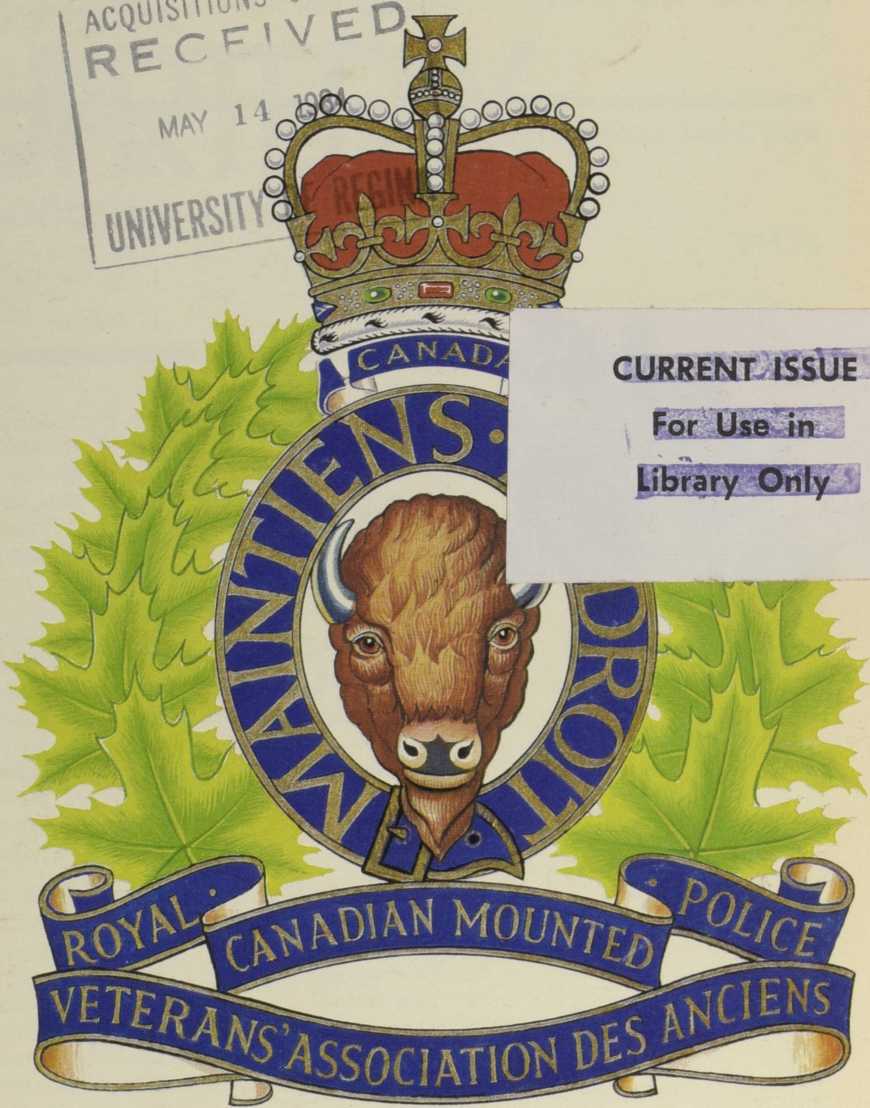


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## INTERNATIONAL POLICE OLYMPICS, PHOENIX, ARIZONA, U.S.A.

This event, held every two years, is scheduled to take place August 24-26, 1984. Last year more than 3,000 police officers from over eight different countries participated in the forty-odd sporting events, and this year the number of participants is expected to top that figure.

At present the organizing committee is co-ordinating police team uniforms, and will keep track of all Canadian police participants as well as the events for which they are entered.

As competition standards are of a very high calibre, members of police forces wishing to take part in the games are strongly urged to begin training at once in order to reach the necessary top competitive fitness levels.

Anyone interested in attending (police officers as well as former officers) are asked to contact: Ray Cardinal, Senior Intelligence Officer, Narcotics Section, Intelligence Division, Revenue Canada, Sir Richard Scott Building, 191 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, Ontario (613-593-4424) or Cst. Blair Gemmel, Ottawa Police Force, Community Relations Department, 474 Elgin Street, Ottawa, Ontario (613-236-0311).

## THE BENEFIT TRUST FUND & THE RCMP VETERANS' ASSOCIATION

In the last *Quarterly* magazine under "Divisional Dispatches", "Headquarters", "Veterans' Notes", we carried a notice that monies from the Benefit Trust Fund would establish a permanent secretariat, and that control of the Trust Fund would eventually be transferred to the Veterans' Association. This notice, pulled from the Ottawa Division Veterans' Association newsletter, was not totally correct. The Force has never considered transferring control of the Fund to the Veterans' Association, and, further-



more, existing regulations prohibit such action. The Force and the Veterans' Association are however seeking a mutually acceptable means to use *some* of the Trust Fund monies more effectively in assisting former members and their dependents. The Veterans' Association through their nationwide organization has a tremendous capacity for reaching former members, assessing their needs, and working with them to provide financial, physical and moral support. It should be emphasized that this idea is as yet exploratory. The Trust Fund itself will continue to be managed by the Force to benefit serving members, former members, and their dependents. ■

# 1984 MUSICAL RIDE TOUR

## QUEBEC — ONTARIO

## NEW BRUNSWICK

### PERFORMANCE DATES

April 30 .....  
May 13.....  
May 21.....  
June 1 .....  
June 7 .....  
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June 16, 17.....  
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### LOCATIONS

Montreal, P.Q.  
Prescott, Ontario  
Georgetown, Ontario  
Maxville, Ontario  
Rivière-du Loup, P.Q.  
Oromocto, New Brunswick  
Sussex, New Brunswick  
Saint John, New Brunswick  
Newcastle, New Brunswick  
Moncton, New Brunswick  
Grand Falls, New Brunswick  
Quebec City, P.Q.  
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Thunder Bay, Ontario  
Echo Bay, Ontario  
Sudbury, Ontario  
Dallas, Texas — Oklahoma City

REMAINING DATES ARE SCHEDULED FOR TRAVEL OR DAYS OFF.

# Letters to the Editor

## VIETNAM VETS

Dear Editor,

For more than a year I have been researching a book about Canadian Vietnam veterans. I have determined that many of these veterans are serving with Canadian police forces. Many policemen with whom I have communicated, not all of them Vietnam veterans, have provided leads within and outside police ranks.

I am writing your publication in the hope that once aware of my project, others will contact me.

Anyone with questions, information or advice is asked to contact: Doug Clark, 7 Douglas Cres., Fergus, Ontario N1M 1C1; (519) 843-4019

Thanking you for your assistance.

Yours truly,  
Doug Clark

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## PHOTO SECTION APPRECIATED

Dear Editor,

My family has enjoyed another year of very interesting reading, with a touch of comedy as well.

My brother lives at the other end of the country and when I read about the RCMP and your social activities, I often think of him.

I would like to praise your photography section as they present us with some truly beautiful pictures for your magazine covers.

Thanks for all the good reading.

Yours sincerely,  
Harold Johnson,  
Paris, Ont.

*Many of the photographs which grace the front covers of Quarterly*

*magazines have been submitted by members from across Canada. We must agree with you that the photographic services of our "I" Directorate in developing these prints for the Quarterly's unique requirements is superlative. The assistance to the Quarterly from Photographic Services is second-to-none. Ed.*

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## SINCERE APPRECIATION

Office of the Mayor  
Selkirk, Manitoba  
October 18, 1983

All Members and Staff  
RCMP Town Detachment  
Town of Selkirk, Manitoba

Dear Members and Staff:

On behalf of the citizens of Selkirk, the mayor and councillors wish to express our sincere appreciation for the outstanding police service given by Selkirk's RCMP detachment.

During the past three years, Selkirk has seen our detachment provide the highest standard of community police service. The Council especially noted how well our police force has handled:

- the hostage incident at the 7 Eleven Store,
- the hostage incident at the Safeway store,
- work with the Selkirk School system,
- work with other municipal police forces,
- cooperation with the Restitution & Reconciliation Committee,
- the uncounted extra hours of work and time voluntarily given especially during the centennial year,



- the wide variety of ways all members contribute personally to community life,
- the special decision of the Detachment Commander, S/Sgt. Kouri, on parking and transportation, emergency measures and special events such as the visit of HRH Princess Anne.

These outstanding services are recognized by all citizens of Selkirk. Congratulations to all members and staff of the Town of Selkirk's detachment of the RCMP. Thank you for making Sel-

kirk one of the best communities in Canada in which to live.

Sincerely,  
Bill Shead  
Mayor

*This congratulatory letter, which came to our attention at the Public Relations Branch, is self-explanatory and well-deserved. We feel such recognition should appear in the Quarterly, and to that end requested the photograph you see here of the Selkirk Detachment members and the Selkirk Town Council. Ed.*



Selkirk Detachment members and town representatives: (L-R) Back Row: Cst. J. M. Spraggs, Cst. L. A. Dodds, Cst. L. C. Forbes, Cst. G. H. Donovan, Cst. D. D. Dauphinee, Cst. A. G. Phillips, Cst. R. C. Herrington. Third Row: Cst. G. Persichetti, Cst. D. J. Esayenko, Cst. R. D. Guy, Cst. C. D. MacLaughlan, Cst. G. R. Burnside, Cst. M. R. Hiebert. Second Row: Mr. Henrickson — Council, Cpl. D. J. Grittner, Sgt. J. L. Coupland, Cpl. J. F. Legal, Mr. L. Davies — Council. Front Row: Mr. R. S. Oliver — Mayor 1983, Mr. B. Shead — Mayor 1981-83, S/Sgt. P. J. Kouri, Mr. S. Banera — Council, Mr. D. McKenzie — Council.

## CLASS OF '32 REUNION

Dear Editor,

In the fall of 1932, after the big "takeover" of Alta., Man., N.B., N.S., and P.E.I. Provincial Police Forces on April 1, 1932, a number of recruits who were taken on in Alberta and B.C. were sent to Vancouver for training, instead of being sent to Depot. There were

about 60 recruits involved and after 6 months training some were transferred to other divisions, and some remained in "E" Division.

In 1982, 50 years later, a group of us in Victoria conceived the idea of having a luncheon to celebrate the anniversary. Word got around and finally we had members and their

wives from Toronto, Edmonton, Kelowna, Vancouver and Victoria. In July 1982, the luncheon was held in Victoria, with 14 members and 11 wives present.

We of the class of 1932, who graduated from Vancouver's Fairmont Barracks, plan to hold another social evening for our classmates at the Victoria NCO's Mess on June 29, 1984, from 6 p.m. to midnight. The event will include a little dinner, a little drink, a little music and a great deal of conversation.

We are anxious to contact all ex-members of our class who happen to be in Vancouver/Victoria at that time: you're welcome; we want you to come. Further details can be had by contacting me.

Yours very truly,  
Ted McElhone  
410-1025 Inverness Road  
Victoria, B.C.  
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## PEN PALS

Dear Editor,

As a collector of police uniform shoulder flashes I have the occasion to correspond with many people in the law enforcement field.

Recently I received a letter from a warrant officer with the South Africa Police Department requesting I contact *the Quarterly* and ask you to print a list of some of his co-workers who are interested in corresponding with members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Here are there names and addresses:

1. Sandra Viljoen, 20-year-old constable in S.A. Police, would like to correspond with male and female members of the RCMP. Address: c/o South Africa Police Rusten-

burg, Private Bag 82080, Rustenburg 0300. South Africa.

2. Inspector Judith Bam, International Police Association member. Address: c/o South West Africa Police Headquarters, Private Bag 12024, Ausspannplatz, Windhoek, South West Africa.
3. H. Du Plessis, 21-year-old constable, International Police Association member. Address: c/o South Africa Police Department, Private Bag 82080, Rustenburg 0300, Republic of South Africa.
4. Chief Inspector Lukas Small. Address: c/o South West Africa Police Karasburg, Karasburg 9000, South West Africa.
5. J. Van Der Westhuizen, interests: ornithology... would like to correspond with policemen in Canada with the same hobby. Address: c/o South West Africa Police, Private Bag 12024, Ausspannplatz, Windhoek 9000, South West Africa (Local Fingerprint Dept.).
6. Hans Meiger, Reservist Sgt., interests: Ham radio operator. Address: c/o South Africa Police Rustenburg, Private Bag 82080, Rustenburg 0300, Republic of South Africa.
7. Henry Martin Smit, 22-year-old. Address: c/o South West Africa Police, Criminal Investigation Department, Private Bag 13210, Windhoek 9000, South Africa.
8. M. J. Van Eyssen, interests: coin collecting. Address: c/o South West Africa Police, Private Bag 13210, Windhoek 9000, South West Africa.
9. Chief Inspector S. Eimbeck (acting Liaison Officer for British Associates International Police Association members in South West Africa). Address: c/o South West Africa



Police, Private Bag 13210, Windhoek 9000, South West Africa.

10. Susanne Dreyer, police reservist — International Police Association member, interests: stamp collecting. Address: c/o South Africa Police Rustenburg, Private Bag 82080, Rustenburg 0300, Republic of South Africa.

Yours truly,  
Cst. R. E. Wand  
Innisfail Mun. Det.  
Alberta

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### REUNION 1949/59 DEPOT DIVISION REGIMENTAL BAND

Dear Editor,

In 1949 Commissioner S. T. Wood approved the formation of a second part-time regimental band to be sta-

tioned at Depot Division. This band remained in existence until 1959, at which time one full-time band in Ottawa replaced the two part-time units. A reunion, with various social activities, for the original members of the Depot Division Regimental Band and all who ever played with the Band is planned at Depot Division from June 29 to July 2, 1984, inclusive. This will be a once-in-a-lifetime reunion. All ex-members of the Band interested in joining in for the weekend festivities should contact: Max Schreiner, 3303 Dewdney Avenue, Regina, Saskatchewan S4T 0Y9, [Phone: (306) 522-0506]

A concert is planned somehow, someplace — so get out your old horn and get your lips in shape.

Sincerely,  
S/S/M Kyle Graham  
Ottawa RCMP HQ. ■

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## Did You Know?

In 1909, in Prince Edward Island, cars were banned from the roads because they frightened the cattle and horses. Four years later, a law was passed which allowed cars to use the road three days per week to enable the animals to get used to them gradually.

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In Glendale, Arizona, (under an old American law which has never been repealed), no one is allowed to reverse a car.

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In Italy, a dozen cars were stuck to the road surface during the rush hour on the Milan to Venice autostrada, after a tanker truck carrying plastic glue overturned. A special solvent had to be used to free the cars.

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In Australia, a man was fined and his licence suspended, when he claimed his pet kangaroo had caused an accident by jumping from the front seat of the car to the rear. The motorist was said to be "hopping mad."

*Reprinted from On the Road,  
Winter 1981.*



Vancouver Police Constable G. Field and her canine partner P. S. D. Sabre. The dog retired in 1983, and Cst. Field returned to patrol duties. (Vancouver P.D. photo)

## THE LAW ON A LEASH IN CANADA

PART II

*by Professor Samuel G. Chapman*

*University of Oklahoma, Norman*

*The first installment of Professor Chapman's article was published in the Winter '84 issue of the Quarterly. The second and concluding part is featured here. Ed.*



**The Canadian Police Canine Association**

The Canadian Police Canine Association was established in 1978 as a nonprofit, nonpolitical group of police service dog handlers and trainers in Canada. Membership was also opened to other persons, both in and outside of Canada, provided they are recommended by an active member and approved by the board of directors. In 1983, annual dues were \$25.<sup>62</sup>

In March 1980, the CPCA published its first issue of *The CPCA Quarterly*, the journal of the association. The official voice of the CPCA includes features contributed by its members as well as from sources outside the membership.

The CPCA takes its service role very seriously. In addition to publishing *The CPCA Quarterly* and sponsoring trials, the association presents training seminars, loans training video tapes, has an extensive reference library and makes the documents available to borrowers, and provides technical assistance to departments which are considering

the implementation of canine programs.

**Program Terminations**

Only 14 of Canada's 48 canine programs have been terminated, as shown in Table Three. Programs in Delta, B.C., Gloucester, Ont. and Regina, Sask., were never firmly rooted within their forces and each lasted about two years. The other 11 programs lasted from four to 19 years before being discontinued.

The Gloucester police service dog program was implemented about July 1965, under Chief Constable Sam Drader. The one handler/dog team was part of an eight-person department. Questions surfaced about the justification for a canine program in a force so numerically small. After an evaluation, the unit was terminated in June 1967. While the Gloucester Police Commission found the canine team had

62. The corporate offices of the Canadian Police Canine Association are located at: 1326 Ranchlands Way N.W., Calgary, Alberta, T3G 1R2.

**Table Three**  
**Canadian Canine Program Terminations**

Police Department	Year Program		Years in Operation
	Started	Ended	
Moncton, N.B.	1962	1981	19
Maritime Federal Penn., N.B.	1965	1980	15
Montreal Urban Community, Que.	1961	1975	14
Quebec Provincial Police	1962	1971	9
Lethbridge, Alta.	1963	1971	8
B.C. Fish & Wildlife Dept.	1976	1981	5
Saanich, B.C.	1963	1968	5
New Westminster, B.C.	1962	1966	4
Orangeville, Ont.	1976	1980	4
Tilbury, Ont.	1975	1979	4
Waterloo, Ont.	1975	1979	4
Regina, Sask.	1962	1964	2
Delta, B.C.	1972	1974	2
Gloucester, Ont.	1965	1967	2

"reasonable successes," it was also found to be: "... providing services for all of the other municipalities and adjoining areas and doing almost no work whatsoever in this municipality.

"It appears that the maintenance of the dog, its training and upkeep and the loss of a senior police constable for services elsewhere was more than [the force] was willing to cope with."<sup>63</sup>

The Delta unit started in December 1972. It, too, was a one handler/dog program. It was closed in October 1974, because insufficient funds were afforded the program and there were too few personnel with which to fully staff the night shift.<sup>64</sup> The unit was crippled when the handler was given a three-month non-patrol assignment inside headquarters.<sup>65</sup>

The Regina Police assigned Constable K. W. Taylor and Duke to street patrol in November 1962, after the team had completed four weeks of training at Calgary. The dog failed to work out owing to a combination of its very young age and limited training.<sup>66</sup>

Another constable and dog, R. Orthner and Rebel, began street work in 1963 and patrolled until Orthner resigned that year. Rebel was taken over by Constable R. Renard but the team did not prove particularly productive. The program was discontinued in 1964, failing for two main reasons: the undertraining of the dogs and the canine patrol concept not being fully understood by the then administration.<sup>67</sup>

Police service dog programs in the other 11 forces were solidly entren-

ched, but for varying reasons they fell on rough times and were terminated. Five of these 11 units were operative for many years. These were units in Moncton, N.B.; the Montreal Urban Community, Que.; the Quebec Provincial Police; Lethbridge, Alta.; and the Maritime Federal Penitentiary at Dorchester, N.B.

Moncton's unit was terminated in the spring of 1981, for want of a suitable dog and dog handler. The discontinuance was to be temporary, but there is no notice of a new start.<sup>68</sup>

The six-team Montreal Urban Community police service dog program began in 1961. The initial teams were trained in St. Louis, Missouri, then one of America's premier programs. When the unit became operational, the teams worked from 10 a.m. to 3 a.m. seven days a week. During the program's later years, budget problems surfaced in the form of fewer motor vehicles, which suggested that discontinuance might be in the offing. It came about in February 1975, for three main reasons: the force underwent a substantial reorganization; service dogs died and were not replaced, and handlers were transferred to other details.<sup>69</sup>

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65. Information obtained during a site visit to Vancouver, B.C., and an interview with Staff Sergeant Paul Campbell of the Vancouver Police Department on January 8, 1982.

66. Information obtained in correspondence with Deputy Chief R. G. Connell of the Regina Police Service on March 10, 1983.

67. *Loc. cit.*

68. Information obtained in correspondence with Deputy Chief W. F. Gallagher of the Moncton Police Force on November 2, 1981.

69. Information obtained in correspondence with Royal Liger for Lieutenant Laurent Lévis of the Montreal Urban Community Police on April 23, 1983.

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63. Information obtained in correspondence with Chief Kenneth Duncan of the Gloucester Police Department on February 11, 1982.

64. Information obtained in correspondence with Chief Constable D. G. MacLeod of the Delta Police Department on June 24, 1981.





**"The Great Gretsky" and the Edmonton Police Dog Unit "All Star Team." (Photo courtesy of Edmonton P.D.)**

The Quebec Provincial Police began its program in 1962 with two handlers and German shepherd dogs trained by the RCMP in Ramsayville, near Ottawa. One team was posted in Quebec City, the other in Montreal. The teams were used mainly for tracking lost persons in bush land as well as for seeking fugitives in the wake of robberies, burglaries and prison escapes. The two teams were on the job for nine years, but no one had foreseen the need to replace both men and dogs as the animals

aged. Hence, the program was terminated.<sup>70</sup> Two years later, the program was reinstituted and continues in operation today.

In 1979, the Lethbridge, Alberta, Police started its second police service dog program. The first one was oper-

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70. Information obtained in correspondence with Chief Inspector Pierre-A. Gagné of the Quebec Provincial Police on May 17, 1982.

ational from 1963-1971. The initial program suffered throughout, however, from an absence of proper training for both dogs and handlers and the lack of handler enthusiasm.<sup>71</sup>

The Maritime Federal Penitentiary is located at Dorchester, N.B., about 20 miles southeast of Moncton. The penitentiary staff used several trained dogs from 1965. The dogs were: "... trained to detect contraband and to control inmates in case of a riot, also to protect the officer entering and leaving shops during his tour of duty. These dogs were called Multi Man Dogs because they were handled by different trained officers. After some time we realized that these dogs were not the answer because they would react differently with different handlers."<sup>72</sup>

The dogs were provided to the penitentiary by the North American Guard Dog and Kenneling Service, Ltd. In March 1980, penitentiary officials cancelled the contract and terminated the use of police service dogs for institutional security.<sup>73</sup>

The British Columbia Fish and Wildlife Department closed its program when its handler was transferred "... from one region to another, [given] added responsibilities, [and] the program was not taken up by [the] new region."<sup>74</sup>

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71. Information obtained in correspondence with Constable Dave Hastie of the Lethbridge Police Department on April 29, 1982.

72. Information obtained in correspondence with W. J. Scissons, assistant warden for Security, Dorchester Penitentiary, on November 25, 1981.

73. *Loc. cit.*

74. Information obtained in correspondence with Conservation Officer Tony Grabowski of the Nakusp District on March 12, 1982.

The Waterloo, Ontario, Regional Police canine program was disbanded in 1979: "... mainly for administrative reasons. At the time, the unit consisted of one dog and handler, and... availability of the canine services was very limited when shifts, days off and vacations were considered. Selection and competence of the dog and handler was also subject to question by officers in the field, consequently, when the dog was available we found officers reluctant to call upon the Canine Unit for assistance, although in many cases the unit proved its worth."<sup>75</sup>

The town of Tilbury, Ontario, is a place of some 4,300 population, about 30 miles east of the Windsor, Ontario, and Detroit, Michigan, urban area. In early 1975, one constable and German shepherd dog were trained by the Ontario Provincial Police for patrol work in Tilbury. Just over four years later, both police service dog Storm and Constable Joseph Zurczak retired from the force, terminating the canine unit.<sup>76</sup> A second unit was implemented in May 1981, and continues today, in an effort to stem a steady increase in burglary which beset the town after the Zurczak-Storm team retired.

Four and one-half years after it was implemented, the Orangeville, Ontario, canine unit was discontinued. It was closed because the single team was little used. Moreover, there was a conflict between ranking officers and the handler about the extent to which the canine unit's work should be specialized. The rift was so divisive that the

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75. Information obtained in correspondence with Deputy Chief Charles Clare of the Waterloo Regional Police on June 30, 1981.

76. Information obtained in correspondence with Chief W. G. Radlin of the Tilbury Police Department on April 27, 1982.

morale of other officers was affected. Discontinuance ensued.<sup>77</sup>

The police of New Westminster, B.C., implemented a three-team canine unit in 1962. During its first two years, the animals were rented from the North American Guard Dog and Kenneling Service, Ltd. In 1964, the contract was cancelled and the program was cut back to one team: Constable Eric Griffiths and his own dog, Pharoh. The cutback was for fiscal reasons, not for want of excellence from the contract dogs. The first program lapsed in 1966; a second one was started in 1972 which is still operational.<sup>78</sup>

The District of Saanich, B.C., is on Vancouver Island just north of Victoria. A two-team canine unit was started in 1963 but was terminated five years later. Several factors prompted the move: "... there were difficulties encountered in equitable scheduling... ours was a small police department, not yet large enough to afford the luxury of specialized support services. The dog handlers were often required to attend to matters unrelated to their specialty, i.e., routine traffic accidents, general investigations, etc. At these times, the presence of the dog, as well as the need to utilize a modified police

77. Information obtained during a site visit to Orangeville and an interview with Chief Constable Henry Ray Holden on January 5, 1982.

78. Information obtained in correspondence with New Westminster dog handler Constable Elmer Lazar on May 28, 1982.

**RCMP P.S.D. attack training at Innisfail, Alberta. The German shepherd stands guard while his handler frisks the suspect (another trainer in this case) in a weapons search. (Photo by Sgt. D. Guerrette)**





vehicle, proved to be a hindrance. ... the lack of proper kenneling facilities and ancillary equipment placed an extra burden on the members involved.

"In our experience, for a canine section to be effective, it must be structured and formalized. Our department had neither the manpower nor equipment to allow for that development."<sup>79</sup>

In summary, Canadian police executives seem as deliberative about terminating canine units as they have been about implementing them. It is laudable that no programs were ended until at least a two-year test period. This is in marked contrast to 41 United States programs which were terminated within two years of implementation, including one which lasted only two weeks.<sup>80</sup>

The "staying power" of Canada's programs seems, overall, to be a positive feature of police operations across the nation.

Forty-five of the programs feature

all-purpose police service dog teams. However, dogs in several of the programs have been trained to some extent in special skills unique to the jurisdiction. For example, several city dogs have had special training in marijuana detection, as have dogs in the customs and revenue service. Dogs in parks and natural resources roles have been primed to sense game caches or to detect human body traces following snow or rock slides.

IV. FEDERAL PROGRAMS

The three federal dog-handler programs include those within the RCMP, the Federal Penitentiary Service and the Canadian Customs and Revenue Service. The RCMP's is Canada's largest and most extensive program. Its beginnings, as well as that of the Federal Penitentiary Service, were described earlier. An outline of the RCMP program as it stood in 1982 and the program of the Canadian Customs and Revenue Service is set out below.

Types of Jurisdictions Using Canine Teams

The 48 agencies which have used police service dog-handler programs may be classified into four types of jurisdictions.

Class of Program	Total Programs	Still Operational	Discontinued
Federal Programs	3	2	1
Parks and Natural Resources Departments	4	3	1
Provincial Police Departments	3	2	1
City, Town and Regional Forces	38	27	11
	48	34	14

79. Information obtained in correspondence with Inspector E. C. Owens of the Saanich Police Department on September 4, 1981.

80. Chapman, *Police Dogs in America*, op. cit., pp. 22-25.

## The Royal Canadian Mounted Police Program

The RCMP program has come a long way from the days of Sergeant Jack Cawsey and Dale and the stewardship of Superintendent Bavin. Since the two teams of late 1935, the program has grown to 70 dog and handler teams. They were posted across Canada by province as follows:<sup>81</sup>

Province	Number of Teams
Alta.	6
B.C.: District One	19
B.C.: District Two	22
Man.	4
N.B.	2
Nfld.	3
N.S.	4
Sask.	4
Yukon Territory	1
International Airport Details —	5
Nationwide	70

The RCMP selects only German shepherd dogs for training. Ideally, at the time of acceptance the dog is a purebred male from 12 to 18 months old, has shown strong retrieval instincts and has passed extensive veterinary scrutiny. Candidate dogs are acquired through donation or purchase or are products of the RCMP's breeding program at the Innisfail, Alberta, kennel. Female German shepherd dogs are rarely accepted: one has been and, after being trained, is working with a handler in explosives detection at a large airport.<sup>82</sup>

In 1967, the RCMP furthered Canada's fight against narcotics trafficking by training dogs in drug detection.<sup>83</sup> Since then the tempo of the drug detection program has picked up. In 1977, for example, the RCMP sent representatives to Singapore to share ideas and techniques with drug enforcement experts from the Association of South East Asian Nations and the United States, Germany, Japan and others.<sup>84</sup> International meetings like the ASEAN conference are important for keeping the program abreast of the latest techniques in detecting covert shipments of contraband substances and sharing intelligence about suspected multinational dealers and operations.

Since 1973, some RCMP handler/dog teams have been trained in explosives detection. Explosives detection dogs are trained exclusively for that role and receive no training in drug detection because the nature of canine search work for explosives differs sharply from that for drugs.<sup>85</sup>

In 1982, there were seven explosive detection teams posted across Canada, mainly at airports.<sup>86</sup> The teams received 430 requests for explosive device searches in 1980. Devices were located and defused in eight of the searches.<sup>87</sup>

The dog selected for bomb detection training has first gone through basic training like all other dogs. Once selected, a dog will be familiarized with

83. *Ibid.*, p. 7.

84. "Mounties to Join Fight Against Dope," *New Nation* (Singapore), November 17, 1977.

85. *The CPCA Quarterly*, 1983, *op. cit.*, p. 11.

86. *Ibid.*, p. 7.

87. *Police Dog Service Stats — 1980*, Appendix A-3, n.d., p. 3.

81. Information obtained during a site visit to the RCMP Police Service Dog Training Center at Innisfail and interviews with Inspector John H. Fream, officer in charge, and Staff Sergeant J. D. "Dave" McLean on January 7, 1982.

82. David Johnston, "R.C.M.P. Police Dog Service," *The CPCA Quarterly*, first edition, 1983, p. 9.

noises, crowds, fumes and odors and the physical layout characteristic of major airports. Then explosives detection training is started. During this phase: "The dogs are trained to sit upon finding the hide, to avoid the possibility of detonation. They will be rewarded by playing with their favorite fetching toy. The explosives that they are trained on vary from the basic type such as TNT, NG base PETN, black powder, etc., to the military types of C4, DM12, DETA, etc."<sup>88</sup>

The RCMP's Police Dog Service has seen its caseload mount over the years. For example, the section received 282 calls for assistance in 1949; almost 1,500 in 1966; and 10,318 in 1978.<sup>89</sup> During 1982, there were 14,864 calls for assistance, a dramatic increase over the earlier years. That year the teams made 2,220 apprehensions. While not on patrol, these Police Dog Service teams attended 626 police community relations talks that year, too, underscoring the need to constantly keep the public abreast of the virtues of police service dogs.<sup>90</sup>

Constable Willis E. Rhodeniser, 29, was the first police service dog handler in Canada to be murdered on duty. On August 26, 1939, the constable and service dog Tell, with three other RCMP personnel, had tracked a killer in thick bushy country. Tell found the suspect after a one and one-half mile track at night. An exchange of shots followed and Rhodeniser was mortally wounded.<sup>91</sup>

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88. "Bomb Detector," *The CPCA Quarterly*, 4th ed., 1980, p. 4.

89. Royal Canadian Mounted Police, *Police Dog Service*. RCMP: Public Relations Branch, 1980, p. 11.

90. *The CPCA Quarterly*, 1983, *op. cit.*, p. 12.

91. "Death of Constable Rhodeniser," *RCMP Quarterly*, 7 (October 1939), pp. 124-125.

## The Canadian Customs and Revenue Service Program

The Revenue Canada canine program got started in 1978 following three earlier years of extensive experimentation. That was when RCMP and Revenue Canada officials collaborated in a joint venture, under RCMP auspices, to train and use drug detection dogs and handlers at Windsor, Ontario.<sup>92</sup> When joint agency control proved elusive, Revenue Canada initiated its own detector dog program. Ex-Staff Sergeant Terry Kehoe, who for years was a member of the RCMP, was engaged to train the Customs dogs and inspectors.<sup>93</sup>

Revenue Canada's three-team program at Windsor was an operational success in spite of the joint agency administrative complications. After Revenue Canada assumed sole control of the program, additional teams were trained and assigned to other regions. In 1982, there were 12 teams operational across Canada.<sup>94</sup> By contrast, the United States Customs Service had 91 dog-handler teams walking drug beats at 27 land, sea and air entry points to that nation. A Customs official reports that for every dollar invested in drug dogs in 1982, the agency seized \$62 worth of narcotics and other drugs.<sup>95</sup>

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92. Information obtained in correspondence with John Steward, national coordinator of the Custom Detector Dog Service, Field Liaison Division, Customs and Excise, on February 9, 1982.

93. "Detection Can Be a Four Legged Word," *Contact*, 80-1, p. 3.

94. R. Velecky, "Canada Customs K-9 Unit, Windsor, Ontario," *The CPCA Quarterly*, May 1982, pp. 5-6.

95. Eileen Alt Powell, "Uncle Sam Seeks Dogged Dogfaces with Fetch Fetishes," *Wall Street Journal*, September 23, 1982, p. 1.



Most of Revenue Canada's dogs are German shepherds; the others are Labrador retrievers. All handlers are fully qualified customs inspectors, an important feature of the program, which means that if a dog is sick or injured the handler assumes a regular inspector's role.<sup>96</sup> Handlers and dogs undergo three months initial training and receive at least four hours a week of additional training, once on the job.<sup>97</sup>

Detector dogs are most effective at border crossings where it is said they save many human staff hours in vehicle searches. In addition, the detector dogs are used to screen aircraft cargo holds and baggage and can search ships, dock areas, cargo sheds, warehouses and international mail depots. It is reported that: "The dogs have been an asset, not only to Customs Enforcement, but also as a deterrent. Word of mouth spreads fast, and people know we have three dogs stationed at the Windsor border."<sup>98</sup>

John Steward, national coordinator of the Detector Dog Service, predicts a bright future for the Canadian Customs and Revenue Service canine program: "The next five years will see our service expand to 33 teams giving a truly national Detector Dog Service. While our role will remain primarily to interdict the flow of illicit drugs and firearms into Canada, our services will be expanded to include some type of mobile patrol activity."<sup>99</sup>

## V. PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENTS

To put trained police service dogs and handlers into conservation law enforcement roles makes good sense, and it is not very expensive. The surprise is that it took so long to happen. But in 1966, it did in Canada.

The first Canadian natural resources agency to put trained dog-handler teams in the field was the Nova Scotia Department of Lands and Forests. Three other forces followed: the Western Region of Parks Canada in 1970; the British Columbia Ministry of Environment's Conservation Officer Service in 1976; and New Brunswick's Department of Natural Resources in 1979. In addition, several of the 70 canine teams serving the RCMP and many of the Ontario Provincial Police force's 15 teams engage in natural resources law enforcement.

Tracking and searching roles are central to handler/dog teams serving in natural resources departments. The nature of this work is far ranging, for the teams are used in many ways which include:

1. Searching for lost persons.
2. Seeking hunters who are taking game out of season, after hours or by illegal means.
3. Tracking persons suspected of setting fires.
4. Seeking persons lost in blizzards, avalanches, earth slides and rock falls.
5. Searching roadsides for articles or game tossed from vehicles.
6. Seeking evidence, including caches or stashed game carcasses, in the vicinity of arrests or abandoned camps.
7. Sniffing out bombs or other explosive and incendiary devices.

96. Velecky, *op. cit.*, pp. 5-6; and *Contact*, *op. cit.*, p. 6.

97. *Contact*, *op. cit.*, p. 5.

98. *The CPCA Quarterly*, 1983, *op. cit.*, p. 6.

99. Steward letter of February 9, 1982, *op. cit.*

8. Detecting suspected narcotic substances.

There are times when a police service dog's attack training pays off, too, even in conservation law enforcement. The dogs are protective by nature and aggressive on command. Importantly, they are trained to withdraw from any action on command from the dog handler. A typical event happened one evening in Nova Scotia when Ranger Gerald Davis and his dog overcame two game violators they had tracked through the woods. When the suspects fled, Davis released his dog from harness and gave an attack command. The dog knocked the first suspect down and caught the second one by the arm from behind. Davis caught up quickly and ordered the dog to stand off and watch the suspects at close range, which he did, as Davis took over.<sup>100</sup>

Natural resources dogs and handlers are accustomed to traveling in trucks, vans, cars, boats and fixed-wing and helicopter aircraft. As a rule, handlers are vehicle and portable radio-equipped, although at times the teams are so far from other personnel and headquarters that the radios are of no value. Teams are equipped with an assortment of choker chains, leashes, tracking lines, guard-arms, harnesses and ropes as well as essentials for grooming and feeding.

Trained dogs serving natural resources departments suffer some vexing injuries, ones beyond the type suffered by city dogs. Occasionally, they run afoul of an angry porcupine, bear, snake or wolf. Porcupine quills, bear

claws or wolf bites, if not fatal, may put the dog on the disabled list for a prolonged period.

### The Nova Scotia Department of Lands and Forests Program

In 1966, one handler/dog team was trained by the Nova Scotia Department of Lands and Forests to help apprehend game law violators, to search for lost hunters and to check along roadsides for articles thrown from vehicles. The team, comprised of District Ranger Gerald Davis and Major, was stationed at Middle Stewiacke in Colchester County. However, the prime reason the canine program was implemented was to track persons who had set fires.<sup>101</sup>

In 1969, the department, under District Ranger Davis, acquired two additional dogs, both puppies. With handlers, they were trained during a 14-week program as spelled out in a manual which Davis wrote for the training and use of dogs in resource protection and search and rescue work.<sup>102</sup> The teams were deployed across Nova Scotia with Davis and Major staying at Middle Stewiacke while Assistant Provincial Forest Ranger Dave Thomas and Lucky were posted in the western area at Grafton, Kings County. Assistant Provincial Forest Ranger Murray Workman and Sabre were located in the east at Antigonish, Antigonish County.

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100. Information obtained in correspondence with Gerald M. Davis, assistant manager, Forest Protection (Fire), Nova Scotia Department of Lands and Forests, on December 17, 1981.

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101. Gerald M. Davis, *The Silent Tracker*. Halifax, Nova Scotia: Minister of the Nova Scotia Department of Lands and Forests, not dated, 47 pp.

102. Information obtained in correspondence with Assistant Manager Davis on October 21, 1981.

In late 1981, the force had two operational teams and hoped to have a third working before the year ended. The majority of the teams' work is at night and in the bush. Peak periods occur almost without let-up during spring, summer and fall.<sup>103</sup>

### The Parks Canada-Western Region Program

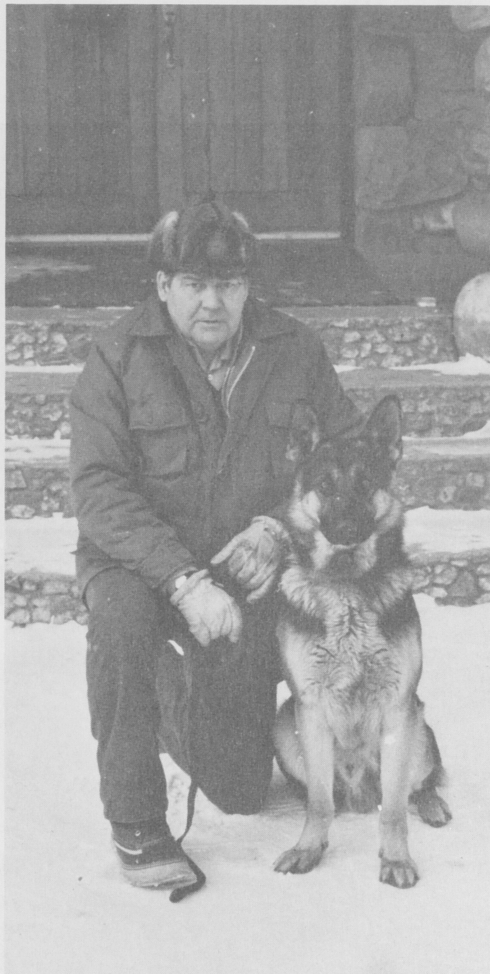
It was in 1970 that Parks Canada-Western Region Ranger Alfred Burstrom and Ginger were trained by the RCMP at Innisfail, Alberta. This remarkable German shepherd and dog handler Burstrom were posted at Jasper National Park. The team performed the full range of search and tracking duties but soon became specialists in finding people buried under the snow following dreaded avalanches. Parks Canada-West teams have been frequently requested in connection with searches for missing articles, the retrieval of explosive devices and investigations of alleged break-ins.

W. C. Turnbull, director of the Western Region of Parks Canada, reported that since Ginger and Burstrom proved such a remarkable team, "... a number of other teams were trained in subsequent years." In fact, in 1982 there were four teams operational: one in Jasper National Park, two in Banff National Park, and one in Revelstoke Glacier National Parks.<sup>104</sup>

Avalanches are common to rugged mountain terrain in Jasper, Banff and

Glacier National Parks. Moreover, these phenomena may occur at any time of year and may trap skiers, hunters, hikers, sightseers or motorists. Avalanche rescues, complicated at best, oblige the authorities to assemble sophisticated electronic detection gear as quickly as possible at the site. But Parks Canada-West officials believe that a trained dog's nose may be the best victim detection device of all!<sup>105</sup>

Ranger Alfie Burstrom and Ginger of Parks Canada, Jasper National Park.



103. *Loc. cit.*

104. Information obtained in correspondence with W. C. Turnbull, director of the Western Region, Parks Canada, on February 1, 1982.

105. Bruce Patterson, "Park Canines Take to the Air to 'nose out' Slide Victims," *Calgary Herald*, January 25, 1979.



The near inaccessability of some places prompted dog handlers to experiment with all sorts of devices to enhance access to rugged locales. An unusual one is a sling harness for handler and dog landings on a glacier, mountaintop ledge or small clearing. The sling harness, with handler and dog, is dangled by up to 60 feet of rope on a pully under a helicopter. The sling rescue is not just spectacular, it has proven itself as very practical in many mountain missions.<sup>106</sup>

Victim detection by canine comes because the person's scent will filter upward through dirt or snow and signal the dog. The handler then initiates

recovery measures appropriate to the terrain, weather and location. Chopper-borne handler/dog teams, speedily ferried in to search very remote areas, have saved many people who otherwise could have perished.

Parks Canada-West Director Turnbull reports that plans are to maintain the four teams in essentially the same role they have played over the past 12 years. He adds that while Ginger is approaching retirement after an illustrious career, Warden Burstrom is preparing to train a new dog.<sup>107</sup>

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106. "Ginger — Mountain Rescue," *The CPCA Quarterly*, 3rd ed., 1980, pp. 8-9.

107. Turnbull letter of February 1, 1982, *op. cit.*

A German shepherd pup at the RCMP kennels, Innisfail, Alberta.



## The British Columbia Ministry of Environment's Program

On October 22, 1976, two British Columbia Ministry of Environment conservation officers and their German-shepherd dogs graduated from the RCMP training kennels at Innisfail. They were Tony Grabowski and Bud and Brian Baldwin and Sage. Each team had completed the rigorous 14-week RCMP police service dog-handler training program. The Grabowski team returned to work at Fort St. John in the Omineca-Peace region of northeastern British Columbia. Baldwin and Sage were posted in Smithers to serve west-central B.C.<sup>108</sup>

Grabowski and Baldwin were the first conservation officers in British Columbia to be formally trained with police service dogs specifically for their roles. Earlier, however, many B.C. conservation officers had used their personal pets for tracks and searches. Two officers and their dogs achieved particular fame. They were Don Ellis and Reo<sup>109</sup> and Don Thatcher and Baron.<sup>110</sup> Ellis estimates that from 1938-1949 he and Reo were involved in about 50 searches. Officer Thatcher and Baron worked out of Prince George and Cloverdale for six years beginning in 1973.

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108. Information obtained in correspondence with Conservation Officer Tony Grabowski of the Nakusp District on April 21, 1982. Also see: "Dog Has 'Nose' for Illegal Game," the *Mackenzie, British Columbia, Times*, January 26, 1977; and Derek Sidenius, "New Conservation Weapon Snarls," *The Victoria Daily Times*, April 14, 1977.

109. Don D. Ellis, "The Incredible Tracking Dog," *Outdoor Life*, 144 (September 1969), pp. 60, 70, 86, 89.

110. Don Morberg, "Thatcher, Baron Leaving Old Haunts," *The Prince George Citizen*, May 14, 1979.

The achievements of teams which had had no formal training were noticed by Ministry of Environment officials. In 1976, they drew the program under government sponsorship, reasoning that if untrained units did so well then properly-trained teams would be far superior. Hence Grabowski and Baldwin were sent to school with their canine partners.<sup>111</sup>

Unfortunately, government financial sponsorship for the British Columbia program has been discontinued. Officer Grabowski reports that in 1982, when he was transferred to Nakusp, the canine program was not assumed by the new region. While still using Bud for tracking and searching informally, he pays for upkeep and maintenance from his own pocket. Hence, the British Columbia program seems to have run full circle.<sup>112</sup>

## The New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources Program

The newest of the four Canadian natural resources canine programs was implemented in New Brunswick. E. T. Owens, Assistant Deputy Minister of the N.B. Department of Natural Resources reports that forest rangers and trained German shepherd partners have been working at search-and-rescue work, tracking suspected poachers, and seeking weapons and evidence abandoned by fleeing suspects since 1979. The three teams, on request, also help the RCMP in their

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111. Grabowski letter of April 21, 1982, *op cit*.

112. Information obtained in correspondence with Conservation Officer Tony Grabowski of the Nakusp District on May 27, 1982.

criminal investigations. About 80 per cent of the teams' work is accomplished during darkness.<sup>113</sup>

The teams are posted in Fredericton, Newcastle and Edmundston. The boundaries of these extensive areas are flexible and, as necessary, rangers help one another on calls where two or three teams are warranted.<sup>114</sup>

Assistant Deputy Minister Owens reports that while each team averages about 50 calls a year for specific purposes, dogs are used daily on patrols with their handlers. Emphasis is on detecting fishing and hunting violations, both in and out of seasons.

The department anticipates that each dog will work the field for about six years after the team finishes initial training at the RCMP center at Innisfail. After the teams return to New Brunswick, they undergo periodic refresher training with teams from other forces at various sites to keep skills and proficiency high. Owens adds that the dogs have been accepted as useful additions to the department's field program. Moreover, he said, there is every indication that the program will continue.<sup>115</sup>

## VI. PROVINCIAL POLICE CANINE UNITS

Only two of Canada's 10 provinces have used trained handler/dog teams as adjuncts to their law enforcement departments. The Quebec Provincial Police were first to do so, starting a

canine unit in 1962, but discontinuing it in 1971. Meanwhile, the Ontario Provincial Police implemented its unit in 1965. The Q.P.P. started a second program which, like the O.P.P. program, is still operational.

### The Quebec Provincial Police Programs

The second, or current, Q.P.P. canine unit was started in 1973 and is comprised of four teams. Two are stationed at Quebec headquarters, and one of them, using a German shepherd, is deployed as needed to the eastern part of the province. The other Quebec-based team features a handler and bloodhound whose exclusive mission is tracking. This team may be sent anywhere across the province when its talents are needed. The other two teams include German shepherd dogs which, with their handlers, are posted in Montreal and serve the western part of the province.<sup>116</sup>

The teams are assigned to work on cases which feature lost persons or escapees. They may also be taken to crime scenes where searches for discarded weapons, other property or trace evidence seem urgent. The teams are also used in attempts to detect explosives, drugs and other narcotic substances. There have been dozens of widely heralded cases where the teams have distinguished themselves in locating victims at cave-ins, landslides, explosions, avalanches, and so forth, and in the aftermath of blizzards. Chief Inspector Gagné, the force's emergency measures adviser, reports that the teams are never used for crowd control.<sup>117</sup>

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113. Information obtained in correspondence with E. T. Queens, Assistant Deputy Minister of the New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources, on September 30, 1981.

114. " 'Smoke' Trained for Hard Work," *Victoria County Record*, August 15, 1979.

115. Owens letter of September 30, 1981, *op. cit.*

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116. Information obtained in correspondence with Chief Inspector Pierre-A. Gagné of the Quebec Provincial Police on September 24, 1981.

117. *Loc. cit.*



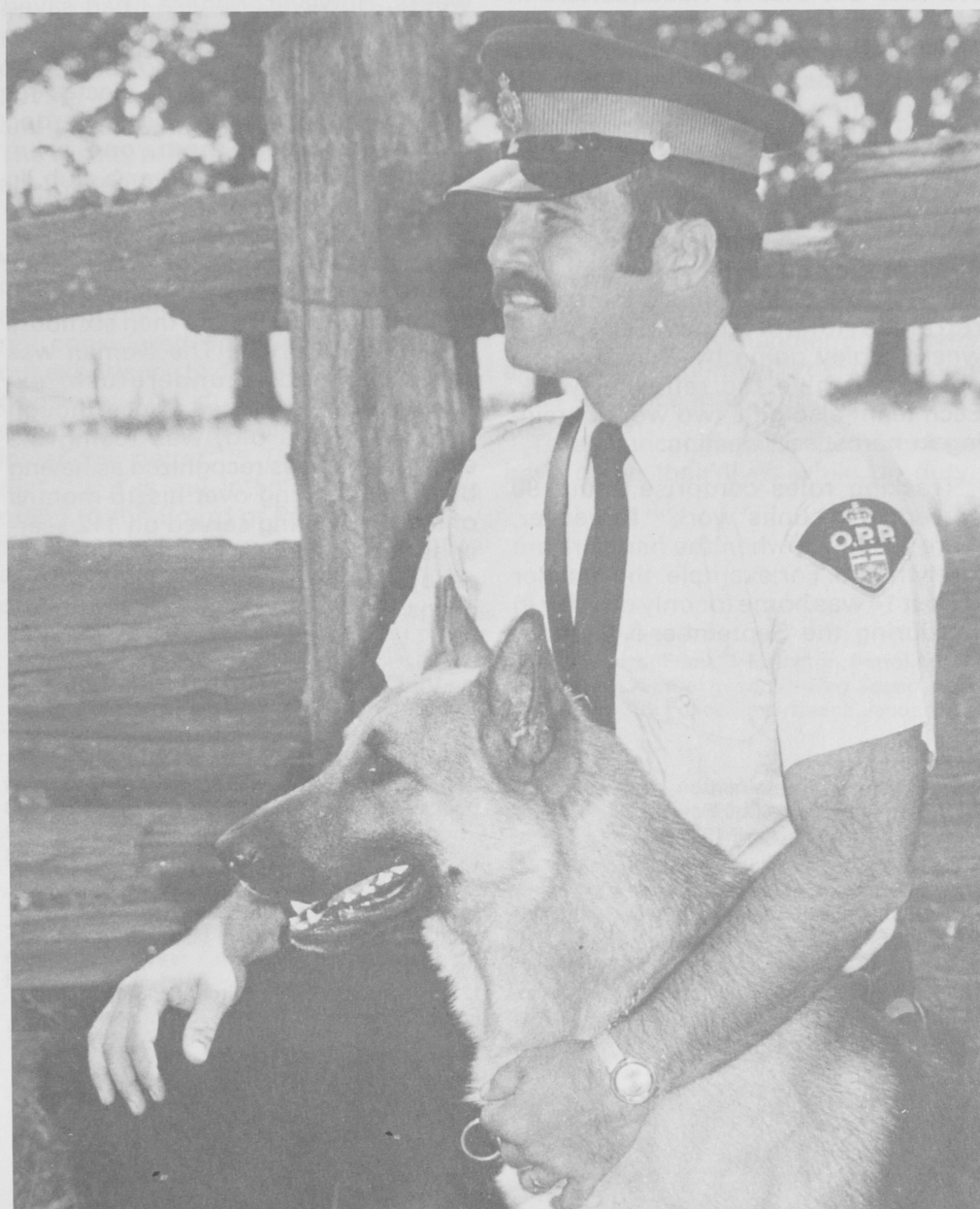
Appropriations allowing, the Quebec Provincial Police would like to have a handler/dog team in each of the force's nine regions. Also dependent on funds, the Q.P.P. would like to have a Labrador dog trained exclusively to make searches for drugs and narcotics. The former is a much longer-range project than the latter, but both seem worthy of consideration.<sup>118</sup>

### **The Ontario Provincial Police Program**

The O.P.P. canine unit started in 1965 as a three-team group. Trained in the United States by the Maryland State Police, the unit grew as the value of canine teams was proven time after time. The number of teams reached 12 and held there from 1974 to 1982.

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118. Information obtained in correspondence with Chief Inspector Gagné on May 17, 1982.



These were strategically spotted across Ontario. Workload and demographic factors prompted the O.P.P. administration to enlarge the unit to 15 in 1982. The additional teams were posted at Perth, Kingston and Chatham in the more densely populated south of the province.<sup>119</sup> (The provincial police force includes about 4,000 sworn members and 1,200 civilian personnel, among the largest departments in Canada.)

O.P.P. Staff Sergeant A. A. "Ab" Boley superintends the unit and trains the teams, working out of the O.P.P.'s Number Six District Headquarters in Mt. Forest. The 15 teams are posted at 14 places (there are two teams at Mt. Forest) across the province.<sup>120</sup>

All of the dogs are registered male German shepherds, screened by Boley when they are from 14 to 24 months old. Boley screens all handler candidates, too, and matches them with dogs as they begin the 14-week training program at Mt. Forest. Teams are retrained for three days every six weeks, Boley going by aircraft to the outpost to give the refresher work. Each team also gets two weeks' training in narcotics detection.

Tracking roles comprise about 90 percent of the units' work.<sup>121</sup> Moreover, there are times when the handlers are rarely home. For example, the handler at post 14 was home for only one day in six during the September-November

1981, moose season! The teams are frequently in the bush and often work closely with provincial police helicopter units. They serve not only to lift the teams in and out of rugged country, but also for resupply.<sup>122</sup> Each handler is assigned a station wagon equipped to safely carry the dog and equipment.

The Ontario Provincial Police canine unit has had three dogs elected to the Purina Animal Hall of Fame. In 1970, Kanaka I, handled by then-Corporal Ab Boley, was elected for remaining on a scent after receiving injuries which subsequently laid the dog up for two weeks. However, Kanaka I had saved the life of a lost and severely frostbitten hunter. In 1975, Cloud II, handled by Corporal Ray Carson, was elected for tracking down three escapees. The dog disarmed two of them, one brandishing a knife and another a club. In 1981, Lance, handled by Constable Tom Murray, became the third O.P.P. dog elected to the Hall of Fame. Lance had tracked a missing woman in total darkness on a trail more than six hours old in dense brush. The woman was found tangled in underbrush, exhausted and frightened. Lance, though only 4½ years old, was losing his eyesight. He was recognized as having been outstanding over his 15 months of service, having served on 112 searches for missing persons, fugitives, escapees, murderers, evidence and drugs.<sup>123</sup>

## VII. CITY, TOWN AND REGIONAL FORCES

In all, there have been 38 police service dog programs across Canada in city, town and regional police forces.

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119. Information obtained by telephone with Staff Sergeant A. A. "Ab" Boley of the Ontario Provincial Police on April 18, 1982.

120. Information obtained during a site visit to Mt. Forest, Ontario, and an interview with Staff Sergeant A. A. Boley on January 4, 1982.

121. Information obtained in correspondence with Staff Sergeant A. A. Boley of the Ontario Provincial Police on October 16, 1981.

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122. January 4, 1981, site visit, *op. cit.*

123. "Lance Becomes Third O.P.P. Dog in Hall of Fame," *The O.P.P. Review*, 16 (Christmas 1981), p. 7.

Of these, 27 are still in existence. The most senior program, still operational, is that of the Vancouver, British Columbia, Police Department.

### Vancouver, British Columbia

The Vancouver police service dog program commenced early in 1957, but its early days were not easy ones. Deputy Chief Constable Gordon R. Ambrose reports that "... through trial and error [we] found that male German shepherds, are best...." Chief Ambrose added that: "... during the initial stages of the program an attempt was made — for reasons of economy — to utilize multi-handlers and this was found to be unsound and not practical. This was discarded for the present method of having one dog exclusively handled and possessed by the one ... handler. The results are a matter of record, and are indeed gratifying."<sup>124</sup>

Chief Constable George Archer wrote about those results. In 1959, he pronounced the program a success and reported to the mayor that: "It is my considered opinion — based on our experience to date — that the [four] dogs now on duty are equal to a second police constable, and in some instances, better."<sup>125</sup> The chief added that "... it is my intention to recommend to the Board of Police Commissioners an increase in our dog strength and consideration to the employment of a professional dog trainer."<sup>126</sup>

The Vancouver program expanded. So did its workload. In December 1969, the unit was at its authorized strength of 15 dogs and handlers.<sup>127</sup> In 1969, the dogs were used on 2,434 specific occasions which resulted in 288 dog arrests.<sup>128</sup> In 1980, the unit still stood at 15 teams under the administrative supervision of a staff sergeant. The teams were used on 3,436 occasions which resulted in 404 dog arrests as well as 91 other cases where evidence was located. In all that year, there were 14,061 cases covered by the units, but by no means were the dogs instrumental in every one.<sup>129</sup>

The Vancouver police dog training center has been operational since 1959 although its site has been changed from time to time. It has trained handlers and dogs for many other forces, both Canadian and American, and continues to do so. An interesting training angle is that over the years the center's staff has, among other roles, worked closely with various crown counsellors about how these prosecuting attorneys may qualify handler/dog teams as olfactory experts in order to get dog nose evidence into court.<sup>130</sup>

Three Vancouver police service dogs have given their lives while on duty.

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124. Information contained in a memorandum from Deputy Chief Constable G. R. Ambrose of the Vancouver City Police Department to Chief Constable George J. Archer, "Progress Report, Police Dog Program," November 4, 1959, p. 4.

125. Information obtained in a letter of October 26, 1959, from Chief Constable George J. Archer of the Vancouver City Police Department to Mayor A. T. Alsbury.

126. *Loc. cit.*

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127. Inspector Frank C. Errington, Patrol Auxiliary Section, *Annual Report — Dog Squad 1970*, Vancouver City Police Department, January 29, 1971, p. 2.

128. Errington, *Annual Report — Dog Squad 1969*, January 19, 1970, p. 2.

129. Sergeant D. W. Gillies, *Annual Report — Dog Squad 1980*, n.d., pp. 2-3.

130. Information obtained during a site visit to Vancouver, B.C., and an interview with Sergeant Tom Carroll, supervisor of the dog squad of the Vancouver Police Department on January 7, 1982.



Service dog Valiant was killed on December 18, 1967, as he defended his handler, as did Justin on May 11, 1976.<sup>131</sup> Service dog Pax fell 63 feet to his death on July 30, 1977, while over-eagerly searching for a burglary suspect in a downtown car park.<sup>132</sup>

Each program has its unusual happenings and Vancouver's is no exception. For example, in August 1967, the department declined the opportunity to accept and train a three-month-old wild timber wolf, which had been found by former Vancouver officer Tommy Tompkins, clinging to driftwood in the flooding Nahanni River in the Northwest Territories.<sup>133</sup> Moreover, while not unusual, the department's

first female police service dog handler, Constable Geramy McKay, was appointed to the unit in June 1978.<sup>134</sup>

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131. Information obtained during a site visit to Vancouver, B.C., and an interview with Constable Cliff Lister of the dog squad on January 8, 1982.

132. Vancouver Police Department, Dog Squad, *Eulogy on P. D. Pax*, August 14, 1977, 2 pp.

133. Maurice Chenier, "Police Decline Wolf," *The Vancouver Province*, August 10, 1967.

134. Larry Pynn, "First Woman on Police Dog Squad Enjoys Work with Canine Partner," *The Vancouver Sun*, June 15, 1978.

**A P.S. Dog and handler of the Vancouver P.D. Dog Squad visit school children as part of a police community relations project in Stanley Park. (Photo courtesy of Vancouver P.D.)**





Sgt. Ross A. MacInnes and P. S. D. Pax, with Cst. Joan Cully and P. S. D. Dano of the Calgary P.D. Canine Unit help out in a tug-o-war contest at a local community fair. (Photo courtesy of Calgary P.D.)

The Calgary Police Department's canine unit is the second most senior program at the local level of government. It began in February 1960 with two teams and finished the year with four. During its 10 months of operation that year, the teams attended 338 incidents and participated in 36 arrests, of which five were directly attributable to the dogs.<sup>135</sup>

In 1982, the unit included 12 teams under the administrative supervision of a sergeant. All 12 dogs are purebred German shepherds, male or female. In 1980, the program moved into its own building which includes a kennel and dog-breeding facility. The breeding program began with a world-class

female and comparable male. The force's training grounds are at this site, too.<sup>136</sup>

Each handler and dog receives a minimum of 12 weeks basic training. Six skills are emphasized: tracking, obedience, attack, building searches, searches for articles, and the physical

135. Margaret Gilkes and Marilyn Symons, *Calgary's Finest: A History of the City Police Force*. Calgary: Century Calgary Publications, 1975, p. 261.

136. Information obtained during a site visit to Calgary and an interview with Sergeant Ross A. MacInnes, superintendent of the Calgary Police Canine Unit, on January 6, 1982.

work of overcoming obstacles and barriers. Each dog is also given basic scent training in marijuana detection. Basic training is not completed until each team passes rigid practical and performance examinations over each of the skill areas. The handler must also pass two three-hour theory examinations before the team is certified.<sup>137</sup>

Teams are regularly retrained and subjected to rigorous performance examinations. They must complete a technical track of 1,000 yards, two hours old, with a minimum of five 90 degree corners with five small articles on track. Other advanced training includes improving off-lead obedience, upgrading attack work and additional narcotics work. Street crime mock-ups and case reenactments are features of the problem-solving portion of advanced training.<sup>138</sup>

As in Vancouver, the Calgary police canine unit's workload is mounting year by year. Teams handled 5,133 calls in 1980 and 5,894 during 1981. In 1980, the teams arrested 595 suspects; in 1981, 709 persons were taken into custody.<sup>139</sup>

### Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police

The first nonfederal canine program in Canada east of Calgary began in the Hamilton, Ontario, Police Department on July 1, 1960, when Constable Dick Griffiths and Sergeant Jack Brabbs hit the street with two donated German

shepherds.<sup>140</sup> Chief Constable Leonard G. Lawrence spelled out the teams' mission: "While the dogs and trainers are on duty they will be used to cope with the following problems: prowlers; search of buildings; tracking suspects; search for stolen or abandoned property; crowds of a disturbing (sic) nature; search for lost children, infirm and elderly people."<sup>141</sup>

Chief Lawrence also addressed a problem which has long hindered police service dog-handler success: "There have been some instances of the police fouling the scene prior to the arrival of the dog which prevents the dog from identifying the proper scent. Every effort should be made to avoid confusing the scene and movements should be restricted as much as possible prior to the dog's arrival."<sup>142</sup>

In the early 1970's, the Hamilton city police and that of Wentworth County were consolidated to form the Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police. In 1981, the regional force had four canine units working from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. For years, the force relied on outside help to train the teams, but by 1980 were doing so with their own personnel.<sup>143</sup> During 1980, the four

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140. Gordon V. Torrance, *Hamilton Police Department: Past and Present*. Hamilton: The Corporation of the City of Hamilton, January 1967, p. 48.

141. Chief Constable Leonard G. Lawrence, "Use of Police Dogs," *Chief Constable's Order #35*, August 22, 1960.

142. *Loc. cit.*

143. Information obtained in a memorandum of June 23, 1981, from Superintendent Victor V. Zwirwich of the Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police to Deputy Chief J. Patterson. Also, information obtained during a site visit to Hamilton and an interview with Sergeant Larry Pearce, Canine Coordinator, on January 4, 1982.

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137. "Calgary K-9," *The CPCA Quarterly*, June 1981, p. 3.

138. *Ibid.*, p. 4.

139. Sergeant Ross A. MacInnes, *First, Second, Third and Fourth Quarter Reports*, 1981, of the Calgary Police Canine Unit.



teams were credited with making 27 actual arrests while participating in 152 others. The teams participated in some 6,912 calls of consequence that year.<sup>144</sup>

### Edmonton, Alberta

Another large local canine unit serves the Edmonton, Alberta, Police Department. The program started in 1967 with three teams which were trained by the RCMP at Innisfail, just 115 miles south of the city. In June 1981, there were nine teams.<sup>145</sup>

Most of the teams work nights, but there is 24-hour patrol coverage. The teams respond to a wide range of calls for service, but their prime concerns are crimes in progress and those which are still "hot." They are utilized to a great extent in searches of all sorts. During 1980, the canine unit responded to some 5,000 calls and either made or helped other constables make 524 arrests. Moreover, there were 99 incidents where the dogs tracked down evidence or property linked to ongoing investigations.<sup>146</sup>

The unit has received substantial favorable media exposure of all sorts. Television programs have featured the teams, too.<sup>147</sup> When the program was just over a year old, the unit was the featured half-time entertainment at an Edmonton Eskimos football match at Clarke Stadium. Edmonton Chief Constable F. E. Sloane reported that: "Demonstrations consisted of obedience, agility, jumping, harassing and



Dog handler T. C. Peebles and his old partner Dusty of the Edmonton P.D. Dog Unit. This photo was taken prior to Sgt. Peeble's promotion as NCO i/c Edmonton P.D. Dog Unit, which consists of nine dogs and handlers. This unit also maintains up to four puppies at various stages of development. Training takes place at the unit's central kennels.

(Photo courtesy of Edmonton P.D.)

delaying a criminal, crowd control and pursuit of a fleeing criminal with an attack and arrest. Some 18,000 persons were in attendance and gave an enthusiastic response to the programme."<sup>148</sup>

### Other Local Forces

There are several other forces at the local level whose programs were operative in 1982. These are ones numerically smaller than those already mentioned and of more recent vintage. Among them are some programs of

144. Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police, *Annual Activity Report for 1980 (K-9 Division)*, n.d., 2 pp.

145. Information obtained in correspondence with Superintendent D. C. Christie of the Edmonton Police Department on June 23, 1981.

146. *Loc. cit.*

147. *Loc. cit.*

148. Chief Constable F. E. Sloane, "Demonstration by Police Dog Section," *General Orders, Part One, Order Number 961*, August 31, 1968.

recognized quality, while a few are suffering from limitations which stem from modest fiscal support, the turnover among handlers, and the attrition of dogs. A few seem to be victimized by a weakening level of top administrative support owing to a change in chiefs, the incoming ones having less appreciation of the units than earlier executives.

One program, the four-team unit of the Regina Police, was the subject of an extensive review in 1983 by the Regina Board of Police Commissioners. The Commission had asked local clergymen, Drs. Don Faris and Walter Currie, to prepare a staff document. The main

issue was whether or not the use of police service dogs is a proper law-enforcement enterprise. If the police commission, which has not yet reached a decision, opts to keep the Regina program, Drs. Faris and Currie recommend about three dozen improvements for the department to consider, all related in some way to the canine unit.<sup>149</sup>

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149. Drs. Don Faris and Walter Currie, *Review of the Regina Police Service Canine Unit*. Regina: Board of Police Commissioners, March 1983, 67 pp.

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*For those readers who wish to read more on this subject as reported through the years in the RCMP Quarterly, and who have back issues of our magazine, we refer you to the following related articles:*

*Procuring Dog-Food in the Eastern Arctic*, by Insp. C. E. Wilcox, vol. 1 #1, July 1933, p. 63.

*Northern Dogs*, by S/Sgt. W. C. Grennan, vol. 1 #3, p. 113.

*Police Dogs and their Training*, by R. Arundel, (part 1) vol. 3 #4, p. 254; (part 2) vol. 4 #1, p. 42; (part 3) vol. 4 #2, p. 115; (part 4) vol. 4 #3, p. 189; (part 5) vol. 4 #4, p. 255.

*A Heavy Day for Sgt. Cawsey's Shepherd Dog "Dale"*, vol. 3 #2, p. 114.

*The Silent Partner*, by Sgt. R. C. Rathbone, vol. 4 #1, p. 50.

*R.C.M. Police Dogs*, vol. 6 #1, insert between pp. 32 and 33.

*Tracking by Dogs*, by A/Cpl. J. F. Thrasher, vol. 6 #4, p. 259.

*Police Dog F.345 "Black Lux"*, vol. 6 #4, p. 277.

*Death of Cst. Rhodeniser*, vol. 7 #2, p. 124.

*Police Dogs in Saskatchewan*, by A/Commr. C. D. La Nauze, vol. 8 #3, p. 316.

*Canine Old Timer Passes On*, vol. 9 #2, p. 209 (obituary of K-470, P.S.D. Dale).

*R.V. Saulnier (Police Dog Locates Illicit Liquor Station)*, vol. 10 #2, p. 146 (a "Recent Case" article on P.S.D. #N115, Cliffe, a Reischenschauzer).

*Police Dog Sultan, A Faithful Servant*, by Cpl. D. A. Bissett, vol. 10 #4, p. 332.

*R.V. Hawley (Excise Act — Admissibility of Evidence Concerning the Actions of Trained Police Dog)*, vol. 11 #2, p. 88 (a "Recent Case" article on P.S.D. #153-W, Prince, a Doberman pinscher).

*R.V. Clarke*, vol. 12 #1, p. 8 (a "Recent Case" article on P.S.D. #24-K, Tell, a German shepherd).

*Four-footed Detectives*, vol. 12 #4, p. 277, an editorial on the P.D. Section of 1947 complementing the magazine's cover on police dogs and dog masters.

*R.V. Roberts et al*, vol. 13 #1, p. 21 (a "Recent Case" article on P.S.D. #24-K, Tell, and P.S.D. #142-U, Ignatz, two German shepherds that tracked safe-crackers who used mustard oil on their shoes in an attempt to fail P.S.D.'s).

*R.V. Stokes (Admissibility of Evidence re: Actions of P.S.D.)*, vol. 13 #2, p. 112 (P.S.D. #167-Y).

Wolf, a German shepherd, finding evidence in an arson case.)

*R. V. Cheney & Swetman (Escape Custody — B.E. & T. — Use of P.S.D.)*, vol. 13 #3, p. 202 (a "Recent Case" article mentioning P.S.D. #158-W, Pal, in the search of escapees.)

*R. V. Frank (B.E. & T. — Safe Blowing — Use of P.S.D.)*, vol. 13 #3, p. 204 (a "Recent Case" article mentioning P.S.D. #164-Z, Bobby, and P.S.D. #158-W, Pal).

*R. V. Zacharuk (Murder — Theft — Use of P.S.D.)*, vol. 14 #4, p. 231 (a "Recent Case" article mentioning P.S.D. #115-N, Cliffe).

*R. V. Oryniak et al (B.E. & T. — Use of P.S.D.)*, vol. 14 #4, p. 235 (a "Recent Case" article mentioning P.S.D. #164-Z, Bobby).

*R. V. Tremblay et al (Robbery & Violence — Use of P.S.D.)*, vol. 14 #4, p. 238 (a "Recent Case" article mentioning P.S.D. #115-N, Cliffe).

*The Thief in the Monastery*, vol. 15 #1, p. 55 (a "Recent Case" article mentioning P.S.D. #164-Z, Bobby).

*R. V. MacDonald (Excise Act — Use of P.S.D.)*, vol. 15 #2, p. 143, (a "Recent Case" article mentioning P.S.D. #174-B, Silver).

*R. V. Lorette et al (Escape — Recapture — Use of P.S.D.)*, vol. 16 #1, p. 64, (a "Recent Case" article mentioning P.S.D. #174-B, Silver).

*Prince II — Life Saver*, vol. 16 #2, p. 165 (a "Recent Case" article about P.S.D. #176-D, Prince II. Search and location of 2½ year-old child in dense woods by Force Doberman pinscher).

*RCMP Police Service Dogs*, (cover & editorial) vol. 16 #3, p. 190. (Dogmaster vehicle and German shepherds of the 1950's.)

*Dogs of the RCMP*, vol. 16 #3, p. 191.

*R. V. Lukashuk et al, (Bank Robbery — Use of P.S.D.)*, vol. 16 #3, p. 251 (a "Recent Case" article mentioning P.S.D. #158-W, Pal, and #174-B, Silver).

*Dog Finds Lost Child*, vol. 17 #1, p. 67 (a "Recent Case" article mentioning P.S.D. #169-A, Asta, and #146-U, Smoky).

*A Good Day's Work*, vol. 17 #2, p. 168 (a "recent Case" article mentioning P.S.D. #169-A, Asta).

*Smoky Retires*, by Cst. W. H. Brace, vol. 17 #3, p. 249 (history of P.S.D. #146-U, Smoky).

*Two Cases Illustrate Usefulness of Police Dog*, vol. 18 #2, p. 144 (a "Recent Case" article about P.S.D. #169-A, Asta).

*Asta Displays Midas Touch*, vol. 18 #3, p. 244 (a "Recent Case" article on P.S.D. Asta).

*R. V. Spence (Illegal Possession of Liquor — Surprised by P.S.D.)*, vol. 18 #3, p. 254 (a "Recent Case" article on P.S.D. #297-259, Nikki).

*R. V. Reiners (B.E. & T. — Use of P.S.D.)*, vol. 18 #4, p. 351 (a "Recent Case" article on P.S.D. #178-E, King).

*Silver Successfully Follows 54-Hour-Old Trail*, vol. 18 #4, p. 354 (a "Recent Case" article on P.S.D. #174-B, Silver).

*R. V. Mitchell et al (Escaped Prisoners — Use of P.S.D.)*, vol. 19 #4, p. 359 (a "Recent Case" article on P.S.D. #167-Y, Wolf).

*P.S. Dog Bobby*, vol. 21 #1, p. 30 (Obituary of P.S.D. #164-Z).

*Silver Rewarded*, vol. 21 #1, p. 8 (presentation collar from Royal Bank to P.S.D. Silver).

*R. V. Cousineau & Girard (Escape — Recapture by P.S.D.)* vol. 21 #3, p. 228 (a "Recent Case" article mentioning P.S.D. #297-259, Nikki).

*R. V. Deziel (Possession of Stolen Goods — Dog Locates Evidence)*, vol. 21 #3, p. 230 (a "Recent Case" article in which a member's pet cocker spaniel finds evidence).

*Every Dog Has His Day*, vol. 22 #3, p. 225 (a "Recent Case" article on P.S.D. Nikki).

*R. V. Bruce & Donnelly (Theft — P.S.D. Locates Evidence)*, vol. 22 #4, p. 312 (a "Recent Case" article mentioning P.S.D. Nikki).

*Fourteen Hours With Satan*, vol. 23 #2, p. 138 (P.S.D. Satan tracks prison escapee through forest and range livestock).

*P.S.D. Tracks Murder Suspect*, vol. 23 #3, p. 226 (a "Recent Case" article on P.S.D. Lance).

*Dog Disarms Desperado*, vol. 24 #3, p. 233 (a "Recent Case" article on P.S.D. Warrior).

*Resources of the Northland*, by Sgt. R. Van Norman, vol. 25 #1, p. 11 (story includes commentary on Arctic sled dogs).

*A Day in the Life of a Dog*, vol. 26 #1, p. 46 (a "Recent Case" article on P.S.D. Sarj).

*Police Service Dogs*, vol. 26 #2, p. 88.

*R. V. Ruth & Pottle (B. & E. — Use of P.S.D.)*, vol. 27 #1, p. 42 (a "Recent Case" article mentioning P.S.D. Fury).

*R. V. Davidson et al (Innovative Use of P.S.D.)*, vol. 28 #2, p. 127 (a "Recent Case" article on P.S.D. Sultan).

*Klia's Tracking Ability Convicts B.C. Murderer*, vol. 30 #2, p. 43 (a "Recent Case" article on P.S.D. Klia).



*Backtracking Leads to Murder*, vol. 31 #2, p. 42 (a "Recent Case" article on P.S.D. Sultan).

*Saved by a Nose*, (article on the RCMP Police Dog Section of the 1960's, mentioning Cst. R. Smith and P.S.D. Rex in particular). vol. 31 #3, p. 23.

*Rocky Honored*, vol. 35 #1, p. 20 (P.S.D. Rocky receives the Catherine Price Award).

*End of an Era*, by Cpl. V.R. Vitt, vol. 35 #2, p. 26, (the last police sled dog patrol).

*Honor First Dog Team*, by Cst. J. M. Herman, vol. 40 #3, p. 48 (memorial to Dale of Cawsalta and Sgt. Jack Cawsey erected at Bassano, Alta).

*Sam and Wallet Get Conviction*, by Eric Weeks, vol. 41 #1, p. 19 (visiting dog master, Warren Ottino, and P.S.D. Sam, of Plymouth Police Dept., Mass., USA, aid RCMP investigators).

*The Key Word is "Service"*, by Insp. L. Pearson, vol. 42 #3, p. 47.

*Police Service Dogs*, (a collection of P.S.D. cases), vol. 44 #3, pp. 14-18.

*Finest Job in the Force*, by A. R. Foster, vol. 46 #1, p. 6 (member's use of "pack" dogs in 1930's).

# SPEED BUMPS??!!

*The following amusing letter was received by 100 Mile House Detachment from a motorist who had received a traffic-violation ticket for speeding by a member of the detachment.* **Ed.**

Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
100 Mile House

Dear Officer,

Re: SPEEDING VIOLATION TO  
GRAY HONDA.  
OCTOBER 11, ON HIGHWAY 24

As a citizen, I congratulate you on the commendable job you are doing in patrolling your vast jurisdiction for "speeders," particularly on the eastern fringe. Now that Highway 24 has been paved to Bridge Lake, some delighted commuters are merrily motoring along, seemingly oblivious to posted speed limits.

As a citizen, I also appreciate the professional and efficient manner in which you served the traffic violation report to the driver of the gray Honda. I was impressed also with the courteous and unbiased manner in which you informed the driver that the signature on the report was not an admission of the

above alleged violation, namely, "Section 151 (3) Speeding against highway signs."

As the driver of the Honda, however, I am most concerned about the report. Unless the "M" placed opposite "Sex" represents a covert interdepartmental code for "Might/Might Not," I really must question the veracity of your report.

Had you scrutinized the driver of the gray Honda as carefully and conscientiously as you did your radar screen, you would undoubtedly have noticed two pronounced pectoral protuberances — one on either side of the restraining shoulder strap.

What had you thought they were?  
SPEED BUMPS??!!

I trust that this oversight will be rectified.

Sincerely yours,  
(Name withheld)  
Merry Motorist

# A NOBLE BADGE FOR A NOBLE ASSOCIATION OF VETERANS

by A/Commr. Douglas O. Forrest (Rtd.)\*

On January 20, 1983, the Lord Lyon King of [Heraldic] Arms in Edinburgh, Scotland, "matriculated" — or admitted to membership in the heraldic family of acknowledged coat of arms — the first officially sanctioned badge of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Veterans' Association. The badge and its charter appear on the cover of this issue of *the RCMP Quarterly*. The first part of the charter outlines the affiliation of the RCMP Veterans' Association to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; describes the badge of the RCMP; the changes that have occurred over the years, and the differences made to the Veterans' badge vis-à-vis the Force badge. Let me explain these differences and the process of registration or "matriculation" that is required under Scottish heraldic law.

A family, institution or corporation without a coat of arms must apply for and be granted their arms by a heraldic authority. Once a family or organization possesses a coat of arms they may hand it down to their "offspring" under a prescribed scheme of registration with that heraldic authority. This is called "matriculation." It is implicit in

such a matriculation that the arms of the "offspring" or new generation are made different in some way so that they can be recognized as distinct from the parental original while still reflecting their common ancestry. This rule is a fundamental of heraldry. And so, by way of this heraldic matriculation the RCMP Veterans' Association is recognized to be a branch of the Mounted Police heraldic family, and that the badge of the RCMP, with a prescribed difference, identifies, and may be worn by, the Veterans' Association members.

This matriculation of arms to the Veterans' Association can be considered an important milestone in their history. It at last recognizes the long association of fraternity between the Veterans and the Force. Older veterans will be pleased to see that the Lord Lyon King of Arms has restored the "strap and buckle surround" to *their* badge, as is customary in Scotland. (There cannot be many serving members who remember the "garter" as featured on all NWMP, RNWMP, and RCMP badges of more than 30 years ago.)

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The Lord Lyon, head of the Scottish heralds, described the Veterans' new badge in the following heraldic terms:

"KNOW YE THEREFORE that we have Devised, and Do by These Present Assign, Ratify and Confirm unto the Petitioner for and on behalf of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Veterans' Association the following Ensigns Armorial, as depicted upon the margin hereof, and matriculated of even date with These Presents upon the 61st page of the 62nd Volume of our Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland, videlicet: — A bison's head cabossed Proper within a strap Azure [blue - - Ed.] buckled and embellished Or [gold — Ed.] inscribed with the Motto 'MAINTIENS LE DROIT' in letters Or, there — on an Imperial Crown Proper which upon an Escrol Azure the name 'CANADA' in letters Or, the said being surrounded by 12 (6 on either side) maple leaves Vert [green — Ed.] and below are placed Escrols bearing the Legend 'ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE' and 'VETERANS' ASSOCIATION DES ANCIENS' by demonstration of which Ensigns Armorial the said Association is amongst all Nobles and in all Places of Honour to be taken, numbered and received as an Incorporation Noble in the Noblesse of Scotland."

Looking back in history, the first official description that exists of the badge of the then North West Mounted Police is contained in a Canadian Order-in-Council dated January 24, 1890, governing dress regulations for officers, which reads in part:

"Pouch for Field Glasses... with the following gilt metal badge in centre of flap: a maple leaf wreath with ribbons bearing the word

'Canada' surmounted by the crown above, and the words 'North West Mounted Police' below; within the wreath an oval bearing the words 'Maintiens le Droit', encircling a buffalo head in silver."

The Order-in-Council description of this badge was not described in heraldic terms, and an examination of contemporary badges clearly shows that the band bearing the words "Maintiens le Droit" is not in fact a simple oval and should properly be described as a "strap and buckle surround."

Some years ago I assembled available evidence on the buffalo head badge of the Force that assumed Colonel James Alexander Farquharson Macleod, C.M.G., second commissioner of the Force, was originally responsible for the adoption of the North West Mounted Police badge. I forwarded my hypothesis — linking the bull's head crest of the Macleods of Dunvegan with the buffalo head feature of the NWMP badge — to the late Sir Thomas Innes of Learney, then Lord Lyon King of Arms, asking for his comment. His reply dated July 22, 1966, reads in part as follows:

"I have read your letter of July 13, and there appears to me no reason to doubt that Asst. Commr. Joseph (sic) A. F. Macleod originated the badge by use of the Macleod's bull head, with which he would be well acquainted, and he correctly placed it, as became a dutiful clansman, within the strap and buckle surround bearing the selected motto, though he simplified the design by omitting the two flags."

Be that as it may, the badge of the NWMP, which came into use as early as 1877, continued to be the badge of the Royal North West Mounted Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted



Police without change, essentially, until 1952. Successive changes of name were incorporated into the badge, but until that year the badge had not been sanctioned by any heraldic authority. The commissioner at that time, the late Leonard H. Nicholson, O.C., M.B.E., G.C.St.J., LL.D., in order to correct this deficiency, petitioned the College of Arms in England to have the badge of the Force formally approved; suggesting that after some 75 years the RCMP might have some proprietary interest in the insignia on the grounds of custom and long usage. As a result, the Force was authorized to adopt a new badge closely resembling the badge previously in use, and described in these words:

"Azure [blue], a bison's head affrontee [facing], proper, surrounded by a band, azure, bordered or [gold] inscribed with the motto — MAINTIENS LE DROIT — also or [gold], all within a wreath of maple leaves, vert [green]. Below of a scroll, azure, bordered or, the legend — ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE — also or: The whole surmounted by the St. Edward's Crown, proper. On a scroll azure, below the crown, the name — CANADA — or."

This badge featured the St. Edward's crown instead of the earlier Tudor crown, a change favoured by H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. More important was that the strap and buckle surround on which the motto was lettered was replaced by a blue oval band of similar proportions. The English heraldic authority declined to approve that part of the badge he called a "garter," on the grounds that this feature may only be used by Knights of the Most Noble Order of the Garter. Having placed ourselves voluntarily under the jurisdiction of the English College of Arms, the Force was obliged to accept this regretful decision.

As we know, the Veterans' Association is a voluntary organization of former members of the Force, with a strong commitment to support the parent corps and its traditions. The Association obtained its Dominion Charter in 1924, but meetings of ex-members had been held in Calgary as early as 1886. This body had adopted the badge of the Force from about the time of its charter, with the addition of a blue scroll beneath the badge on which was lettered the Association's name. No particular authority can be found permitting the Veterans' Association to use the badge of the Force; but neither has there been any objection in over 50 years.

It was the Association's belief, therefore, that the Veterans' Association was free to take a position in respect to the pre-1952 badge, quite independent of the position of the Force. (As a matter of precedence, it is helpful to know that in the 19th century, Nova Scotia's historical armorial shield was superseded by the College of Arms insisting on a "fishy" shield, and that the "fishy" shield was later altered by the Lord Lyon King of Arms to the earlier armorial shield [Scottish] dating from 1625. In this light it was considered that the Lord King of Arms would be sympathetic to a petition from the Veterans' Association to restore the strap and buckle surround of the earlier badge, to *their* badge.

In 1976, a resolution was proposed at a meeting of the Toronto Division of the Veterans' Association, that the dominion executive petition the Lord Lyon King of Arms to assume heraldic jurisdiction and protection over the Association's heraldic claims, and to formally approve a badge for the Association. This badge would include the features of the badge of the Force prior to 1952, and in particular, restore the strap and buckle surround. The Scottish character of the old Mounted

Police badges, and their association with the arms of the Macleods of Dunvegan, were to provide the foundation on which this application could be justified.

The "mills of the gods" and of the heraldic authorities grind slowly, yet inexorably. Under the chairmanship of veteran H. Max Giesbrecht, a committee of the dominion executive doggedly pressed for over six years to achieve

their objective. The Lyon Court of Scotland was equally persistent in their investigation to determine the legitimacy of the Association's claim. The results we now know. Now, surely, there can be satisfaction that this old badge, which was worn proudly by members of the Force for 75 years, on the prairies of Western Canada, in the High Arctic, in South Africa, in Siberia, and in two World Wars, has been restored to its rightful place in the armory of Canada.

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## Disaster at "M" Creek

*On September 30, 1983, Cst. Thomas R. Hansen, Reg. No. 34680, of Squamish Detachment, and Lt. G. Robson of Squamish Fire Department were presented with the Medal of Bravery by the Governor General of Canada, the Right Honourable Edward Schreyer, for their heroic rescue of a young girl from a van which had become submerged in mud during the "M" Creek mud slide. The following story illustrates the exemplary and courageous manner in which they carried out the rescue. Ed.*

The 50-kilometre stretch of road between Horseshoe Bay and Squamish, B.C., is known locally as the "highway of death." Carved out of the rocky cliffs hugging Howe Sound, it snakes along the shoreline in a series of hairpin twists and turns that makes driving difficult even in the best of weather. Also, due to the steep terrain, heavy logging and unstable soil conditions, rock slides are a constant hazard. In an 18-month period in 1975-76, twelve fatal accidents occurred, nine of which were single-vehicle accidents — an indication no doubt that motorists were driving too fast for the conditions. In February 1969, a one-ton boulder came loose from a roadside cliff and roared down the hillside shearing the top off a passing car and killing its three occupants. The same year the highway was closed to mud slides at least five times.

On August 25, 1976, a rock slide near Lions Bay knocked the engine of a B.C. railway freight train off the tracks and buried it under some 30 metres of rock and mud.

Frances MacLellan, a resident of Squamish whose son was killed on the highway a couple of years ago, says that, "When you go out on that highway at night, you take your life in your hands. I think almost everyone in Squamish has lost a friend or relative on the highway in the past few years."

Tragedy struck the highway again on October 28, 1981. Heavy rains between 5:30 p.m. and midnight on October 27 swelled the waters of "M" Creek to three times their normal size. The Creek, known also as Magnesia Creek and Yahoo Creek, is normally a harmless trickle 1.2 metres wide and a few



Local residents and construction crew gaze at the chaos created in the wake of the "M" Creek mud slide, which demolished the middle section of the highway bridge. Nine people were killed in the disaster.

centimetres deep. It cascades down the 35 to 40 degree slope above the highway, then flows beneath the "M" Creek bridge and out into Howe Sound. In the downpour on the night of the 27th, however, debris built up in the canyon above the highway, plugging the narrow gorge and damming up the river. When the dam eventually broke, an estimated 15,000 cubic metres of mud, rocks and uprooted tree trunks tore down the mountain side and hit the bridge at an estimated speed of between 80 and 100 k/h. From the mud left on the side of the canyon after the slide, it was determined that the torrent of water and debris must have been at least six metres high when it hit the bridge. The two central support columns of the trestle bridge were

knocked out by the force of the blow and an 18-metre-long, eight-metre-wide centre span of the bridge collapsed and fell 15 metres to the creek bed below. The accident occurred at 12:45 a.m.

Joe Chisholm, a 21-year-old publisher's salesman from Calgary, was on his way to Vancouver with his sales crew when the bridge collapsed. Describing the accident, he said, "About 10 to 20 feet ahead the bridge went out. It looked like a pie crust. I put the brakes on, but there was nothing for them to hold on to. The car was in the air." Chisholm's car landed on the steep bank of the canyon, wheels first, and then rolled over down to the bottom of the creek. Three of his passengers suf-

vived the fall and escaped through the smashed back window of his car. An 18-year-old girl sitting in the passenger seat next to him died. Chisholm cannot remember how he got out of the car but he does remember the swirling mud bath that threatened to submerge him as he struggled to make his way to the banks of the creek. In the next half-hour three more cars went into the hole.

Twenty-five-year-old Cst. Thomas Hansen, a four-year veteran of the RCMP, was on patrol in Squamish doing a bar walk when he got the emergency call. The report was unclear concerning the exact location of the washout and road conditions were hazardous because of the large pools of water and debris left on the highway by the storm. Hansen, nevertheless, managed to reach the accident scene

quickly and was the first one to arrive at the north end of the bridge. While en route he requested help from the Department of Highways and Rescue No. 25, a rescue unit manned by the Squamish Fire Department. He also radioed for an ambulance and an additional member of the Force.

When Cst. Hansen arrived at the scene of the accident he saw that several people were standing at the south end of the bridge looking into the dark hole where the centre of the bridge had once been. He tried to attract their attention with a loud-hailer but was unsuccessful because of the horrendous noise created by the wind, the rain and the slide. A resident of nearby Brunswick Beach, describing the noise of the slide at its height a half an hour earlier, said, "We could hear the rocks and boulders coming down

An overturned van, partially buried under mud and water. One passenger, 16-year-old Paula George, miraculously survived the crash, saved by an air pocket and the efforts of a dedicated rescue team led by Cst. Thomas Hansen of Squamish Detachment.





the creek going bang, bang, bang, as they fell down to the sea."

Hansen climbed down the steep bank to the slide. In the darkness, the light of his flashlight picked out dozens of large boulders and uprooted trees covered with a slimy mix of mud and debris. Fifty feet from the bridge he spotted a tire standing upright out of the mud and rock. The rest of the overturned vehicle was buried.

A mixture of mud and water was still flowing downstream making conditions very unstable. A real possibility existed that the whole area might sluff out and move down the creek bed. Adding to the danger was the fact that the submerged vehicle was acting like a barrier holding back a tremendous amount of rock and mud. Any attempt to uncover it might dislodge it and send both the vehicle and the rescuers sliding downstream. In addition, on top was a large boulder approximately 48" in diameter.

Despite the potential danger and the almost sure certainty that no survivors existed, an attempt had to be made to ascertain conditions inside the vehicle.

Cst. Hansen's calls for assistance had by this time been answered. An ambulance from Squamish with attendants Mike Lyons and Dave Van Patten was waiting at the edge of the road when Cst. Hansen returned for the life lines he needed before venturing into the still oozing mud slide. With Lyons holding one end of the life line Hansen waded back to the vehicle. In some places the mud was thigh deep. Mud and water were still flowing over the vehicle and as a result Hansen could not see inside. Nor could he hear anything from within. Doubting very much that any of the occupants could have survived the crash, Cst. Hansen knew that he could not rest easy until the vehicle had been opened. Shovels were necessary for that job.

Hansen returned to the shore for the equipment. There, he was met by Lt. Gary Robson of Rescue 25 and the rest of Robson's crew. After a good deal of work the door of what appeared to be a van was partially uncovered. Nothing could be seen inside, and all attempts to pry open the door were unsuccessful.

A Lucas tool, sometimes called "the jaws of life" because of its remarkable ability to pry apart heavy metal, was brought to the site along with a chisel set to cut through the metal. Before applying the Lucas tool to the door, the voice of a young girl was heard coming from within the van. Using the tool, Robson and Hansen managed to fold down a section of the door. A large captain's chair was in the way, and attempts to remove it were unsuccessful. Spotted to the front of the captain's chair was a foot clad in a high-heeled shoe. The only way to rescue the girl, Robson and Hansen decided, was to open up the side of the van.

Csts. Cox and Davidson from RCMP Squamish and Van Patten and Lyons, the ambulance attendants, provided manpower for the Lucas portable hand pump, watched for further slides or sluffing, set up lighting equipment and talked to the trapped girl, attempting to keep her calm until she could be removed from the van.

As the men worked they learned from the victim that her name was Paula George. She said she was cold but not suffering any pain. They also learned that her mother, father, sister and nephew were in the van with her. The family had been returning, she told them, from her parents' silver-wedding anniversary in North Vancouver. Paula had been sleeping on the floor of the van between the captain's chairs at the time of the accident. It would seem that after the van fell it rolled down the hillside finally coming

to rest upside down. The flow of rushing water and mud quickly filled the interior drowning the other occupants who had survived the fall. Paula was saved by a small air pocket.

When the rescuers reached her they found only her face, right shoulder and very little of her side still showing above the mud.

Lt. Robson said of her afterwards, "She remained calm and in control of herself despite the conditions surrounding her. She was very helpful and I was quite impressed with her actions."

As the men were working, the river began to divert upstream directing water towards the rescue attempt. Equipment which had been laid out for later use had to be moved higher up on the bank. For a time the men were concerned that if the water continued to rise the rescue attempt would have to be abandoned. Fortunately, however, it began to recede.

After a hole in the side of the van was opened, a refrigerator had to be broken

up by the Lucas tool and removed piece by piece. Next a piece of plywood pinning Paula's chest and left arm and a cupboard pinning her at the waist and crotch were removed.

To remove several of the larger pieces, the Lucas tool had to be manoeuvred into the van and submerged under the mud and water. At last, Paula was freed. Lyons, Van Patten, Hansen and Cox removed her from the van, strapped her down on a backboard and carried her up the bank to the waiting ambulance. The rescue operation had taken slightly less than three-and-a-half hours. Hansen and Cox checked the van for other survivors but there were none.

The following day a group of volunteer searchers from the North Shore Rescue group as well as members of the RCMP continued the search, probing the mass of rubble with magnesium avalanche probes and metal detectors for signs of bodies or vehicles.

A large crawler backhoe was taken in from Squamish to clear the railway track also damaged by the slide and to pull cars from the slime, and a coast guard hovercraft swirled around near the mouth of the creek looking for bodies that might have been washed out to sea.

The "M" Creek disaster was the worst in the highway's history. Nine people died. If it were not for the courageous and determined efforts of Csts. Hansen, Cox and Davidson, RCMP Squamish Detachment; Robson, McLuckie, Virgint, Barone and Sweeney of Rescue 25; and Dave Patten and Mike Lyons of E.H.S. ambulance crew, another life would have been lost.

*by Jane Panet  
from stories submitted by  
Gary Robson and Thomas R. Hansen  
and news clippings from  
The Vancouver Sun.*

The Governor General Ed Schreyer presents Medals of Bravery to Cst. T. R. Hansen (centre) and Lt. Gary Robson (left) on September 30, 1983, at Government House.





The RCMP Band's lead vocalist, S/Sgt. Garth Hampson, and Cst. Brenda Balon of Grand Forks Detachment, "E" Division, sing "O Canada", accompanied by Ottawa's Youth Chorus.

## SOUNDS & SADDLES — PATRIOTISM PERSONIFIED

*by Donella Kaitell  
Director of Community Relations  
Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario*

Canadians love an opportunity to demonstrate their patriotism. Perhaps that's not the general day-to-day opinion we get from listening to news broadcasts or to people complaining from the next seat on a bus but that is the undeniable conclusion of all those who experienced Sounds & Saddles, a two-hour musical production featuring the RCMP Musical Ride, Concert Band, Police Service Dogs and the mounted arms display held May 19 to 21, 1983, at the Ottawa Civic Centre to raise money for the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO).

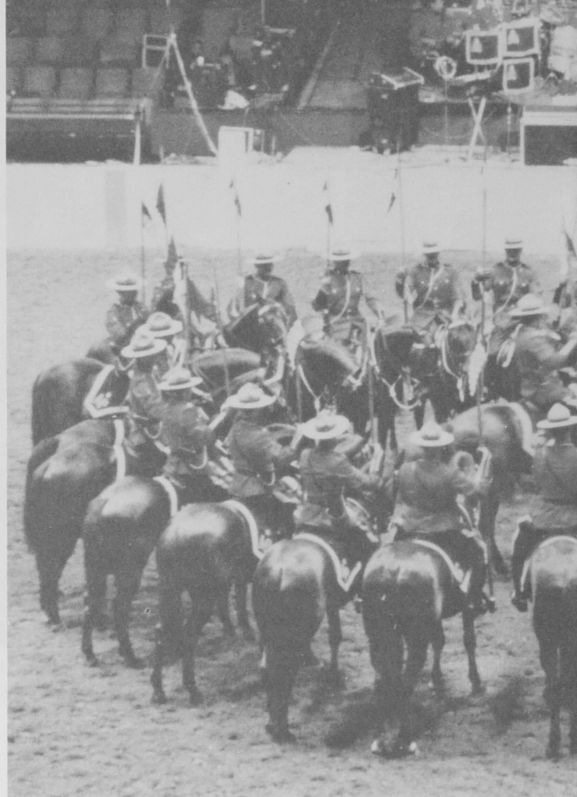
"Experienced" is the word. There was hardly a dry eye in the house. Ken Taylor, Consular-General of New York at the time of the performance, was speechless after the finale and Solicitor General Bob Kaplan's eyes glistened. Each performance ended in a thundering standing ovation as the final chords of the national anthem faded into unforgettable memory.

At the risk of sounding like a mutual admiration society, the representatives of the Force who worked with staff and volunteers of the Children's

Hospital of Eastern Ontario made the huge work load seem like a tantalizing challenge not to be missed.

S/Sgt. Garth Hampson, tireless idea man, brainstormed with S/Sgt. Major Dan Carroll, S/Cst. Gary Morton and Sgt. Drummond Hudson to come up with the general shape of the show. Professional volunteers then helped to fine-tune the production: "Staged Right," a local group of theatrical professionals, scripted the show; Merle Adam, a professional choreographer, trained the dancers and gymnasts; and Ken Bennett professionally guided the promotional strategies, with PR expertise also freely available from Supt. John Bentham. Not to go unnoticed is Gary Morton's wife, Marlene, the finest backstage mother in the country. She not only kept one hundred youngsters in the right place at the right time, but kept all their parents informed and enthusiastic throughout all the rehearsals as well as the shows. Weekly meetings over almost eight months brought the dream to reality.

The aim of the exercise was to raise money for the Children's Hospital of



Sounds and Saddles...

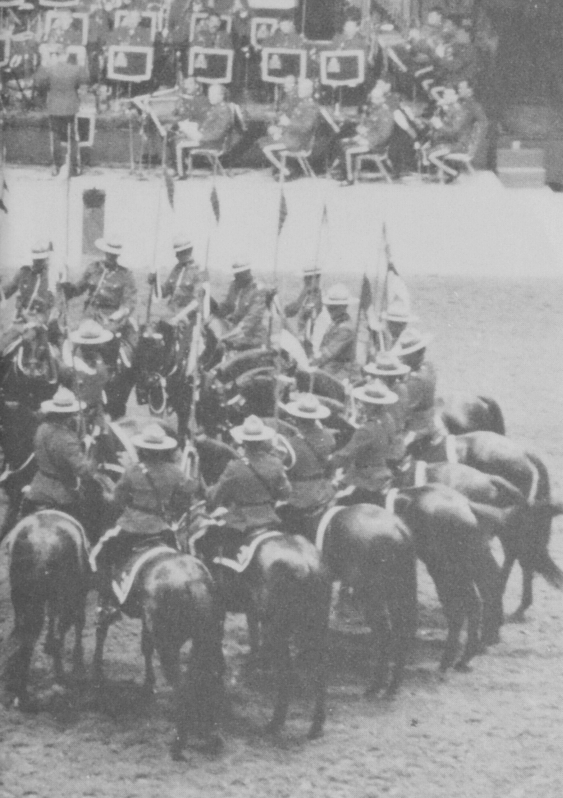
Eastern Ontario and to gain positive publicity for both the Force and CHEO. By involving close to one hundred Ottawa young people in the project, an added dimension was realized. They became staunch supporters of their hospital and gained a genuine appreciation of the Force.

Promotion for the show was indeed extensive. "N" Division generously opened its lounge twice for receptions: first to inform prospective sponsors and VIP supporters about Sounds & Saddles four months before opening night; and the second time to motivate media support six weeks before show date. These receptions yielded much cooperation. The dignitaries who were to fill the VIP box at each show became enthusiastic and many sponsors responded with gifts or price reductions. Media response included many print, radio and television features, the biggest gift being an hour-long Sounds & Saddles Special on CJOH-TV.

"Major", the stable mascot of the Musical Ride, shares the limelight with Janet McKeage as "Annie", singing "Tomorrow."







... in synchronized harmony.

A direct-mail appeal was made to school boards across Ontario and senior citizens in Ontario and Quebec to promote group sales of tickets. Both provincial and federal ministries of tourism advertised the show in their calendars and if you travelled by Air Canada during May, you read about Sounds & Saddles in Enroute's calendar. Word of mouth sold more seats. Sounds & Saddles was on the lips of all who attended and by the close of the show, people were still trying to buy tickets!

The entertainment was of the highest calibre. The Band, directed by Ken Moore, traded stage time in Act I with one hundred local youngsters. Older singers and dancers delivered a lively version of "Fame," young ballerinas danced to "Rainbow Connection," gymnasts somersaulted and cartwheeled to "Star Wars" music, and Janet McKeage as Annie, sang "Tomorrow."

Act II opened with the crack of pistols of the mounted arms display under Insp. A. L. Anderson's supervision and was followed with a magnificent performance by the RCMP Service Dogs, kindly sent from Alberta by Inspector J. H. Fream. The Ride followed, beginning with its salute to the guest of honour, a different CHEO patient representative at each performance. We're told we made history as these youngsters were the first children to take the Ride's salute.

The finale started with a bilingual version of "I Want to Teach the World to Sing" followed by the regimental hymn. Then a hush descended as the clear soprano voice of Teresa Dunn began the national anthem. Six young singers joined her, then the Band, and finally, the entire chorus.

A full show of first-class talent, an event not to be forgotten by performers, participants or audience. It was a winning combination — kids, animals and police, all working to provide excellent entertainment and support for a children's hospital. No wonder the audience found it a good place to be patriotic. ■

Ottawa area performers sang and danced their way through a medley of popular theme songs.



# Divisional Dispatches...

## HEADQUARTERS

(Ottawa, Ont.)

**MARRIAGE** Reg. No. 35083, Cst. Kim C. McCann to Nancy Barbara Lyons, on October 29, 1983, at Hamilton, Ont.

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 27138, Cpl. J. B. Lamoureux and his wife Diane, a daughter, Suzanne, on June 12, 1983, at Ottawa, Ont.

To Reg. No. 26372, Cpl. J. G. A. White and his wife Ethel, a daughter, Karla-Rae Rebecca, on July 30, 1983, at Ottawa, Ont.

**PRESENTATION** In appreciation for services rendered to the Republic of Austria during his posting as the liaison officer to Vienna, Sgt. R. C. Singbeil was awarded the "Decoration of Honour in Silver for Services to the Republic of Austria" by the Austrian government. In making the presentation, the Austrian ambassador made comment that the decoration was for Sgt. Singbeil's contribution to the Austrian government in the field of international drug-trafficking control and intelligence.

Sgt. Singbeil is presently stationed in Ottawa and the presentation was made at the official residence of the ambassador of Austria by Her Excellency Dr. Hedwig Wolfram on May 25, 1983. The presentation was attended by Commr. R. H. Simmonds; Supt. G. D. Fleming, Director Foreign Services; several members of the Force; and Austrian Embassy officials. This particular award is the first of its kind to be presented to a non-Austrian citizen "for recognition of valuable assistance and exceptional services in the Austro-Canadian cooperation."

*submitted by Sgt. M. Tanchuk*

### VETERAN NEWS (OTTAWA DIVISION) Life Member No Easy Mark

One of our life members, who wishes to remain nameless, was mugged recently by a couple of young punks who obviously believed this 85-year-old-plus retired Mountie was an easy mark. Although "Tiger" sustained a black eye the muggers were severely beaten from a rain of blows from the veteran's cane, and were finally driven off empty-handed. "Tiger's" new motto is, "walk softly and carry a big stick."

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The annual summer social took place on September 9, 1983. Although there have been larger crowds at this event in the past, few have been livelier. The steaks were excellent and everyone enjoyed themselves. If it is any consolation for those who could not attend, your presence was indeed missed.

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The Sixth Annual Memorial Service commemorating police and correctional officers killed on duty was held on September 25, 1983. A bronze tablet commemorating fallen officers was unveiled. An announcement was made that a book of remembrance honoring those men will be prepared and displayed in a suitable place in the Centre Block of Parliament. The service was followed by a well-attended reception, hosted by Solicitor General Bob Kaplan.

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**Pension advocate** There may be members who have a disability which they believe was caused by an injury sustained while they were in the Force. If they have received no recognition for their disability, they may ask for a review of their case. They may do so by contacting the pensions advocate general at the following address, with the request that their case be reviewed:

Bureau of Pensions Advocate, 2323 Riverside Drive, SB1 Building, 11th Floor, Billings Bridge Plaza, Ottawa, Ont. K1A 0P5. Phone: (613) 998-8801

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**Annual Christmas Social** Held on December 2, 1983, at the Ukrainian Hall, Ottawa, the Ottawa Division's Christmas Supper Dance was a sellout success. A sumptuous hip of beef dinner was served and the night was danced away to the tunes of a six-piece orchestra. A fine time was had by all.

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Keep in mind and plan to attend the 60th Annual General Meeting of the RCMP Veterans' Association to be held in the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel, Fredericton, N.B., on the 8th and 9th of



(L-R) A/Commr. D. L. McGibbon (rtd.), looks on while his son, Bill McGibbon, also an assistant commissioner, is presented a gift by C/Supt. F. F. Fedor on the occasion of Bill's retirement from the Force.

June, 1984. Further details will be published as they become available.

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At the November '83 meeting of the RCMP Veterans W.I.V.E.S. Association, elections were held and a new slate of officers was selected and installed. Officers for the 1983-84 season are: Erma Uhryniw, president; Denise Tremblay, vice-president; Lillian Down, secretary and Florence Coates, treasurer.

**TURKEY SHOOT** On December 7 and 14, 1983, the HQ Rifle and Revolver Club sponsored a turkey shoot at the Nepean Police Department indoor range. The winners were as follows: 1st — "turkey" — Wes Rideout; 2nd — "ham" — Brian Ross; 3rd — "chicken" — Penti Harris. Plans are presently under way for an "Easter bunny shoot" and perhaps a competition among local police departments later on in the new year.

*submitted by Peggy Rooney*

**RETIREMENTS** With the completion of his work day as Director, Protective Policing on September 20, 1983, **A/Commr. D. W. (Bill) McGibbon** completed 35 years service in the Force. This represented over 110 years of dedi-

cated service by the McGibbon family — see Summer 1981 (Vol. 46 No. 3) issue of *the Quarterly* for the article on the McGibbon family.

On September 23, 1983, 128 friends, including immediate family and A/Commr. D. L. McGibbon, gathered at the R.A. Centre in Ottawa for a dinner and dance to honor Bill and his wife, Marie, on their retirement. C/Supt. F. F. (Frank) Fedor displayed a hidden talent as an after-dinner speaker, expressing, among other laudatory remarks, the heartfelt wishes of all for a happy retirement. Bill was kept busy displaying his many retirement gifts from the officers' mess and from the "P" Directorate staff. Individual gifts were presented by Supt. R. E. Muir, Supt. I. M. Saunders and Supt. A. G. Barkhouse on behalf of VIP Security Branch, Security Systems Branch and Security Engineering Branch respectively.

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**Paul Gagnon**, translator with the Official Languages Translation Branch, retired on November 18, 1983, after 31 years and a few months' service in the RCMP. On March 24, 1952, Paul was hired as reader for what was then known as the Security and Intelligence Service Special "I"

Branch, where he worked for 16 years. He wrote the translation test, passed it and on July 5, 1968, he was transferred to the Translation Branch as translator from French to English.

A retirement luncheon was held to honour Paul and his wife, Lucille. His colleagues presented him with a parting gift and wished him many years of happy retirement.

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After twenty-one years with Ident. **C/M Freda Merritt** decided to retire on December 27, 1983. She had joined the RCMP as a civilian member on April 9, 1962, and during her tenure worked in the Main Bureau, Certification, Single Fingerprint, and Name Index Sections... all in "I" Directorate.

Co-workers and retired friends attended a luncheon at the Dragon Inn on December 8, in one of the largest gatherings in recent Ident. history. Many gifts, tokens of the esteem in which Freda was held by her colleagues, were presented to her by Insp. B. W. King, O.I.C. Fingerprint Ops., and Sgt. I. S. Goertzen, NCO i/c Quality Control Section.

**GOOD CONDUCT IN PARIS!** Is such a thing possible? Obviously, since on October 12, 1983, His Excellency Michel Dupuy, the Canadian Ambassador in Paris, presented the RCMP Long Service Medal to a member of our Paris Liaison Office, S/Sgt. Wayne Boudreau. During his presentation, Mr. Dupuy noted the importance of recognizing long and faithful service, as well as the human qualities such as integrity, fidelity and loyalty which such service implies.

Members in Canada will no doubt appreciate the merit of this award when one considers the pernicious temptations of the "city of light"...

All Wayne's friends join in wishing him and his wife June, good luck in their new posting in Australia.

**MAN WITH A MISSION** It's a quarter past seven, Wednesday evening, November 3, 1983. People are still drifting into 4 North Conference Room at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, Ottawa. Like meetings of most voluntary organizations, the Annual General Meeting of National Capital Children's Oncology Care Inc.

**Supt. P. R. Zurr** swearing his son, **David**, into the Force. David, a graduate chemical engineer, is employed as a civilian member in Security and Engineering Branch, "P" Directorate.





is slow getting started. While waiting, people chat with their neighbours, or friends across the room. The atmosphere is easy, relaxed. It looks like a close-knit group.

Finally, at 20 past seven, the chairperson calls the meeting to order. He reads the agenda: reports from the various subcommittee chairpersons, the financial report, other business. This is the first annual meeting since the corporation was founded just over a year ago. The accomplishments in one year are impressive.

National Capital Children's Oncology Care Inc. is a nonprofit corporation composed of seven parents of children who have or have had cancer, two representatives from the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario and two representatives from McDonald's Restaurants. Its purpose is to build a 12-bedroom house that will serve as a home-away-from-home for out-of-town parents and their children who are undergoing treatment for cancer. Better known as the Ronald McDonald House in recognition of the generous support of McDonald's Restaurants, the Ottawa home when it opens this June will be the fifth one built in Canada, other homes having already been completed in Toronto, Montreal, Halifax and Vancouver.

Much of the credit for the success of the Ottawa project must go to the chairman of Oncology Care Inc., Larry Rowan, who during his work-a-day life is S/Sgt. Larry Rowan, NCO i/c CPSIC, Headquarters, Ottawa. As a parent of a child who has had leukemia (his child is now in remission), Larry knows the trauma which occurs when cancer strikes a family. He knows also that sick children need more than good medical attention.

In his opening remarks to the Annual General Meeting he restates the group's purpose for the benefit of the new people in the audience. Parents cannot leave a sick child alone in a hospital. They will sleep in a chair, on the floor, anywhere to be with their child. In addition to good medical attention children need the emotional support and understanding of their families when they are sick. The Ronald McDonald House, says Larry, will fill this need by providing accommodation near the hospital for out-of-town parents. Also, when a child is being treated as an outpatient, parents and children will be able to live together. Not only does the child benefit from this arrangement but the parents benefit as well. They have the opportunity to discuss their special problems as parents of children afflicted with cancer with other parents facing similar problems.

Larry points with pride to the architect's model of the Ottawa Ronald McDonald House on display at the front of the meeting room. It looks like a large, attractive, two-story, brick, country home. When finished there will be space for 12 families, plus a kitchen, dining room, living room

and laundry room. A caretaker couple will live in an apartment within the home. Cooking, cleaning, laundry, etc., however, will be the responsibilities of the families using the facility.

Since the concept of the Ronald McDonald House was first introduced in 1973, in Philadelphia, U.S.A., the idea has spread quickly. At the time of writing this article there were 52 Ronald McDonald Houses around the world.

The estimated cost of putting up the Ottawa home is \$800,000. The chairperson of the ways-and-means committee reads the results of the year's fundraising events: \$53,000 from an Ottawa Rough Riders/Montreal Concordes' football game; \$54,000 from the sale of novelty items such as buttons, T-shirts, key chains, lapel pins, clocks and colouring books; \$4,000 from a local radio station garage sale, \$200 from a fifties dance; \$150 from a bake sale. The list seems endless. Firefighters, boy scouts, radio stations, schools, local businesses, church groups and many more have joined together to support the home. So far over \$400,000 has been raised. Larry thanks the ways-and-means chairperson and expresses his confidence that the rest of the money will be raised before the house opens in June. If the enthusiasm of those attending the meeting is any evidence he will have the money on time.

Back at the office the next day Larry puts on his RCMP hat; he is all business. Few people know of his involvement in the Ronald McDonald House. He rarely talks about it and has never solicited funds at work. A quick poll of his present and past co-workers produces comments such as: "One of the finest people I've ever met. If you needed assistance he'd be right there to help." "When there is a job to be done he does it." "And he doesn't do just a good job but an excellent one. He is driven to excell."

The Ronald McDonald House is just the last project in a long list of accomplishments that includes being president of the Ottawa Camp Fortune Ski Patrol, founding member of the Rideau Valley Soaring School, and teaching himself how to weld underwater.

And when the Ronald McDonald House is established, what will he be up to next? This spring at any rate he'll probably be up in the air in what looks like a motorized lawn chair, actually one of the new microlite planes he recently assembled — living proof of the old saying, "You can't keep a good man down."

Anyone wanting more information about the Ottawa Ronald McDonald House should call (613) 737-2204 or write to:

P.O. Box 9538  
Terminal, Ottawa  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1G 3V2

*submitted by Jane Panet*

## "A" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Ottawa, Ont.)

**MODEST MARKSMAN** Although he is at the Life Master level — the highest category in rifle shooting — Cst. Serge Bissonnette is modest about his record of achievements. He says if you feel you're the best, you become too complacent: "To think you're 'number one' is very hollow, very subjective, because you might get the highest score in one competition with a 5-point lead over the next guy, but the next week he might have more points than you.... You start counting the points you miss, not how many you score." However, he admits feeling "very comfortable" in the master class.

Serge started shooting in 1961 at the Camp Borden Rifle Club, north of Toronto, Ont. He went on to compete in the provincial circuit, winning various trophies, including the Quebec Military Prone Championship in 1967. Between 1971 — the year he joined the Force — and 1975, Serge did not participate in competitive shooting. His interest was rekindled by other Force members, especially Wilf Black, his mentor, who had competed at Bisley, England. Wilf persuaded him to join the RCMP Expert Marksman Program, which later evolved into the "A" Division Emergency Response Team (E.R.T.). Since 1975, he has competed at the national level with the Canadian National Team, participating in shooting matches in England, Australia, New Zealand and a host of other countries.

Serge has been the recipient of numerous trophies and awards over the years, and space allows us but to name a few. In 1979 and 1980, he won the High Power championship in the national matches at Connaught. He was a member of the Canadian National Team which won both the Australian Empire Trophy and the Palma Trophy in 1982. In 1979, 1980 and 1982, he was the recipient of the Ontario Ministry of Sports and Recreation Elite Athlete Award. He has also received the Jubilee and Bostock trophies at the national championship level. So far, he has twice competed in the large bore rifle championships at Bisley, which is known as the "shooters' mecca." At the national matches in 1983, he qualified for another trip to Bisley as a member of the Canadian Rifle Team, 1984 (see Vol. 49, No. 1, p. 41). There, he will compete in the world's premier target competition in the annual Prize Meet.

Being an unpretentious man, Serge prefers to discuss marksmanship in general terms. Instead of displaying his trophies, he stores them in boxes and has been known to give them away!

His track record is impressive but not surprising, considering his benchmark score is 98.7%.

Devoting an average of three hours a day to competitive shooting practice, Serge enjoys going to the Connaught Ranges near Ottawa. He says Canada has some of the best gallery ranges in the world. The facilities at Connaught are especially good, compared to ranges in other countries. "In New Zealand," he explains, "you don't have much flat land. The shooting ranges are all over the hillside. Trenton, New Zealand's national range, is situated on a golf course. It's also a miniature airport landing strip and a sheep pasture!"

Serge continues to participate in Canadian large bore competitive shooting. He feels that competitions give a marksman a good idea of how he would perform under stress conditions in an actual shooting incident. He is also active on various rifle club committees. He is vice-president of the "A" Division Rifle and Revolver Club, and vice-president of Operations, National Defence Headquarters Rifle Association (N.D.H.Q.R.A.). As well, he sits on the executive of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association (D.C.R.A.) and on their Service Rifle Conditions committee. He is also a trainer in the E.R.T., "A" Division.

According to Serge, there are three key factors in good marksmanship. The first is the physical element — eyesight, reflexes and muscular coordination; the second is practice; and the third is psychological — how well one stands up to the pressure of competition and how much one wants to succeed. He explains: "There are two basic approaches to shooting: quantitative, meaning to shoot over and over again until you do something right, and qualitative, whereby you identify a problem and try to correct it. Shooting must be approached in a logical, scientific way."

Summing up his views on competition large-bore shooting, Serge says: "One of the main reasons I've stayed in the game is that, besides a personal sense of satisfaction and achievement, I get to socialize with people from all walks of life. In the competitive teams, in fact, there are very few policemen. There are doctors, lawyers, plumbers, carpenters... and everybody's part of the game. It's nice to go into an area where you're not recognized as a policeman. You're recognized as a shooter."

*submitted by Lise M. George*

## "B" DIVISION

(Headquarters — St. John's, Nfld.)

**MARRIAGE** Reg. No. 32070, Cst. Gerard A. MacNeil to Carol Ann Campbell on July 15, 1983.

**BIRTH** To Reg. No. 31634, Cst. J. M. C. St. Laurent and his wife Glenda, a son, Paul, on July 12, 1983.

**NOSTALGIC VISIT** Adrian Johnston of Antigonish County, Nova Scotia, joined the Force as a cook in Marine Division in 1949. When the first division mess was opened in "B" Division in 1950, Adrian was transferred to St. John's. He served as cook until 1951, when he left the Force to seek his fortune in Toronto. After a few years there, he made his way to the U.S.A. where he found employment as a cook at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Adrian has been working at Harvard for 25 years and was made a member of the 25 Year Club by Derek Curtis Bos, president of Harvard University.

In September 1983, Adrian paid a nostalgic visit to St. John's, and returned to Kenna's Hill, former site of "B" Division Headquarters. He eventually found his way to the home of Mike MacCormack, cook in the "B" Division Mess from September 1950 until his retirement in December 1980. Mike is known to everyone who served in St. John's during his 30 years with the Force.

Mike and Adrian visited a number of offices at "B" Division Headquarters, including the mess, where they reminisced about their past service with the current cook, Doug Barfoot.

**BAY ROBERTS WINS RCMP SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT** Bay Roberts won the annual Victor Lundrigan Trophy in the RCMP softball tournament played in Pasadena on September 10 and 11, 1983, defeating Gander RCMP 7-6 in the championship contest.

Nine teams participated in the weekend series which raised \$500 for the local branch of the Canadian Cancer Society.

It was a Cinderella story for the Bay Roberts club, which finished with a 0-2 win-loss record in section C of the tourney. The team won the play-offs in its division, beating St. John's #1 contingent, and followed up with a victory over the B section play-off champs, Corner Brook Sub-Division East All-Stars.

**KLONDIKE NIGHT** On December 2, 1983, "B" Division sponsored a "Klondike Night." The event was organized to raise funds to assist the St. John's Rotary Club in meeting their objective of \$100,000 toward the purchase of an emergency response life-support vehicle. Approximately 400 people attended the event.

The "wheels of fortune" were set up in the combined NCO's and officers' mess and manned by members in white shirts and black bow ties. Suitably attired as chefs, S/Sgt. Bill Smith and Sgt. Bob Mackinnon dispensed Klondike grub from the "Klondike eatery." The menu was delightful. Such treats as chili, arctic char, moose, ham, sausage and fresh bread and rolls were available for just a small pinch of your poke.



Cpl. Blair Nicholson (L) and C/Supt. Dale Henry (R), C.O. "B" Division, "rescue" Solicitor General Bob Kaplan from the slammer at Klondike Night, December 2, 1983.

Wearing the NWMP officer's dress, Cpl. D. B. Nicholson executed "warrants" throughout the evening. Those who were "arrested" were brought before the "bar." The attending bartender, S/Sgt. Walter Pinsent ("honest Wally") promptly closed the bar, donned wig and gown, declared "court" open and proceeded to dispense justice — Klondike style.

One incident involved the arrest of someone who just dropped in for a few minutes to see what was happening at the gala event. This unfortunate visitor was promptly arrested for vag-



rancy, fined \$2 and sentenced to the Klondike jail until payment was received. At the point of incarceration, the Commanding Officer, C/Supt. Dale Henry, hastily appeared with bail and identified the "vagrant" as Solicitor General Bob Kaplan, thus preventing his confinement to gaol in St. John's Harbour.

Sgt. Roger Holdright, as Soapy Smith's right-hand man, managed to collect about \$500 on the dartboard "turkey shoot." Altogether, a profit of \$3,700 was realized, making the evening a tremendous success.

The following week, these proceeds were presented by the C.O. to the St. John's Rotary Club as a contribution toward the purchase of a life-support vehicle.

**THE LAST FAREWELL** Miss Mena Ryan, who retired on August 4, 1983, gave 25 years of faithful service to the RCMP. Mena joined the staff of "B" Division on August 4, 1959, and when she finally made her departure, she left us with very happy memories of our association with her.

Mena attended the annual Christmas party on December 23, 1983, at the Combined NCO's Mess, where the Commanding Officer, C/Supt. Dale Henry, presented her with an RCMP plaque and several other presents. The C.O. commented on Mena's particular involvement with this annual event, and while this may have been her

last party in an official capacity, Mena has been invited to return for Christmas '84. However, "B" Division's annual Christmas party, it seems, will always be known as "Mena's party."

Good luck, Mena. We'll miss you!

**NEW DETACHMENT** The official opening of the new Ferryland Detachment took place on October 6, 1983. Residents of the Ferryland area attended and toured the building, where they saw various displays, including the breathalyzer, fingerprint equipment, cameras, radios, and police motor vehicles. The detachment's six members were present to explain the various displays and assisted in the general tour of the building. The tour was followed by a coffee and doughnut reception.

The opening was attended by C/Supt. J. B. D. Henry, C.O. "B" Division; Insp. J. W. Lavers, O.C. St. John's Sub-Division; the Hon. Gerald Ottenheimer, Minister of Justice, Newfoundland and Labrador; Ron Penney, Deputy Minister of Justice, and the Associate Deputy Attorney General, Mr. Cyril Goodyear.

The old detachment, which was built in 1952, became too crowded in recent years. The new building, with its space and colour, has increased our pride in serving the public.

*submitted by Cst. R. F. Baker*

On behalf of the Bay Roberts softball team, John Baker (far right) accepts the Victor Lundrigan Softball Trophy. Also present at the ceremony were: (L-R) Bob Hillier of the defeated Gander softball team; Timothy Cripps, Corner Brook Rural Detachment; Mrs. Ward Coates, wife of the late Sgt. Ward Coates; Supt. Bruce Blachford, O. C. Corner Brook Sub-Division; and Wayne Lundrigan, son of the late Sgt. Major Victor Lundrigan.





## "C" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Montreal, Que.)



Children, Mounties, clowns: all the ingredients necessary for a great Christmas party.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY** Again this year, "C" Division organized a Christmas party for members' children. The children of civilian members and PS employees were also invited, and about 250 children, accompanied by their parents, joined in the festivities especially organized for them.

All the ingredients for fun were there: our devoted Santa Claus (Insp. Réjean Linteau), a mountain of gifts, dazzling clowns, coloured balloons, and the Omnibus troop from the Corporal Mime School of Montreal.

C/Supt. Jean L. Dupont has been the chairman of the organizing committee for over six years

now. The other members of the committee are: Micheline Besner, Lise Blanchard, Laurent Duguay, Carolle Haché, Hélène Lantin, Guy L'Écuyer, Réjean Linteau, Ralph Lynch, Louise McDuff, Jean Robillard, Luke Sauvé, Charles Sénécal, Mari Zanin and Denise Mallette.

The following members also contributed to the party's success by handling security for the event: Cst. Chantale Fortin, Cst. Barbara Hayduk, Cst. Diane Kilrea, Cst. Herb Wayne, Sgt. Michel Pelletier and Sgt. Serge Normandin.

We wish to thank everyone who, directly or indirectly, helped make this a special event.

**INVESTITURE OF THE NEW C.O.** On November 18, 1983, "C" Division wrote a new chapter to the history of the RCMP when it held an official handing-over ceremony. A/Commr. Philippe Mantha handed the command over to A/Commr. Fernand Bossé, presenting him with a sword. The two then signed a parchment. Both sword and parchment are symbols of the handing-over.

During the ceremony, A/Commr. Philippe Mantha presented 21 RCMP members with Long Service Medals. In addition, an honour troop of members from the division headquarters in Montreal performed a military marching drill that was much enjoyed by the members of the press and the public attending the ceremony.

Among the guests of honour were Mr. Jacques Beaudoin, Director General of the Q.P.F., Mr. André De Luca, Chief of the M.U.C.P.D., and Judge Roger Gosselin of the Quebec Police Commission.



**A/Commr. Fernand Bossé being invested as the new C.O.**

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## **"D" DIVISION**

(Headquarters — Winnipeg, Man.)

**MARRIAGES** Reg. No. 35688, Cst. J. A. S. Larocque to Reg. No. C/3099, C/M Jocelyne Marcoux, on September 17, 1983, at St. Boniface, Man.

Reg. No. 27114, Cst. Larry C. Forbes to Reg. No. 33126, Cst. Elaine M. McMahon, on September 9, 1983, at Ottawa, Ont.

Reg. No. 37205, Cst. Brian W. Abrams to Tanya Thompson, on October 7, 1983, at Kingston, Ont.

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 33968, Cst. R. W. Carlson and his wife Marjorie, a son, Franklin Wayne, on July 7, 1983.

To Reg. No. 30597, Cst. and Mrs. Paul What-tam, a daughter, Meghan Leigh, on October 23, 1983, at Killarney, Man.

To Reg. No. 29846, Cst. Gerry Campbell and his wife Kathi, a daughter, Rhiannon Kaleigh, on May 14, 1983, at Winnipeg, Man.

**REUNION 1983** Preparations for the Minnedosa Centennial celebrations 1983 began long before the event actually took place. Sgt. Duane Lacoste initiated the planning for this special

occasion. Committees were formed and events were organized. A long list of members, ex-members and clerical staff who had worked at Minnedosa Detachment was compiled, and invitations were sent out.

After months of preparation, the big day finally arrived. Registration was held at the RCMP office in the afternoon of July 15. Doughnuts and coffee were served on the lawn to encourage visiting members and their families to visit old friends and to meet new ones.

The next morning, we were delighted to greet the C.O., A/Commr. A. T. McHaffie and Mrs. McHaffie, and the O.C. Brandon Sub-Division, Insp. B. G. Johnston\* and Mrs. Johnston, who attended all the events.

The parade, which began at 11 a.m., was the first item on the agenda. Many visiting members rode the RCMP float. A white Oldsmobile convertible, in which rode the C.O. and O.C., was followed by two mounted members, who were trailed by a decorated flatbed sporting six uni-

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\* Now Supt., O.I.C. Peace River Sub-Division, "K" Division.

formed policemen. Special mention must be made of ex-Sgt. Stan Stillborn and his wife Kay, who attended. Stan was stationed in Minnedosa in 1939.

Over 50 people attended a wine-and-cheese social in the afternoon, giving everyone the opportunity to get acquainted and reacquainted. Later, there was just enough time to shower and change for cocktails at 6:30, followed by dinner at 7:00 and dancing from 9:00 till 1:00 a.m. Everyone had a great time.

We will always remember our centennial and the bond of friendship and camaraderie with those of you who have, at one time or another, lived and worked in Minnedosa. Our reunion was a success, thanks to those who were able to come back and visit. Without you, there would have been no reunion. Thanks for coming.

**MORE GOLF** The annual Dauphin Sub-Division RCMP Invitational Fall Golf Tournament was held at the Gilbert Plains Golf and Country Club on September 26, 1983. Fifty-four golfers com-

peted for prizes. A steak barbecue, along with the presentation of various trophies and prizes, followed the competition.

There was a total of 54 prizes, one for each participant. The championship flight winners were: Garry Stepaniuk and Larry Henderson, who both scored a low 77, and Leona Butchart with a 95. Second flight champions were Owen Connolly and Jack Frederickson. Third flight went to Bob Granger and Ed Kohlman.

**BALL TOURNAMENT** On September 1, 1983, members of Altona, St. Pierre, Emerson and Morris Detachments formed a ball team and entered the Winnipeg Sub-Division RCMP Ball Tournament. Five games later, the South-End Flyers emerged victorious. After the dust had settled, they were presented with the Hudson Bay Trophy. A banquet followed at Kenaston Military Hall, C.F.B., Winnipeg. A presentation was made by the O.C. Winnipeg Sub-Division, Supt. B. Van Norman to Sgt. Jim Cockburn, coach of the Flyers.

The winning team of the RCMP Ball Tournament. (L-R), Front Row: Cst. Kevin Tyndall, Cst. Wayne Fraser, Cpl. Russ Waugh, Cst. Andre Drouin, Al Hayden-Luck. Back Row: Stan Machdanz (umpire), Cst. Dave Brisbin, Cst. Ralph Schnell, Cst. Jack Van Dam, Sgt. Jim Cockburn (coach). Missing from the photograph is Doug Legault.





Cst. Jann Mortensen (L) of Portage la Prairie Detachment and C/Supt. R. N. Mullock, "D" Division, CIBO, handing out silver dollars at the Long Plains Indian Reserve Pow Wow.

**POWWOW 1983** The Short Bear Tribal Council held its annual powwow between July 29 and 31, 1983, at the Long Plains Indian Reserve, situated some 12 miles southwest of Portage la Prairie, Man. This event was extremely successful, attracting over 2,000 participants from the various reserves throughout Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Ontario, as well as from some of the northern States, including North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

One of the highlights of the annual powwow is the Sioux Indian dance competitions. For the last 10 or 15 years, the reserve has awarded prize money to the winning participants in these competitions. This has encouraged the younger

members of the reserve to take a more active role in the traditional dance event.

Every year, the members of Portage la Prairie Detachment look forward to spending a few interesting days taking part in the powwow festivities. They also take an active part in awarding prize money to the dancers. For the past three years, the detachment has given silver dollars to the young participants in the junior dancing category. At this year's powwow, the detachment, led by C/Supt. R. N. Mullock, O.I.C. C.I.B. "D" Division, handed out 100 silver dollars to some very colorful Indian dancers.

*submitted by Cpl. S. Neville*





Anything you can do...

**GOLF TOURNAMENTS** On June 6, 1983, the Shoal Lake Detachment hosted a golf tournament. Seventy-five people took part in the event. After the game, a group of 100 sat down for a smorgasbord supper, and trophies and prizes were awarded. The \$400 profit from the tournament was donated to the Chantel Sibilleau fund.

On September 12, 1983, a second golf tournament was held, also hosted by our detachment. Seventy-six golfers took to the course, with a low score of 77 brought in by Myles Dalrymple of Boissevain, Man. Almost \$1,100 in trophies and

prizes were awarded, with no one leaving empty-handed.

A profit of \$987 from the tournament was turned over to the Shoal Lake Volunteer Fire Department, to be put toward the purchase of two-way radio equipment.

*submitted by Sgt. E. F. Booth*

**LADIES ARM-WRESTLING CHAMP** On August 14, 1983, S/Cst. Barbara Gushulak of the Winnipegosis Detachment became the Manitoba Ladies Arm-Wrestling champion in the 135 lb. and over division in the Manitoba Arm-Wrestling

**Trophy collectors at the annual Shoal Lake golf tournament. (L-R) Front Row: Garry Stepaniuk, Leona Butchart, Owen Connely. Back Row: Bob Granger.**



Championships, a two-day event held in Winnipeg. Gushulak defeated approximately 10 contestants in her division in order to claim the victory. News of Gushulak's win spread quickly throughout the Winnipegosis area. Needless to say, local residents as well as members of the detachment have a great respect for this young woman!

Gushulak, a native of Ste. Rose, Man., is presently enrolled in criminology at the University of Manitoba. She worked with the Winnipegosis Detachment for the summer months as a supernumary special constable in the Summer Student Program.

*submitted by Cst. K. A. King*

**OPERATION HOMECOMING 1983** This event, which took place between July 7 and 10, 1983, was attended by members, ex-members, civilian members and public servants. Inspector Embree, O.C. Dauphin Sub-Division and Mayor Andy Newton were present at the official opening of the celebrations. That evening, a team of six RCMP members from Brandon Sub-Division organized a relay run for the Canadian Cancer Society in conjunction with "Operation Homecoming." The rest of the evening was spent swapping stories and getting reacquainted.

On Friday, 82 people took part in a golf tournament. Afterward, prizes and trophies were awarded to the winners of the tournament at a family barbecue. That night, everyone was entertained by a series of musical and dance performances, featuring Dauphin's own Zirka Dancers, the Dauphin Legion Pipe Band and Highland Dancers and other local talent.

A special luncheon was held on Saturday afternoon, followed by a banquet and dance. On Sunday morning, everyone came to the farewell breakfast, to say their goodbyes and head for home.

To feel the nostalgia that reigned over the four-day event and to see the embraces of friends who had not seen each other for a number of years made the organizing committee members feel the efforts of planning "Operation Homecoming" were all worthwhile.



Acting C.O., C/Supt. R. N. Mullock, presents Winnipeg D. J. Rich Greven, with a Certificate of Appreciation for his effort in improving police/community relations.

**GOOD SHOW!** On August 26, 1983, between 6:00 and 10:00 a.m., the "D" Division Headquarters complex played host to 58-CKY Radio Winnipeg disc jockey Rich Greven, who broadcasted his morning show live from the atrium. The show was complete with news, weather and music, with the added feature of live broadcast interviews with interested employees.

The radio program, which stimulated the interest of both Force members and the general public, was a great success. After completion of

Treherne Detachment presents ice re-surfacing machine. (L-R) Cst. Jean Blondin, Cst. Roger Monette, Darlene Monette, Cst. Rob Chapple, Shannon Chapple, Chris Michiels, Ken Michiels, Cst. Lil Charpentier, Cst. Gilles Guertin, Dianna Guertin, Sgt. Bernie Miller, Maureen Miller, Cst. Perry Farnsworth, Kathy Farnsworth.



the broadcast, the Acting C.O., C/Supt. R. N. Mullock, presented Mr. Greven with a Certificate of Appreciation for his contribution to police community relations.

**HALLOWEEN SOURIS STYLE** While their husbands fought the ghosts and goblins throughout their area on Halloween night, the wives of the Souris Detachment members organized and hosted a Halloween party for 12-year-olds and under. The party was held in the local school gymnasium. The program consisted of various games, a "haunted house," numerous prizes, refreshments and packaged treats and an excellent performance by "Ross the Magician." The party was a resounding success.

Not to be outdone, the husbands also reported a resounding success in the crime prevention field. Not one act of vandalism was reported in their 950 square miles of territory.

The detachment was most appreciative of the members' wives for their participation in the

evening's activities and for their contribution to good police community relations.

**WORTHY CAUSE** On December 4, 1983, members of Treherne Detachment presented the village of Treherne with an ice-resurfacing machine for the newly-completed arena. The detachment worked hard for over a year to raise money for this worthy project. A total of \$5,700 was collected through various fund-raising projects, including community curling bonspiels, golf tournaments, Christmas socials and weekly bingos.

Treherne Detachment would like to acknowledge the help of Cpl. Dick Fogarty, Cst. Rick Roy and Cst. Ron Werda and their spouses, who have since been transferred from the detachment. Our fund-raising efforts may have been painstaking at times, but the realization of our goal has resulted in improved police community relations and a personal sense of satisfaction.

*submitted by Cst. L. A. Charpentier*

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## DEPOT DIVISION

(Headquarters — Regina, Sask.)

**Kent Blackburn, a 12-year-old boy from Carleton Place, Ont., receives his kit from Supt. Fletcher (Acting C.O.).**



**BIRTH** To Reg. No. 29765, Cpl. C. A. Chetwynd and his wife Heather, a daughter, Jaime Joyce, on October 8, 1983, at Regina, Sask.

**THRILL OF A LIFETIME** Kent Blackburn, a 12-year-old boy from Carleton Place, Ont., has an intense desire to become a member of the RCMP. Being too young to apply, Kent was content to collect RCMP memorabilia, read all printed material available on the Force and, whenever possible, talk to our members.

As a consequence of watching the CTV programme "Thrill of a Lifetime," Kent took the initiative and wrote to the programme producers. Much to his delight, he was selected for an appearance on this popular T.V. show. What Kent didn't realize was that arrangements and approval for him to spend a day as a "recruit" at Depot were already finalized.

Upon arrival in Regina on September 27, 1983, Kent and his mother Doris were met at the airport by Sgt. K. D. Collum, NCO i/c Program Development Section, a T.V. programme field producer, a script writer and a three-man film crew. Filming began with Kent's arrival at the airport and continued over the next day-and-a-half.

As first order of business at Depot, Kent was taken to "stores" and the tailor shop, where he was fitted with uniform and kit identical to his troop mates (Troop 1 — 1983-84). The second order of business was to introduce Kent to his troop mates. His first big surprise that day came when he found out he was staying in barracks and would have to make his bed before even thinking of going to sleep!

The next morning at 5:45, Kent was out of bed, into the shower, then into uniform and off to breakfast. Once the meal was over and his bed remade, he was ready for the classes of the day. His participation in each class was mandatory; he did not come as a tourist.

Kent's first class was drill, in which he was introduced to our style of training and to our marching manoeuvres. This was his first inspection, his first requirement to "fall into" troop formation, and his first introduction to a drill instructor.

Another big surprise was in store for our special recruit. Although his kit passed inspection, he was by our standards overdue for a haircut. He was shocked, to say the least, but he complied, and although he really didn't have his hair shorn off, it was trimmed to a suitable length.

After swimming class, our youngest "recruit" was off to the Academic Building for an effective presentation class. Kent's topic and the necessary props were provided by the instructor: he spoke to the class about his background and his interests in the RCMP. He was even graded on his performance.

Later, Kent and his mother were given a quick tour of the Centennial Museum, after which it was time to rejoin his troop and head to the mess for lunch.

For the rest of the day, Kent participated in a weights and aerobics class, a first-aid course, and some one-on-one instruction with a service revolver.

As the afternoon drew to a close, Special Recruit Blackburn was paraded into the office of Supt. Fletcher (Acting C.O.). Here the presentation of his uniform was made. Only at this point did he realize that he was going to be able to keep it.

Kent's day was now complete. This enthusiastic young man was tired but very happy. After saying goodbye to his troop mates, he was left with his mementoes and memories of his "Thrill of a Lifetime." The next morning, Kent, his mother, and the T.V. crew boarded the plane for home.

*submitted by Sgt. K. D. Collum*

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## "E" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Vancouver, B.C.)

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 35653, Cst. M. J. Twolan and his wife Stasia, a daughter, Kelly Jeanette, on November 24, 1982, at Castlegar, B.C.

To Reg. No. 34570, Cst. Harry H. Schmolke and his wife Marlyn, a daughter, Christina Ann, on March 20, 1981, at North Vancouver, B.C., and a son, Vincent Lee, on October 5, 1983, at Kamloops, B.C.

To Reg. No. 31602, Cst. Don MacMillan and his wife Kerri, a son, Peter Robert, on May 9, 1981, and a son, Scott Donald, on November 2, 1983, both at Prince George, B.C.

To Reg. No. 35491, Cst. Stephen Jenkins and his wife Lorna, a daughter, Stephanie Denise, on December 28, 1981, and a son, Matthew William,

on June 21, 1983.

To Reg. No. 34060, Cst. W. W. Camden and his wife Holly, a son, Travis William, on September 27, 1983.

To Reg. No. 33564, Cst. Tim Dixon and his wife Elizabeth, a son, Ronald Lane, on April 30, 1983, at Victoria, B.C.

**COMMENDATIONS** On November 22, 1983, D/Commr. Tom Venner presented Commissioner's Commendations to six members of Nanaimo Detachment and to one citizen at a luncheon held in their honour.

Patrick Gordon Petreman, 17, received his commendation for pursuing and tackling a man





Flanked by D/Commr. T. Venner (L) and Supt. H. Gillard (R) are five members of Nanaimo Detachment proudly displaying Commissioner's Commendations: (L-R) S/Sgt. Lefty Nelson, Cst. W. Petryshen, Cst. S. Laplante, Cst. C. Fernandez and Cst. J. Wakely. Missing from the photograph is Cst. D. Gaven.

who had threatened a woman with a knife in an attempted sexual assault.

Cst. Darren Donald Gaven was honoured for disarming a suicidal, mentally-distressed man, at great personal risk.

D/Commr. Venner called on S/Sgt. M. H. Nelson and Csts. Christopher Fernandez, Serge Laplante, Walley Petryshen and James Wakely to

**Cst. Judy Jané with Mrs. Anita Lee and her new son Dwyte.**



accept commendations for their part in subduing and apprehending a knife-wielding man at a local Nanaimo hotel.

**ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE AWARD** On September 20, 1983, Cst. Judy E. Jané of Richmond Town Detachment was awarded a St. John's Ambulance Priory Meritorious Certificate for her use of practical first aid in saving the life of a newborn child. The certificate was presented to her by the association's Provincial Secretary, M. G. E. Littlemore.

In the early hours of March 15, Cst. Jané was called to assist Mrs. Anita Lee, who had just given birth in the back seat of her vehicle. The baby boy was not breathing, and first-aid measures implemented by another member had failed to revive him.

Cst. Jané gently massaged the infant's chest with her fingers, cleared his mouth, and performed artificial respiration in the prescribed manner for approximately seven minutes. By this time the ambulance arrived and took charge of the situation. Thanks to Cst. Jané's efforts, the baby was revived and is now in good health.

*submitted by Cpl. J. G. Coldham*

**C.O. COMMENDATIONS** On August 29, 1983, Cpl. R. G. Steele, NCO i/c Nanaimo Crime Prevention Unit, received a Commanding Officer's Commendation for his work on *RICHARD*, a set of computer programs which were developed to assist the Nanaimo RCMP in the analysis of crime incidence.

Cpl. Steele received his commendation at a ceremony at Nanaimo Detachment from C/Supt. H. Gillard, C.O. "E" Division and Insp. Strathee, O.I.C. Nanaimo Detachment.

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In the evening of December 19, 1982, a 12-year-old girl was proceeding home when she was accosted by a masked male who pushed her into an alley and held her against a shed, with his hand over her mouth. Twenty-four-year-old Wesley Chumm had heard the young girl's screams and had observed the man push her into the alley. Without regard for his own safety, he entered the alley alone. Confronting the man, he was able to secure the young girl's release and observed the assailant walking in the opposite direction down the alley.

Mr. Chumm solicited the assistance of another man, a resident of the young girl's household, and together they initiated pursuit of her assailant and apprehended him a short distance away. They took him to the girl's residence where he was turned over to police.

In this day of public apathy, it is refreshing to encounter members of the general public who are not only willing to get involved but have the persistence to identify, pursue and apprehend a suspect. The assailant was subsequently convicted and sentenced to a prison term.

In recognition of his exemplary and courageous actions, Mr. Chumm received a C.O.'s Commendation on October 28, 1983. The award was presented by Supt. Russ Harding of Kamloops City Detachment and Kamloops Mayor Mike Latta.

*submitted by Cst. M. D. Hawkes*

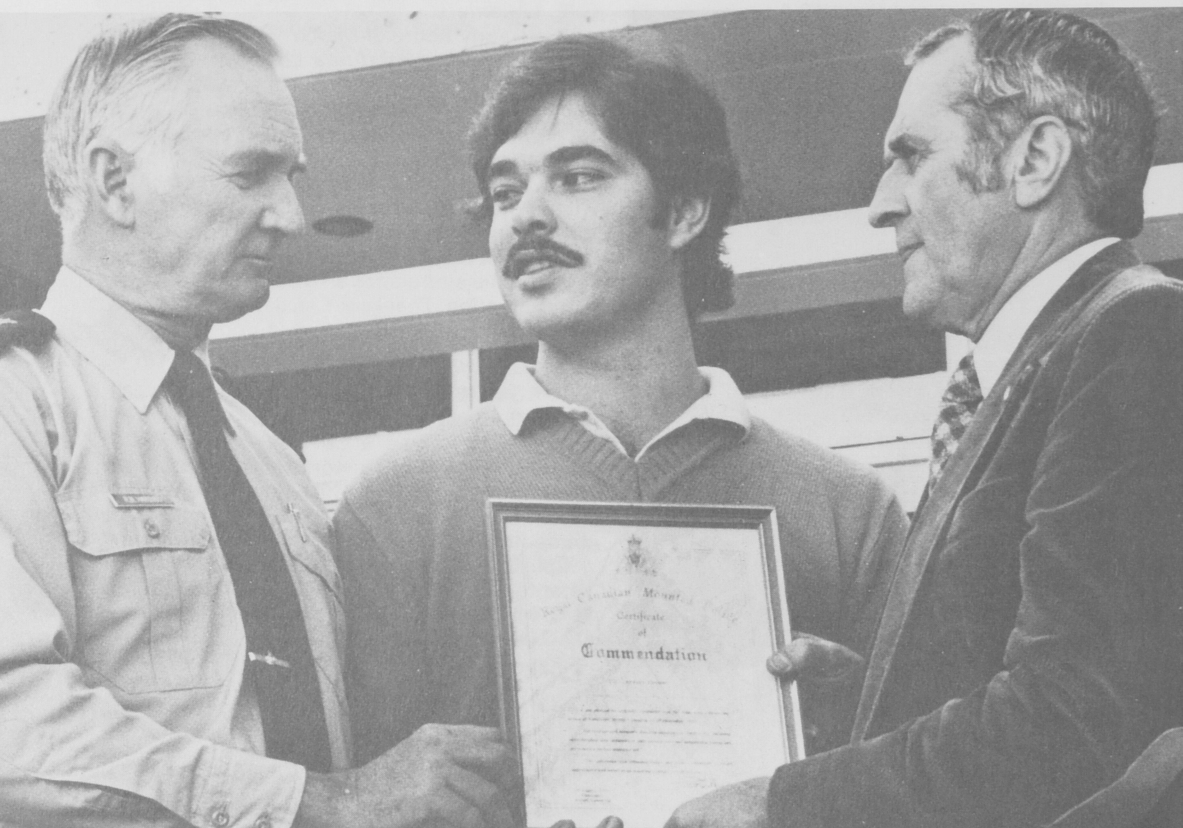
**REGIMENTAL DINNER** On November 17, 1983, the seventh annual Kelowna Sub-Division Regimental Dinner was held at the Lodge Motor Inn, Kelowna, B.C. A total of 125 regular members, civilian and retired members and auxiliaries were in attendance. Retired member S. B. Pratt, president of the Veterans Association, proposed the toast to the Force, which was replied to by C/Supt. J. W. White, representing the C.O.

During the evening, long service awards were presented to serving and now retired members. Gold clasps were presented to Supt. H. M. C. Johnstone (rtd.), Insp. W. V. Williams (rtd.); a silver clasp to Insp. J. R. P. Grudniski, and Long Service Medals to Cpls. W. M. J. Jack, G. G. Scott, N. D. Morhun and J. F. Harris.

A C.O.'s Commendation was presented to Cst. Gordon Henry Gavin of Enderby Detachment for his actions on February 18, 1983, in disarming a man armed with a rifle during an incident in a store in Enderby.

A C.O.'s Commendation was also presented to Cst. Mark Randy Sargent of Princeton Detachment for his actions at Keremeos, B.C., on April 14, 1983. Cst. Sargent had stopped a vehicle during a road check and was talking to the driver at the rear of the vehicle. A second vehicle approached and the brakes failed. The constable pushed the person he was talking to out of the path of the oncoming vehicle; however, he was unable to get out of the way himself and was

**(L-R) Supt. Russ Harding, Kamloops City Detachment, Wesley Chumm of Kamloops and Mayor Mike Latta. Photograph courtesy of Kamloops News.**





**Nanaimo Triathlon (L-R) Jerry Davie, Chris Breakey, Jean Verrier and Don Brown.**

pinned between the two vehicles, seriously injuring his leg.

**TRIATHALON** Nanaimo Detachment hosted a triathlon for police, fire and Corrections officers on October 16, 1983. Eleven teams from various departments on Vancouver Island participated in a 10-km run, a 5-km canoe trip and a 20-km cycling race. The overall winning team was from Nanaimo Detachment. Cst. Don Brown ran the 10-km stretch in 35 minutes. Cst. Jean Verrier and Chris Breakey finished first in the canoe expedition, completing the 5-km course in 30 minutes. Jerry Davie cycled to the finish line in 40 minutes. This triathlon was the first in what is to be an annual event.

**HANDCAR RACES** Maple Ridge Detachment entered two teams in the World Championship Handcar Races, held on June 25 and 26, 1983, at Port Moody, B.C. This race, the largest of its kind in the world, has been an annual event at Port Moody since 1982. Eighty-seven teams entered the tournament, which was divided into men's, mixed and women's categories.

Our men's team won the men's, and best U.S., and Canadian police category, with a time of 34.1 seconds, almost matching the world record of 33.5 seconds set here in 1982. Maple Ridge RCMP also won the mixed event with a time of 38.0 seconds.

Any detachment or group wishing to challenge our team in the 1984 championships should contact Cst. Barry Hickman at the Maple Ridge Detachment.

**SLOWPITCH TOURNNEY** The 100 Mile House Slowpitch League was formed in the summer of '83, with 10 teams registering. The RCMP team was composed of detachment members and personnel, Corrections employees, auxiliary members and their spouses. We went through the year with only one defeat, and we were tops in the league. In the play-offs on August 27 and 28, our team went undefeated in four games, to win the tournament.

*submitted by S/Sgt. D. L. Simonson*

**The winning team. Csts. Brian Canterra, Terry Betts, Dave Kronlund, Darryl Gyorfi, Ken Johnston. Missing from the photo is coach Marcel Fraser.**



## "F" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Regina, Sask.)



Displaying their Long Service Awards at the Prince Albert Sub-Division Regimental Dinner, (L-R): Sgt. Wayne Knopp, Maidstone Detachment; Cpl. Jim Cain, Melfort Detachment; Sgt. Larry Lafleur, Prince Albert GIS; S/Cst. Bill Stewart, Prince Albert Air Detachment. Standing in the centre is A/Commr. W. J. Neill who presented the awards.

**MARRIAGES** Reg. No. 34933, Cst. Nicholas J. Alexander to Cathy Louise O'Neil, on August 13, 1983, at Trenton, Ont.

Reg. No. 35606, Cst. J. M. L. Page to Beverly Ann Schatkoski, on August 19, 1983, at Swift Current, Sask.

Reg. No. 37488, Cst. Timothy M. Korman to Susan Marie Paulek, on September 10, 1983, at Thompson, Man.

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 35735, Cst. Ronald M. Christianson and his wife Denine, a son, Ryan Dalton, on January 10, 1983, and a daughter, Erin Nicole, on April 30, 1981, both at Rosetown, Sask.

To Reg. No. 33816, Cst. Richard A. Whattam and his wife Arlene, a son, Christopher Richard, on May 23, 1983, at Saskatoon, Sask.

To Reg. No. 35510, Cst. and Mrs. John B. Mansbridge, a daughter, Lindsay Dawn, on June 15, 1983, at Nipawin, Sask.

To Reg. No. 32899, Cst. and Mrs. Gary E. Ritchie, a son, Bruce Raymond, on June 19, 1983, at Saskatoon, Sask.

To Reg. No. 36794, Cst. and Mrs. Ron W. Prangnell, a daughter, Anna Marie Jennifer, on June 8, 1983, at Prince Albert, Sask.

To Reg. No. 31332, Cst. and Mrs. Darrell G. Woodcock, a son, Brody Jason, on April 2, 1983, at Prince Albert, Sask.

To Reg. No. 33684, Cst. and Mrs. Austin J. Scriver, a daughter, Angela Marie, on May 19, 1983, at Saskatoon, Sask.

To Reg. No. 32418, Cst. and Mrs. Charles E. Foster, a daughter, Elizabeth Rose, on March 4, 1983, at Prince Albert, Sask.

**REGIMENTAL DINNER** Prince Albert Sub-Division held their eleventh annual Regimental Dinner on October 26, 1983, at the Travelodge Motor Hotel, Prince Albert, Sask. Guest speaker was the Honorable Irwin McIntosh, former Lieutenant Governor of the province of Saskatchewan.

Asst. Commissioner W. J. Neill, Commanding Officer, "F" Division, presented Long Service Medals to Sgt. Wayne Knopp, i/c Maidstone Detachment; Cpl. Jim Cain, Melfort Detachment; Sgt. Larry Lafleur, i/c Prince Albert G.I.S.; and S/Cst. Bill Stewart, i/c Prince Albert "Air" Detachment.

**GOLF** The 1983 Saskatchewan Police Golf Tournament under the chairmanship of S/Sgt. Bob Hemsworth, Prince Albert Sub-Division





Covered wagons and out-riders on the Maple Creek Heritage Trek.

NCO, and Cst. Alan Fraser, Prince Albert City Police, was held from August 7 to 9, on the Cooke Municipal Golf Course at Prince Albert, Sask. Cpl. Terry Grimm, Regina Police Dog Section, won the tournament with Cst. Lloyd Goodwill of Broadview runner-up. There were nine flights, with excellent prizes and great fellowship.

**MAPLE CREEK HERITAGE TRAIL** One of the many events celebrating the centennial of the railroad reaching Maple Creek, Sask., was the Heritage Trek, a 72-mile trek retracing the old stagecoach trail from Eastend to Maple Creek. Approximately 123 people, 150 horses, 23 covered wagons and two members of the RCMP, Cpl. D. R. Perry of Climax Detachment and I, took part.

On the morning of July 25 everyone was up early, anxious to get their horses hitched up and start on the first leg of the journey. After a pancake breakfast supplied by the Eastend Chamber of Commerce we set off, Cpl. Perry and I dressed in period costume riding RCMP saddle horses in the lead.

The first day ended at the Pete Hanson ranch, 12 miles north of Eastend. It was an extremely hot day and both the people and horses were glad to be fed and watered. During the evening the Hanson brothers sang cowboy and religious songs.

The second day was probably the best day for scenery and distance but there were several problems.

Crossing the Continental Divide some of the wagons had to have help from other riders to make the hills. Two wagons broke down and as another wagon was passing a slow-moving team it slid into a steep ditch and tipped on its side. One person received several cracked ribs and another bruises. The mules and wagons, however, were not damaged. That night we camped out in the Cypress Hills, having covered 19 miles that day.

The third day we covered approximately 17 miles without any unusual incidents. At about 16:00 hours we arrived at the Ward Bertram ranch and made camp in a bush meadow along Skull Creek. In the evening a barbecue, team roping event, and dance were held.

The fourth day was probably the hottest with temperatures in the near 30°C range. We travelled 13 miles. Cpl. Perry and I were happy to see the Newby ranch and get out of red serge, boots and breeches.

The fifth day, Friday, was the shortest. We travelled for three and a half hours reaching the Stewart ranch, three miles from Maple Creek, at 11:30 hours.

Saturday was Centennial Parade day. It was another hot day. Cpl. Perry and I led the parade into Maple Creek. There were some anxious moments as we did not know how the horses would react to the large crowd that was on hand to greet the wagon train. Fortunately, we completed the parade without incident.

People ranging in age from 8 to 78, from Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia took part in the trek. It was a worthwhile trip and I would participate again if another opportunity presented itself.

*submitted by Cpl. R. V. Commer*

**BRIAN KING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** The Brian King Memorial Scholarship was set up by the RCMP and the family of the late Brian King, who was killed in Saskatoon in 1978 while working in the line of duty, to recognize outstanding grade 12 students in the province of Saskatchewan. Participation, academic achievement and sports are the criteria used to select the winners. Money is raised for the scholarship by the raffle of tickets on a house which is constructed each year by the scholarship foundation. Last September, Nadine Kemp, one of 10 winners of the award, received a certificate and cheque for \$1,000.

**MOUNTIE MIRACLE MARATHON** In early September 1983, Biggar Detachment challenged Rosetown Detachment to a relay race from Biggar to Rosetown, a distance of 57.25 km. Rosetown accepted the challenge but countered: the losing team must donate \$100 in the name of the winners to the Telemiracle fund. Biggar, confident of victory, accepted.

Rosetown radio station dubbed the race "The Mountie Miracle Marathon." The name suited those of us who were just beginning to run after years away from sweats and runners. It'd be a miracle if we made it.

Pledge sheets were distributed around both towns and the workouts began. As the dollar amount went up our "weights" went down.

On October 23, 1983, everyone was ready, greyhound slim and eager to run. In the early going, Rosetown opened up about a 3 km lead. This was steadily chipped away until by the half-way mark Biggar had caught up and was actually in the lead for a short distance. In the end, however, after 4 hours, Rosetown Detachment edged out Biggar Detachment.

An estimated \$6,000 was raised for the Kinsmen's Telemiracle project.

Everyone involved felt that the event was a success.

*submitted by Csts. F. P. Kennedy  
and W. M. Eubank*

**VETERANS** The following slate of officers was elected for 1984: president — Barry B. Weafer; past president — John J. Hodgson; first vice-president — Thomas E. Andrew; second vice-president — Stanley A. Martin; third vice-president — Jim Gray; secretary-treasurer — C. J. W. Chester; assistant secretary-treasurer — Leonard Patterson. The following members of "F" Division, Veterans' Association, Regina, were appointed to Life Membership in the Association: Albert G. Warminger, Glen E. Elphick, Morton Sharpe, George Dodd, John L. Brough, David C. Slinn, Robert Stokes, John Cuthbert, George Butts, Alan Skelley, Kenneth Bradshaw, Gordon Milnes, William Riach, James Wilson and Charles MacBean. Comrade Miner informed the meeting that former members of the Force would hold a luncheon gathering in the Lancaster Lounge at the Royal Canadian Legion on the last Friday of each month and would extend an invitation to all members of the division to attend. He stated that at the last gathering on October 28 that 13 members attended. Cst. Donald Andrew Todd, Reg. No. 17718, of Regina was accepted for membership.



**Saskatchewan Police Provincial Golf Tournament winners, (L-R) Cpl. Terry Grimm and S/Sgt. Bob Hemsworth.**

**BROADVIEW DETACHMENT** Last fall Broadview Detachment donated \$427, the proceeds of their annual golf tournament, to the Broadview Union Hospital for the purchase of a Britax Handicapped Child's Car Seat required to transport a multiple-handicapped boy to school each day.

## "H" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Halifax, N.S.)

**MARRIAGES** Reg. No. 23533, Cst. D. M. Martin to Ann Veinotte, on November 12, 1983, at Amherst, N.S.

Reg. No. S/1430, S/Cst. M. T. Melenchuk to Vernon Thornton, on September 30, 1983, at Halifax, N.S.

Reg. No. 25766, Cpl. D. M. Rowat to Janice Smith, on October 22, 1983, at Bedford, N.S.

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. S/0658, S/Cst. D. P. Church and his wife Bonnie, a son, Nicholas Andrew, on March 2, 1983.

To Reg. No. 30868, Cst. R. L. Singer and his wife Anne, a daughter, Maura, on July 21, 1982.

To Reg. No. 33006, Cst. T. E. F. Fitzpatrick and his wife, Debra, a daughter, Melissa Dawn, on November 26, 1983.

To Reg. No. 34141, Cst. W. T. B. Whillans and his wife Jacqueline, a son, William, on March 9, 1981, and a son, Jeffrey Alan, on April 24, 1983.

To Reg. No. S/1351, S/Cst. L. S. C. Meldrum and his wife Darlene, a daughter, Lindsay Suzanne, on September 3, 1983.

To Reg. No. 30197, Cst. A. J. Thebault and his wife Glenna, a son, Michael Curtis, on June 12, 1982.

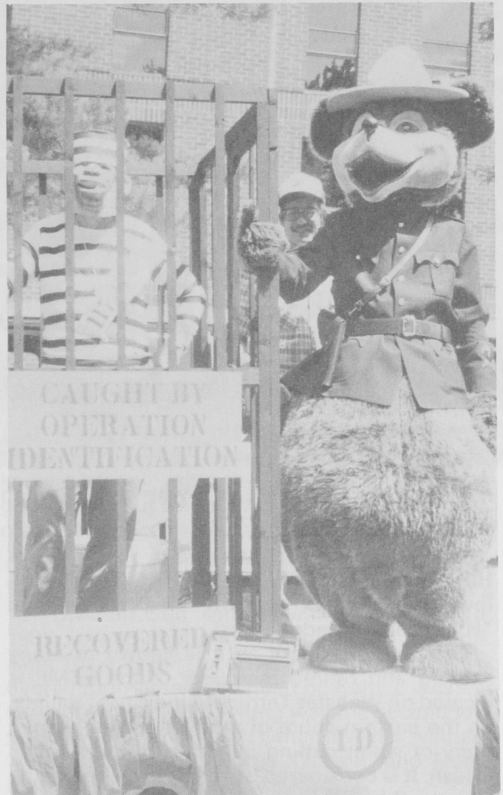
To Reg. No. 31330, Cst. G. B. Barrett and his wife Virginia, a son, Paul, on August 7, 1983.

To Reg. No. 30811, Cst. J. D. Hine and his wife Patsy-Abbe, a son, Christopher Ross, on September 13, 1983.

To Reg. No. 34294, Cst. J. L. Y. D. Beauchesne and his wife Patricia, a son, Jean-Marc Joseph, on December 3, 1983.

**BASEBALL** In June of 1983, Cst. Joe Ryan and I volunteered to coach for the mosquito division of the Port Hawkesbury Minor Baseball League. About 100 boys and girls registered in this division. The selection of players took several hours and after some heavy wheeling and dealing, the teams were finally in place. Prior to playing any games a series of practice sessions were held. Needless to say, we weren't too impressed or optimistic after our first couple of hours practice, especially when we discovered that some of the children had never caught a baseball or swung a bat before. It was obvious that the basic fundamentals would be our primary concern.

When we started regular season play, however, the children showed us that hard work and perseverance could win ball games, and win



Operation Identification was the theme of Bridgewater Detachment's float in the South Shore Exhibition Parade, July 26, 1983. Dressed as a prisoner is Wendell Croft and as a Safety Bear is Cst. Gerry Swain.

they did. We were halfway through the season before we lost our first game — our only loss for the regular schedule. We finished with an 11-1 record. The play-offs were a double knockout affair. Our play-off record was 3 wins and 2 losses. We had to settle for second place after losing in the final game.

Finishing with a 14-3 win-loss record as well as having six of our boys selected to play on the League All-Star Team was a fitting finish to a very enjoyable season.

*submitted by Cpl. R. G. Wagg*





Thornvale as it was in 1951 when it was first taken over by the RCMP.

**HISTORY OF THORNVALE BARRACKS** The following information was obtained from files at "H" Division Headquarters.

Thornvale Barracks as it is known to many serving and retired members of the RCMP is located on Webster Terrace in the city of Halifax, on the eastern shore of the North West Arm, a body of water cutting inland from the Atlantic Ocean. It is considered by many to be one of the finest residential areas in the metropolitan Halifax area and is surrounded by stately mansions, yacht clubs and recreation areas.

The land now comprising Thornvale was originally part of an estate granted to the late William Pryor in 1845. It was one of the finest and most improved properties on the North West Arm. Subsequently it was the rural retreat of Thomas L. Connolly, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Halifax, who was a powerful advocate of the confederation of the North American Provinces and helped to bring about the Act of 1867. Archbishop Connolly sold the property to the late T. E. Kenny, a member of the mercantile house of T.N.E. Kenny with a branch in London, England, and involved in foreign shipping. He was also the president of the Royal Bank of Canada, formerly the Merchants' Bank of Halifax. After many years of occupancy by the Kenny family

the property was sold to the late William M. P. Webster, china merchant, of Halifax, N.S., who with his heirs and survivors resided in or owned it until 1951 when it was purchased by the Federal Government of Canada as a residence for single personnel of the RCMP stationed in Halifax.

It was during the years 1951 to 1975 that Thornvale became well known to members of the Force many of whom resided in it for various periods of time. In 1975, after "H" Division Headquarters was moved to the new building at 3139 Oxford Street, Halifax, Thornvale was turned over to the Department of Public Works who used it as a convention and training center until the present time. After eight years in the new headquarters building, however, "H" Division Headquarters found itself faced with a critical shortage of accommodations. The Force therefore acquired Thornvale until such time as a new Halifax Sub-Division Building is constructed, probably within five years.

The officer i/c Administration and Personnel and his staff relocated to Thornvale on October 3, 1983. Prior to relocating most of the staff had reservations about the move but now after having had several months' exposure to Thornvale, all concerned find it a very pleasant and comfortable place to work.



## LETTER OF APPRECIATION

To The Royal Canadian Mounted Police

*We as human beings take so much for granted: the air we breathe, the water we drink and most of all our freedom and protection. I wonder how many of us ever consider how grateful and how much we should appreciate our policemen and the R.C.M. Police.*

*Last Xmas the Windsor RCMP worked hard and tireless fixing broken toys, sponsoring walk-a-thons and sales, and raising thousands of dollars for needy families. This act of kindness was beyond their call of duty. I am sure it was a pleasure and privilege for them, to take part in planning some child's life and happiness for Xmas. Their love, caring, sharing and friendship*

*is a fine Christian example and the true Xmas spirit.*

*Recently in Hants County several senior citizens were robbed of money and jewellery. These robbers were wanted in several provinces across Canada. It was our own Windsor RCMP who captured and arrested them.*

*We as private citizens should be very proud of our policemen and RCMP for their dedication and protection of you and I, night and day. It is our duty to respect, cooperate and help the police whenever called upon. Success is only accomplished when we all work together.*

*Yours truly,  
Mrs. Veta D. McNeille*

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## "J" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Fredericton, N.B.)

**MARRIAGES** Reg. No. 37146, Cst. J. D. Anthony to Wendy Hickey, on July 9, 1983, at North Sydney, N.S.

Reg. No. 36306, Cst. P. E. McDonell to Beverly Losier, on July 16, 1983, at Tracadie, N.B.

Reg. No. 36750, Cst. J. A. S. Berthiaume to Line Rolland, on September 3, 1983, at Laval, Que.

Reg. No. 36294, Cst. J. P. R. Tessier to Angela Waite, on September 10, 1983, at St. Andrews, N.B.

Reg. No. 30335, Cst. J. M. Deveau to Nicole Roy, on September 17, 1983, at Shediac, N.B.

Reg. No. 35579, Cst. P. J. Cole to Bernise Savoy, on October 7, 1983, at Bathurst, N.B.

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 35578, Cst. and Mrs. W. A. Lang, a daughter, Amber Kristin, on May 5, 1981, at Grand Falls, N.B.

To Reg. No. 29100, Cpl. and Mrs. J. D. B. Hudon, a son, Jonathan David, on September 29, 1981, at Bathurst, N.B.

To Reg. No. 32996, Cst. and Mrs. T. G. Spink, a son, Thomas, on February 26, 1981, and a son, Travis, on October 13, 1983, both at Buctouche, N.B.

To Reg. No. 37439, Cst. and Mrs. J. F. D. Tardif, a son, Darren Joseph Florent, on June 21, 1982, at Florenceville, N.B.

To Reg. No. 25087, Cpl. and Mrs. J. E. Hoffman, a son, Christopher Douglas Eugene, on August 11, 1982, at St. Stephen, N.B.

To Reg. No. 30062, Cst. and Mrs. G. F. Saunders, a son, Michael, on November 16, 1982, at Campbellton, N.B.

To Reg. No. 30178, Cst. and Mrs. R. J. Theriault, a son, Sylvain, on November 29, 1982, at Campbellton, N.B.

To Reg. No. 32512, Cst. R. E. H. F. Northrup and his wife Reg. No. 33119, Cst. H. C. M. Northrup, a

son, Brock Andrew Richard, on April 19, 1983, at Minto, N.B.

**VETERANS** The 60th Annual General Meeting is to be held in Fredericton, N.B., on the 8th, 9th and 10th of June, 1984. Members who have attended previous annual general meetings know how enjoyable they are, not only for the good times but also for the opportunity to meet old friends once more and to talk over old times.

**GOLF** The beautiful Algonquin Golf Course at St. Andrews, N.B., was the home of this year's "J" Division Golf Tournament. September 10, 1983, saw 85 members and their guests tee off. After 18 holes Bill Durocher carded a 74 to be the overall tournament winner. Luc Bolduc was the low net winner. Al Dowling was the second low gross winner with a 77. Other low net winners were Eric Souley, George Watson, and Norm Mazzerolle.

Fredericton Sub-Division posted a 12-stroke victory over their closest competitors, Grand Falls Sub-Division, in the annual sub-division team competition. This year's team members were: Al (Ace) Dowling, Cy Doucette, Eric Souley, and Ross (Sandbagger) Hills.

After the prizes were awarded the competitors retired to a meal of barbecued steaks with all the trimmings.

*submitted by Cst. R. W. Hills*

**PRESENTATIONS** The following people were presented Long Service Medals. Bronze clasp and star: Insp. G. H. Gregory, O.I.C. "J" Division F.S.S.; Insp. R. H. Waller, O.C. Fredericton Sub-Division; Sgt. W. J. MacLellan, NCO i/c Division Crime Index Section; Sgt. M. L. Lutz, NCO i/c Doaktown Detachment; Sgt. R. B. Lutes, NCO i/c Sackville Detachment; and Cpl. R. G. Winters,

Oromocto Detachment. Gold clasp and star;  
Supt. G. E. Reid, (Rtd.), O.I.C. "J" Division C.I.B.

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Cst. F. G. Saunders, Campbellton Detachment, N.B., and Cst. P. A. Marsh, Neguac Detachment, N.B., were presented Commanding Officer's Commendations. Cst. Saunders displayed courage and restraint under extreme duress when dealing with an armed and dangerous man on August 17, 1982, at Hillside Street in Campbellton, N.B. Cst. Marsh brought credit to himself and to the RCMP by not using the ultimate amount of force when disarming and arresting a man on May 3, 1983, at Burnt Church Reservation, Northumberland County, N.B.

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The Canadian Police College Certificate was presented to Cpl. N. R. Hooper, Fredericton Commercial Crime, for having successfully completed continuing education courses related to the police profession on his own initiative and time.

**Front row (L-R): Supt. G. E. Reid, Cpl. R. G. Winters, Sgt. R. B. Lutes, Sgt. M. L. Lutz, Sgt. W. J. MacLellan, Insp. R. H. Waller, Insp. G. H. Gregory. Back row: Mr. Douglas Wallace, Cst. E. P. George, Cst. J. R. D. Houle, Cst. J. R. J. Garneau, Cpl. N. R. Hooper, Cst. P. A. Marsh and Cst. F. G. Saunders.**



## "K" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Edmonton, Alta.)

**MARRIAGES** Reg. No. 37067, Cst. G. M. Ritchie to Cynthia Penner, on June 23, 1983, at Calgary, Alta.

Reg. No. 32924, Cst. R. P. Cornelssen to Debbie

Anderson, on August 20, 1983, at Taber, Alta.

Reg. No. S/2384, S/Cst. D. R. Marshinew to Karen Henderson, on August 27, 1983, at Melville, Sask.

Reg. No. 37790, Cst. K. P. Parent to Colleen Hooper, on August 6, 1983, at Windsor, Ontario.  
Reg. No. 37662, Cst. J. A. Y. Mainville to Giulia Masella, on July 23, 1983, at Montreal, Que.

Reg. No. 37374, Cst. R. D. Norum to Carla Wells, on August 27, 1983, at Burnaby, B.C.

Reg. No. 36457, Cst. C. B. Farnsworth to Joe-Anne Shaw, on October 1, 1983, at Crossfield, Alta.

Reg. No. 36425, Cst. G. W. Plustwa to Cynthia Marceniuk, on September 10, 1983, at Dauphin, Man.

Reg. No. 36420, Cst. R. F. Hora to Lorna Bast, on August 13, 1983, at Regina, Sask.

Reg. No. 36186, Cst. W. E. Steinwand to Patricia Gilbert, on September 3, 1983, at Edmonton, Alta.

Reg. No. 36049, Cst. R. W. Laird to Wendy Hainer, on August 6, 1983, at Calgary, Alta.

Reg. No. 35905, Cst. E. J. Pasetka to Mary Mruk, on September 3, 1983, at Mundare, Alta.

Reg. No. 31839, Cst. J. E. M. Giguere to Lyne Gregoire, on July 30, 1983, at Sherbrooke, Que.

Reg. No. 33173, Cst. D. P. Killam to Susan Gittens, on September 4, 1983, at Red Deer, Alta.

Reg. No. 36588, Cst. P. J. Garrett to Myrna Selfridge, on October 8, 1983, at Fort Macleod, Alta.

Reg. No. 36181, Cst. G. B. Koszegi to Anne-Marie Tocher, on September 17, 1983, at Hinton, Alta.

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 34834, Cst. D. Foote and his wife Dawn, a son, Michael, on May 14, 1979.

To Reg. No. 32225, Cst. H. T. Bray and his wife Diane, a daughter, Josalynn, on August 29, 1983.

To Reg. No. 31295, Cst. E. D. Porter and his wife Barbara, a son, William, on September 15, 1983.

To Reg. No. 33545, Cst. R. L. Archer and his wife Cynthia, a son, Scott, on September 22, 1983.

To Reg. No. 33348, Cst. D. T. Price and his wife Valerie, a son, Jeffrey, on October 23, 1983.

To Reg. No. 32474, Cst. D. R. Gray and his wife Patricia, a son, Christopher, on October 5, 1983.

To Reg. No. 30951, Cst. C. R. Kretz and his wife Ruth, a son, Kiel, on October 25, 1983.

To Reg. No. 29154, Cpl. D. W. Poag and his wife Maureen, a daughter, Jolene, on October 15, 1983.

To Reg. No. 27066, Cpl. M. P. Murch and his wife Jeanine, a daughter, Melissa, on October 6, 1983.

**REGIMENTAL BALL** The year 1983 was the 100th anniversary of the City of Medicine Hat, Alta., and also the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the first NWMP detachment at Medicine Hat. June 10, 1983, was designated the official birthday of the city. What better day to hold a regimental ball! Approximately 845 people attended the event, making it the largest formal function of its type ever held in Medicine Hat. A profit of \$3,000 was realized and donated to local

charities: \$1,125 to Medicine Hat District Hospital, \$625 to the Medicine Hat Library, \$625 to the Big Brothers, and \$625 to the Medicine Hat Lions Club. Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the event such a success.

*submitted by S/Sgt. A. C. Crier*

**Leading the Grand March at Medicine Hat's Regimental Ball last June 10, 1983, are (L-R) Mrs. Whyte, Supt. Y. E. J. Beaulieu, Mrs. Beaulieu and A/Commr. D. A. Whyte.**



**AWARDS TO PUBLIC SERVANTS** On October 14, 1983, Elsie Smale and Norma Whitford were presented with 25-year Public Service Awards by the C.O. at "K" Division Headquarters. Elsie Smale has served continuously with the Force in her current capacity within "K" Division Records Management Section. Norma Whitford has served with the Force for the past nineteen years, having previous service with the Department of National Defense.

*submitted by Cpl. D. J. Wenger*

**PRESENTATIONS** On December 1, 1983, an informal gathering was held at the Vermilion Detachment office to honour the services of three guards, John Bahry, Louis DeTourdonnet, and Mike Coma, whose total service equals 35 years. Each was presented with a plaque in the shape of the province of Alberta, decorated with a crest of the Force and a suitable inscription.

*submitted by Sgt. R. D. Hall*

**P.C.R.** Hailed as one of the largest public relations campaigns ever undertaken by a police detachment, Cardston Detachment's Lifeline project netted \$2,100 for the elderly and disabled. Members of the detachment financed a unique hat-sales project. Hats, bearing the Police Week Safety Bear in colour on a white patch background were manufactured at a price of \$4.25 per hat and sold for \$6 per hat. Proceeds were donated to Lifeline, a personal emergency response system to help elderly or disabled people maintain their independence.

## "L" DIVISION

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

**PRESENTATIONS** Lieutenant Governor J. A. Doiron presented the silver clasp to Insp. E. F. Hamilton, "L" Division C.I.B. O.C. and to C/Supt. R. M. Culligan, Commanding Officer of "L" Division at Government House in Charlottetown on August 17, 1983.

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Cst. Sarah MacLean of Sherwood/Parkdale Detachment received the Saint John Ambulance Meritorious Life Saving Certificate from Lieutenant Governor J. A. Doiron, Vice-Prior of the Prince Edward Island Council of Saint John Ambulance at Government House, Charlottetown, on August 17, 1983. Cst. Gary Hilton, "L" Division F.I.S. also received a life-saving award and Cst. George Wright was presented a Priory Vote of Thanks for his efforts and contributions to the Saint John Ambulance.



Lieutenant Governor J. A. Doiron cuts the ribbon to officially open the new wing of "L" Division Headquarters on June 24, 1983. The additional 9,000 sq. ft. will provide 14 offices and exhibit, interview, training and storage rooms, as well as an equipped exercise area.



Lieutenant Governor J. A. Doiron presenting Cst. Sarah MacLean the Saint John Ambulance Meritorious Life Saving Certificate.



Lieutenant Governor J. A. Doiron and Insp. E. F. Hamilton at the Long Service Award presentation.



## "M" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Whitehorse, Y.T.)

**GOLDEN EYEBALL AWARD** Cst. Ian MacDonald of Whitehorse Detachment was presented the Golden Eyeball Award by S/Sgt. B. N. Singer on behalf of Lt. Col. Doug Stuart, the C.O. of 442 Squadron, for being the first to locate a downed aircraft while assisting Canadian Armed Forces personnel in a search-and-rescue operation.

Whitehorse Detachment requested assistance from Canadian Armed Forces based at Comox, B.C., in the search for a downed ultra-light aircraft. RCMP members, Csts. Reg Reinhardt, Ian MacDonald and Helmer Hermanson, and S/S/ Cst. Greg Tramley, aided the crew of the Canadian Armed Forces Buffalo aircraft by acting as spotters.

Cst. MacDonald was in the spotter's position on the left rear of the aircraft when he noticed wreckage about one mile from the ultra-light's point of takeoff. He informed the aircrew and the Buffalo made several more passes over the site to determine if the wreckage was that of the missing ultra-light. The aircraft's light frame construction, and almost transparent wing surfaces as well as heavy bush made it very difficult to spot from the air and the Armed Forces crew was pleased and surprised to locate the downed aircraft so soon into the search. Several more passes over the wreck failed to reveal any sign of movement or life. In order to determine the condition of the downed pilot as soon as possible, two search-and-rescue techs parachuted from the Buffalo at a height of 1,500 feet. The body of the pilot was located within the wreckage.

Cst. Ian MacDonald with his Golden Eyeball Award.



## "N" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Rockcliffe, Ont.)

**MARATHON SWIMMING** Cpl. Raymond Cusson of the Canadian Police College and Director Gilles Potvin, Chief of Police in Rimouski, Quebec, had a busy summer. Both of them coached swimmers on the amateur and professional circuits in long distance swimming. Raymond coached Suzanne Tremblay, an 18-year-old student from Chicoutimi, Quebec, who participated in seven marathons and placed first in the women's category in six of them, including the famous Lake St. Jean swim. Suzanne crossed the 32-km distance in 9 hours 14 minutes and was the first Canadian woman to touch shore. As a result of her performance on the amateur circuit, Suzanne was awarded the title of "Best Female Marathon Swimmer for the 1983 Summer" by the Quebec Swimming Federation. In

addition, she was invited to participate in three marathons sponsored by the Egyptian Swimming Federation. Raymond is now preparing Suzanne for the 1984 season, where the main objectives are the Lake St. Jean swim and the crossing of Lake Memphremagog (41 km) in the eastern township of Quebec.

Mr. Gilles Potvin coached Robert Lachance who is the current Canadian champion at the professional level. Lachance, a 25-year-old student from Ste. Foy, Quebec, won the 1982 Lake St. Jean crossing and participated last summer in the Atlantic City marathon, the Lake Memphremagog crossing, and Lake St. Jean. He also participated in the three marathons in Egypt with Suzanne, where he placed in the top five in the world.

The Canadian Police College and the Rimouski Municipal Police Force are proud to be associated with elite Canadian swimmers and will continue their support in order for Canada to be well represented during international competitions.

*submitted by Susan Galloway*

### ONE-THIRD OF SQUAD SURVIVES 31 YEARS

On Tuesday, December 13, 1983, six members of "C"/99 Squad met at the Canadian Police College, "N" Division, to reminisce about the group that assembled on the very same "N" Division grounds 31 years ago. These members were: Wayne (Boots) Boutilier, Ken McEwen, Ron McIntyre, Maurice Thibeault, H. B. (Hank) Weys, and Elmer (E.T.) Zwicker.

Of the 30 original members of our troop, 10 members are still serving, 10 have retired to pension and 10 left the Force prior to reaching pensionable service. We feel that a reunion of six serving members from a squad dating back 31 years may well be a record and the challenge is now being issued to determine if any other group can equal this feat. Until the editor of *the Quarterly* is advised of a better record, the supremacy of "C"/99 Squad will stand!

*submitted by A/Commr. E. T. Zwicker*

**BAND PLAYS FOR SICK KIDS** One gloomy day in November 1983, the RCMP Band brought a little sunshine (and music) into the lives of the kids at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario in Ottawa. The Band members presented three large stuffed Mountie bears to Brenda Shoemaker, chairman of the hospital board, who in turn passed them over to the children. It was a joyful occasion for the kids... and for us too. One little boy who sat on the drum stand was blind as well as crippled, but he had a "ball."



**Two members of the RCMP Band, (L-R), Nelson McClinton and Mario Gilbert, introduce a patient of the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario to Frankie the puppet during a performance at the hospital last November 1983.**

The three bears were purchased with the money raised from a raffle sponsored by the "N" Division Social Club last May.

*submitted by Garth Hampson*

## "O" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Toronto, Ont.)

**MARRIAGES** Reg. No. 33276, Cst. P. G. Burke to Debbie Perl, on October 1, 1983, at Toronto, Ont.

Reg. No. S/2038, S/Cst. R. W. Hudson to Jayne Mason, on October 1, 1983, at Claremont, Ont.

Reg. No. 32647, Cst. R. Carniato to Judith Bowman, on October 15, 1983, at Woodstock, Ont.

Reg. No. 29300, Cpl. S. A. Daley to Catherine Doyle, on November 11, 1983, at Port Severn, Ont.

Reg. No. 29874, Cpl. B. W. Luloff to Georgina English, on November 19, 1983, at London, Ont.

Reg. No. 27457, Cst. T. F. Baldwin to Reg. No. 37707, Cst. D. Roberge, on January 6, 1984, at Brampton, Ont.

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 34818, Cst. and Mrs. J. R. Filliter, a son, Kevin, on September 11, 1983.

To Reg. No. 36374, Cst. and Mrs. T. R. Davies, a son, Sean, on September 27, 1983.

To Reg. No. 33028, Cst. and Mrs. K. L. Gibson, a son, Kevin, on August 4, 1983.

To Reg. No. 33437, Cst. and Mrs. T. G. Killam, a daughter, Miranda, on October 12, 1983.

To Reg. No. 30034, Cst. and Mrs. A. H. Elliott, a son, Andrew, on October 18, 1983.

To Reg. No. 29244, Cpl. and Mrs. B. A. McKinnon, a daughter, Jennifer, on October 19, 1983.

To Reg. No. 31679, Cst. and Mrs. D. M. Decker, a son, Zachary, on October 16, 1983.

To Reg. No. 32400, Cst. and Mr. L. M. T. Tilbrook, a son, Warren, on June 6, 1983.

To Reg. No. 33556, Cst. and Mrs. A. H. Sudds, a daughter, Lindsay, on October 14, 1983.

To Reg. No. 27011, Cpl. and Mrs. K. C. Wood, a son, Christopher, on April 17, 1982.

To Reg. No. 29844, Cpl. and Mrs. G. D. Jenion, a daughter, Shanna, on November 16, 1983.

**PRESIDENTS' PLAQUE** On October 12, 1983, the sergeants' mess unveiled a plaque honoring all the presidents of the mess since its inception in 1941. The plaque is on display in the front entrance of the mess.

The oldest living past president residing in this area, Walter E. Lee, and Assistant Commissioner F. A. Howe, Commanding Officer "O" Division, were on hand for the event. Asst. Commr. Howe said of the plaque, "[it] is a reflection of the integrity, commitment and loyalty that this Force has always expected and received from the senior NCO's in the Force. It simply says an awful lot so I just want to offer my congratulations to all of you."

Sgt. Roger Rawluk, Mess President for 1983, remarked, "I am honored to be included in this most illustrious group and I am sure that future sergeants' mess presidents will endeavour to uphold that tradition of commitment and integrity which is reflected in this plaque."

*submitted by Sgt. R. T. Rawluk*

**PRESENTATIONS** On Wednesday, November 23, 1983, Long Service Medals were presented to Sgt. H. E. Young, Sgt. L. T. T. Keighley and Sgt. C. A. Stewart in the "O" Division Headquarters gymnasium.

Mrs. L. E. Dawson, "O" Division Food Services officer was also presented with a Long Service Award.

Cpl. P. J. MacQueen of Kitchener Detachment was presented with a Commanding Officer's Commendation for his act of bravery in saving the life of Kitchener/Waterloo Police Cst. Crozier in March 1982.

S/Cst. E. Destefano of Toronto Drug Section was presented with a Commissioner's Commendation for her work in an undercover capacity in penetrating a Hong Kong based international heroin trafficking organization.

A reception was held in the Sgts.' Mess following the presentation.

*submitted by Anne Coles*

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On December 16, 1982, members of the Hamilton Detachment assembled for a special presentation. Cpl. W. J. Code of Hamilton Detachment presented an RCMP plaque on behalf of the Force to his father, Ontario Provincial Police Supt. G. E. Code, upon his retirement from the OPP on December 31, 1982. The plaque signified the close working relationship and cooperation existing between the RCMP and OPP which Supt. Code so aptly exemplified.

*submitted by Cpl. W. J. Code*

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On August 31, 1983, at Toronto, Ont., Mrs. Elaine Dunk was presented with an engraved clock for the extensive work she did on behalf of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police Drug Abuse Committee. Mrs. Dunk, as secretary to C/Supt. D. H. Heaton, O.I.C. Criminal Operations, "O" Division, did a major portion of the typing and all of the evaluation work during the period that C/Supt. Heaton was Chairman of the Drug Abuse Committee.

*submitted by C/Supt. D. Heaton*

**RETIREMENT** On October 21, 1983, a get-together was held in the "O" Division training room to honour Mrs. Hilda White, supervisor, Sub-Records. Mrs. White retired after serving 18 years with the RCMP. A/Commr. F. A. Howe, Commanding Officer "O" Division presented Mrs. White with a framed certificate signed by the prime minister. Supt. D. L. Coates, O.I.C. Administration and Personnel presented her with a crystal bowl from the Toronto Social Club and Mrs. M. Demone, president of the local union executive presented her with a bouquet of flowers. Many guests were on hand to wish Mrs. White and her husband the best of luck.

*submitted by Anne Coles*

S/Cst. E. Destefano is presented a Commissioner's Commendation by A/Commr. F. A. Howe for performing in an exemplary and highly professional manner while serving in an undercover capacity in South East Asia and Europe.



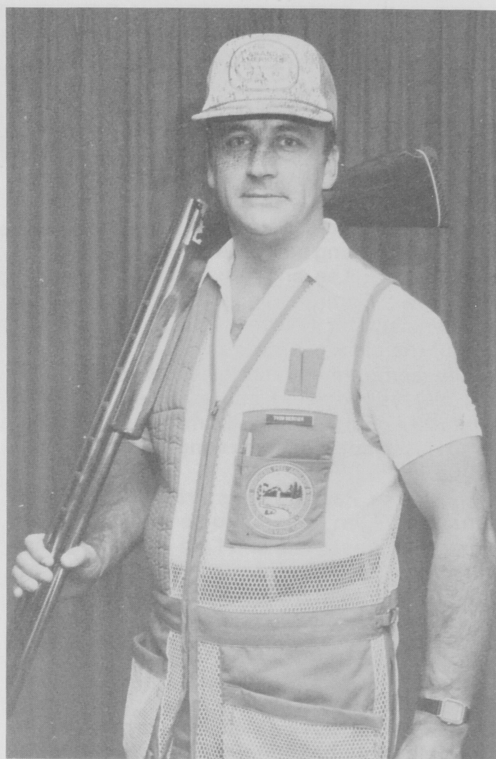
**SURPRISE ENDING** Several years ago, members of Kitchener Detachment Drugs visited a house in Guelph, Ont.

They found not only human occupants but, to their surprise, an 18-foot, 300-pound boa constrictor. The owner, who raised "Nessie" from a baby over an 11-year period said that she had the run of the house and the backyard.

There is no doubt that this search will remain as a vivid memory to all members of that section, especially to the member who found Nessie unattended under a bed in the basement. Right Mike?

*submitted by Cst. Sandy MacKinnon*

**All in a day's work!**



**Cpl. Y. Mercier: first for Canada.**

**FIRST PLACE** Cpl. Mercier, Division Recruiting NCO and Official Languages Coordinator, finished first for Canada with a score of 98/100 at the Grand American Trapshooting Tournament held every year in Vandalia, Ohio. Cpl. Mercier has been a member of the Amateur Trapshooting Association's circuit for the past few years. Last summer he was the Ontario zone championship winner, as well as a member of the Ontario five-man winning team.

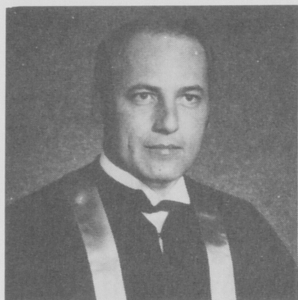
## **SECURITY SERVICE**

(Headquarters — Ottawa, Ont.)

**BIRTH** To Reg. No. 32652, Cst. Robert R. Burgoyne and his wife Patricia, a daughter, Brigitte Marie, on October 28, 1983, at Ottawa, Ont.



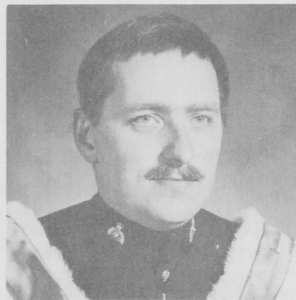
# University Graduates



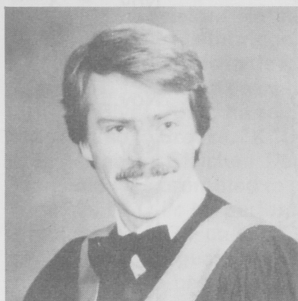
On May 19, 1983, Sgt. R. J. (Bob) Embury graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a Bachelor of Law degree.



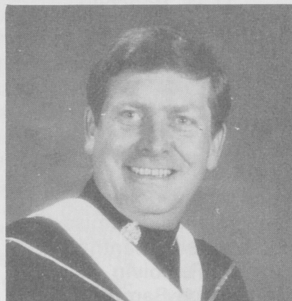
In June, 1983, S/Cst. Sharron Fleming graduated from the University of Toronto, Toronto, Ont., with a Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in sociology.



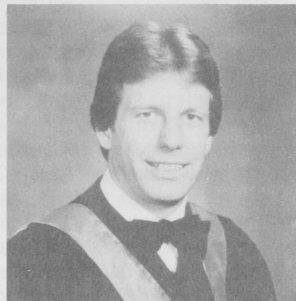
In May 1983, Cst. I. J. Hiscock graduated from Memorial University of Newfoundland with a Bachelor of Arts degree in education.



On May 27, 1983, Cpl. D. J. Doug Nash received his Bachelor of Administration degree from the University of Regina.



In November 1982, Cpl. Rick Peacock graduated from Carleton University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in law.



On May 27, 1983, Cpl. R. F. Ross Smith received the Degree of Bachelor of Administration with distinction, and the Certificate of Computer Science from the University of Regina.

The following members also completed their degrees during 1981 to 1983

Rank	Name	Degree	University
Sgt.	D. P. Alderson	B.A.	Simon Fraser
Cpl.	P. Banks	B.Sc. Metal	Alberta
Sgt.	D. L. Bishop	Barr & Solic	Nova Scotia
C/M	R. B. Colpitts	B.Sc.	New Brunswick
C/M	J. E. L. Desjardins	B.Sc.	Ottawa
Cpl.	D. G. Fielder	B.A.	Laurentian
Cst.	P. J. Lund	B.A.	USA
C/M	G. S. Purdy	M.A.	Toronto

# Retirements

The following members of the Force retired to pension during the period  
September 5, 1983 to January 16, 1984

Reg. No.	Rank	Name	Div.	Date
21517	S/Sgt.	L. M. Earle	SS	Sept. 30
19198	S/Sgt.	G. W. Faris	HQ	Sept. 30
20167	S/Sgt.	L. F. S. Holotuk	E	Oct. 1
0.0676	C/Supt.	J. H. G. Maidens	E	Oct. 3
23096	Cpl.	J. A. Alford	O	Oct. 4
C/0171	C/M	H. G. Thompson	E	Oct. 7
S/0606	S/Cst.	J. W. L. Ouellette	HQ	Oct. 12
C/1261	C/M	P. L. Newman	HQ	Oct. 16
22508	S/Sgt.	A. V. Whitson	C	Oct. 16
19394	S/Sgt.	A. D. Hunt	B	Oct. 17
0.0917	Insp.	D. C. Imrie	D	Oct. 18
17949	Sgt.	J. M. Hilash	SS	Oct. 19
22872	Sgt.	G. L. Haslam	SS	Oct. 25
17474	S/Sgt.	B. C. Hawkins	D	Oct. 29
19264	S/Sgt.	S. E. Cherkas	SS	Oct. 31
21073	Sgt.	J. A. Riddle	E	Oct. 31
22156	Sgt.	J. P. A. Bédard	C	Oct. 31
21139	Sgt.	R. J. Couplier	SS	Nov. 1
S/2766	S/Cst.	D. W. Ironchild	F	Nov. 3
S/2326	S/Cst.	S. Noskey	K	Nov. 4
S/2129	S/Cst.	B. Pokue	B	Nov. 7
S/1918	S/Cst.	R. L. Baker	M	Nov. 11
20754	S/Sgt.	E. D. Flynn	D	Nov. 12
C/0049	C/M	J. P. Z. Gagnon	HQ	Nov. 18
S/0976	S/Cst.	J. H. Potvin	HQ	Nov. 19
20521	Sgt.	J. H. Arnold	F	Nov. 20
20864	Sgt.	P. C. Dooley	H	Nov. 21
22539	S/Sgt.	J. F. Middlemiss	SS	Nov. 21
0.0666	A/Commr.	J. L. P. Mantha	C	Nov. 22
C/0808	C/M	K. R. Boivin	HQ	Nov. 22
21753	Sgt.	W. A. Bamford	O	Nov. 25
21957	Sgt.	L. G. Chivers	F	Nov. 30
S/0994	S/Cst.	C. F. J. Lancefield	O	Dec. 3
S/0991	S/Cst.	G. W. Deitz	O	Dec. 3
S/0035	S/Cst.	D. P. McNab	HQ	Dec. 5
S/0520	S/Cst.	J. A. G. Boisclair	HQ	Dec. 12
21602	S/Sgt.	J. H. Hossfeld	D	Dec. 23
S/0419	S/Cst.	P. Ediger	K	Dec. 31
S/2295	S/Cst.	R. G. Linklater	D	Dec. 31
23700	Sgt.	J. N. Ogden	F	Jan. 2
21202	Sgt.	R. S. Zackodrik	F	Jan. 2
18509	Sgt.	R. F. Porter	F	Jan. 2
C/0251	C/M	F. J. Merritt	HQ	Jan. 3
0.0763	Supt.	A. C. Wilson	E	Jan. 3
S/0385	S/Cst.	C. F. Stevens	K	Jan. 3
19715	S/Sgt.	J. G. E. Deslauriers	A	Jan. 3
S/2686	S/Cst.	M. M. Tuckanow	F	Jan. 4
23115	Cpl.	L. M. Watt	B	Jan. 7
22787	Sgt.	P. W. J. Meikle	SS	Jan. 7
0.0577	Supt.	J. G. Long	SS	Jan. 9
S/2516	S/Cst.	C. W. Yellowknee	K	Jan. 9
0.0549	D/Commr.	D. J. Beiersdorfer	HQ	Jan. 10
C/0249	C/M	E. Saumure	HQ	Jan. 13
16704	Sgt.	J. Sonnenberg	SS	Jan. 13
20998	S/Sgt.	S. C. Anderson	E	Jan. 16

# Obituaries

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

**ASHBY** Reg. No. 10224, ex-S/Sgt. Denzil Greensted Ashby, 80, died on July 16, 1983, in British Columbia. He was born on August 9, 1902, at Southfleet, England, and joined the RCMP on July 21, 1926, at Ottawa, Ont. Following recruit training at Depot Division he was posted to Pun-nichy, "K" Division. He served in Edmonton, Field, Banff and Lethbridge Detachments, all in "K" Division, before leaving the Force on March 31, 1930. Two years later on April 1, 1932, at High River, Alta., he rejoined the RCMP and was posted to Brooks, "K" Division. He was later transferred to Gleichen Detachment, "K" Division, and was promoted to corporal at the same time. As NCO i/c he performed general detachment duties at Gleichen for several years, being promoted to sergeant on November 1, 1942. He then served as patrol sergeant at Calgary Sub-Division Headquarters. Following this posting he worked as NCO i/c Medicine Hat Detachment. On November 1, 1949, he transferred to Victoria, "E" Division. On May 1, 1950, he was promoted to staff sergeant. He retired from the Force on October 31, 1955.

**BARZAGLI** Reg. No. C/660, C/M Marino Pietro Barzagli, 52, died on June 8, 1983, in Firenze, Italy. He was born on March 3, 1931, in Yugoslavia, and joined the RCMP on June 11, 1969. His entire service was spent in Montreal, "C" Division, as a translator.

**BEYNON** Reg. No. 15880, ex-Cst. Herbert Gordon Beynon, 52, died on December 8, 1983, at Richmond, B.C. He was born on March 22, 1931, at Winnipeg, Man., and joined the RCMP on August 19, 1949, in the same city. Following recruit training at Depot Division, he was posted to North Battleford Detachment, "F" Division. He served in Unity, Radisson, Mayfair and Lloyd-

minster in the same division before being posted to HQ Division on May 12, 1953. He left the Force on October 12, 1954.

**BOURGOIN** Reg. No. 28498, Cst. Richard Allan Bourgoïn, 33, died on August 31, 1983, at Piapot, Sask. He was born on April 28, 1950, at Vancouver, B.C., and joined the RCMP on October 26, 1970, at Burnaby, B.C. Following recruit training at Depot Division, he was posted to "F" Division where he served at Broadview, Southey, Blaine Lake, Uranium City, Fort Qu'Appelle and Swift Current.

**COOLEN** Reg. No. 12261, ex-Cst. Walter Verge Coolen, 76, died on November 30, 1983. He was born on May 16, 1907, at Lunenburg, N.S., and joined the RCMP on April 1, 1932, at Halifax, N.S. His entire service was spent in "H" Division aboard such vessels as the *Preventor*, *Scatarie*, *No. 4*, *Fleurdelis*, *Castor*, *Alachasse*, *Interceptor*, *French* and *MacBrien*, first as able seaman, then leading seaman and finally as boatswain. He left the Force on September 30, 1939, volunteering for military service during WW II; rejoining six years later on September 5, 1945. He resigned from the Force on September 30, 1948.

**CUNNINGHAM** Reg. No. 12883, ex-S/Sgt. Gerald Roy Cunningham, 69, died on August 15, 1983, at Calgary, Alta. He was born on February 17, 1914, at Salter, Sask., and joined the RCMP on September 1, 1937, at Regina, Sask. Following recruit training at Depot Division, he was posted to Edmonton Detachment, "K" Division, where he performed general detachment duties. He spent his entire career in "K" Division, mainly in Calgary and Edmonton, first in highway patrol work, then as NCO i/c Youth and Police Program. For the last four years of his service he was division traffic coordinator. On May 1, 1950, he was promoted to corporal; on May 1, 1955, to sergeant, and on November 1, 1958, to staff sergeant. He retired on November 30, 1959.

**DOUGLAS** Insp. Gordon John Douglas, (Rtd.), 72, died on October 12, 1983, at Arnprior, Ont. Born on November 1, 1910, at Stony Mountain, Man., he joined the Force as Reg. No. 12633 on June 26, 1935, at Winnipeg, Man., where he

underwent recruit training. In September 1935 he was transferred to "E" Division HQ, where he trained at Fairmont Barracks while serving in the Mounted Section. In July 1938 he was posted to "K" Division, Edmonton Sub-Division, on general detachment duties. In July 1940 he was transferred to "A" Division as C.I.B. reader. He was appointed to the rank of corporal on November 1, 1943. In October 1946 he was transferred to HQ Sub-Division, Special Branch. He was promoted to sergeant on May 1, 1948, and was appointed NCO i/c Communist Section. In June 1953 he was posted to "K" Division HQ and served as chief clerk, Special Section. He was promoted to staff sergeant on November 1, 1955, and was made i/c Security and Intelligence Branch. On April 1, 1960, he was appointed sub-inspector, and in July of that year, he was transferred to "D" Division HQ, where he took over the duties of O.I.C. Security and Intelligence Branch. On April 1, 1962, he was appointed inspector. In September 1965 he was transferred to the Directorate of Security and Intelligence at HQ Ottawa. In July 1967 he was posted to "J" Division HQ as duty officer. Before retiring to pension on June 25, 1970, he had been awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, gold clasp and star.

**ESTEY** Reg. No. 16718, ex-Cst. Malcolm Franklin Estey, 51, died on December 17, 1982, at Truro, N.S. Born at Centerville, N.B., on December 30, 1931, he joined the RCMP on November 1, 1950, at Fredericton, N.B. Following recruit training at Depot and "N" Divisions he was posted to "H" Division where he served at Halifax, Lunenburg, Shelburne and Liverpool. He was then transferred to "B" Division, St. John's Headquarters. He left the Force the following year on October 31, 1955.

**FERRIER** Reg. No. 20277, ex-S/Sgt. John Stuart Ferrier, 46, died on October 19, 1983, at Regina, Sask. He was born at Saskatoon, Sask., on January 5, 1937, and joined the RCMP on November 27, 1957, at Saskatoon. Following recruit training at Depot Division, he was posted to "D" Division, where he spent the rest of his career. He served in Winnipeg, Gimli, Carman, Arborg, Fort Churchill, Wasagaming and St. Pierre Detachments. On May 1, 1978, he was elected staff relations representative. He was promoted to corporal on May 1, 1968; sergeant on February 1, 1975; and staff sergeant on May 1, 1979. On September 26, 1980, he was invalided to pension.

**GRAHAM** Reg. No. 9849, ex-Cst. John Graham, 81, died on August 18, 1983, at Lethbridge, Alta. He was born on April 14, 1902, in Wales and joined the RCMP on January 25, 1921, at Fort Macleod, Alta. His entire service was spent in

"K" Division. He left the Force on October 16, 1922, reengaged on November 27, 1939, and left again on November 26, 1941.

**GUENTHER** Reg. No. 11193, ex-Cpl. John Guenther, 76, died on July 16, 1983, at Exeter, Ontario. He was born on July 29, 1906, at Dashwood, Ont., and joined the RCMP on October 10, 1931, at Regina, Sask. Following recruit training at Depot Division, he was posted to Winnipeg, "D" Division, where he performed general police duties. Four years later he transferred to the Mounted Section. After two years with the Mounted Section he was posted to Halifax, "H" Division, where he worked in C.I.B. On May 15, 1941, he was appointed NCO i/c Lunenburg Detachment, "H" Division and shortly thereafter promoted to corporal. Nine years later he was transferred to Kentville Detachment, also in "H" Division, as NCO i/c. He retired from the Force on June 4, 1952.

**HINGE** Reg. No. 11785, ex-Cpl. John Hinge, 78, died on December 1, 1983, at Ottawa, Ont. He was born on July 1, 1905, at Chatham, England, and joined the RCMP on November 9, 1932, at Ottawa. Following recruit training at Depot Division, he was posted to Winnipeg, "D" Division. He was then transferred to "J" Division, and worked in Fredericton, Campbellton and St. John as a printer. On May 16, 1938, he left the Force and rejoined eight months later on January 26, 1939, in Ottawa. He served as a printer first with "A" Division, then with HQ Division until he retired on August 14, 1959. He had been appointed corporal on November 1, 1953.

**HUGET** Retired A/Commr. Albert Huget, 63, died on July 6, 1983, at Regina, Sask. He was born on March 12, 1920, at Tzchernaja, Poland, and joined the RCMP on April 25, 1938, at Regina, Sask., regimental number 13016. He took his recruit training at Depot Division and worked as a stenographer there until December 24, 1939, when he was transferred to "J" Division Headquarters. During the next several years he was transferred frequently. He spent one year at "J" Division Headquarters, one year at Depot Division, four years at Merritt Detachment, "E" Division, and then one year at each of Fort Smith, Providence and Simpson Detachments, all in "G" Division. On August 1, 1950, he was transferred to Richmond Detachment, "E" Division, and shortly thereafter was promoted to corporal. Three years later he was promoted to sergeant, and three years after that commissioned to sub-inspector. Six months following his commission he was transferred to "G" Division as officer commanding Aklavik Sub-Division. On February 1, 1958, he was promoted to inspector and on



November 1, 1959, he was transferred to HQ Division. He was then transferred to Fredericton, "J" Division, where he served for several years as divisional personnel officer before being appointed to command Moncton Sub-Division, "J" Division, on June 20, 1963. Three years later on February 21, 1966, he assumed the duties of O.I.C. C.I.B. for "G" Division at Headquarters in Ottawa. Shortly thereafter he was promoted to superintendent. On July 11, 1969, he was appointed C.O. "G" Division and two months later promoted to chief superintendent. He became director, Organization and Personnel, HQ Division, on August 1, 1970, and in September of the same year was promoted to the rank of assistant commissioner. He retired from the Force on April 24, 1973.

**HUNTER** Reg. No. S/1928, ex-S/Cst. Eric Joseph Hunter, 24, died on August 1, 1983, near Goodfish Lake, Alta. He was born on November 20, 1958, near Goodfish Lake and joined the RCMP on November 21, 1977, at Edmonton, Alta. Following Indian special constable training at Depot Division he was posted to St. Paul Detachment, "K" Division. He resigned from the Force three and a half years later on March 20, 1981.

**JEFFRIES** Reg. No. 12620, ex-Cst. Francis James Jeffries, 71, died on September 3, 1983, at North Bay, Ont. Born on July 26, 1912, at Regina, Sask., he joined the RCMP on June 24, 1935, at Regina. Upon completion of recruit training at Depot, he was posted to "K" Division, where he served on general police duties at Blairmore, Edmonton Headquarters and Edmonton Detachment. In March 1937, he returned to Depot to complete part two training, after which he was transferred to "A" Division Headquarters, Preventive Service. Between December 1937 and April 1938, he served at "N" Division in the Mounted Section. He then transferred back to "A" Division, North Bay Detachment, until December 1938, when he returned to "N" Division. He purchased his discharge from the Force on May 8, 1939. He re-engaged in the RCMP on October 3, 1942, at "O" Division, Toronto, where he was assigned to general investigation duties, C.I.B. In July, 1951, he was transferred to Fort Erie Detachment and served on general detachment duties. He was invalidated to pension on November 17, 1952.

**JOHNSON** Reg. No. 14138, ex-Cst. Gayle LeGrande Johnson, 64, died on September 23, 1983, at Lethbridge, Alta. He was born on October 14, 1918, at Aetna, Alta., and joined the RCMP on May 13, 1941, at Lethbridge, Alta. Following recruit training at Depot Division, he was posted to Toronto, "O" Division, where he worked as a

clerk in the QM section of the Interior Economy Branch. He then served in Fort Erie Detachment, "O" Division, and Selkirk Detachment, "D" Division, before leaving the Force on November 30, 1944.

**KIRK** Reg. No. 15228, ex-S/Sgt. Donald Webber Kirk, 55, died on October 26, 1983, at Lethbridge, Alta. Born on May 18, 1928, at St. Stephen, N.B., he joined the Force as a reserve special constable on February 1, 1947, at Fredericton, N.B. In September 1948, he was engaged as a third class constable. In between completion of Parts I and II recruit training at "N" Division, he was posted briefly to "L" Division. After recruit training he was posted to "K" Division, where he spent the rest of his service. He worked at Edmonton Sub-Division on highway patrol, then at Peace River and Slave Lake Detachments on general police duties. In March 1950 he was transferred to Peace River Sub-Division HQ, Ident. Branch, where he worked as file clerk and sub-division photographer. In February 1954 he was made i/c of Hardisty Detachment, Red Deer Sub-Division. In June 1959 he was posted to "K" Division HQ on provost duties in the Edmonton guardroom. In July 1961 he transferred to Lethbridge Sub-Division and was made i/c Pincher Creek Detachment. In September 1964 he was made i/c of Fort Macleod, where he remained until August 1968, at which time he became West Section NCO, Lethbridge Sub-Division. Before retiring to pension on May 1, 1972, he had been promoted to corporal in May 1959, to sergeant in November 1964 and to staff sergeant in October 1968. He had also been awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal.

**LAVOIE** Reg. No. 11502, ex-Cpl. Joseph Ignace Roméo Lavoie, 79, died on November 15, 1983, at Montreal, Que. He was born on September 1, 1904, and joined the RCMP on April 1, 1932, in Montreal. He worked as a carpenter at division headquarters, Montreal, until he retired on July 19, 1955. He was promoted to corporal on November 1, 1953.

**MacDONALD** Reg. No. S/1183, S/Cst. Wallace Archibald MacDonald, 79, died on November 10, 1983, at Halifax, N.S. He was born on August 3, 1904, at Pictou, N.S., and joined the RCMP on April 1, 1932, at Halifax, N.S., as a mess boy, being promoted to steward the following year. He spent his entire service in "H" Division as a steward on such boats as the *Fleurdelis*, *Bayhound*, *Laurier*, *C&M*, *Macleod*, *French* and *MacBrien*. On September 30, 1939, he left the Force to join the Canadian Naval Forces, returning to the RCMP on October 4, 1945, at the end of the war. He retired on March 31, 1960.

**MERRICK** Reg. No. S/9592, ex-S/Cst. William Joseph Merrick, 55, died on April 19, 1983. He was born on January 20, 1928, at Lethbridge, Alta., and joined the RCMP on May 16, 1947, in the same city. Following recruit training at Depot and "N" Divisions he was posted to Dauphin Detachment, "D" Division. He also served in Winnipeg and Fort William Detachments in "D" Division before he left the Force on July 29, 1948.

**McDONALD** Reg. No. 11696, ex-Cpl. James William McDonald, 86, died on November 7, 1983, at Amherst, N.S. He was born on September 20, 1897, at Sherbrooke, N.S., and joined the RCMP on April 1, 1932, at Halifax, N.S. He spent his entire career in "H" Division, performing general detachment duties at the following locations: New Glasgow, Port Hood, Inverness, Port Hawkesbury, Sydney, New Waterford and North Sydney. He was promoted to corporal on November 1, 1946, and retired from the Force on April 12, 1948.

**MORRISON** Reg. No. 15946, ex-S/Sgt. William Robert John Morrison, 54, died on August 18, 1983, at Lethbridge, Alta. Born on April 23, 1929 at Balcarres, Sask., he joined the RCMP on October 11, 1949, at Regina. After completion of recruit training at Depot and "N" Divisions, he was posted to "K" Division, where he served at Edmonton Sub-Division HQ, and Calgary and Drumheller Detachments on general police duties. In May 1951 he was transferred to "G" Division, Fort Smith Detachment, and in June 1952 he was made i/c of Port Radium Detachment. In August 1954 he was posted to "K" Division, where he performed clerical duties at Edmonton Sub-Division HQ, Interior Economy Branch. In May 1955 he was assigned to plainclothes investigations, Preventive Service and Liquor Control. Between September 1957 and August 1968, he was made i/c of the following detachments: Entwistle, Slave Lake, Medicine Hat and Lethbridge. He was promoted to corporal in May 1958; to sergeant in August 1961; and to staff sergeant in October 1968. He was made Lethbridge Sub-Division NCO in October 1971. He remained in that post until his discharge on October 15, 1978. Before retiring to pension, he had been awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, bronze clasp and star.

**MYERS** Reg. No. S/2034, ex-S/Cst. James Joseph Myers, 36, died on September 15, 1983, at Vancouver, B.C. He was born on December 8, 1946, at Hanceville, B.C., and joined the RCMP as an Indian special constable on July 24, 1978, at Kamloops, B.C. Following a short stay at Depot Division he resigned from the Force on August 2, 1978.

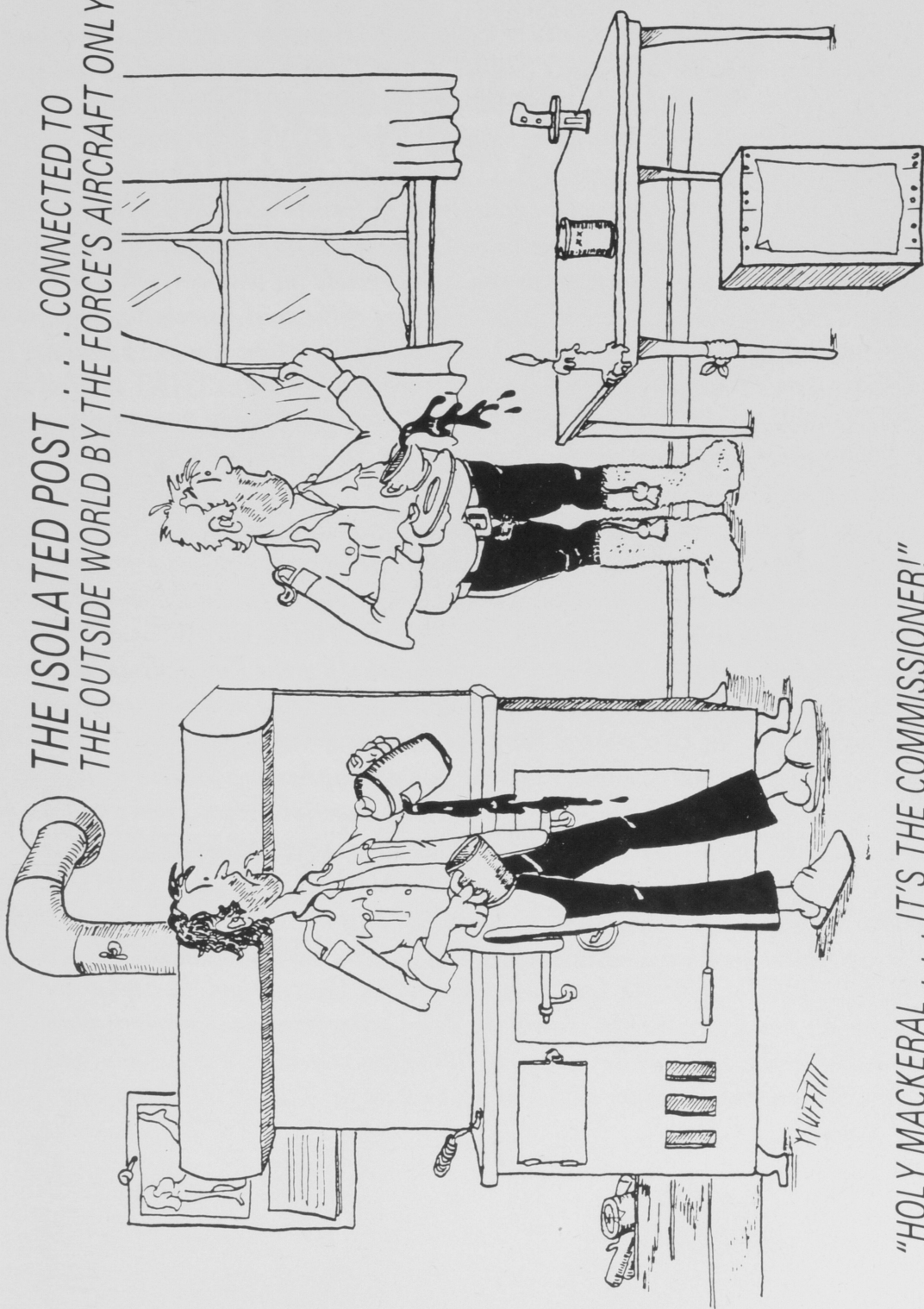
**PELLETIER** Reg. No. 12608, ex-Sgt. Joseph Pierre François Maurice Pelletier, 71, died on September 21, 1983, at Montreal, Que. He was born on September 5, 1912, at Matane, Que., and joined the RCMP on June 26, 1935, at Ottawa, Ont. Following recruit training at "N" Division, he was posted to the Mounted Section, Depot Division. On July 22, 1938, he was posted to "J" Division, where he spent the better part of his career as a C.I.B. reader at division headquarters, Fredericton. He was promoted to corporal on November 1, 1946, and sergeant on November 1, 1955. He retired from the Force on August 16, 1958.

**SAUVE** Reg. No. 34513, Cst. Joseph Henri Daniel Sauve, 26, died on July 10, 1983, at Cumberland, Ontario. He was born on March 22, 1957, at Montreal, Que., and joined the RCMP in the same city on January 24, 1978. Following recruit training at Depot Division he was posted to Ottawa, "A" Division, where he performed general detachment duties.

**SIGOUIN** Reg. No. S/99, ex-S/Cst. Joseph Alfred Noel Sigouin, 61, died on July 26, 1983, at Chateauguay, Quebec. He was born on December 25, 1921, at Embrun, Ontario, and joined the RCMP on December 27, 1955, in Ottawa, Ontario, as a special constable. He served in Security and Intelligence Branch, "C" Division, until his retirement from the Force on December 25, 1977.

**WALKER** Reg. No. 15166, ex-S/Sgt. Cameron Maurice Walker, 53, died on October 21, 1983, at Gimli, Man. He was born on November 1, 1929, in Montreal, Que., and joined the RCMP on August 26, 1948, at Montreal. Following recruit training at Depot and "N" Divisions, he performed general detachment duties for one year in "H" Division. He was then posted to Aklavik Detachment, "G" Division, and on August 24, 1951, was promoted to NCO i/c Tuktoyaktuk Detachment, "G" Division. Two years later he left Tuktoyaktuk, and served briefly in a number of locales, among them Depot Division; and Winnipeg, Selkirk, Ashern, and Tuxedo Detachments in "D" Division; until November 29, 1955, when he was promoted to the rank of corporal and appointed NCO i/c Gimli Detachment, also in "D" Division. He remained there for the next seven years. On July 24, 1962, he was transferred to Portage la Prairie, "D" Division. He served there approximately a year and a half and then transferred to G.I.S., Winnipeg Detachment. On May 1, 1964, he was promoted to sergeant. On November 1, 1966, he was appointed NCO i/c of Winnipeg, G.I.S., and shortly afterwards promoted to staff sergeant. He then became C.I.B. chief reader on January 6, 1969. He retired from the Force on September 30, 1970.

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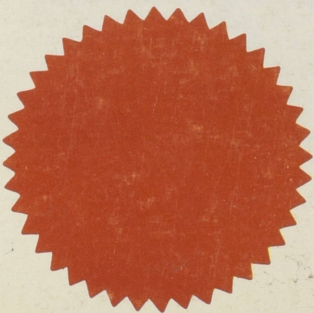


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**WE**, Malcolm Roguvald Innes of Edingight, Baron of Yeochirie, Commander in Chief, Writer to Her Majesty's Signet, Lord Lyon King of Arms, send Greeting unto Harry Max Giesbrecht, Chairman, Constitution Committee of Dominion Headquarters unto Us of date 9 April 1980, for and on behalf of **THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE ANS' ASSOCIATION** Shewn; **THAT** the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Veterans' Association is a separate corporate body, composed exclusively of former members of the parent corps with good characters; **THAT** the objects and aims of the said Association require that it be incorporated into the structure and the Government of Canada, and promote the physical, social and economic interests of its members; **THAT** the earliest record of the existence of the said Association appears in the "Herald" beginning in April 1886; **THAT** the said Association was on 14 January 1921 incorporated by His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Dominion of Canada; **THAT** the first badge of the Royal North West Mounted Police, which form continued in use for several years, the name of the parent corps became Royal Canadian Mounted Police; **THAT** in 1952 the Royal Canadian Mounted Police was recorded in the College of Arms, London, in its present form, the buckle formerly included but with instead an oval frame; **AND** the Petitioner having features of the Badge used by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police prior to 1952 be now the said Association, differentiated by the addition of an Escrol beneath the device bearing the name of the Association in English or in French, **KNOW YE THEREFORE** that We have Devised, and Ratify and Confirm unto the Petitioner for and on behalf of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Veterans' Association the following Ensigns Armorial, as depicted upon the margin hereof, and make these Presents upon the 61st page of the 62nd Volume of Our Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Great Britain and Ireland, to wit:— **A bison's head cabossed Proper within a strap Azure buckled and embellished with the word "MAINTIENS LE DROIT" in letters Or, thereon an Imperial Crown Proper beneath which the name "CANADA" in letters Or, the said strap being surrounded by 126 on either side of which are placed Escrols Azure bearing the legend "ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE ANS' ASSOCIATION DES ANCIENS"** by demonstration of which Ensigns Armorial the said Association be incorporated in all Places of Honour to be taken, numbered, accounted and received as an Incorporation Noble in the Nobility of Great Britain and Ireland; **MONEY WHEREOF** We have Subscribed These Presents and the Seal of Our Office this 20th day of January in the 31st Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth the Second, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and of Her Other Realms, of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, and in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-three.



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