA for Pictou West (NDP), Peter MacKay, MP for Pictou/Antigonish/Guysborough, Gordon Gillis, Deputy Minister of Justice for the Province of Nova Scotia, Lawrence LeBlanc, Mayor for the Town of Pictou, and Hank Dunnewold, Warden for the County of Pictou. Also attending were two sons of the first member ever to be stationed at Pictou Detachment, Arthur Minor King. Sgt. V.K. McKinnon unveiled a photo of A.M. King, which will hang in the lobby of the new Detachment.





**PICTOU DETACHMENT  
OPENING (L-R) Front row:**  
Sgt. B.W. Wride, A/Commr.  
D. Bishop, Commr. P. Murray,  
Sgt. V.K. McKinnon. **Second row:**  
Csts J.E. MacGillivray,  
J.G. Aucoin, W.F. Rudolph and  
B.C. Lennon, Cpl. J.A. Ryan,  
Csts H.C. Stiles and M.A.  
Garrett. *Missing from photo:*  
Csts K.M. Turner and A.P. Dolan.

After a few short speeches by a number of the distinguished guests, Commr. Murray presented Long Service Medals to the following: the Long Service Medal to Csts H. Stiles and J. MacGillivray; the Bronze Clasp and Star to Cst. M. Garrett, and a plaque for 20 years of voluntary service to A/Cst. J. Sears. After the raising of the Canadian flag, the Detachment was officially opened with the unveiling of a brass plaque by Commr. Murray and Mayor Leblanc. An open house and reception were held for guests and the general public.

*By Sgt. Brian Wride  
From "North East Nova District News"*

### A COMMENDABLE CHRISTMAS GIFT

In a selfless act of charity, a woman from Lower Sackville graciously donated half of her prized doll collection on Christmas Eve, 1997, to benefit needy families in the area. Darlene McIntyre is a 39-year-old woman living with cerebral palsy, who is able to communicate through the use of a computer.

Acting on his daughter's wishes, Mr. Cecil McIntyre contacted the RCMP's telecommunications centre in Halifax to ask what could be done with the dolls. The telephone call happened to coincide with a motor vehicle accident that had occurred the day before in the Windsor Rural Detachment area, in which a father of two girls had been seriously injured. When the telephone call was referred to the Windsor Detachment, Cst. Jean Chasse went to the McIntyre's home to pick up about 80 dolls — which amounted to about half of Darlene McIntyre's lifelong collection. Some of the dolls were given to the two kids

affected by the accident, while the rest were delivered to the Lower Sackville Detachment, who in turn distributed them to needy families in its coverage area.

Csts Mac MacIver and Jean Chasse were so touched by this special act of kindness that they brought it to the attention of the Division's Commanding Officer. In a public ceremony at the Windsor Detachment, S/Sgt. Kevin Cleary presented Darlene McIntyre with a Commanding Officer's Certificate of Appreciation for her act of generosity. Ms. McIntyre says she is interested in donating the rest of her doll collection, and hopes that others will feel the same generosity towards those in need at Christmas time.

*From an article by Ian Fairclough  
"Mail-Star/Chronicle-Herald"*



*S/Sgt. Kevin Cleary, NCO i/c Windsor Rural Detachment, presents Darlene McIntyre with her Certificate of Appreciation, with her father Cecil and Cst. Jean Chasse looking on.*

**AND THE AWARD GOES TO ...** The Tourism Industry Association of Nova Scotia (TIANS) sponsors the Ambassador Award which is presented to an individual or organization who has excelled in efforts to develop tourism on a provincial, national or international basis, and whose activities have made a major impact on tourism and culture in Nova Scotia. On November 10, 1998, "H" Division was presented with the 1998 Ambassador Award in recognition of its contribution to the successful growth of tourism in Nova Scotia and the many RCMP 125 anniversary functions that took place in communities around the province.



*At an official dinner ceremony, A/Commr. Dwight Bishop accepted the Ambassador Award on behalf of "H" Division, at the 1998 Tourism Conference and Trade Show.*

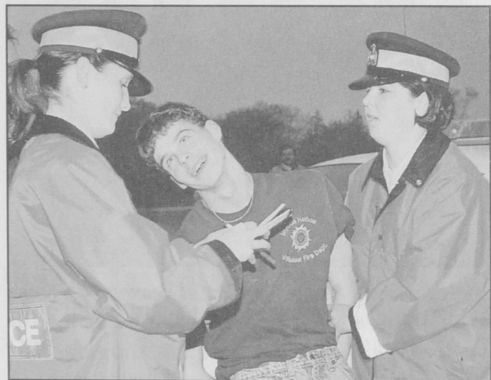
**TEEN WELLNESS/SAFE GRAD PROGRAM** All members of Barrington Detachment took part in a two-day teen wellness and safe graduation program held at the Barrington Municipal High School. The teen wellness day was directed towards educating the students in over 20 different topics. Cst. Sue Efford's sessions on date rape/sexual assault were one of the most popular, and always full.

The Detachment participated in a mock accident held on the high school property, which brought together all emergency agencies from the area. The scenario involving a drunk driver, showed the students the step-by-step procedures that occur at an accident scene. The scenario was very similar to an actual accident which occurred several years ago where several young people were killed. One

of the children killed was the daughter of Darlene Ross, the family violence/victims assistance coordinator for the counties of Shelburne and Yarmouth. After the scenario, Ms. Ross spoke to the graduates and other students, stressing the reality of drinking and driving. It was a very touching and emotional time, and had a positive impact on the students.

*By Sgt. Mike Leighton*

**SLOW PITCH FUNDRAISER** On October 3, 1998, the Nova Scotia Police Curling Association held the first annual Battle of the Badges slow pitch ball game between the



*Csts Sue Efford and Christa Johnston deal with a "drunk driver" at the mock accident scene.*



*A cheque representing \$5,000 that was raised at the ball game for the Nova Scotia Special Olympics is presented by the Nova Scotia Curling Association. (L-R): Heather Ward, President of Nova Scotia Special Olympics; Cyril House, Vice President of the Canadian Police Curling Association; Lewis Brill, General Manager of Nova Scotia Special Olympics; and Cst. John Elliott, Nova Scotia Police Curling Association.*

RCMP All Stars and the Municipal Police All Stars. The event raised \$8,000 for the 2000 National Police Curling Championships taking place in Halifax in March, 2000.

The team consisted of RCMP members from New Minas, Windsor and Cole Harbour Detachments, as well as from "H" Division HQ. The team of Municipal All Stars was made up of officers from Kentville, Berwick and Hantsport Police Departments, as well as from the Sheriff's Department and the local lockup. The game was watched by approximately 700 local residents and a good time was had by all. Similar events will be held in 1999 with, hopefully, even more money being raised for Special Olympics and other local charities.

*By Cst. John Elliott*

**RCMP TURNS ON THE "HEAT"** Tantalion Detachment has implemented a program in its coverage area aimed at catching law-breaking all-terrain vehicle (ATV) operators. In response to a growing number of complaints, the HEAT (Highway Enforcement All Terrain) Program was created in 1997, to combat escalating infractions of the *Off-Highway Vehicle Act* and ATV thefts. Typically, the complaints were about people driving without helmets, illegally driving near roadways and driving without permits.

Eight specially licensed and trained officers



**Csts Jim Shields (foreground) and Duane Thomas of Tantalion Detachment.**

*Photo by Darren Pittman  
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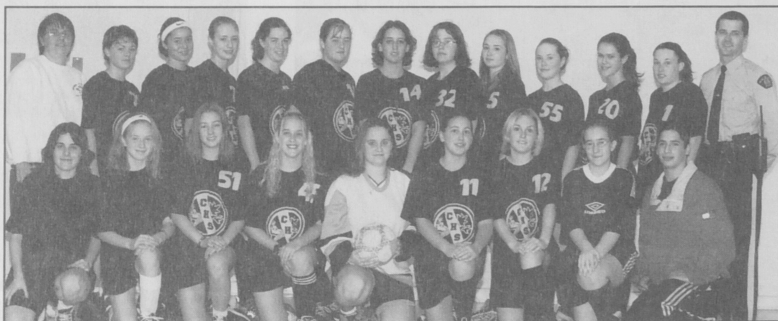
have been riding the trails on two leased Kawasaki 250-cc sized on/off road motor-bikes. Courtesy of local business Servitech, the bikes have been equipped with flashing red and blue lights. As well, the officers can stay in touch using an in-helmet communications system.

It is hoped that the promotion of the program's existence will be enough of a deterrent to potential lawbreakers. The presence of RCMP officers on backwood trails sends a message to ATV drivers to respect not only the laws, but also their fellow motorists.

*From an article by Randy Jones  
"The Halifax Herald"*

#### **CANSO ACADEMY SENIOR GIRLS' SOCCER**

*Cst. Roger Waidson (standing, R), and PSE Susan O'Handley (standing, L), of Canso Detachment coached the Canso Academy Senior Girls' Soccer team in the fall of*



*1998, with the assistance of Brendan Bushell. The 18 girls involved had a wonderful season of soccer and fun, with the highlight being the first annual Canso RCMP Senior Girls' Soccer Tournament, held in Canso. The games were all close between Canso, Guysborough, Antigonish East and Margaree, but Margaree took home the gold medals and trophy. The end of the season was celebrated with an afternoon of various sports between the girls and the RCMP staff from Canso and Guysborough Detachments, and a special soccer cake that was donated by Grace Walsh.*





(L-R): Cst. Christa Johnston, Sgt. Mike Leighton and Cst. Sue Efford were on hand for the christening of Clark's Harbour, a new Coast Guard rescue vessel, in the town of Clark's Harbour. Also attending the formal ceremony were Federal and Provincial officials along with former crew members of past rescue vessels. As this is a very traditional fishing area with residents deriving their livelihood from the sea, attendance by the RCMP dressed in their Red Serges were very well-received.

During a regular meeting of the Tatamagouche Village Commission on November 19, 1998, Tatamagouche Detachment presented a Commanding Officer's Letter of Appreciation to local resident Robert Schell. Mr. Schell had assisted the Detachment in the capture of a group which had committed a series of robberies and break-ins involving seniors. (L-R) First row: S/Sgt. Al Burke, North East District Advisory NCO, making presentation to Robert Schell. Second row: Jon MacKeen, George Buckler, Margaret Colburne and PSE Betty Langille. Third row: Doug Cunningham, Cpl. Don Gray and Cst. Dave Scharf. Missing from photo: Cst. John MacMinn.



**FAMILY REUNION** "H" Division now has four members of the Gibson family serving with the RCMP. (L-R): Reg. No. 46911, Cst. Shawn Gibson, is a recent "Depot" graduate posted to Inverness; A/Cst. Sonny Gibson of New Minas Detachment; Reg. No. 43784, Cst. Scott Gibson of Enfield Detachment, and Reg. No. 36582, Cpl. Craig Gibson of New Minas Detachment. Both Shawn and Scott are sons of Sonny, and Craig is their uncle.



**VETERANS' NEWS** The Nova Scotia Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association welcomed the following new members: D. Squires, J. Hackett, D. Atkinson, J. Harvey, S. Horsnell and J. Carter.

## "J" DIVISION HEADQUARTERS — FREDERICTON, NEW BRUNSWICK

**MARRIAGE** Reg. No. 43427, Cst. M. Touchette to Claudine Guillot, on October 10, 1998, at Campbellton.

**BIRTH** To Reg. No. 43427, Cst. M. Touchette and his wife, Claudine, a son, Luigi, on May 9, 1998, at Campbellton.

**OFFICERS HONOURED** Cst. John Kennedy was inducted into the Crime Pre-

vention Hall of Fame for his involvement in crime prevention activities over the past 15 years. The Crime Prevention Association of New Brunswick bestowed the honour during Crime Prevention Week, which ran from November 1-7, 1998. Cst. Kennedy developed and instructed a crime prevention course now offered at the Atlantic Police Academy. He has also developed programs never before offered in the field of police

work, such as a street-proofing program for the mentally disabled and a series of newspaper articles entitled *The Law and You*.

Cst. Patricia Thibodeau, a resource officer at Riverview High School, was honoured with the Cst. Leo "Tyler" Francis Memorial Award in recognition of her development of the Students Together Against Racism (STAR) program.

**NEW BREATHALYSER** Improvements in technology are giving police the upper hand in their battle against drunk driving. At RCMP District headquarters in Oromocto, officers are using the DataMaster C to check breath samples taken from suspected drunk drivers. While approved by the Attorney General of Canada for use in 1994, it is only now starting to get widespread use in Eastern Canada — primarily by the RCMP. District 2 has been quietly utilizing the device, which costs between \$11,000 and \$12,000, for over two years. What differentiates the new technology from the old is its state-of-the-art internal workings: the DataMaster C uses infrared light to determine the degree of alcohol content.

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**CAMPBELLTON FUNDRAISER** The District 9 Auxiliary Constables held their annual "jail and bail" in conjunction with the Campbellton City Salmon Festival, to raise \$1,000 for Maison Notre-Dame. This facility which is set up to house families in need during times of crisis, is operated by volunteers and funded primarily by private donations. The District 9 Auxiliary Constable

Program is very unique, due not only to the amount of time given to the Force by its members, but also due to the wide range of duties they perform, including working on projects such as this. Their time and effort in assisting the RCMP is greatly appreciated.

*By Insp. M.J. Woods*

**OPERATION VIDEO IDENTIFICATION**

Through a new community-based program, Dalhousie Detachment and local home and school associations are joining force to ensure the safety and security of the community's children. Operation Video Identification, a new program offered by District 9, came to L.E. Reinsborough School and Académie Notre-Dame last December. Children from kindergarten to Grade 5 were videotaped and fingerprinted for safe keeping in case of an emergency. The goal of the program is to offer immediate records of the children should the need arise.

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**ISLAND RELAY CHALLENGE** On October 24, 1998, the Grand Manan Boys and Girls Club, in conjunction with the RCMP, hosted the first annual "Island Relay Challenge." The club challenged various businesses on the island to walk or run a distance of 10.5 km. In all, 31 island residents participated in the event and raised over \$2,100 for the Boys and Girls Club.

Organizers provided awards to the individual and business raising the most money. Orlando Russell of Woodward's Cove was the winner of two nights accommodations for



*Participants in the "jail and bail" fundraiser.*

*Courtesy of Sgt. R. Brennan  
and Cst. S. Berthelot*

(L-R): A/Cst. Emma Bagley, Lori Parenteau, Cst. Pierre Parenteau, Charles Jensen, Holly Greenlaw, Debbie Norman, Cst. Steve Norman (holding Alyson Norman), "Sam" (the dog), Joe Greenlaw, Patti Flett, Cst. Jason Tremblay and A/Cst. Barry Bagley.



two in Saint John, raising \$610. Runners-up were David Green of Conner's Brothers Ltd., raising \$567 and Erin Gaskill of North Head, raising \$342. Harbour Irving of North Head was awarded a plaque for the business raising the most money.

Organizers would like to thank all those who participated and those who made pledges. A special thanks to the Grand Manan IGA for providing "air miles."

*By Cst. Steve Norman*

**MUSICAL RIDE PERFORMANCE** Several thousand spectators were pleased and amazed at a performance of the Musical Ride in Woodstock. The Ride performance raised \$23,000 for Western New Brunswick Crime Stoppers. The exemplary way in which the members of the Ride conducted themselves will pay dividends for years to come both to Crime Stoppers and to local members of the

Force. The Western N.B. Crime Stoppers Committee's efforts to bring the Musical Ride to Woodstock were given support from the Town of Woodstock, Mayor James Andow, Town Manager Ken Harding and Public Works Manager Percy Wilbur. From within the Force, Supt. Mike Séguin, S/Sgt. Jim Lynch and Cpl. Rick Ross deserve thanks. Sgt. Paul Boudreau and Mr. Ron Godin of Crime Stoppers also deserve recognition for their efforts. And, of course, let's not forget the efforts of everyone involved in the Musical Ride for consistently putting on a fantastic show.

*By Cst. B.R. Moffatt*

**BALD HOCKEY** Members from north western New Brunswick (Perth-Andover, Florenceville, Woodstock, Plaster Rock, Grand Falls, St. Leonard and Edmundston Detachments) came together for the First Annual Bald-Headed Hockey Game against



*The Musical Ride in Woodstock.*



(L-R) Front row: Csts Jamie George (Vikings assistant coach), Pierre Ayotte, Jarrett Francis, Luc Duhamel. Back row: Cst. Sylvain Simard, Cpl. Kent MacKay, Cst. Don Daigle, Cpl. Richer Francoeur, Cst. Alain Lang.



the Southern Victoria High School Vikings in Perth-Andover — a match in which everyone had agreed that the losers would have their heads shaved at centre ice. The final score was 8-6 in favour of the Vikings, so the nine members shaved it off in front of 450 spectators. Not to be outdone, about a dozen players from the other team also shaved their heads. Proceeds of the game were split between the SVHS Vikings Varsity Mens' Hockey Program and the local chapter of the Canadian Cancer Society

*By Cst. J. George*

**CHURCH MEMORIAL** Last November, the small Anglican church in Temperance Vale was filled with parishioners and RCMP members, including C/Supt. Gary Leoppy, CO, "J" Division, and Supt. Mike Séguin. Organized by Cpl. Guy Dupuis of Nackawic

Detachment and Father Bob Barry, pastor of St. Luke's Church, the very special service paid tribute to the 25 fallen peace officers in New Brunswick (from municipal police forces, Corrections Canada, Dept. of Natural Resources, the now-defunct Highway Patrol, Customs Canada, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement and the RCMP), as well as to members of the parish who had lost their lives in armed conflict. Twenty-four of the parish's war dead were also honoured. During the memorial service, Cpl. Kevin MacAulay was presented with the Bronze Clasp for 25 years of meritorious service. The Colour Party included Csts Christy Roy, Ed Saad and Jean Seabourne. Readers for the occasion were S/Sgt. Jim Lynch, Sherrie Bradstreet and Cpl. Guy Dupuis.

*Courtesy of "The Citizen,"  
Nackiwac (N.B.)*



*Members attending gathering at St. Luke's Anglican Church (L-R) standing: Cst. Jean Seabourne, C/Supt. Gary Leoppy, Csts Ed Saad, Pierrette Roy, Ivan Demers, Sean O'Brien and Al Boileau, Cpl. Kevin McAuley, Supt. Mike Séguin. Seated: Cst. Christy Roy, Cpl. Guy Dupuis.*

**PIG BOWL** Teams from law enforcement agencies all over the Maritimes take part in the annual three-day touch football tournament (affectionately known as the Pig Bowl) held in October by the Moncton City Police (now Codiac Regional RCMP). Seen here are members of the Fredericton area, 1998 champions of the 20th Annual Pig Bowl. (L-R) Front row: Csts Eric Larose, Christian Pageau, George Parisella and Randy Quinn. Back row: Csts Kerry Petryshyn, Mario Déry, Michel Antaya and Jean-Marc Paré, Sgt. Todd Shean, Justin Shean. Missing: Cpl. Randy Geddes, Csts Yann Audoux and Ted Theus.



*Photo by Cst. Kerry Petryshyn*

*District 1 employees and their families got together for the first annual children's Christmas party. Cst. Wayne Burke and his son Chris entertained the children with music and songs while Cst. Scott MacKenzie (a.k.a. Santa Claus) passed out gifts. After feasting together on hot dogs, cake and other delights, parents and children headed out to watch the annual St. Stephen Christmas parade.*

*Photo by Cst. Kerry Petryshyn*



*From the last week of October, 1998, to the first week of January, 1999, Cst. Mike MacKenzie attended various senior citizen functions, performing various songs on his guitar. The program, entitled "Singing for Seniors," was an excellent opportunity for the RCMP to reach out to the eldest members of our community. Seen here is Cst. MacKenzie serenading a senior in Sussex.*

## "L" DIVISION

### HEADQUARTERS — CHARLOTTETOWN, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

**RCMP IRONMAN TEAM** Members of Alberton Detachment participated in the Westisle High School annual quadathalon, an event involving running, swimming, cycling, and a canoe route, held at the Mill River Provincial Park in West Prince. The course began with an 8-km cycle from the park to the Fortune Cove Road, then handed off to the mixed canoe team who had to sprint from the resort, to the water, and launch the canoe (due to shallow PEI shorelines, the canoe team had to run through 100 m of water before they could successfully launch the canoe!) to finish their leg in good time. They handed off to the next group for the run portion which progressed uphill and along the bicycle route, to the final event: a swim of 15 pool lengths in the Mill River Aquaplex. The RCMP team finished second overall out of 12 teams, and members of the

team turned down prizes offered in order to pass them on to some of the kids who participated from Westisle High School.



*(L-R): Cst. B. Pitcher (running), Cst. P. Legresley (swimming), Cst. D. Côté (cycling), Cst. M. Hyde (canoe), Cst. K. Traverse (canoe), Cst. S. Stevenson (canoe supervision).*



**REMEMBRANCE DAY** Ceremonies were held in Souris, at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 3. (L-R): WWII veterans Harvey Poole and Francis White; Cst. Doug Lee, Souris Detachment. Mr. White is the father of Sgt. Eric (Jake) White, Bowmanville Detachment (Ontario) and ex-Cpl. Alan White.

*Photo by Cpl. Fred Fitzpatrick  
Forensic Identification Section*

Stratford Detachment participated in the official opening of the Robert L. Cotton Memorial Park, in Stratford.

(L-R): Cst. M. Galina, Charlottetown Detachment; Stratford Mayor M.A. Farmer; Mr. F. Hyndman, descendant of Robert L. Cotton; Cst. Tony Lawlor, Stratford Detachment.



More than 60 RCMP employees, spouses and friends of the Force attended the annual fall golf tournament held in Brudenell. Cst. B. Dyck made presentations to (L-R): Cst. Tim Jesty (longest drive), Debbie Beck (ladies low net score) and Mr. Barry White (men's low net score).

## CENTRAL REGION

### "A" DIVISION

#### HEADQUARTERS — VANIER, ONTARIO

**RIDE PROGRAM** From December 4–19, 1998, the Traffic Section held its weekend Ride and STEP (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) programs along parkways in the National Capital Region. Members pulled over more than 2,400 vehicles. Of those drivers stopped, 30 were asked to give breath samples, 14 received warnings; 11 received 12-hour driving suspensions, and three (who had learners permits) received 30-day suspensions. Two people were charged with impaired driving. Selective traffic enforcement resulted in tickets for speeding (59), seat belt infractions (9), expired plates

(5), and numerous warnings. Members also caught four unlicensed drivers, one driver without insurance, one with a suspended license, one with drugs, and another with an outstanding warrant.

Members also observed a male driver and female passenger switching places while waiting to be checked. C turns out the man's driver's license was already suspended, but the woman had no driver's license at all. Both got slapped with tickets and had their car towed.

**NHL LEGENDS** Twelve RCMP hockey stars took on NHL legends such as Guy



Lafleur and Gilbert Perreault. The game, which raised around \$15,000 for the Special Olympics, also featured a laser show and figure skating performances. And oh yeah, the NHL legends beat our boys 10-5.

## RCMP SEIZES ILLEGAL TV EQUIP-

**MENT** Charges were laid against three Quebec residents after the Federal Enforcement Section seized 75 cable TV decoders, four illegal digital satellite systems and a quantity of decoding cards last December. Valued at around \$20,000, the goods were seized during two searches conducted in Hull and Chelsea, Quebec, following a six-month investigation. This seizure came on the heels of a November raid in Ottawa which netted 65 illegal satellite systems and decoding cards worth around \$50,000. Cable TV decoders, or "black boxes," are used to fraudulently obtain local cable television signals while the satellite systems permit the user to illegally decode and receive American satellite signals.

## HYDROPONIC MARIJUANA OPERA-

**TION** Last December, the Drug Section dismantled a hydroponic marijuana grow operation in Bristol, Quebec, netting two suspects and seizing 205 marijuana plants, three kilograms of marijuana and a loaded firearm. Both suspects were charged with production of a substance and possession for the purpose of trafficking, among others.



**COMMANDING OFFICER'S COMMENDATIONS (L-R)** Front row: S/Sgt. J. Royal, A/Commr. R.J.L. Mercier, Commr. P. Murray, C/S/M Y. Mercier, Cst. P. Milonas. Back row: Cst. R. Pead, Sgt. P. Callaghan (Ottawa-Carleton), Cpl. K. Hobbs.

This operation used a sophisticated soilless technique which allowed the plants to grow more rapidly, producing yields of up to 10 times greater than those grown in soil. In addition, the potency of marijuana grown in this environment can produce a THC (the active ingredient of marijuana) level of between 20% to 30%. According to Wayne Jeffrey, MSc., RCMP toxicologist, the effects of high-potency marijuana are similar to those of hallucinogenic drugs like LSD. By comparison, marijuana grown in the late 60s and 70s had a THC level of 1% to 3%, while today's average is 7%. A 1994 Health Canada survey estimated that there are three-quarters of a million regular marijuana users in Canada. It also revealed that 23% of youth aged 16-24 use marijuana regularly, making them the largest consumers of that drug in Canada. More information on substance abuse and its effects can be found in the RCMP's DEAL (Drug Education and Awareness for Life) website at [www.deal.org](http://www.deal.org).

## MOONSHINE RAID

The Customs and Excise Unit and the Revenue Canada Excise Laboratory raided a townhouse in Ottawa last December, netting two suspects and seizing a commercial-type still, over 300 litres of distilled spirits, and 650 kg of fermenting mash. The two suspects will be charged under the *Excise Act* with unlawful possession of a still and apparatus and with possession of unlawfully manufactured spirits.



**LONG SERVICE AWARDS, OCTOBER 15, 1998 (L-R)** Front row: Mrs. C. Scott (for her daughter PSE C. Scott) (PS25P), A/Commr. Mercier, Commr. Murray, C/S/M Mercier, PSE D. Venne (PS25P). Back row: PSE N. Park (PS25P), PSE C. Quinn (PS25P), PSE G. Sauvé (PS25P), PSE J. Trottier (PS25P), PSE G. Njolstad-Lalonde (PS25P), PSE L. Pagé (PS25P), PSE J. Panich (PS25P), PSE J. Chartrand (PS25P), PSE G. Lachance (PS25P).



(L-R) Front row: C/M R. Albert (25P), A/Commr. Mercier, C/S/M Mercier, C/M H. Hoffer (25P). Back row: C/M L. Bunbury (25P), C/M M. Fitzpatrick (30P), C/M C. Gowan (25P), C/M R. Gowan (30P), C/M J. Sauvé (25P), C/M D. Sicotte (25P), C/M P. Vasseur (25P).



(L-R) Front row: C/M R. Surguy (MP20), A/Commr. Mercier, Commr. Murray, C/S/M Mercier, C/M J.R. Jasper (MP20). Back row: C/M J. McGinnis (MP20), C/M B. Perrigo (25P), C/M P. Krusys (MP20), C/M D. Nitchke (MP20), C/M P. Roussy (25P).



(L-R) Front row: C/M P. Alain (30P), A/Commr. Mercier, Commr. Murray, C/S/M Mercier, C/M K. Archibald (MP20). Back row: C/M B. Richardson (25P), C/M T. Okrainec (25P), C/M T. Lukaszewski (25P), C/M R. Mouritsen (25P).



(L-R) Front row: C/Supt. T. Quigley (SCS), A/Commr. Mercier, Commr. Murray, C/S/M Mercier, C/Supt. R. Proulx (SCS). Back row: Insp. J. Dickinson (LSM), C/Supt. W. Lenton (SCS), Insp. C. Riendeau (SCS), Insp. F. Lyle (SCS), Supt. R. Lincourt (SCS), Supt. B. Phillips (BCS).



(L-R) Front row: Insp. G. Clément (BCS), A/Commr. Mercier, Commr. Murray, C/S/M Mercier, Insp. R. Lanthier (BCS). Back row: Insp. R. Roy (LSM), Insp. R. Mostrey (LSM), Supt. R. Gaudet (SCS), Supt. J.-P. Brazeau (SCS), Insp. B. Garvie (BCS), Insp. D. Lang (LSM).



(L-R) Front row: A/Commr. Mercier, Commr. Murray, C/S/M Mercier. Back row: Insp. P. Campbell (BCS), Supt. R. Lesser (SCS), Insp. P. Bélanger (BCS).

**Legend:** Gold Clasp and Stars (GCS); Silver Clasp and Stars (SCS); Bronze Clasp and Star (BCS); Long Service Medal (LSM); C/M 30-year pin (30P); C/M 25-year pin (25P); C/M Medallion and Pin (MP20); PS Employee 25-year plaque (PS25P); Commissioner's Commendation (CC); Certificate of Appreciation (COA)

## "C" DIVISION

### HEADQUARTERS — MONTRÉAL, QUEBEC

**RCMP-LISTIGUJ AGREEMENT** On November 10, 1998, the RCMP signed an agreement with the Listiguj Police to promote cooperation and facilitate the work of RCMP and Listiguj police officers. The native community of 2,400, situated in the Gaspé region near the New Brunswick border, has nine officers with primary responsibility for the jurisdiction, but RCMP investigators are sometimes called in to intervene for the enforcement of federal laws. In the agreement, the RCMP recognizes the role of aboriginal police officers within the community. The agreement also provides for RCMP help in emergency situations, from nearby Campbellton Detachment, in New Brunswick.

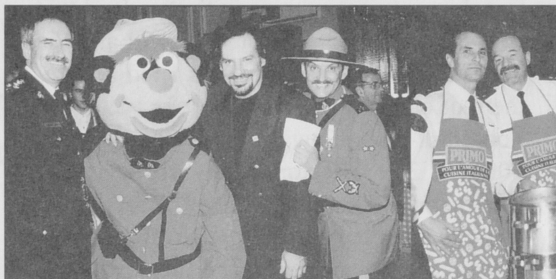
*From "The Echoes"*



(L-R): Cpl. Fernand Breau, Sheila Swasson, Listiguj Police Chief Harvey Martin, Donna Metallic, C/Supt. Rowland Sugrue.

**SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON** The 16th Annual Spaghetti luncheon held recently gathered \$11,000 to be donated to the Foundation for Research into Children's Diseases. Jean-Pierre Witty, in charge of the project, was visibly satisfied with the turnout and the event in general. "Our guests were impressed with the atmosphere in the ballroom of the Radisson Hotel," he said, taking the opportunity to thank the volunteers who worked hard and "gave their unswerving support to this cause." The luncheon coincided with the release of William Beahan and Stan Horrall's *Red Coats on the Prairies*, a 370-page account of the early years of the Force. Book sales added another \$400 for donation to research into children's diseases.

*From "The Echoes"*



(L-R, Photo 1): A/Commr. Pierre Lange, Safety Bear, Honorary Spaghetti Luncheon Chairman J.C. Lauzon, Cst. Ross Tylor. (Photo 2): Insp. Germain Bénard and Denis Martel.

## "O" DIVISION

### HEADQUARTERS — LONDON, ONTARIO

**GREETING CARDS CONTAINING COCAINE** It may not be trendy in an era of e-mail and overnight parcel express, but ordinary postal service was good enough for certain would-be drug traffickers in Toronto and its western suburbs. The RCMP has broken up a ring that rented mailboxes in Toronto, Mississauga and Brampton to receive very thin packets of cocaine hidden in greeting cards, magazines and other items mailed from Bogota, Colombia. Cst. Howard Adams of Milton Immigration and Passport, said a

shipment intercepted by Canada Customs provided a lead that contributed to the arrest of four Brampton residents and a Toronto man over a period of weeks. The five, ranging in age from 21 to 34, were charged with conspiracy to import a controlled substance.

*RCMP Media Summary*

**RUM WITH "COKE" CHASER** Drug kingpins can be quite inventive when sending their drug mules out on a mission. Cocaine



has been hidden in diapers, wheelchairs, hollowed-out fruit and rum bottles in an effort to sneak it past police and customs officers. Last November, RCMP and Canada Customs seized \$1.8 million in drugs — including \$500,000 in cocaine mixed into Jamaican rum — in four arrests at Toronto Lester B. Pearson International Airport. Customs spokesperson Duncan Smith said that two men were charged with smuggling drugs dissolved in booze. Sgt. Bill Matheson says that smugglers are using this recent trend of smuggling drugs inside bottles of booze to bring in a lot of cocaine. Drugs are mixed with the booze and bottled by traffickers — the cocaine is recovered by burning the booze.

*RCMP Media Summary*

**MILLIONS LOST IN INTERNATIONAL SCHEME** Hundreds of Ontario residents — most of them seniors — and a national union have lost millions of dollars in an international investment scheme in Switzerland that is being investigated by the RCMP and the OPP. Last November, lawyers filed a statement of claim in Ontario Court in a \$30 million class-action lawsuit involving between 200 and 300 investors. They are trying to recover millions that have disappeared through investment firms North George Capital Management Ltd. and Lionaird Capital Corp., both based in Peterborough.

*RCMP Media Summary*

**COMBATTING WHITE-COLLAR CRIME** The RCMP is taking measures to counter Canada's growing reputation as a haven for sophisticated white-collar criminals by beefing up investigations of suspicious companies. Earlier this year, 33 investigators were added to a special crime unit in Toronto. Canada is considered a soft touch for white-collar criminals because of lax regulations governing financial institutions and its proximity to the prized U.S. market. Canadian companies and consumers lose up to \$20 billion a year through investor fraud, manipulation of stock and commodities markets and other scams, according to police estimates.

*RCMP Media Summary*

**TACKLING ORGANIZED CRIME** A special police unit in Toronto is being expanded and restructured to fight criminals who are becoming increasingly sophisticated and globally organized. Under the new name of the Greater Toronto Area Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit, the group will more than triple its size and add the resources of various federal ministries to follow criminals and their transactions across international boundaries. The focus will be more on tracking and apprehending individuals and gangs who move from country to country as local police pressure increases. The unit already includes officers from the RCMP, OPP, Toronto, York Region and Peel Region forces. It is gaining investigators and support staff from the RCMP, York, Toronto, Revenue Canada and Citizenship and Immigration Canada, plus an observer from the Criminal Intelligence Service of Ontario. Ideally, groups such as this special enforcement unit would be replicated elsewhere in Canada and eventually include the defence department and the Canadian Security Intelligence Service. By collapsing the different RCMP units that investigate organized crime into one, the newer, expanded unit will come with little extra expense. The unit expansion was the brainchild of Insp. Ben Soave, a 28-year veteran of the RCMP.

*RCMP Media Summary*

**CHILDREN'S PICNIC/UP OF T SCHOLARSHIP** On Saturday, September 13, 1998, at Etobicoke's Eglinton Flatts Park, the RCMP, Toronto Police, Toronto Ambulance, Canada Customs, and many other community and corporate sponsors held the 3rd annual picnic for children with disabilities and their families and friends. The event is a fun day as well as an opportunity for the kids and community-minded individuals and agencies to enjoy a day in the park observing special displays and playing games geared for the children's specific needs. Food and participation is free, and prizes are awarded to each participant based on their ability to achieve their personal best.

Also at the event, Cst. Allen Rodgers announced that a special scholarship has been established at the University of Toronto with the cooperation of the University, the Province of Ontario and the individual fund raising efforts of many RCMP members, Canada Customs officers, the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires, Toronto Police and members of the community. The total amount of money raised for the Allen Angus Rodgers Wheelchair Athletes' Fund is more than \$30,000 a year in perpetuity to persons with disabilities wishing to attend the University of Toronto. For more information on the scholarship, you may contact the University of Toronto directly at the Admissions and Awards Office in Toronto.

*By Cst. A.A. Rodgers*



**CANADIAN BANKS LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD** On August 25, 1998, at the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police convention in Edmonton, Alberta, the Canadian Banks' Law Enforcement Award was presented to Cpl. Gord Jamieson of Newmarket Commercial Crime Section.

**VETERANS' NEWS** The London Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association welcomed the following new members: Reg. No. 18674, P. Yakubovich; Reg. No. 20584, G. Somers; Reg. No. 24017, J. Kennedy; Reg. No. 29715, B. MacLean; Reg. No. 32410, M. Toutant; Reg. No. 20713, D. Vincent; Reg. No. 26518, A. Houghton; Reg. No. 30692, C. Vokey.

## NORTH WEST REGION

### "D" DIVISION

#### HEADQUARTERS — WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

**BUSTING POT PRODUCERS** Manitoba is going to pot — literally. Last year, the RCMP seized \$22 million worth of marijuana in raids across the province, nearly five times as much as in 1997. Meanwhile, the Winnipeg Police Service last year shut down 98 pot-growing operations, seizing \$7.5 million worth of marijuana, somewhat lower than 1997's record haul of \$11 million.

*RCMP Media Summary*

#### HYDRO WORKERS FIGHT CRIME

Criminals may be in for a shock after a new partnership between police and Manitoba Hydro was announced last November. Operation Public Alert (PAL) will use more than 1,200 hydro employees who travel daily throughout the province as an additional set of eyes and ears for police agencies in Manitoba. Police have been training the workers in

crime watch and safety issues. The program is designed to give them a community-based tool that will help make the province safer. The employees have been trained to observe, not intervene, should they spot a crime in progress. They have also been taught the importance of providing a clear, accurate description of what they've witnessed when the hydro workers call for help. The workers have been equipped with two-way radios linked to a dispatcher who will notify police immediately in the event of a crime.

*RCMP Media Summary*

#### CRIMINAL INTERDICTION CONFERENCE

The Annual Commercial Motor Vehicle Criminal Interdiction Conference was held in San Antonio, Texas. Cpl. Pat O'Brien and Cst. Bob Ruiters, who coordinate the RCMP's National Pipeline/Convoy



*(L-R): Cst. Bob Ruiters, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administrator Thomas Constantine, Cpl. Pat O'Brien.*

and Jetway Programs, were presented with an award from the U.S. Federal Highway Administration for their efforts in the Operation Pipeline/Convoy Program. Cst. Ruiters also received awards of recognition from the El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for his instruction in Operation Pipeline/Convoy to thousands of law enforcement officers throughout Canada and the United States. Cpl. O'Brien and Cst. Ruiters also made presentations to the DEA, EPIC and to the U.S. Drug Interdiction Assistance Program for their continued support of the Canadian Pipeline/Convoy Program. Operation Pipe-

line/Convoy and Operation Jetway have been responsible for the seizure of millions of dollars in cash and contraband within Canada. For more info on either of these programs, please contact Cst. Bob Ruiters at (204) 983-7234, or Cpl. Pat O'Brien at (613) 993-6407.

## **FLIN FLON DETACHMENT EVENTS**

Flin Flon Detachment, the first RCMP Detachment ever to sign a municipal policing contract more than 50 years ago, has been fortunate to have members who have given of themselves beyond enforcement and prevention. This was evident when the whole Detachment, under the direction of Cpl. Mike Anderson, allowed their heads to be shaved publicly to raise money for the RCMP Cancer Run — raising more than \$15,000.

More recently, RCMP members participated in Flin Flon's Canada Day parade on horseback for the first time ever. Historically, the parade was led by marked police vehicle, so the inclusion of RCMP members on horseback, as well as the concept of uniformed police officers on bicycle, changed the meaning of police participation.

*By Cst. C.J. Gareau*



*(L-R): Nicki Rondeau, Csts Mike Rosset, Dennis Rondeau, Gerry Ell, Ken Denbury, Dale Sinclair and Gaston Potvin. Sitting in chair: Cst. Susan Klemmer.*



*(L-R): Cst. Chuck Gareau, Sgt. Darcey Davidson, Cst. Dennis Rondeau, Cpl. Dave Burrows (on bicycle).*



*Morris Detachment hosted a regimental ball and raised \$2,500 for the Morris General Hospital Palliative Care Unit and the Giesbrecht Fund, to help a community project currently underway.*

*(Photo 1): Cst. Robert Hill presented a cheque to Pearl Friesen and Julie Blouin, of the Morris Hospital. (Photo 2): Cpl.*

*Neil Griffith presented Janice Giesbrecht with a cheque for the Giesbrecht Fund.*



#### AVIATION MUSEUM DINNER

*Every year, the Western Canada Aviation Museum in Winnipeg honours an aviation group with a formal dinner, with profits being donated to charity. Past recipients include the Snowbirds Aerobatic Team and 835 Search and Rescue Squadron in Winnipeg. The Museum also honoured RCMP Air Services with a black-tie affair held under the wings of the historic display aircraft. Members of the Winnipeg Air Section (L-R): S/Cst. R.L. Savard, Cpl. J.D. Walsh, Sgt. K.J.G. Stark and S/Cst. K. Pfeiffer, and their wives, attended the event, along with C/Supt. Embury and Mrs. Embury, on behalf of the CO, "D" Division.*

**VETERANS' NEWS** The Manitoba Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association presented a Life Membership to Bob Parry and welcomed the following new members: Reg. No. 27070, M. Churley, and Reg. No. C/4503, ex-C/M Dr. R.I. Swires.

#### "DEPOT" DIVISION REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

**MARRIAGE** Reg. No. 37692, Cpl. J.L.J. Séguin to Reg. No. 38996, Cpl. M.M.M. McSween, on May 2, 1998, at Regina.

**MUSEUM REMOVES RIEL NOOSE** The RCMP quietly pulled the rope used to hang Louis Riel from a display at the RCMP Museum and promised to review the Museum's entire Riel exhibit following a complaint to Unity Minister Stéphane Dion from Jody Pierce, President of the Metis Provincial Council of British Columbia. Pierce raised the matter with Dion after several Metis RCMP recruits at "Depot" Division objected to the rope display. Museum staff initially expressed reservations about plans to remove the rope and the matter was

referred to the RCMP Aboriginal Advisory Committee in Saskatchewan, which includes representatives of the Force, Metis and other First Nations people. This is when the committee decided to remove the rope, at least temporarily. The rest of the exhibit — a Bible, handcuffs and a subpoena for a witness at Riel's trial — remains on display. As for Louis Riel himself, the federal government's recent *Statement of Reconciliation* with aboriginal people promises to find Riel a "proper place in Canada's history."

Although they've taken away a piece of the rope that was used to hang Louis Riel, you can still see the rifle case Sitting Bull carried with him into battle at the Little Big Horn,

the snowshoes used by the Mad Trapper of Rat River, and a three-dimensional crest of the RCMP that incorporates the stuffed head of a real buffalo. They are all on display at the RCMP Centennial Museum in Regina, a repository of more than 250 eclectic artifacts accumulated during the 125-year history of the Force.

Every year, about 80,000 people visit the RCMP Museum and the 770-acre site of "Depot" Division — the Force's boot camp since 1882. More people than ever are trooping through the Museum, including researchers, film and television crews and the ordinary public. What they get is pretty eclectic: a Mountie troll with blue hair, next to a pair of Mountie salt and pepper shakers — both are in the so-called "kitsch" gallery that chronicles the way the Mounties image was used to sell everything from toothpaste to soda pop until a few years ago.

#### *RCMP Media Summary*

**WORLDLY VISITOR** Lance Corporal Ismail Naveen of the Republic of Maldives has completed a six-month orientation in the RCMP Cadet Training Program at the RCMP Training Academy. This is the first time that a member of a foreign police force has participated in the Complete Basic Cadet Training Program of the RCMP. L/Cpl. Naveen's

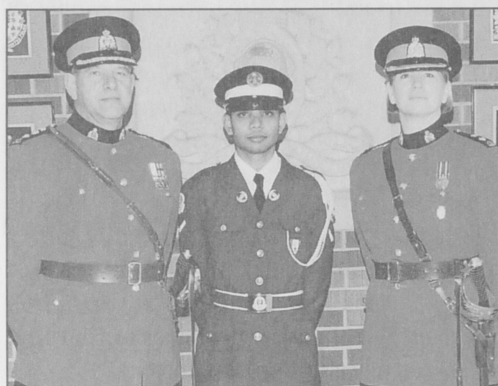
training was made possible through the RCMP's International Training Branch, in Ottawa.

The Republic of Maldives is a country encompassing approximately 2,000 islands, situated south west of India. Several other members of its 500-strong police force have been assigned to similar study exchanges in the United States, United Kingdom, India, Pakistan, Singapore, Australia and Malaysia.

*By Sgt. François Desfosses*

**CAN-AM WINNERS** When Regina hosted the Can Am Police Fire Games, a group of six individuals from "Depot took this opportunity to enter their team in the SWAT competition. Training for this event started in early spring with the team meeting regularly for training. Diets were adjusted, as well as lifestyles, in order to peak at the crucial time. On competition day, four teams were entered in the event. In true ERT fashion, the fellowship and camaraderie between all teams was exceptional. All offered support and encouragement to the other competitors. It was an excellent day for all participants and when the last shot was fired, and the cordite and dust settled, the "Depot" team placed first, earning a gold medal in the SWAT category.

*By Cpl. Dan MacLean*



On November 16, 1998, L/Cpl. Naveen received a certificate of participation from the CO, "Depot" Division, C/Supt. J.G.H. Boucher, with Supt. C.C. Villeneuve, Cadet Training Officer, in attendance.

*Photo by ISSU*



(L-R): Cpl. Vic Park, Canadian Law Enforcement Training Unit; Cpl. Dave Fudge, Police Defensive Tactics; Cpl. Pierre Robert, Firearms Training Unit; Cpl. Dan MacLean, Applied Police Sciences; Cpl. Jean-Guy Richard, Firearms Training Unit; Cpl. Scott Warren, Applied Police Science.

*Photo by Sgt. Ted Smith*

## "F" DIVISION

### HEADQUARTERS — REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

**BIRTH** To Reg. No. 38741, Cpl. K. Jones, and his wife, Reg. No. 39669, Cst. C.E. Jones, a daughter, Kelsey Nicole, on August 25, 1998, at Lloydminster.

**VETERANS' NEWS** The "F" Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association accepted applications for membership from: Reg. No. 20467, ex-S/Sgt. N. Knowles; Reg. No.

24937, ex-Cpl. L. Johannson; Reg. No. 25059, ex-Cpl. W.W. Prior; Reg. No. 33861, ex-Cst. D. Foster; Reg. No. 25611, B.E. Legaarden; Reg. No. 31254, ex-Sgt. D.J. Jacklin; Reg. No. 42168, ex-Cst. J.R. Tardi; Reg. No. 27108, Insp. M.J. Sawatsky (retired); Reg. No. 21695, ex-Sgt. J.E. Frankow; Reg. No. 23137, ex-Sgt. M.L. Hubbard; H. Nerby, J. McGill and A. Hammond.

## "G" DIVISION

### HEADQUARTERS — YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

**DIAMOND MINE SECURITY** Those who turn to crime just won't cut it at Canada's first diamond mine. Thieves expecting to waltz out of the Ekati mine with a pocketful of pretty stones will have to get past a top-notch security department — plus a diligent duo of diamond police. Expecting the worst as diamonds emerged from the northern tundra, the RCMP set up a two-person team three years ago to build a strategy that will prevent criminals from stealing the precious gems. Organized crime is a fact of life in the diamond business, where a chunk of rough diamonds estimated at 10% of the world's production is on the black market at any given time. As a result, security at Ekati is very strict, and unprecedented in Canada. Workers are often asked to speak into a voice stress analyser, stating their name and saying

that they have not taken any diamonds. Those whose voice patterns reveal stress may find themselves subject to a full body search. To an outsider, the measures might seem to border on the paranoid, but it's a justified paranoia, according to security chief Mike Loper, especially if the mine hopes to achieve its goal of not losing a single diamond to theft. Every other major diamond mine in the world has been infiltrated by organized crime. In Russia, says Loper, criminals make off with 30%-40% of the total gross of diamonds. In Australia, the number is 10%-15%. "The RCMP told me if I could take that down to 5% I'd be a superstar, but that's unacceptable to me," says Loper. "We've decided on a zero target for leakage."

*RCMP Media Summary*

## "K" DIVISION

### HEADQUARTERS — EDMONTON, ALBERTA

**ONSIDE PROGRAM** At every Calgary Stampeders home game last season, Calgary police officers and RCMP have used donated Stampeders game tickets to bring high-risk kids to McMahon Stadium to experience the game with off-duty police officers. The Onside program is a partnership between the football club and RCMP detachments in Strathmore, Okotoks and Turner Valley, as well as Calgary police. The tickets were

donated and distributed to the RCMP school liaison officers who identified 10- and 11-year-olds who might benefit from the one-on-one contact. It is believed if police can forge a positive relationship with a high-risk youth, they can prevent them from choosing to walk the criminal path.

**INMATES HELP REFINE RCMP IMAGE** The Mounties are polishing their



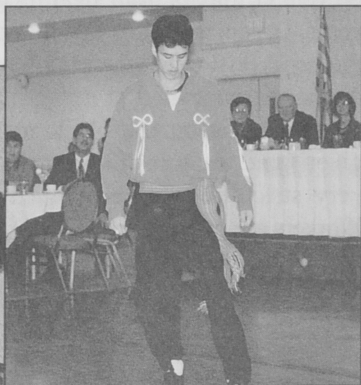
image among native youth with help from an unlikely source — the people they put behind bars. A handful of officers spent one afternoon last December giving out colourful gift bags filled with chocolate, fruits and colouring books to children at the Alexis reserve elementary school west of Edmonton. But while the police got the thanks, it was the prisoners who paid for the presents. The RCMP's visit was funded almost entirely by donations from inmates in federal institutions across Alberta. The idea behind the gift-giving is to show native kids a kinder, gentler side of policing, says Cst. Pat Gantly of Stony Plain Detachment, the RCMP officer spearheading the campaign.

**MARCH WEST SKATING PARTY** The "K" Division March West Skating Party attracted hundreds of people, the media and Safety Bear. Things got off to a great start at the Alberta legislature skating rink during the brief early afternoon press conference. Speakers Mary O'Neill, MLA for St. Albert, Chief Gerry Ermineskin (Treaty 6 First Nations) and A/Commr. Don McDermid provided interesting historic background, and a wonderful view of the future of the RCMP in the province of Alberta. The crowd con-

sumed more than 1,000 cups of free hot chocolate and coffee supplied by the Westin Edmonton Hotel. The March West Merchandising team took in about \$600 in sales. For information on the "K" Division March West plans, visit their website at [www.lis.ab.ca/march125](http://www.lis.ab.ca/march125).

*By Deleen Schoff*

**NATIONAL ABORIGINAL POLICING CONFERENCE** "K" Division hosted the national conference "Heartbeat of the Nation" September 24-27, 1998, in conjunction with the RCMP's 125th anniversary. As a celebration of learning, the conference targeted Aboriginal police officers, including First Nations, Metis, Inuit, Innu and non-status Indians. Law enforcement agencies, correctional services, judiciary and many other interested organizations also attended. The four days were filled with a number of informative seminars and workshops focusing on future Aboriginal policing initiatives. "Heartbeat of the Nation" was structured to be a proactive, problem-solving conference which raised ideas and strategies for positive change.



(Top, Photo 1): Harold Healy with Cst. W. McNabb; (Photo 2): One of the Edmonton Métis Cultural Dancers; (Bottom, L-R): Cst. R. Hunter, Cpl. S. Grier, Travis Dugust, Raven Makkanaw, A/Commr. D. McDermid.



### THE TRADITION CONTINUES

*It was a proud moment as Cst. Don Smith accepted his police badge, presented by his father, at "Depot" division in April, 1998. Three generations of the Smith family have worn the Red Serge proudly: Grandfather, Reg. No.13418, ex-Cst. Don Smith (C) joined the Force in 1940; Dad, Reg. No. 24113, ex-S/Sgt. Dale Smith (L) served for 33 years starting in 1960; and the newest member, Reg. No. 46701, Cst. Don Smith, who is currently serving at Grande Prairie, Alberta.*



*Sandra Kadey received a certificate of Accreditation as a Classification Specialist, who will provide classification authority, advice and assistance on organization design and job evaluation in the RCMP. (L-R): Supt. J. Peter Curley, Sandra Kadey, Insp. Brian Roberts, C/Supt. Joe Hrankowski.*

### "V" DIVISION

#### HEADQUARTERS — IQUALUIT, NUNAVUT TERRITORY

**BIRTH** To Reg. No. 43016, Cst. S.A. Halliday and his wife, Paula, a daughter, Carleigh Ann, on October 8, 1998, at St. John's, Newfoundland.

**SAFE BOATING DAY** Approximately 120 people from the community attended the Safe Boating Day, hosted by Hall Beach Detachment (**formerly part of "G" Division**). The RCMP boat was used to display all the items required in a boat and to emphasize the importance of using a personal flotation device. Everyone who put on their life jackets was given a ride in the RCMP boat. The event lasted many hours and everyone had a great time while they learned. Safe Northern boating cannot be emphasized enough as the waters in the North are so cold that survival is very unlikely once a person falls in.

*(L-R): Cpl. Mike O'Malley, Summer Student Dora Anguilianuk, Cst. Royce MacRae, Dianne Anguilianuk with children from Hall Beach.*



Some of the materials for this special day were provided by the N.W.T. Small Boat Safety Awareness Program Council. Chocolate bars were donated by the Hershey Chocolate Bar Company, and the RCMP donated a fire extinguisher and a Canadian flag. Participants put their name in a box and prizes were entered in a draw organized by Cst. Royce MacRae. Many thanks to Summer student Dora Anguilianuk for providing Inuktitut translation.

In the weeks following this event, Hall Beach Detachment members were planning to make patrols and checking boats at random, to give them a chance to further emphasize boating safety.

*By Cpl. M. O'Malley*

# PACIFIC REGION

## "E" DIVISION

### HEADQUARTERS— VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 39442, Cst. D. Beckerleg and his wife, Heidi, twins, Joshua Kelly Stewart and Jocelyn Tramia Kelly Marie, born and adopted on May 9, 1998, in Florida, U.S.A.

To Reg. No. 44331, Cst. A. Burton and his wife, Debbie, a son, Trent Andrew, on October 29, 1998, at Bella Coola.

To Reg. No. 39689, Cst. B. Ouellette and his wife, Glenda, a son, Nicholas Douglas Christopher, on August 11, 1998, at North Vancouver.

To Reg. No. 38826, Cst. M.E. Sanderson, and her husband, Shawn, a son, John Edward, on October 7, 1998, at Prince George.

To Reg. No. 43999, Cst. D. Strachan and his wife, Reg. No. 45134, Cst. M. Strachan, a daughter, Kieran Grace, on November 25, 1998, at Maple Ridge.

To Reg. No. 36795, Cst. R. Wallace and his wife, Bernadette, a daughter, Taylor McKenzie, on February 5, 1999, at Duncan.

**NATURAL GAS VEHICLES** The RCMP and Ford Motor Company of Canada completed the largest single delivery of natural gas-powered vehicles in North America to date, when "E" Division took delivery of 40 Crown Victoria police sedans in Vancouver. Natural gas-powered vehicles (NGVs) emit significantly lower levels of carbon monoxide, reactive carbons and nitrogen oxide. In general, the Crown Victoria NGV emits 84% less smog-forming hydrocarbon emissions than most vehicles in its class.

*Blue Line Magazine*

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAINING** All 5,000 RCMP officers in B.C. will undergo a massive training exercise in order to avert

tragedies arising from domestic violence, such as the 1996 slaying of nine people in Vernon. It is part of a new RCMP policy unveiled last November, which also calls for interviewing the current and former spouses of gun licence applicants, and thorough investigations of domestic violence complaints, even when victims are reluctant to pursue charges. The policy flows from recommendations by former B.C. Appeals Court judge Josiah Wood, who was asked by the RCMP to assess its handling of two domestic violence cases in Vernon, including the 1996 Good Friday slaying of Rajwar Gahkal and eight members of her family, and a case involving Sharon Velisek, who was shot in 1995 by her ex-boyfriend.

*RCMP Media Summary*

**BORDERWATCH** Langley Detachment is trying to halt a cross-border flow of drugs that exchanges B.C.-grown marijuana for crack, a highly-addictive cocaine derivative, which has made its way into the hands of high school students. The Borderwatch campaign was launched in December by Langley Detachment and the Chilliwack-based Anti-Smuggling Unit. Borderwatch is a neighbourhood watch for the Canada-U.S. border, and encourages people to call an anonymous tip line to report any hint of drug smuggling. "It does not target the kid in the park with two joints in his pocket," said Cst. Pierre Lemaitre. "The key message is crack, crack, crack."

*RCMP Media Summary*

**VEHICLE THEFT EPIDEMIC** A new police task force formed to combat B.C.'s epidemic of auto thefts is generating so many charges that a special prosecutor will soon be assigned to try and keep up with the work load. The task force is facing increasingly sophisticated fraud artists who can fake vehi-



cle identity numbers, and experienced thieves who can steal a car in 30 seconds and have it stripped to a hulk within a day. About 20 vehicles are stolen every day in Vancouver. In a recent 14-day period, 250 cars went missing in the city.

#### *RCMP Media Summary*

**D.A.R.E.** Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) is a comprehensive education program designed to equip elementary school children with skills to recognize and resist social pressures to experiment with tobacco, alcohol and other drugs. This unique program, developed in 1983 as a co-operative effort by the Los Angeles Unified School District, uses uniformed law enforcement officers to teach a formal curriculum to students in a classroom setting. D.A.R.E. gives special attention to students about to enter middle, junior high and high school, where they are most likely to encounter drugs. The curriculum incorporates lessons designed to help reduce youth violence by teaching kids conflict resolution and anger management skills. The core curriculum is delivered by a D.A.R.E. officer and includes one lesson for 17 consecutive weeks. A wide range of teaching techniques are used, including question and answer, group discussion, role-play and workbook exercises. As of March 1999, there will be 25 trained D.A.R.E. officers in British Columbia. It is a community-funded program that has been well-received by its contributors.



(L-R): D.A.R.E. officer Cst. Dan McDonald; Mrs. Val Coopersmith, principal; Mrs. Kathy Sawastaky, teacher; Supt. Steve Leach, OIC Prince George Detachment; Tom Griffiths, president, D.A.R.E. B.C. Committee; Cpl. Randy Brown, North District Drug Awareness Coordinator.

*Courtesy of Cst. D. Denis*

If you would like more information on the D.A.R.E. B.C. Training Centre, call Cst. Dean Gladue at (250) 561-3128. For information on the D.A.R.E. Program, contact Mark Parlee at D.A.R.E. Canada, toll free at (888) 464-3273.

#### *By Cst. Dominique Denis*

#### **ANNUAL DEA-RCMP INTERAGENCY MEETING**

The third annual DEA-RCMP meeting was held last October in Richmond, as part of the ongoing effort to solidify working relationships across the U.S.-Canada border on the west coast. The main theme throughout the three-day meeting was cooperation and understanding between the agencies involved. The co-hosts of this year's meeting were Supt. Vince Casey, OIC Drug Enforcement Branch, "E" Division, and DEA Special Agent in Charge Seattle Field Division Mr. Steven Casteel. The keynote speakers were C/Supt. Tim Quigley, OIC Drug Enforcement Branch, RCMP HQ, and DEA Chief of Domestic Operations, Washington, D.C. The senior officials discussed strategies, trends and new approaches, and the effects of enforcement activities in the future. Speakers and attendees from Canada included RCMP members from various RCMP branches involved in drug enforce-



(L-R): Special Agent Casteel, Cpl. Bruce Ward (Colour Guard), Cst. Shannon Leibel (National Anthems), Csts Randy Wong and Manon Chouinard (Colour Guards), Sgt. Jerome Maylish (Piper), Cst. Steven Reinhart (Colour Guard), Supt. Vince Casey.

*Courtesy of Cst. Brian Flanagan*

ment, and representatives from Revenue Canada, Canada Customs, the Department of National Defence, and the Vancouver Police Department. From the United States, speakers and attendees represented the Drug Enforcement Administration, the U.S. Customs Service, the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the U.S. Coast Guard.

*By Cst. Brian Flanagan*

#### RCMP CHAPLAIN RECEIVES AWARD

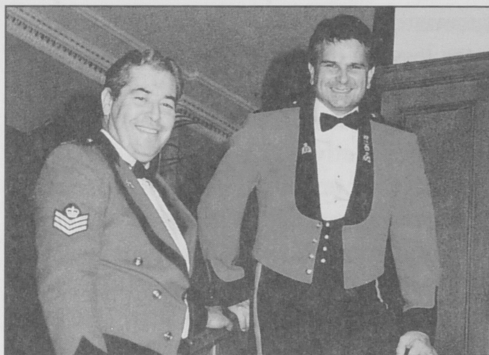
The Reverend Charles Massey, Chaplain to the RCMP in the Mid Island area of Vancouver Island District, was made a member of the Order of Merit during a recent meeting of the International Conference of Police Chaplains held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Part of the inscription states that the Reverend Massey "is hereby admitted to the rights and privileges of belonging to that group of individuals who unselfishly served the Interna-



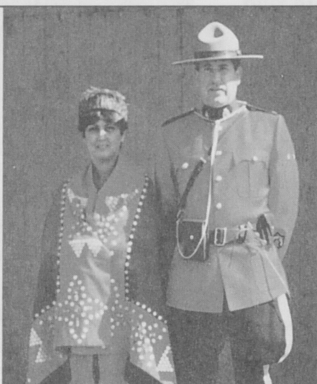
*(L-R): Supt. Cec Weigam, Commander, Island District; Insp. Bob Boyd, OIC Courtenay Detachment; Reverend Charles Massey.*

tional Conference of Police Chaplains and thereby contributed to the overall success of Police Chaplaincy around the world." Massey, who was the first chaplain outside of the United States to be president of the ICPC (1981-1983) is one of five chaplains to be given the Order of Merit.

*Two old friends were reunited at the British Columbia Police Honours Night: former troop mates S/Sgt. Doug Oakley, of the Saanich Police Department, and Insp. Larry Killaly of Burnaby Detachment. S/Sgt. Oakley, who left the RCMP in 1976, received a Commendation from the Lieutenant-Governor of B.C. for promoting youth safety and community involvement through his unique drag-racing program.*



*Courtesy of Insp. Larry Killal*



*The new carving centre at the Kwagiulth Museum, Quadra Island, opened September 19, 1998. The Carving and Artists Centre holds great significance to the people of the Cape Mudge First Nation (Kwagiulth), as totem poles are the backbone of their culture. Pictured here: Princess Colleen Dick with Cst. J.G. Clemens of Quadra Island Detachment at the opening ceremonies; (Photo 2): Museum Program Assistant Laura McArthur with Cst. Clemens; (Photo 3): Kwagiulth Elders during the opening.*

**VETERANS' NEWS** The Kamloops Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association welcomed new members: Reg. No. 29577, ex-Cpl. W.A. Zaksauskas, Reg. No. 26256, ex-S/Sgt. W. Roberts, and Reg. No. 29836, ex-Cst. R.I.P. Stevens. Okanagan Division welcomed Mr. G. Crawford, retired Pipe-Major of the R.C.A. Reserve, as associate member.

## **"M" DIVISION**

### **HEADQUARTERS — WHITEHORSE, YUKON**

**BIRTH** To Reg. No. 40410, Cst. Jeff Mercier and his wife, Lara, a daughter, Georgia Christiane, on December 16, 1998, at Whitehorse.

**INTERNATIONAL FIREARMS COMPETITION** The RCMP has a long and proud history in the Yukon, having recently celebrated its 100th anniversary in the Territory in 1995. Throughout this history, there has been an extremely close working relationship with the Alaska State Troopers (AST), with Mounties and Troopers working side by side along the border between the Yukon Territory and the State of Alaska. The working relationship between the two agencies is further enhanced through the annual International Law Enforcement Firearms Competition. This competition is the longest running international law enforcement firearms event in the world and celebrated its 38th anniversary in 1998.

The firearms match is alternatively hosted by each organization and has been held at a variety of locations throughout the Yukon and Alaska. The 1998 competition was held at the Whitehorse Rifle and Pistol Club, located approximately 5 km from Whitehorse on picturesque Grey Mountain.

The competition consists of a team of five marksmen from each agency and their respective COs, shooting their course of fire/annual qualification with their issue sidearm. The team members then exchange sidearms and shoot the opposing team's course of fire/annual qualification. The scores of each team member are compiled for each course of fire and then added together to form the grand aggregate total to determine the winner of the competition. The COs' scores are not included in the grand aggregate for the team. In addition to the team competition, a friendly rivalry has developed between the COs of each team — their scores for their courses of fire are totalled and the high shooter is awarded the coveted Commissioner's Trophy.

The Troopers have changed sidearms five times over the history of the competition, their current issue being a .40 calibre Smith and Wesson. In 1996, the RCMP completed a sidearm replacement program, replacing the .38 calibre revolver with the 9mm pistol. This may have accounted for our victory in 1997 after a long series of losses. Unfortunately in 1998, the team was unable to retain possession of the trophy, giving it up to the Troopers



*(Photo 1): Commr. Murray presented the Commissioner's Trophy for the highest scoring CO to Insp. Brian Huddle. (Photo 2): Insp. Huddle (L), presented Lt. Jeff Hall, team captain for the Alaska State Troopers, with their trophy for winning the competition. (Photo 3): The "Top Guns" (L-R): Sgt. Randy Fraser (1163-38X) and Lt. Jeff Hall (1166-52X).*





*(L-R): Cpl. Patrick MacIsaac, Lt. Jeff Hall (AST), Insp. Reg Reinhardt, Mo Hughes (AST), Col. Glenn Godfrey, Director/CO Alaska State Troopers; Insp. Brian Huddle, Sgt. Randy Fraser, Rob Cox (AST), Sgt. Don Muir (AST), Csts Myron Friesen and Wayne Foster, Cpl. Tim Schoenberg (AST).*

who had an aggregate score of 5655-225X. The RCMP had an aggregate score of 5573-171X.

In addition to the annual competition, a tactical shoot — consisting of shooting steel and moving targets while being timed — was held. The winner was Lt. Jeff Hall (this was his last year at the competition due to his retirement). His keen competitive spirit and eagerness to share his wealth of experience and knowledge will be missed and we all wish him well in his future endeavours.

Dignitaries attending the competition included: Commr. Philip Murray, D/Commr. Larry Proke, Pacific Region, A/Commr. Murray Johnston, CO, "E" Division, Brian McGuinness, Chief of Police of the Vancouver Police Department, Col. Glenn Godfrey, Alaska State Trooper, and Donald Meyers, Director of the Western States Intelligence Network.

The 39th annual shooting competition will be hosted by the Alaska State Troopers at a site yet to be determined. With the loss of the Troopers' top shooter and a new CO for "M" Division, the competition in 1999 promises to be extremely interesting and will without a doubt further enhance the excellent working relationship that the two agencies enjoy.

*By Cpl. Patrick MacIsaac*

**OPERATION SAFE HALLOWEEN** Once again, in 1998, community volunteers along

with the Watson Lake Search and Rescue — 24 in all — took to the streets in Operation Safe Halloween. The program, which has been running for several years in Watson Lake, allows for a proactive approach on a night traditionally marred with vandalism.

Patrolling the Yukon communities of Watson Lake and Upper Liard and the British Columbia community of Lower Post, volunteers equipped with radios report any suspicious activities to the Detachment command post. The regular members assigned to the zone then respond and deal with the situation before it has a chance to develop into something big. While there were 16 arrests for such things as drunkenness, no acts of vandalism occurred and there were no major incidents. Many of the volunteers have been involved in the program for years and those who were new to it this year say they will be back again next year.

*By Cst. J.D. Hart*

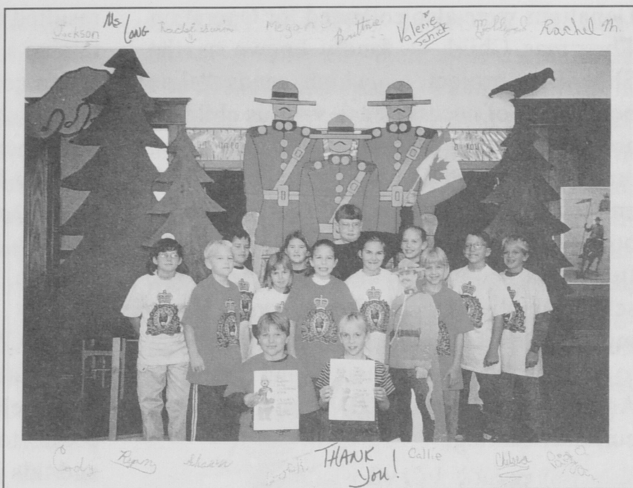


*Some of the community volunteers and members of the Watson Lake Search and Rescue who participated in Operation Safe Halloween.*

## MOUNTIE FANS IN NEBRASKA

*Dawson City was the theme for a group of Grade 3 Nebraska students, for which they constructed elaborate storefront backdrops including cardboard cutouts of RCMP members. The event came to the attention of Dawson City Detachment members when it was covered in a Yukon newspaper. In response, they sent down a package of RCMP T-shirts, colouring books, stickers, etc. As can be seen by the smiles, they were much appreciated by the students. For the two with no T-shirts, don't feel bad — more shirts are in the mail.*

*By Cpl. T.D. Bain*



## NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

OTTAWA, ONTARIO

### COMMUNITY BENEFITS FROM CAR- ING EX-MOUNTIE

Garth Hampson was best known during his 35-year RCMP career as a singer with the RCMP Band, making a positive difference in people's lives through music as he toured all over Canada. Since retiring in 1989, ex-S/Sgt. Hampson has continued to take an active role in the community, volunteering for several causes, and bringing genuine consideration to everyone he meets.

Many organizations in Ottawa have benefited from Garth Hampson's active participation in fundraising events over the last 10 years. The Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) has made him an honorary member of its Board of Directors as a result of his efforts for them. Aside from visiting daily to lend a hand, Hampson has organized and taken part in fundraising events for Christ Church Cathedral. He has also been known to sing at various charity functions.

Garth Hampson volunteers for various organizations to help promote their worthy programs. He visits schools in the area representing Crime Stoppers, and is also on their Board of Directors. He assists in promoting youth citizenship through fundraising for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Program, and has

also been helping out with the formation of the RCMP Community Pipe and Drum Band. And during the Ice Storm that hit the Ottawa area in 1998, Garth Hampson saw an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of storm victims by helping to provide hot meals at emergency centres.

Garth Hampson has become well-known for his tireless efforts to help people and worthy causes. The Ottawa area is fortunate to call him a member of its community.

*From an article in the "Ottawa Sun"*

**CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP GROUP** An interdenominational group of RCMP employees that meets weekly in the Léomont Building lent a hand this past Christmas both locally and internationally to two organizations that cater to the less fortunate.

In various RCMP buildings around the National Capital Region, drop-off points were set up on behalf of the Ottawa Intercity Ministries, who provide much-needed assistance to the homeless in Ottawa. Employees were encouraged to donate items such as personal hygiene products, sleeping bags, first aid supplies, canned soup, juice packs, etc., which would go directly to street people in the area.

Donations were also collected for Operation Christmas Child — fondly known as the Shoe Box project — which sends “shoe boxes” full of necessities to various children around the world. Coordinated in the Ottawa area by RCMP Chaplain Dr. Churchill, employees were asked to make up a box for a boy or a girl, choosing a specific age group. Items that could be included were toys, school supplies, hygiene items, candy, clothing, etc. Boxes that were collected were sent to Central and South America, and Southeast Asia — areas where RCMP members are currently serving.

**FIGHTING INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFICKING** During the past 10 years, the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) and the RCMP have worked closely together on a variety of initiatives including participation as instructors at training workshops organized by CICAD.

The latest collaboration between the RCMP and CICAD was recently completed. The focus of this partnership was a request for technical assistance from General Dennis del Castillo Valdivia, Director of the National Anti-Drug Police of Peru (DINANDRO). The request was for assistance in examining the feasibility of establishing an Andean Regional Training School for anti-drug intelligence.

Working with CICAD staff, Sgt. Al Johnson of Criminal Intelligence Directorate at RCMP HQ, travelled to Peru in November 1998, to assist in the feasibility study which

resulted in the preparation of a report containing a number of observations, comments and recommendations concerning the proposed school. The report has been submitted to General del Castillo for study by the Andean Regional Drug Control Group comprised of law enforcement agencies in Bolivia, Brazil, Columbia, Chile, Ecuador, Panama, Peru and Venezuela.

The RCMP and members of the Andean Regional Drug Control Group already have an excellent working relationship when it comes to combatting the illegal drug trade and this initiative is yet another example of the spirit of cooperation and goodwill that exists between the countries in many areas.

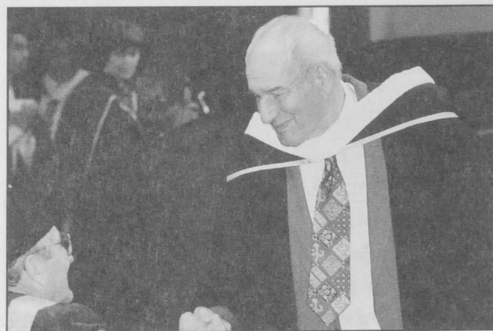
*By Sgt. A.P. Johnson*

**YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD** At convocation ceremonies held on November 15, 1998, Reg. No. 16077, ex-S/Sgt. Guy Lafrenière graduated from Carleton University in Ottawa with a Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in Law. What makes this accomplishment truly remarkable is that he was 73 years of age at the time, and one of the oldest students ever to graduate from Carleton University.

Guy Lafrenière has led a long and interesting life, highlighted by his wartime service with the Royal Canadian Air Force during WWII, the RCMP from 1950–1953 and from 1958 until his retirement on October 19, 1977, with the Toronto City Police from 1953–1954, and with the Toronto Harbour Police from 1954–1955. During his RCMP career,



*(L-R): Sgt. Al Johnson and General del Castillo Valdivia.*



*Guy Lafrenière at the Carleton University convocation ceremonies.*

*Mike Pinder Photography*



he served in "O" Division (Ontario) at Toronto, Hamilton, Windsor and Moose Factory, "C" Division (Quebec) at Rouyn-Noranda, and at RCMP HQ. It was during his service at RCMP HQ that he received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Ottawa on June 3, 1974 (*See January 1975 "Quarterly" Vol. 40, No. 1, page 42.*) while studying part-time.

Mr. Lafrenière's son Patrick, is continuing the family tradition of police service as a serving member of the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Force.

*By Janice Burrow*

*(L-R) First row: Sgt. Mike Gaudet, Lee-Ellen Carroll (CTV), Chantal Mathieu, Cst. Danielle Poirier, Marie-Claire Terriault and Cpl. Gilbert Terriault. Second row: Cst. Dave McRae, Robert Beach, ex-Sgt. Don Day, Brian Casey (CTV), Sgt. Guy Mathieu, Marisabelle Terriault, Marc-André Terriault, Chantal Comeau, Lynne Comeau and Stéphane Rainville. Missing: ex-Cpl. Guy Comeau, Paul Prud'Homme, Robert Leclerc, Brian Venables, Jean Aubé and Robyn Hinton (CTV).*

**LABATT LIGHT 24-HOUR RELAY**  
RCMP employees, their spouses, children and friends participated in a united effort in the 10th annual relay race held August 22–23, 1998, at the Nepean Sportsplex in Nepean. Organized by Cpl. Gilbert Terriault, and wearing the Versaterm logo, the team finished up 4th in the Corporate Category. This was their 5th year of competing in the race, which in 1998, saw 100 teams participating. The Royal Ottawa Health Care Foundation benefited from the \$1,800 in pledges that were collected in connection with the event.

*By Cpl. Gilbert Terriault*



#### OPERATION IMPACT

*This display was set up at the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police convention in Edmonton, Alberta. It was Operation Impact's 7th year, with 214 police forces participating. The high risk*

*drivers being targeted included those not wearing seat belts, impaired drivers and those failing to stop at traffic signals. (L-R): Sgt. Rob Gilchrist, Ottawa-Carleton Police; Sgt. André Lemaire, HQ Traffic Services; S/Sgt. Steve Macdonald, "K" Division (Alberta) Traffic Coordinator; Sgt. Rod Davis, Calgary Police.*



*By Sgt. André Lemaire*



*In keeping with the Christmas spirit of opening our hearts by assisting those requiring a helping hand, the Boys and Girls club of Ottawa-Carleton was chosen as the recipient of Public Affairs and Information Directorate's (PAID) generosity. Donations included non-perishable food items and personal care products for distribution to families, along with baking for the Club's Christmas Party. (L-R): Linda Holmes, Donations Coordinator for PAID; Anne Poulin, Harold Parsons and Nathan Gurosky of the Boys and Girls Club.*

*By Linda Holmes*

*Photo by Glenn Wright*

# CANADIAN POLICE COLLEGE

ROCKCLIFFE, ONTARIO

## MUSICAL RIDE AND HOCKEY LEGENDS TEAM UP FOR CHARITY

Members of the Musical Ride attended a benefit dinner at the Molson Centre in Montréal, organized by the wives of the Montréal Canadiens players to raise donations for the Quebec Society for Disabled Children. The event involved skating at the Molson Centre with the legendary Guy Lafleur, Frank Mahovlich and Mike Bossy, and each member of the Musical Ride had the opportunity to have their picture taken with the three hockey greats. Four members dressed in full Red Serge, while the rest attended the event in their regimental blazers. The public really enjoyed the presence of the Musical Ride, but it took a few minutes for them to realize that the members in blazers were members of the RCMP and not some hockey club! During the evening a draw was made for a New York Islanders jersey autographed by Mike Bossy. Cst. Corey Carlisle

won the draw, however, when a fan of the former Islander offered to make a \$500 donation to the Society in exchange for the jersey, he selflessly gave it up.

During the dinner, Mrs. Charlene Cahille made an offer of \$1,000 to the Society for a crested T-shirt worn by one of the members present. Cst. Dureau readily accepted and offered his shirt — even though it was used, Mrs. Cahille was very happy. When the Musical Ride was giving a performance on August 28, 1998, for the Society in Pierrefonds, Quebec, Mrs. Cahille was presented with a new crested T-shirt and a print from the Ride in appreciation for her generous donation. Members of the Musical Ride were proud to be involved with such a great cause — a total of \$309,000 was raised during the two events for the Society.

*By Cst. Marc Dureau*



*Group picture at the Molson Centre (L-R) First row: Cst. Marc Dureau, Insp. J.J. Gaudet, OIC Musical Ride; Csts Serge Côté, Stéphane Cadieux and Suzanne Martel. Second row: Csts Katherine Simard and Karen Miller, Guy Lafleur, Mike Bossy, Cst. Corey Carlisle, Frank Mahovlich, Csts Stephane Rapacz, Louise Lévesque, Barry Kennedy, Jane MacEachen, Eric Simard and Cyndy Henry. Third row: Csts Tim Sheridan and Dino Norris, Cpl. Len Klimpke, Cst. Darren Kowalchuk and PSE Michel Champagne.*



## ATLANTIC REGION

### "B" DIVISION — ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

Assistant Commissioner — C/Supt. L. Warren

Corporal — Csts D.L.J. Cleough, A.B. Fillier

### "H" DIVISION — HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

Superintendent — Insp. G.A. Stait

Sergeant — Cpls V.P. Fraser, P.J. Pembroke

### "J" DIVISION — FREDERICTON, NEW BRUNSWICK

Assistant Commissioner — C/Supt. G.J. Loeppky

Staff Sergeant — Sgts C.R.L. Farrar, G.J. Le Gresley

Sergeant — Cpl. J.G.D. Jaillet

Corporal — Csts J.J. Dewinter, J.M. Cormier, L.P. Leblanc, R.S. Hart, S.A. Grant, S.F. Kenny

Civilian Member — C/Ms C.J. Parmigiani, E.L.P. Parker

## CENTRAL REGION

### "A" DIVISION — OTTAWA, ONTARIO

Sergeant — Cpls J.A.D.B. Bélanger, J.F. Deschenes

Civilian Member — C/Ms D.C. Broad, G.A. Piché, J.M.S. St-Hilaire, M.J.R. Vallières, W.B. Turcotte, D.O. Sabourin, J.J.I. Dufour, J.A.H. Roussel

### "C" DIVISION — MONTRÉAL, QUEBEC

Corporal — Csts G.D. Rook, J.C.P. Thivierge, J.C.S.S. Morin, J.R.C. Gourgue, J.T.J.A. O'Neill, M.J.P. Grecco, P.J.J. Vocelle

Civilian Member — C/Ms J.F.G. Brisson, J.J.A.A. Beauchamp, J.M. Jomphe

### "O" DIVISION — LONDON, ONTARIO

Sergeant — Cpls I.J. Fernie, L.R.A. Bowen, G. Hanna, J.C. Dempster

Corporal — Csts D.B. Dickson, J.D. Peel, R.G. Penney, S.M. Sachsse, B.D.W. Hill, C.S. McFarlane, J.R. Jagoe, J.S. Boucher, M.A. Arbour, M.S. Thompson

## NORTH WEST REGION

### "D" DIVISION — WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

Staff Sergeant — Sgts J. D. Martin, M. Rynar

Sergeant — Cpls D.P. Dunk, J.H. Neufeld

Corporal — Csts C.W. Gladney, D.A.Q. Cecchin, D.F. Roach, J.M. Van Dam, R.P. McConnell, S.E. Anderson, J.E. Glavin, L.A. Williamson

### "F" DIVISION — REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

Staff Sergeant — Sgt. A.M. Gillis

Sergeant — Cpls M.W. Doratti, K.M. Homeniuk

Corporal — Csts B.F. Brennan, C.E. Peabody, S.P. Kusch, B.K. Burke, B.T. Clarke, M.R.J. Bartley, R.D. McCann, T.G. Janisch

### "G" DIVISION — YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Sergeant — Cpls T.W. Lowry, L.G. Brine

### "K" DIVISION — EDMONTON, ALBERTA

Superintendent — Insp. R.B. Bowlby

Staff Sergeant — Sgts D.R. Crowe, P.M. Sherstan

Sergeant — Cpl. L.T. Marianchuk

Corporal — Csts K.D. Bielert, D.W. Hegyi, R.W. Smith

### "DEPOT" DIVISION — REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

Sergeant — Cpls H.W. Curley, J.H.R. Plamondon

Corporal — Cst. J.F.A.R. Groulx

## PACIFIC REGION

### "E" DIVISION — VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Superintendent — Insps M.J. Morris, S. Ayliffe

Staff Sergeant — Sgts B.B. Marks, C.A. Gates, C.E. Doherty, E.J. Provost, H.S.B. Salh, H.T. Done, K.M. Hildebrand, K.T. Davidson, M.G. Bembenek, M.J. Cheliak, P.L. Woods, R.D. Bishop, R.G. Lenz, T.R. Hansen

Sergeant — Cpl. C.W. Conley

Civilian Member — C/Ms P.A. Judd, P. Troelstra, L.L. Bottrell

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Superintendent — Insp. B.C. Holman

Staff Sergeant — Sgts P.L. Laternus, J.T.D. Mellis, G.S. Pretty

Sergeant — Cpls D.R. Lench, G.J. Halverson, W.B. Cunliffe

Corporal — Csts G.M. Henry, L. Cyr, T.N. Howell, M.R. Gruger

Civilian Member — C/Ms G.M. Robertson, B.D. Santor, F.J.R. Lesage, J.J. Lefrançois, R.W. Goodwin, G. Kelly, J.G.R.D. Crites, R.S. Johnston, S.C. Connors, J.A. Mogck, J.G.P. De Champlain, L.L. Schnittker, M.G. McLaughlin, M.L.J. Therrien, M.M. Takla, R. Weissman, S.J. Strang, W.A. Nicol, H.L. Lenters, T.P. O'Byrne, G. Normand, D.W. Anderson, J.P. Lavergne, T.Y. Yaacoub, M.A. Fitzpatrick





# Retirements

Reg. No.	Rank	Name	Division	Date	Reg. No.	Rank	Name	Division	Date
O.1053	D/Commr.	Proke, L.R.	HQ	98-11-18	31315	Cst.	McCue, W.C.M.	"E"	99-01-25
O.1231	Supt.	Gramolini, A.J.	"O"	99-01-15	31401	S/Sgt.	Lawrence, D.J.	"F"	99-02-17
O.1344	A/Commr.	Emond, J.O.O.	"C"	99-01-08	31710	Cpl.	Mitchell, N.W.	"F"	99-01-02
O.1547	Insp.	House, G.J.	"E"	98-12-16	31808	Sgt.	Pilotte, M.L.D.	"C"	98-12-02
O.1604	Insp.	Rushton, J.W.	"E"	97-07-13	31884	Sgt.	Vanhoutte, J.R.F.	HQ	99-01-02
O.1704	Insp.	Tanner, D.E.	"E"	99-01-11	32015	Cpl.	Hunter, J.R.	"C"	99-01-01
20552	S/Sgt.	Darlow, R.E.	"A"	98-12-10	32100	Sgt.	Taylor, D.E.	"G"	98-11-26
22193	S/Sgt.	Wood, D.M.	"O"	99-01-01	32138	Cpl.	Andreaschuk, W.J.	"E"	99-01-01
22393	S/Sgt.	Urschatz, R.A.	"D"	99-01-27	32140	Cpl.	Phelan, R.J.	"E"	98-12-05
23166	S/Sgt.	Knopp, W.R.	"F"	98-11-18	32171	Sgt.	McLea, S.J.	"B"	98-09-13
23195	Cpl.	Brozer, K.K.	"F"	99-01-15	32299	Cst.	Homeniuk, A.J.	"E"	99-02-24
23583	S/Sgt.	Singer, D.W.G.	HQ	99-01-01	32448	Sgt.	Taylor, J.C.	"M"	98-12-21
23681	S/Sgt.	Brown, S.J.	"E"	98-12-02	32494	Cpl.	Mahoney, K.J.	"H"	99-01-04
23949	S/Sgt.	Nahrgang, R.A.	"L"	99-01-31	32955	Cpl.	Brock, T.H.	"E"	98-12-08
24134	Cst.	Parchomchuk, D.	"E"	99-01-27	33058	Cpl.	Lee, R.D.	"E"	98-12-02
24799	S/Sgt.	Gaskell, S.B.	"H"	98-11-28	33070	S/Sgt.	McCarthy, B.W.	"O"	98-11-30
25075	Cpl.	Mitchell, J.P.	"K"	98-11-20	33091	S/Sgt.	Bédard, B.P.G.	"J"	99-01-08
25666	Cpl.	Williams, G.E.	"E"	99-02-10	33116	Cpl.	Raymond, M.C.	Depot	98-08-12
25855	Sgt.	Hillier, R.W.	"H"	99-02-14	33545	S/Sgt.	Archer, R.L.	HQ	99-01-01
25900	Sgt.	Hewitt, T.J.	"E"	99-01-07	33822	Cst.	Clarke, H.B.	"E"	98-12-16
25994	Sgt.	Skarbo, T.M.	"E"	98-08-14	34255	Cst.	Turner, R.M.	"H"	99-01-17
26079	Sgt.	Rogers, G.M.	"E"	99-01-03	34815	Cpl.	Tremblay, J.A.D.	"A"	99-01-13
26366	Sgt.	MacKinnon, J.J.	"B"	99-01-15	35121	Cst.	Knopp, J.R.	"E"	98-10-21
26857	S/Sgt.	Lok, K.	"E"	99-01-25	35231	Cst.	Jones, L.A.	"E"	99-01-13
26868	Sgt.	Sweeney, W.J.	HQ	99-01-04	35251	Cst.	Benn, K.H.	"E"	98-12-02
26878	Sgt.	Young, R.R.	"D"	99-01-13	35256	Cst.	McCabe, R.I.	"B"	98-12-02
26985	Cpl.	Grant, B.J.	"A"	99-01-21	35414	Cst.	Sudworth, J.L.	"K"	99-01-25
27008	Sgt.	Simpson, W.R.	"K"	99-01-13	35420	Cpl.	Brown, S.W.G.	"K"	98-12-16
27394	S/Sgt.	Cyr, E.J.E.	"J"	98-01-04	35841	Cst.	Joubarne, M.C.M.	"E"	98-10-31
27756	Cpl.	King, D.	"D"	99-02-17	41153	Sgt.	St-Pierre, J.A.R.	"C"	99-01-13
28322	Cpl.	Stark, B.W.	"E"	99-02-24	41477	Cst.	* Beaudoin, J.E.A.	"A"	99-01-04
28527	S/Sgt.	Hanbury, R.L.	HQ	99-01-01	41895	Cpl.	Schutte, M.	"O"	98-12-01
28556	Cpl.	Bandurka, D.P.	"E"	98-12-02	42080	Cst.	Dunse, R.R.	"K"	99-01-15
29192	Cpl.	Taylor, G.D.	"K"	98-12-16	43030	Cst.	Marcotte, S.A.	"E"	98-10-07
29873	Cpl.	Truman, R.R.	"E"	98-11-28	43238	Cst.	Hills, C.R.	"E"	98-12-16
29889	Cpl.	Arnett, D.P.	"J"	99-02-18	44615	Cst.	Masse, L.D.	"K"	99-01-25
30292	Cst.	Hopaluk, D.J.	"E"	99-02-04	C/1031	C/M	Debourke, W.J.	"B"	98-10-07
30548	Cpl.	Larson, D.G.	"E"	98-12-02	C/1077	C/M	Corbin, J.R.B.	"A"	99-01-04
30647	Cst.	Poschmann, D.J.	"E"	99-01-13	C/1405	C/M	Sedgwick, J.L.	"E"	99-01-27
30708	S/Sgt.	Marsh, K.I.	"E"	99-01-25	C/2106	C/M	Bewcyk, N.T.	"E"	98-12-30
30954	Sgt.	Boddy, P.A.	"E"	98-12-02	C/2389	C/M	Rundle, R.T.	"E"	99-02-10
31191	Cst.	Harquail, J.C.C.	"J"	99-02-15	C/2394	C/M	Martinson, F.H.	"F"	99-01-01
31237	Cpl.	Knechtel, G.S.	"F"	99-01-08	C/4503	C/M	Swires, R.I.	"D"	98-12-02

# OBITUARIES

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

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

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

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

**ALLEN** Reg. No. 18843, ex-Sgt. David William Allen, 63, died Nov. 18, 1998, at Kamloops, B.C., where he was born Dec. 9, 1934, and joined the Force Feb. 1, 1955. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Divisions, Allen was posted to RCMP HQ. On Nov. 1, 1960, he was transferred to "K" Division, Alta., at Red Deer, Edmonton, Oyen and Drumheller, retiring on Aug. 31, 1976. Allen was promoted to corporal May 1, 1967; sergeant July 1, 1974.

**ANDREWS** Reg. No. 13879, ex-Sgt. Ross John Andrews, 76, died Nov. 2, 1998, at St. Catharines, Ont. He was born Feb. 6, 1922, at Toronto, where he joined the Force Jan. 6, 1941. Upon completion of Part I Training at "N" Division, Andrews was posted to "D" Division, Man., at Portage la Prairie, Winnipeg and Headingley. Upon completion of Part II Training at "Depot," he was posted to "N" Division, and was subsequently transferred to the following locations: July 1, 1944, to "C" Division, at Montréal; Feb. 1, 1956, to RCMP HQ, where he retired on Feb. 7, 1961. Andrews was promoted to corporal May 1, 1951; sergeant Nov. 1, 1956. He received a Deputy Commissioner's Commendation July 4, 1950, for his work on a case under the *Opium and Narcotic Drug Act*.

**ARTEMIEFF** Reg. No. C/1282, ex-C/M Svetislav Artemieff, 74, died Jan. 9, 1999, at Ottawa. He was born Aug. 6, 1924, in Paris, France, and joined the Force as a civilian member Jan. 8, 1973, at Montréal. He was posted to "C" Division, at Montréal, and took his discharge July 16, 1984.

**BARTLETT** Reg. No. 15380 (S/9847), ex-Cst. Allan Edward Bartlett, 69, died Nov. 8, 1998. He was born

March 1, 1929, at Medicine Hat, Alta., and joined the Force as a regular member special constable Feb. 10, 1948, at Lethbridge. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Divisions, Bartlett was posted to "F" Division, Sask., at North Battleford and took his discharge on Jan. 5, 1949. He was promoted to constable Sept. 1, 1948.

**BEAUDRY** Reg. No. 33256, Cpl. Gordon Edward Beaudry, 44, died Jan. 7, 1999, at Surrey, B.C. He was born Feb. 3, 1954, at New Westminster and joined the Force Jan. 30, 1976, at Surrey. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Beaudry was posted to "C" Division, namely at Montréal for Olympic Duties. On Aug. 28, 1976, he was transferred to "E" Division, B.C., at Chilliwack, Richmond and Vancouver, where he was still working at the time of his death. He was promoted to corporal March 27, 1997.

**BELL** Reg. No. 13316, ex-Cst. Clarence Stanley Bell, 80, died recently. He was born Dec. 29, 1918, at Juniper, N.B., and joined the Force April 1, 1940, at Halifax. Upon completion of Part I Training at "Depot," Bell was posted to "D" Division, Man., at Dauphin and Roblin. Upon completion of Part II Training at "Depot," he was posted to "K" Division, Alta., at Peace River, McLennan and Edmonton. Bell was subsequently transferred to the following locations: June 1, 1942, to "G" Division, N.W.T., at Aklavik; Oct. 1, 1943, to "K" Division, at Edmonton, and took his discharge on Nov. 10, 1943.

**BUCHANAN** Reg. No. 11327, ex-S/Sgt. Edward Etter-shank Buchanan, 98, died Dec. 15, 1998, at Edmonton, Alta. He was born Nov. 10, 1900, and joined the Force April 1, 1932. Buchanan was posted to "K" Division, Alta., where he served until his retirement on Nov. 9, 1950. He was promoted to lance corporal July 1, 1938; corporal April 1, 1941; sergeant July 1, 1944; staff sergeant June 1, 1947.

**D'ENTREMONT** Reg. No. 27975 (S/10601, M/22), ex-Sgt. Lionel Mathurin D'Entremont, 66, died Nov. 22, 1998, at Stevensville, Ont. He was born Oct. 21, 1932, at West Pubnico, Yarmouth County, N.S., and joined the Force March 21, 1952, at Halifax. D'Entremont was posted to Marine Section, Halifax, and served aboard the *MacBrien*, *Grenfell*, *French*, *Irvine*, *Slideout*, *Burin*, *Acadian*, *Wood* and *Moosomin II*. He became a marine constable April 1, 1960, and was transferred April 3, 1970, to "C" Division, aboard the *Moosomin II* and at Montréal, where he retired on Dec. 30, 1978. D'Entremont was promoted to constable April 1, 1970; corporal June 1, 1972; sergeant July 11, 1977.

**EDGE** Reg. No. 11712, ex-S/Sgt. John Edge, 91, died Jan. 15, 1999, at Baddeck, N.S. He was born June 29, 1907, at Chorley, England, and joined the Force April 1, 1932, at Edmonton, Alta. Edge was posted to "K" Division, at Edmonton, and was subsequently transferred to "H" Division, N.S., where he served at Yarmouth, aboard the *Preventor*, and at Halifax, retiring on Sept. 30, 1956. Edge was promoted to lance-corporal Aug. 1, 1937; corporal April 1, 1939; sergeant April 1, 1943; staff sergeant May 1, 1948.

**FOSTER** Reg. No. 18616, ex-Cpl. John George Foster, 71, died Dec. 3, 1998, at London, Ont. He was born June 8, 1927, at Southgate, Middlesex, England, and joined the Force April 7, 1954, at Nelson, B.C. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he was posted to "B" Division, Nfld., at St. John's, Bonavista, Stephenville, Botwood, Corner Brook, St. Lawrence, Gander and Grand Falls, retiring on Dec. 30, 1979. He was promoted to corporal May 1, 1964.

**GALE** Reg. No. 18602, ex-Cpl. Winton Garner Gale, 65, died Jan. 3, 1999, at Penticton, B.C. He was born Sept. 13, 1933, at Springbank, Alta., and joined the Force March 23, 1954, at Calgary. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Gale was posted to "E" Division, B.C., at Smithers, Prince Rupert, Merritt, Cranbrook, Surrey and Penticton, retiring on May 27, 1981. He was promoted to corporal May 1, 1968.

**GEE** Reg. No. 18267, ex-S/Sgt. Derek William Gee, 70, died Dec. 4, 1998, at Metcalfe, Ont. He was born Nov. 13, 1928, at Bournemouth, England, and joined the Force July 28, 1953, at Calgary, Alta. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Gee was posted to "F" Division, Sask., at Swift Current and Assiniboia. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: June 25, 1956, to RCMP HQ; April 1, 1969, to "A" Division, at Ottawa; Nov. 21, 1975, to RCMP HQ, and took his discharge July 16, 1984. Gee was promoted to corporal May 1, 1962; sergeant Nov. 1, 1965; staff sergeant Nov. 1, 1967. He had previously served in the Palestine Police Force (Nov. 22, 1946–May 14, 1948).

**GILLESPIE** Reg. No. 20233, ex-S/Sgt. Neville Edward Gillespie, 59, died Nov. 6, 1998, at Brandon, Man. He was born June 24, 1939, at Sherbrooke, Que., and joined the Force Oct. 29, 1957, at Montréal. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Gillespie was posted to "O" Division, Ont., where he worked at Toronto, Windsor, Owen Sound and Fort Erie. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: June 23, 1978, to RCMP HQ where he served at the Hong Kong Liaison Office; April 1, 1981, to "O" Division, at Toronto, and retired on July 25, 1982. Gillespie was promoted to corporal May 1, 1967; sergeant June 1, 1972; staff sergeant June 1, 1974.

**HAGAN** Reg. No. 12374, ex-S/M Mathias Francis Hagan, 91, died Nov. 28, 1998, at Charlottetown, P.E.I. He was born Sept. 20, 1907, at Kelly's Cross, and joined the Force June 7, 1934, at Ottawa. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Hagan was posted to "E" Division, B.C., at Vancouver and Kamloops, and took his discharge June 30, 1937. He reengaged into the Force Jan. 13, 1941, at Charlottetown, and was posted to "L" Division, P.E.I., at Alberton and Charlottetown, retiring on Jan. 1, 1963. Hagan was promoted to corporal June 1, 1947; sergeant Nov. 1, 1952; staff sergeant May 1, 1956; sergeant-major Nov. 1, 1961.

**HAGGARTY** Reg. No. 19125, ex-Sgt. Donald Francis Haggarty, 63, died Dec. 3, 1998, at Kelowna, B.C. He was born Aug. 31, 1935, at Calgary, Alta., where he joined the Force Oct. 3, 1955. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Divisions, Haggarty was posted to "A" Division, at Ottawa. On Jan. 15, 1957, he was transferred to "E" Division, B.C., at Nelson, Cranbrook, Port Alberni, Nanaimo, Victoria, Vancouver, Chilliwack and Kelowna, retiring on April 3, 1989. Haggarty was promoted to corporal Nov. 1, 1967; sergeant Aug. 5, 1975.

**HALL** Reg. No. C/1296, ex-C/M Arthur Walter Hall, 66, died Jan. 3, 1999, at Gatineau, Que. He was born Feb. 7, 1932, at Ottawa, where he joined the Force as a civilian member Feb. 2, 1973. Hall was posted to RCMP HQ and retired on June 1, 1986.

**HARRISON** Reg. No. O.528 (13800), Supt. Bernard Earl Harrison (retired), 78, died Feb. 6, 1999, at Kelowna, B.C. He was born Oct. 7, 1920, at Salvador, Sask., and joined the Force Nov. 25, 1940, at Regina. Upon completion of Part I Training at "Depot," Harrison was posted to "K" Division, Alta., at Edmonton and Calgary. Upon completion of Part II Training at "Depot" on Sept. 20, 1942, he was posted to "E" Division, B.C., at Vancouver and Prince Rupert. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: Feb. 9, 1946, to "G" Division, Y.T., at Whitehorse; July 22, 1955, to "K" Division, at Edmonton; Oct. 4, 1955, to RCMP HQ; Sept. 1, 1969, to "K" Division, at Edmonton, retiring on Nov. 24, 1975. Harrison was promoted to corporal Oct. 1, 1949; sergeant Nov. 1, 1953; staff sergeant Nov. 1, 1958; sub-inspector May 1, 1961; inspector May 1, 1963; superintendent Sept. 1, 1969.

**HODGSON** Reg. No. 13287, ex-S/Sgt. Edwin Hodgson, 79, died Dec. 8, 1998, at Qualicum Beach, B.C. He was born Dec. 16, 1918, at Lancer, Sask., and joined the Force March 13, 1940, at Winnipeg, Man. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Divisions, Hodgson was posted to "D" Division, at Winnipeg. On April 1, 1942, he was transferred to "N" Division, where he joined the RCMP No. 1 Provost Company. Hodgson reengaged into the Force Nov. 27, 1945, and was posted to the following locations: "D" Division at Winnipeg, Manitou, Shilo and Virden; Sept. 1, 1957, to "O" Division, Ont., at Niagara Falls, Toronto and Malton, retiring on March 12, 1969. Hodgson was promoted to corporal May 1, 1952; sergeant May 1, 1957; staff sergeant May 1, 1961. For his wartime service, Hodgson was awarded the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, and the 1939–45 Star.

**HOILAND** Reg. No. C/1384, ex-C/M Harold Edward Hoiland, 77, died Nov. 8, 1998, at Regina. He was born Feb. 3, 1921, at Weldon, and joined the Force as a civilian member Aug. 29, 1973, at Regina. Hoiland was posted to "F" Division, at Regina, and retired on Feb. 3, 1981. He had served with the Canadian Army (Dec. 2, 1941–Nov. 2, 1945, and May 15, 1947–Feb. 3, 1973) and was awarded the 1939–45 Star, the France and Germany Star, the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp, and the War Medal.

**HUXLEY** Reg. No. 12361, ex-Cpl. Harold Reginald Huxley, 86, died Nov. 20, 1998, at Chatham, Ont. He was born July 30, 1912, at Lloydminster, Sask., and joined the Force May 31, 1934, at Regina. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Huxley was posted to "E" Division, at Vancouver. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: Oct. 1, 1936, to "B" Division, Y.T., at Dawson, Fortymile and Dawson Post; Nov. 1, 1938, to "G" Division, at Whitehorse (Y.T.) and Vancouver (B.C.); Oct. 1, 1940, to "Depot" Division; Feb. 1, 1941, to "L" Division, P.E.I., at Charlottetown, Summerside and Borden; March 1, 1942, to "O" Division, Ont., at Toronto and Sault Ste. Marie, retiring on July 30, 1954. Huxley was promoted to corporal May 1, 1948. He was awarded a Commissioner's Commendation on April 20, 1943, for his work in connection with an investigation under the *Opium and Narcotic Drug Act*.



**KENNEDY** Reg. No. C/3347, ex-C/M Nicholas Joseph Kennedy, 52, died Dec. 4, 1998, at Ottawa. He was born Sept. 27, 1946, at St. John's, Nfld., and joined the Force March 15, 1984, at Ottawa. Kennedy was posted to RCMP HQ and retired on July 1, 1997. He had previously served with the Canadian Army (July 4, 1963–Jan. 31, 1968), and with the Canadian Armed Forces (Feb. 1, 1968–May 4, 1984).

**LEADBETTER** Reg. No. 23603 (S/11088, M/118), ex-Cpl. Hugh MacLeod Leadbetter, 62, died Nov. 2, 1998, at Halifax, N.S. He was born July 7, 1936, at Springhill and joined the Force as a regular member special constable June 3, 1958, at Halifax. Leadbetter was posted to Marine Division, N.S., where he served at Halifax and aboard patrol vessels *Wood* (where he became a marine constable Nov. 22, 1960), *French* and *Fort Steele*. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: April 1, 1963, to Marine Division, Ont., where he served at Toronto and aboard the *Shaunavon II*; June 11, 1968, to Marine Division in B.C., aboard the *Alert*, *Sidney* and *Manyberries*, taking his discharge on Jan. 5, 1977. Leadbetter was promoted to constable June 1, 1964; corporal May 1, 1968.

**LITTLER** Reg. No. 13202 (R/453), ex-Cst. Joseph Henry Littler, 84, died Nov. 1, 1998, at London, Ont. He was born Apr. 12, 1914, at Toronto, where he joined the Force as a reserve constable Nov. 1, 1938. Littler became a constable Oct. 16, 1939, and was posted to "O" Division, at Toronto and Thorold. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he was posted to "J" Division, N.B., at Newcastle, Moncton, Woodstock, Grand Falls, Perth and Fredericton, taking his discharge on July 28, 1944.

**MADDEN** Reg. No. C/826, ex-C/M Joseph Harry Madden, 72, died Jan. 9, 1999, at Kanata, Ont. He was born July 20, 1926, at Montréal, and joined the Force as a civilian member Dec. 17, 1970, at Ottawa. Madden was posted to RCMP HQ, and on May 25, 1972, he was transferred to "A" Division, at Ottawa, and retired on Jan. 1, 1987. He had previously served in the Non-Permanent Active Militia (April 7, 1941–Aug. 13, 1943), in the Canadian Army (Aug. 14, 1943–May 13, 1946, Dec. 3, 1946–Dec. 30, 1952) and in the Royal Canadian Navy and Canadian Forces (Dec. 31, 1952–Feb. 12, 1969).

**McINTEE** Reg. No. S/7, ex-S/Cst. George Robert McIntee, 88, died Jan. 16, 1999, at St. Stephen, N.B. He was born Aug. 14, 1910, at Milltown, and joined the Force March 1, 1946, at St. Stephen. McIntee was posted to "J" Division, at St. Stephen and Sussex, retiring on Aug. 28, 1966. He had previously served in the Canadian Army (Sept. 13, 1939–April 28, 1945). For his wartime service, McIntee was awarded the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and the War Medal 1939–45.

**McINTOSH** Reg. No. 15147, ex-Cst. Clifford Merle McIntosh, 69, died Nov. 1, 1998, at Atikokan, Ont. He was born Sept. 12, 1929, at Dauphin, Man., and joined the Force Aug. 16, 1948, at Winnipeg. He was posted to "Depot" Division and took his discharge on Dec. 21, 1948. During his lifetime, McIntosh was awarded the Order of Canada and the Order of Ontario.

**McINTOSH** Reg. No. 13123 (R/215), ex-Cst. Frederick Archibald McIntosh, 83, died Nov. 12, 1998, at Ottawa. He was born Dec. 1, 1914, at Clarkborough, Sask., and

joined the Force as a reserve constable July 1, 1937, at Regina. McIntosh became a constable Dec. 1, 1938, and, upon completion of training at "Depot," was posted to "F" Division, Sask., at Assiniboia, Wood Mountain, Weyburn and Gravelbourg. On Dec. 1, 1941, he was transferred to "N" Division and served in the RCMP No. 1 Provost Company until Nov. 29, 1945. Upon re-engagement into the Force, McIntosh was posted to "F" Division, at Saskatoon. He was subsequently transferred to "J" Division, N.B., at Fredericton, Newcastle, Moncton, Shediac, Sussex and Chatham, taking his discharge on March 12, 1947. For his wartime service, McIntosh was awarded the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp, the Defence Medal, the 1939–45 Star, the Italy Star and the France and Germany Star.

**MCLEOD** Reg. No. 7673, ex-Cst. George Edward McLeod, 96, died Nov. 20, 1998, at Toronto, where he was born Aug. 23, 1902, and joined the RNWMP May 15, 1919. Upon completion of training at "Depot," McLeod was posted to "D" Division, Man., at Winnipeg and Dauphin. In 1921, he was transferred to "F" Division, Sask., where he served at Moose Jaw and Regina, taking his discharge in 1922. Prior to his service in the RNWMP and RCMP, McLeod had served overseas in the 225th Battalion, Queen's Own Regiment. (See inside back cover —Ed.)

**OLSON** Reg. No. 26727, Cpl. Leif Evan Lee Olson, 51, died Nov. 25, 1998, at Maple Ridge, B.C. He was born Feb. 8, 1947, at Edmonton, Alta., where he joined the Force July 15, 1968. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "P" Divisions, Olson was posted to "E" Division, B.C., at Chilliwack, Mission, Maple Ridge, Burnaby and Pitt Meadows, where he was still working at the time of his death. He was promoted to corporal Oct. 9, 1979.

**PATTERSON** Reg. No. 18598, ex-Cst. John Franklin Patterson, 65, died Jan. 6, 1998, at Mill Bay, B.C. He was born Dec. 31, 1932, at Winnipeg, Man., where he joined the Force March 22, 1954. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Patterson was posted to "F" Division, Sask., at Yorkton, Kelvington and Sturgis, where he took his discharge on Dec. 7, 1955. Prior to his police service, he had served in the Canadian Army (Aug. 19, 1950–Aug. 20, 1953).

**PUSHIE** Reg. No. C/908, ex-C/M Robert Lyall Pushie, 66, died Dec. 6, 1998, at Prince George, B.C. He was born June 3, 1932, at Birch Hills, Sask., and joined the Force as a civilian member June 25, 1971, at Kamloops, B.C. Pushie was posted to "E" Division, at Prince George, and retired on June 30, 1990.

**ROACH** Reg. No. 16522, ex-Cst. Wilfred Harold Roach, 75, died Dec. 8, 1998, at Keremeos, B.C. He was born Feb. 18, 1923, at Rosthern, Sask., and joined the Force Aug. 15, 1950, at Nanaimo, when the BCPP — where he had been serving since Nov. 19, 1947, at Port Alberni and Nanaimo — amalgamated with the RCMP. Roach was posted to "E" Division, B.C., at Port Alberni, and took his discharge on June 5, 1952. He had served with the Canadian Army (July 23, 1940–June 28, 1941), and with the Royal Canadian Air Force (July 8, 1941–Oct. 5, 1945). For his wartime service Roach was awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal, the 1939–45 Star, the Air Crew Europe Star, the Defence Medal, the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp and the War Medal 1939–45.

**SANDEY** Reg. No. C/4203, C/M Beverley Ann Sandey, 55, died Nov. 14, 1998, at Ottawa. She was born August 14, 1943, at Kingston, Ont., and joined the Force as a civilian member Feb. 11, 1991, at Ottawa. Sandey was posted to RCMP HQ, where she was still working at the time of her death.

**SERBANIEVICH** Reg. No. 20058, ex-S/Sgt. Rudolph Edward Serbanievich, 61, died Nov. 28, 1998, at Regina. He was born March 19, 1937, at Kenora, Ont., and joined the Force July 2, 1957, at Toronto. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Serbanievich was posted to "A" Division, at Ottawa. On Nov. 12, 1958, he was transferred to "F" Division, Sask., at Saskatoon, Rosetown, Humboldt, Yorkton, Strasbourg, Île-à-la-Crosse, Sturgis, Broadview and Regina, retiring on April 1, 1994. Serbanievich was promoted to corporal Nov. 1, 1967; sergeant June 1, 1975; staff sergeant Nov. 4, 1978.

**SHIU** Reg. No. C/1192, ex-C/M Do Gay (Daniel) Shiu, 73, died Nov. 17, 1998, at New Westminster, B.C. He was born June 11, 1925, at Saskatoon, and joined the Force as a civilian member Aug. 15, 1972, at Vancouver. Shiu was posted to "E" Division, B.C., at Vancouver, and took his discharge on July 16, 1984. Shiu had also served in the Canadian Army and the Canadian Armed Forces from 1944 to 1972. For his service, he was awarded the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, the War Medal 1939-45, the Burma Star 1945 and the Canadian Forces Decoration and Clasp.

**SINGBEIL** Reg. No. O.1284 (23655), Insp. Raymond Carl Singbeil (retired), 54, died Nov. 24, 1998, at Bellingham, Washington, U.S.A. He was born July 4, 1944, at Teulon, Man., and joined the Force July 3, 1964, at Winnipeg. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Singbeil was posted to "E" Division, B.C., at Langley, Kimberley and Vancouver. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: June 30, 1976, to RCMP HQ, where he worked at Bonn (Germany), Vienna (Austria) and Ottawa; Dec. 19, 1983, to "E" Division, at Vancouver and Burnaby, retiring on Aug. 21, 1993. Singbeil was promoted to corporal June 1, 1974; sergeant July 4, 1980; inspector Oct. 1, 1984. In 1983, he received a Silver Medal of Honour from the President of Austria for services rendered to the Republic of Austria while serving as RCMP Liaison Officer in Vienna.

**SJOBERG** Reg. No. C/388, ex-C/M Clarence Ludvig Sjoberg, 78, died Jan. 6, 1999, at Winnipeg, Man. He was born Nov. 9, 1921, at Regina, and joined the Force as a civilian member Dec. 1, 1965, at Winnipeg. Sjoberg was posted to "D" Division, at Winnipeg, and retired on Nov. 9, 1981. Prior to his service in the RCMP, he served in the Royal Canadian Air Force (Aug. 28, 1942-March 7, 1946) and for his wartime service, he was awarded the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and the War Medal 1939-45.

**STADNYK** Reg. No. 29235, ex-Cst. John Frederick Joseph Stadnyk, 46, died Dec. 27, 1998, at Surrey, B.C. He was born May 4, 1952, at Gravelbourg, Sask., and joined

the Force Aug. 31, 1971, at Saskatoon. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Stadnyk was posted to "E" Division, B.C., at Richmond. On July 8, 1975, he was transferred to "F" Division, Sask., at Turtleford, North Battleford, Moosomin and Radville, taking his discharge on Aug. 31, 1982.

**STROUTS** Reg. No. 16428, ex-Sgt. Richard Wallis Strouts, 84, died Nov. 12, 1998, at Victoria, B.C. He was born Nov. 1, 1914, at Bounty, Sask., and joined the Force Aug. 15, 1950, when the BCPP — where he had been serving at Prince Rupert, Burns Lake, Bowen Island and Mission since April 27, 1942 — amalgamated with the RCMP. Strouts was posted to "E" Division, B.C., at Mission, Abbotsford, Victoria, Richmond and Vancouver, retiring on May 16, 1967. He was promoted to corporal May 1, 1955; sergeant May 1, 1959. Strouts had served in the Non-Permanent Active Militia of Canada (May 26, 1937-June 20, 1940).

**WATSON** Reg. No. C/768, ex-C/M Bonnie Louise Watson, 53, died Nov. 15, 1998, at Maple Ridge, B.C. She was born Jan. 26, 1945, at Victoria and joined the Force as a civilian member July 2, 1970, at Montréal. Watson was posted to "C" Division, at Montréal, and on June 20, 1977, she was transferred to "E" Division, B.C., at Vancouver, and took her discharge on July 16, 1984.

**WILLAN** Reg. No. 11883, ex-S/Sgt. Lionel Francis Willan, 87, died Dec. 21, 1998, at Victoria, B.C. He was born Feb. 16, 1911, at Calgary, Alta., and joined the Force Nov. 15, 1932, at Vancouver. Willan was posted to "E" Division, B.C., at Vancouver and aboard the *Adversus*. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: July 1, 1935, to "G" Division, N.W.T., aboard the *St. Roch*; Oct. 1, 1937, to "E" Division, at Vancouver; April 1, 1938, to "K" Division, Alta., at Peace River, McLennan, Coppermine, Fort Smith, Red Deer, Breton, Wetaskiwin, Edson, Camrose, Stony Plain, Athabasca, Vegreville and Edmonton, retiring on Nov. 14, 1961. Willan was promoted to lance corporal Feb. 1, 1940; corporal April 1, 1941; sergeant Nov. 1, 1951; staff sergeant Nov. 1, 1958.

**WILSON** Reg. No. 14895 (R/S/9401), ex-S/M Roy Ivan Wilson, 72, died Nov. 22, 1998, at Calgary, Alta. He was born March 13, 1926, at Barrie, Ont., and joined the Force as a reserve special constable Feb. 10, 1947, at Toronto and became a constable March 13, 1947. Upon completion of training at "N" and "Depot" Divisions, Wilson was posted to "G" Division, N.W.T., at Yellowknife, Fort Norman and Norman Wells. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: March 1, 1949, to "K" Division, Alta., at Edmonton, Calgary, Drumheller and Hanna; Dec. 1, 1951, to "A" Division, at Ottawa; Aug. 1, 1952, to RCMP HQ; Jan. 1, 1953, to "K" Division at Calgary, Wainwright and Edmonton; Sept. 1, 1965, to "D" Division, Man., at Winnipeg, retiring on Dec. 31, 1970. Wilson was promoted to constable March 13, 1947; corporal May 1, 1957; sergeant May 1, 1963; staff sergeant May 1, 1966; sergeant-major Nov. 1, 1966. He had also served in the Canadian Army (Jan. 11, 1945-May 17, 1946).

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# Last Known Remaining RNWMP Member Passes Away

**O**N NOVEMBER 20, 1998, less than two months after being recognized by the Force as “an important link to our past,” the last known remaining RNWMP member passed away. George Edward McLeod was laid to rest in his native Toronto, after a long career which included service in the RNWMP, RCMP, the Toronto Fire Department and the Queen’s Own Regiment.


Born on August 23, 1902, McLeod was a mere 14 years old when he joined the Bugle Band of the 225th Battalion, Queen’s Own Regiment. He served with the Regiment overseas during the First World War, and joined the RNWMP shortly thereafter, in May 1919. Following a brief training period at “Depot,” McLeod was sent to Winnipeg, where the newly-recruited police officer found himself in the middle of that city’s general strike. George was soon transferred to Dauphin, Manitoba, and then to Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, where he worked as an undercover narcotics officer. In 1922, he took his discharge from the Force, citing the extreme cold of the West as one of his reasons for leaving.

In 1927, McLeod joined the Toronto

Fire Department, where he served no less than 43 years, rising to the rank of captain in his 22nd year. Despite his long and successful career as a firefighter, George never forgot his early years with the Mounties.

When the Toronto Division of the RCMP Veterans’ Association was formed in 1960, George was a Charter Member. He was Division President for the year 1978.

In September 1998, at an RCMP 125 anniversary event in Collingwood, Ontario, D/Commr. Curt Allen presented ex-Cst. McLeod with a special Red Serge jacket to symbolize McLeod’s importance to the Force’s history. Those who attended the event had nothing but praise for the stately 96-year-old. “He’s very sharp for his age,” commented Cpl. Chris Bar-

rett of Bowmanville Detachment. “A lot of Veterans were pleased to see him. He could tell them things about the Force you can’t find in history books.... He’s a link to our past.” Regrettably, that link to our past has now faded, but his memory will be kept alive through the deep respect that the RCMP holds for its history and its members, living and dead, who made the Force what it is today. 



*George Edward McLeod,  
the last known surviving member of the  
RNWMP, with D/Commr. Curt Allen.*

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