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## Commissioner's New Year Message

The RCMP is evolving. Our organization is maturing, our mandates are maturing, and we need to maintain perspective. The RCMP has embarked on an exciting, and sometimes painful, voyage. We have to realize that change will be our one constant over the long run. For example, our decision to restructure the Force into four operational regions — reflected in the way that Divisional Dispatches have been laid-out in the last few issues of the *RCMP Quarterly* — furthers our intention to decentralize authority so that operational decision-making takes place at the service-delivery level. Regionalisation must result in bringing us closer to our clients and their needs, supporting the cultural changes we are undergoing, giving us the flexibility needed to improve quality and ensuring value for money.

It is often said that the RCMP is an important thread in the Canadian fabric. With this, I strongly agree. Never has a police service of similar size contributed so much to the building of a nation. While the Musical Ride is an evident symbol of national unity, our operational presence in each of the provinces also makes a powerful contribution. When Canadians see representatives of all races and cultures in our society wearing the RCMP uniform, the notion of national unity is reinforced. But the most compelling image of all is to see those same representatives working in harmony and serving with equal respect all the separate elements that make up our nation.

Our adoption of community policing has seen this impact of the RCMP in local communities grow to even greater degrees. If we compare ourselves today what we were even five years ago, we can see the difference we have made to many individuals and to many communities. It is because of the day-to-day activities of our people in their communities, in Canada and abroad — which are regularly illustrated in issues of the *RCMP Quarterly* — that we are held in such high esteem. Without your personal commitment to the Force and the people you serve, attaining our goals would not be possible.

The coming year will see even more changes unfold, but it also promises to be inspirational and thrilling as we celebrate our 125th anniversary with all Canadians. There are many activities planned in recognition of our contributions. I hope that you will participate in special events in your communities. In reporting these events to its readership, the *RCMP Quarterly* will provide a link between serving employees, former Force employees and the general public, worldwide, and continue to display the wealth of tradition, history and stories of the RCMP.

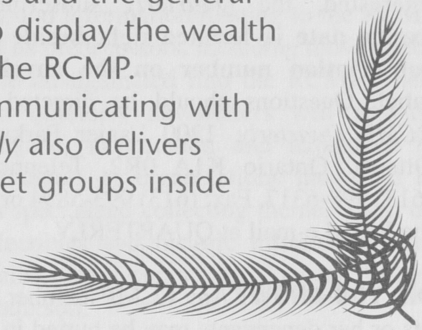
Please accept the *RCMP Quarterly* personnel's and my warmest wishes for a healthy and happy New Year.

J.P.R. Murray  
Commissioner

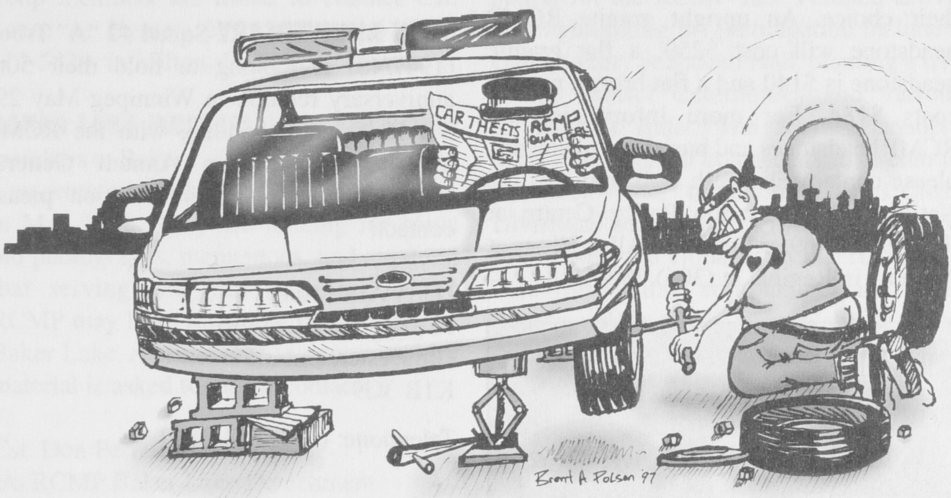
## RCMP Quarterly Mission

With a readership which is both internal and external to the RCMP, the *Quarterly* provides a link between serving employees, former Force employees and the general public, worldwide. It is designed to display the wealth of tradition, history and stories of the RCMP.

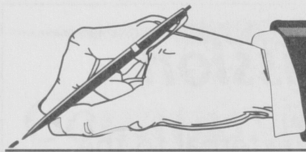
Recognizing the importance of communicating with employees and clients, the *Quarterly* also delivers program-specific messages to target groups inside and outside the Force, thus promoting a positive image of the RCMP.



All *Quarterly* readers are responsible to keep us informed of their change of address. We encourage all readers, especially RCMP employees, to purchase gift subscriptions for family members, neighbours, business affiliates or colleagues in other police forces who are interested in the RCMP and would be interested in reading the *Quarterly*.



*"Once you start reading the Quarterly, you won't want to put it down!"*



# Editor's Notes

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**DID YOU KNOW?** Any RCMP member and his or her dependants may be buried in the RCMP Cemetery at "Depot" Division in Regina, Saskatchewan. A funeral ceremony may also be held at the RCMP Chapel, in the religion of the family's choice. A formal monument for cremated remains has also been erected at the "Depot" Cemetery.

An official RCMP headstone may be erected in the RCMP Cemetery or on any other burial ground. Prior to the purchase of an official RCMP headstone, next-of-kin must make sure that a cement or granite headstone base is acceptable in the cemetery of their choice. An upright granite RCMP headstone will cost \$250; a flat granite headstone is \$140 and a flat bronze marker costs \$184. For more information on RCMP headstones and burial arrangements, please contact Elizabeth Ballantyne of the National Compensation Policy Centre at (613) 993-3469 or Reverend Allan Higgs at "Depot" in Regina, at (306) 780-6118.



## UNTAG NAMIBIA CONTINGENT REUNION

With the generous support of the Contingent Commander, D/Commr. Larry Proke, a 10-year reunion of the RCMP's first United Nations Peacekeeping Contingent (and the task force that supported it), is now being organized. Accommodation will be at Les Suites Hotel, site of the original pre-embarkation briefings, in Ottawa, for the weekend of **October 15-17, 1999**. Entertainment, tours and activities of interest to members and their spouses will be included. Please indicate your intention to attend this event by communicating with either:

Cpl. Steve Smedley or Cpl. Jacques Maillet  
Driving Police Unit  
"Depot" Division  
P.O. Box 6500  
Regina, Saskatchewan  
S4P 3J7

Telephone: (306) 780-8016  
or (306) 780-8017, or via ROSS

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Squad 42 "A" Troop (1947/48) is looking to hold their 50th anniversary reunion in Winnipeg May 29-31, 1998, corresponding with the RCMP Veterans Association Annual General Meeting. For further information please contact:

Harry Armstrong  
53 High Park Crescent  
Gloucester, Ontario  
K1B 3G9

Telephone: (613) 824-3519

or

A.G. Elliott  
47-19010 Varsity Estates Drive N.W.

Calgary, Alberta  
T3B 3G9

Telephone: (403) 247-3521

### **PUNNICHY DETACHMENT REUNION**

Planning is underway for the first ever Punnichy Detachment reunion to be held July 3-5, 1998. All members (still serving or retired) who have been stationed at Punnichy are invited to attend and to come and see the new detachment (occupancy date: December 1997). The organizers are also looking for memorabilia which may have been gathered during your stay at Punnichy. For further information, please contact:

Brenda Perkin or Bev  
P.O. Box 10  
Punnichy, Saskatchewan  
S0A 3C0

Telephone: (306) 835-5200

### **RSVP no later than May 1, 1998**

**TROOP REUNION** Troop No. 7 (1986/87) is planning a reunion in Regina, in the Summer of 1998. Any interested former troop members are asked to contact Cst. Lance A. Hymers by telephone at (905) 612-5820, in Milton, Ontario.

**BAKER LAKE MUSEUM** Elders and RCMP members at Baker Lake, NWT, are building a museum which they hope will be opening in May 1998. They are looking for some old photographs, mementoes, and anything that serving and past members of the RCMP may have regarding their service at Baker Lake. Anyone able to donate or lend material is asked to please contact:

Cst. Don Perrett  
c/o RCMP Baker Lake Detachment  
P.O. Box 250  
Baker Lake, NWT  
X0C 0A0

Telephone: (819) 793-2922  
Fax: (819) 793-2149

**SCARLET FORCE COLLECTORS** A new group is being formed for those interested in collecting the memorabilia, artifacts, history and information relating to the RCMP and its predecessors, including those police force amalgamated into the RCMP. Their own quarterly newsletters will provide guidance, information and assistance to individuals or organizations interested in this specialized collecting theme, based on collectibles and historic information. For details, please contact the founder, Robert Henderson:

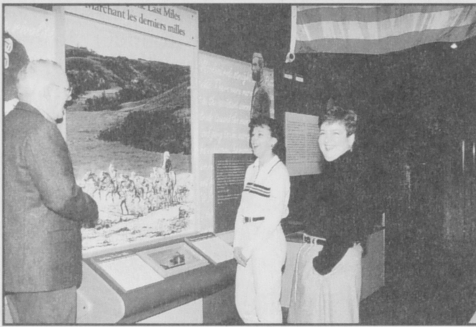
The Scarlet Force Collectors  
6015-5th Avenue  
Regina, Saskatchewan  
S4T 6V4

Telephone: (306) 543-5822  
Fax: (306) 949-1333

**WE'RE PLANNING A PARTY!** The Governor General of Canada, Romeo Leblanc, has graciously agreed to be the patron for the RCMP 125. Planned activities highlighting his participation include a Garden Party at Rideau Hall, planting a tree at the Sunset Ceremonies and various Regimental Balls. The Royal Canadian Mint is releasing a commemorative coin in February 1998 to honour the RCMP. Divisional activities are growing every day. From mountain climbing in the Yukon to a Tattoo in Halifax, communities across the country will be plenty busy celebrating next year. Several film companies are developing documentaries and film specials focusing on different aspects of the RCMP's heritage and its contribution to the community and the nation. Canada Post may even issue a stamp as a tribute to the history of the RCMP. Products such as clothing, pens and pins will also be available.

RCMP 125 stationery is available from Canada Communications Group (stickers, letterhead, envelopes, rolls of labels). To place an order please call: 1 (888) 887-RCMP.

**NOVA SCOTIA TATTOO** Everyone is invited to attend the RCMP 125 Nova Scotia International Tattoo which will be held in Halifax, July 1-7, 1998, indoors at the Halifax Metro Centre. Tickets can be obtained by calling 1 (800) 563-1114 or (902) 420-1114. For more information visit their Website: [www.nstatattoo.ca](http://www.nstatattoo.ca)



Jim Nile, manager of the Scarlet and Gold Gift Shop, is discussing the March West exhibit at the RCMP Centennial Museum with Marney Kuntz and Sherry Bender, representatives of the Credit Unions of Saskatchewan (Museum sponsors and hosts of the Musical Ride in Regina).

**SASKATCHEWAN CELEBRATES RCMP 125** RCMP personnel in "F" and Depot" Divisions, RCMP Veterans, Friends of the Mounted Police Museum and many private sector volunteers will be celebrating 125 years of Policing in Saskatchewan with the RCMP. Preparations are well under way for many events throughout the Province. The "Friends" are celebrating with the publication of "Red Coats on the Prairies," a book researched and written by RCMP historians William Beahen and Stanley Horrall. An objective, critical and enlightened look at the Force, it provides an insiders look at the NWMP during the turn of the century.

Regina will celebrate RCMP 125 with a Mounted Police Tattoo, June 25-28, 1998,

modelled on the popular Centennial Review that was performed across Canada in 1973. The Tattoo will be organised into three segments: "The Old West" which will take a look back at the First Peoples of the Plains and the arrival of the NWMP; "The Competitions" where members of the RCMP Musical Ride will excite audiences with the revival of a centuries-old tradition, the mounted arms competition, and will be joined by members of the Mounted Branch of the Victoria Police of Melbourne, Australia. These competitions date back to the days when horse and rider trained as a team in preparation for the battlefield. Teams competing against each other will be scored for style and accuracy, with revolvers, lances and swords. The competition will last for the duration of the Tattoo with only one horse and rider emerging victorious. The third segment "The Grande Finale", is where the RCMP Musical Ride will be joined by other Tattoo performers, RCMP Veterans, Members and Cadets for a spectacular Retreat Ceremony.

Proceeds from the above initiatives will support expansion of the RCMP Museum, which was officially opened by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II during Centennial celebrations in 1973. Staffed by volunteers, the Museum has long since outgrown its current space requirements and many historic items and memorabilia remain stored instead of on public display.

Other activities in Saskatchewan will include regimental balls, bonspiels and fundraisers. Nearly every Detachment in "F" Division is planning local community events or is partaking in planned events. For the first time in years, Saskatchewan will host the world-famous Musical Ride, which will be touring Melville (June 5), Battleford (June 7), Meadow Lake (June 9), Martensville (June 12), Saskatoon (June 13), Craik (June 14), Regina (June 25-28) and Assiniboia on Canada Day (July 1). The pride of the RCMP will be on display



throughout the province. Come and join us, one and all!

### **RCMP 125 CELEBRATIONS/CRAIK AND DISTRICT**

In recognition of the important role that the RCMP has played in this area since 1905, the community of Craik and District, Saskatchewan, would like to invite all retired and serving RCMP members who were stationed there to attend RCMP 125 celebrations on June 13, 1998. The day will begin with a parade at 11:00, followed by a myriad of events throughout the day, culminating with a Regimental Ball starting with cocktails at 18:30. For more information please contact:

Cst. George Matechuk  
Craik RCMP Detachment  
P.O. Box 480  
Craik, Saskatchewan  
S0G 0V0

Telephone: (306) 734-5200  
Fax: (306) 734-5202

**RCMP 125 LICENSE PLATE** To help commemorate the 125th anniversary of the RCMP, a Limited Edition (bilingual format) Commemorative License Plate (only 5,000 plates) is now offered for sale to all RCMP employees at a cost of \$13.15 per plate (plus GST and postage).



Please note that this is the only design. It has been produced at the request of many RCMP members, ex-members and their families. The plate is under license from the Mounted Police Foundation © RCMP 1995.

The initial plate was designed by Carla Ferguson, an employee at the RCMP Academy, in Regina, and the "Depot" Division 125 Committee helped with additional ideas to produce a full-size metal

license plate. The plate has a white background and features the Canadian Maple Leaf with 125 superimposed in black over it. Across the top of the plate are the RCMP stripes in red, yellow, white and royal blue with the horse and rider in the right-hand corner. A royal blue border surrounds the plate. The plate also features the RCMP-approved 125 logo: "A Proud History... A Challenging Future" along with the dates **1873-1998**. The bottom left-hand corner is designed for a sticker indicating that the plate is a "Limited Edition" and the edition number.

Proceeds from the sale of these license plates will fund the installation of an Eternal Flame at the Cenotaph located on the Academy grounds, as well as the installation of a small rest area near the RCMP Museum. Any excess profits after all "Depot" 125 activities are concluded will be donated to the RCMP Centennial Museum.

This limited edition license plate is available to all RCMP employees through the Canteen at "Depot" Division:

Telephone: 1 (306) 780-6687  
Fax: 1 (306) 780-7014

Members of the general public may purchase this plate through the Friends of the RCMP Museum gift shop:

Telephone: 1 (306) 347-7676  
Fax: 1 (306) 347-0898  
Internet: [HTTP://WWW.TRAKKER-INC.COM/RCMP/RCMPHONE.HTM](http://www.trakker-inc.com/rcmp/rcmpphone.htm)

**MOUNTIE MEMORY PLATES** To order your Mountie Memories Plate with a full colour scene to reflect your RCMP memories, customized to include your RCMP career and personal (family) highlights (joining date, posting dates and locations, special assignments, promotions, etc.), simply send your list of inscriptions to: Military Memory



Plates, P.O. Box 4, R.R. # 1, Springhill, Nova Scotia, B0M 1X0. A proposed plate layout will be sent to you for your approval and/or corrections. This 9 1/4 inch plate trimmed with 22 carat gold (\$89 including taxes and delivery) need not be paid until you are completely satisfied, and is a wonderful gift idea as a retirement presentation, or appreciation of service. For helpful hints on producing an effective plate call: (902) 597-2661 or Fax: (902) 597-8865. Please include your return address and telephone/fax number for layout approval and delivery information. This material is produced under Licence with the Mounted Police Foundation © RCMP 1995.

**125 ANNIVERSARY COLLECTIBLES** A licensed manufacturer of RCMP merchandise is releasing a new collectors series of limited edition 1/24 scale Ford Crown Victoria die-cast metal police car models used by many North American police agencies, including the RCMP. Commemorating RCMP 125, the RCMP model is available with both modern identity graphics and the former blue and white colours. Production of each model is limited to 10,000 and the cars come with acrylic stands and individually numbered certificates of authenticity. RCMP employees are entitled to save \$5 of the retail price (\$39.99). Anyone interested

in learning more about these and other First Choice Collectible offerings may call: 1(800) 306-7076.

**MANITOU DETACHMENT ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB** The Pembina Valley School Division (PVSD) is implementing a new teaching aid called Interactive Instructional Television (IITV) allowing a teacher in one school to have pupils in all the schools in the division (distance education over the Internet). The system is controlled by a server at the Manitou high school and is connected to the Internet. A cooperative arrangement with PVSD allows the Manitou Detachment to use this service for its homepage and e-mail address. The students will have links from their homepage to the RCMP Homepage. This provides an excellent and easy way to find reference for law-related pages. The homepage itself contains messages suited to this particular community. Presently it contains information about dirt bikes and the HTA. This will change later to drugs, snowmobile safety and other topics.

See it for yourself at <http://pv.pvpsd.mb.ca/RCMP>

Tell us what you think. [RCMP@pv.pvpsd.mb.ca](mailto:RCMP@pv.pvpsd.mb.ca)

Cst. C.T. Harrison  
Manitou Detachment

### LOOKING FOR...

✓ **RCMP Regimental Officer's Sword**  
Please contact Insp. Steve Roberge at Tel.: (613) 993-8278 or via ROSS.

✓ **Pen-pal** A Special Constable in the West Sussex Police in Chichester, England, would like to correspond with either a full-serving RCMP police officer or an auxiliary constable. Anyone interested can write to: Mark Hyde, 16 Commonsides, Westbourne, NR Emsworth, Hants P010 8TU, England.

✓ **Pen-pal** The undersigned would like to correspond with single male RCMP officers between the ages of 25 and 35. Anyone interested may write to: Miss Sharon Elton, 11 Stow Croft, Lichfield, Staffordshire, WS13 6TW, England.

✓ **Cards** An 84-years-young former member of the U.S. Armed Forces (served for 30 years) who collects business and personal calling cards from around the world, would like to receive calling cards from active and retired members of the RCMP. Anyone able to help can send a card to: Edward A. Hill, 326 Jolly Ridge Circle, Columbus, MS, 39701, U.S.A.

**GAMBLING PROBLEMS?** Although gambling has been liberalized only recently in Canada, statistics regarding gambling problems are somewhat disturbing. According to the National Council on Welfare, it can cost up to \$56,000 per individual who has developed a gambling problem. This social cost results from an increase in illegal activities in order to raise gambling money, divorces and other family problems, job loss, etc. It is estimated that gambling problems (compulsive gambling) will head the list of all addiction disorders (such as alcohol and drug abuse) before the year 2000 in the U.S. These statistics account for a significant rise in the number of gamblers who lose control of their gambling habits. It is estimated that this increase amounts to 150 to 500% each year following the implementation of a casino in a given region. In Canada, it is believed that 1.2 million individuals are suffering from a more or less severe gambling problem.

The consequences of problem gambling are serious and often dramatic. For example, 20% of the players will try to commit suicide. However, increasingly and for the benefit of everyone, specialized help is available. If you are concerned about your gambling habits, do not hesitate to contact

**ONISAC** ("casino" spelled backwards) at (819) 595-8511. Unfortunately, this service is only available at the moment in the province of Quebec, (Montréal, Quebec City and Hull) and offices are expected to open in the Ottawa soon.

One of the ONISAC bilingual professionals in the treatment of compulsive gambling will help you overcome your problem. Please note that ONISAC professional services are completely covered by the RCMP for regular members. For civilian members and public service employees, 80% of the fees are reimbursed by the Public health Care Plan (PSHCP).

For more information contact your local MAP/EAP Coordinator.

**ERRATA** In the Obituary of Reg. No. 29555, ex-Cst. M.L. Brisson which appeared in the Spring 1997 issue of the *Quarterly*, we indicated that he had served in Banff and Bonnyville, Alberta. In fact, it is his brother, Reg. No. 32079, Cpl. Paul Brisson who served there. We apologize for any embarrassment this error may have caused the Brisson family.

In the Summer 1997 "Retirements" we misspelled the name of retired S/Sgt. B.W. **Montemurro** from "D" Division, on January 1, 1997. We apologize for the typo!

### **CHILDREN, FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES '98**

Prince George RCMP and several local child welfare agencies are hosting a conference, May 31-June 3, 1998, in Prince George, B.C., to highlight child abuse protection and intervention programs, including the latest investigation, prosecution, therapy and positive parenting techniques. Canadian perspectives will be a focus, especially Northern and First Nations cultural issues. For more information call S/Sgt Wayne Roberts at Telephone (250) 561-3373 or:

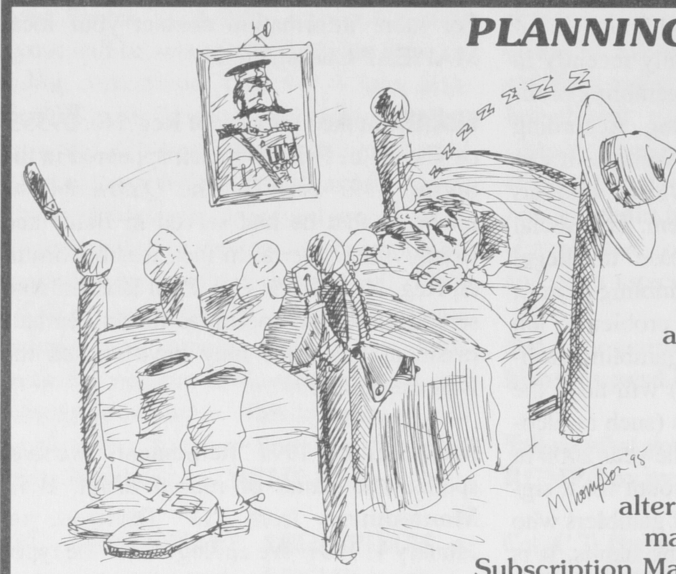
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Fax: (250) 964-3942  
e-mail: [cfc-conf@unbc.edu](mailto:cfc-conf@unbc.edu)  
RCMP web site at:  
[http://www.unbc.edu/cwrc\\_page/  
confrnce.htm](http://www.unbc.edu/cwrc_page/confrnce.htm)

**INTERNATIONAL ASIAN ORGANIZED  
CRIME CONFERENCE — "THE 21ST  
CENTURY AND BEYOND"**

Criminal Intelligence Service Ontario will be holding the 20th annual conference, May 10-15, 1998, in Toronto. Topics will include technology and organized crime, prosecuting

organized crime, and an Asian perspective guanxi, Asian names, Asian kidnapping in the technological '90s, criminal networking from shoplifting to narcotics, and four 14-hour certificate seminars on homicide investigations, triads, major case management and Asian gaming. The cost is \$325 (plus GST) if registering before March 1, 1998; \$425 (plus GST) after March 1, 1998 (hotel: \$145 per night). For further information and registration packages call:

Telephone: (416) 504-4500  
Fax: (416) 504-4505  
Website at: [www.iaocc.com/1998](http://www.iaocc.com/1998)



**PLANNING TO RETIRE?**

Unfortunately, serving RCMP members and civilian members who pay their *Quarterly* subscription through automatic pay deductions **cannot** continue to have these amounts deducted from their pension cheque when they retire.

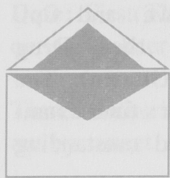
**Before retiring,** please ensure that alternate arrangements are made with the *Quarterly* Subscription Manager, room H 112 J, RCMP HQ, 1200 Vanier Parkway, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0R2.

Telephone: (613) 998-6317; Fax: (613) 993-5894

**HEAVY LOAD**

In yet another yarn from the *Police Review*, we have the story of burglars in Dorset who overestimated the strength of their getaway truck. It buckled under the weight of the safe they had hauled out of a building society. They were forced to abandon their efforts after the commotion and noise drew a crowd of curious onlookers.

Reprinted from *Police Life*, May 1993



# Letters to the editor...

## ✉ **A MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

Dear Editor,

I received your latest *Quarterly*, as well as the photo I had submitted. Congratulations on the upcoming RCMP 125 anniversary. (...) I feel a great sadness that our police forces cannot match up to you all — from our federal sources to our locals. They could definitely take a leaf from your book. You are without a doubt the epitome of police officers. Your devotion to duty and to your heritage is to be applauded with a standing ovation. I have watched and enjoyed “Due South.” Benton Fraizer’s naivete was refreshing. Canadians seem to be much nicer than us Americans. Our officers could stand some sensitivity training. Keep up the good work! God bless you all!

Bruce G. “Wise Owl” Medeiros  
Massachusetts, U.S.A.

## ✉ **SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

Dear Editor,

“What does the “Student” badge on your shoulder mean?”

This was a commonly asked question that I heard when I participated last summer in the RCMP Summer Student Employment Program, along with other students like me who are pursuing studies in the social sciences, or law. I was equipped with a full summer dress uniform with a vest and a Sam Black belt containing everything but the nine-millimetre handgun. I also had the privilege of attending a one-week training course in “B” Division HQ, in St. John’s, in which I was taught the basics in handcuff-

ing techniques, OCS (pepper) spray application, the use of the ASP (baton) and was given a familiarization lecture and practical training in using the nine-millimetre handgun.

On May 11, 1997, I was posted to the Happy Valley/Goose Bay Detachment, where I was met by a friendly and professional group of people who made my stay highly memorable and extremely pleasant. I had the distinct honour of working under the direction of Insp. Henderson and his staff, who were always there to provide assistance and who were constantly involving me in situations in which I was able to gain a vast quantity of knowledge and experience. Many thanks are owed to these members, especially Cst. Ann Getson, my trainer for the duration of the summer, and to the ladies who work in the main office.

I was extremely fortunate to gain the experience that I have. My first day at work was quite memorable. I had been in the office no more than 30 minutes when I was on my way to a local school to investigate a break-and-enter. From there, I was given the opportunity to view the coast aboard the RCMP plane. Next, I was brought to the Military Command Centre where I was briefed on a bomb threat of a Delta Airline en route from Amsterdam. I had the undue pleasure (as ironic as it sounds) of attending a hostage-taking incident in Sheshashiu, in which I was in a position to observe a very learned member taking control of the situation in a highly professional manner, and whose actions along with the negotiator and other Detachment members brought a volatile situation under control in approximately six hours.

Along with the "normal" things that members attend I had the gratification of escorting prisoners, attending house searches as well as attending the autopsy of an homicide victim. Needless to say, I am now an applicant for the RCMP. I have nothing but positive things to say about my experience in Goose Bay. I have already begun to envy the student who will be fortunate enough to obtain the position I had for the upcoming summer. This opportunity has made me realize that this choice of career is definitely for me. I have nothing but the highest respect and gratitude for the members of Happy Valley/Goose Bay, Training Branch personnel in St. John's and the RCMP in general, for making this experience possible.

Trevor Baldwin

✉ **UNITED NATIONS MISSIONS**

Dear Editor,

As a member of the Austrian Gendarmerie, I have been working on United Nations missions in Cambodia, Rwanda, Mozambique and Haiti for the last five years. During these assignments, I had the opportunity to meet members of different police forces, from nearly all over the world. Because of these experiences, I already knew that members of the RCMP are usually highly-motivated, well trained and carefully selected by their government. This general view was really confirmed when I was working on a program for the selection and tactical training of police officers in Austria for UN assignments. After establishing contact with RCMP members from the Haiti contingent, I got immediately all the support and help in the different fields I have asked for. Therefore I would like to thank the three RCMP members for their efforts and excellent cooperation through your magazine: Cst. Cathy Whitehead, from Piccadilly Detachment (Newfoundland), Sgt. Serge Côté, from

RCMP Headquarters (Ottawa) and Cpl. J.A.G. Gagnon, from the Drug Enforcement Directorate (Ottawa). The RCMP could not have chosen a finer example as the above mentioned outstanding police officers.

Yours sincerely,

Insp. Friedrich Katschnig  
Gendarmarieposten Bleiburg  
Karnten-Austria

✉ **RCMP WEB COMMENT**

Dear Editor,

I just read the *Quarterly* article written by Sgt. C.A. Gill, Calgary, on the Internet (*See After all These Years, Spring 1996 issue — Ed.*). As a freelance writer, I commend Sgt. Gill for such a well written story. It's nice to see such a moving story from a police officer's perspective.

Danette Dooley

✉ **ANNUAL RCMP FLORIDA REUNION**

Dear Editor,

In December 1995, ex-S/Sgts Bert Jenkins and Reg Legrow (also former Newfoundland Rangers) and their wives were discussing the RCMP Veterans Reunion in Mesa, Arizona. They felt that if the Vets in Arizona could get 500 or more veterans to attend that surely they should be able to do the same in Florida. With the help of Dave Sear and their spouses, they managed to attract 65 people to the first year and 135 people the next.

For anyone interested in participating in upcoming reunions, save the following information, pin it on the fridge and disregard anything else you may hear or read. It has been, and will be the same, every year.

**Date:** First Thursday in March; rain date one week later

**Time:** Gathering at 11:00; lunch at 13:00; out by sunset

**Place:** Fort DeSoto Municipal Park (site No. 7). Location is west of St. Pete Beach, through the community of Terra Verde, then west three miles to the park.

**Open to:** ALL serving and former police personnel in Canada

**What to bring:** picnic basket lunch or BBQ (bring your briquettes)

**Contact:** Bob Jadis in Florida at Tel.: (813) 360-8089

☒ **SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT**

Dear Editor,

Just a little note to indicate that in "Setting the record straight" (See "**Letters to the Editor**" **Summer 1997 Quarterly — Ed.**) a member joining in 1932 would have a regimental number closer to 11..., probably 11188 (...). If you are in touch with Geo Cutting please pass on my regards. He and "Bing" Lindsay were the two trumpeters in Regina when I was there in 1934. We all look forward to receiving the *Quarterly*.

Best wishes to all,

T.T. Birkett Reg. No. 12395)  
Pickering, Ontario

☒ **THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES**

Dear Editor,

It is with regret that I have to cancel my subscription to the *Quarterly*. At 83, I am finding it very hard to read any printed material. I've enjoyed every issue over the many years that I have taken the *Quarterly*.

I always had a high regard for the RCMP and especially enjoy the history of the NWMP, which I never tired of reading. To you and all former editors and staff, and to all who contributed their stories, photos and even the little jokes, these have made my years of reading, a book of memories. I must also add that my visit to the Milton RCMP Detachment on November 20, 1996, was a very enjoyable, interesting and enlightening experience which I will never forget. (See p. 65, **Summer 1997 Quarterly — Ed.**)

I wish you many years of publication, and to those who come tomorrow, keep up the good work! Thank you, one and all.

Hazel Lightle  
Acton, Ontario

☒ **MEMORABILIA**

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the copy of the *Quarterly*. I found it be very informative and I have enclosed a money order to cover a two-year subscription. We have a similar magazine which is printed every month but does not include the in-depth information yours does because we only have 3800 officers in South Australia. I will keep my fingers crossed in hope of getting a Stetson or a baseball cap. Thanking you for any assistance you may be able to offer.

Senior Constable Jeffrey Gill  
Major Crash Investigation Section  
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South Australia, Australia

☒ **GROWING UP WITH THE QUARTERLY**

*The following letter came to us over the RCMP Web*

Dear Editor,

I'd like to know what I have to do to get some extra copies of the *Quarterly*? A friend of mine lost his father recently and his obituary appeared in a recent issue of the *Quarterly*. (...) I will be contacting your subscriptions people shortly because I would like to subscribe to your wonderful magazine myself. I grew up with the *Quarterly* and I used to spend many hours going through back issues. I found my parents' marriage notice and the birth notices for myself and my two brothers. I read the

*Quarterly* when I visit my parents and I would like to start a collection of my own.

Sincerely,

Internet Admirer

*For extra copies or to subscribe to the "RCMP Quarterly" anyone can contact us via the RCMP Website, by telephone at (613) 998-6317 or write to the Editor, 1200 Vanier Parkway, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R2. Subscriptions are \$10 per year (plus GST) and pre-paid subscriptions are limited to two years. — Editor*

# "We Share the Future Together"

By Sgt. Ernie Munden, "J" Division Associate Editor

Last year, "J" Division celebrated the 65th anniversary of its existence since the RCMP absorbed the New Brunswick Provincial Police on April 1, 1932, and took over the policing of the province. In the Fall of 1996, the Commanding Officer, A/Commr. Roy Berlinquette (now Deputy Commissioner Northwestern Region) and S/Sgt. Bernie Bergevin, the Divisional Staff Relations Representative (DSRR), became involved in planning special events to commemorate this anniversary.

An avid admirer of the wildlife paintings created by Canadian artist Christine Marshall, S/Sgt. Bergevin was searching for a fundraising initiative to support the Divisional Staff Relations Fund. He approached Sgt. Ernie Munden, an agent of Christine Marshall, to find out if the artist could conceive an original painting featur-

ing an RCMP member in a New Brunswick scene, reflecting the vision and values of the Force, of the artist and of the community.

This request turned out to be a *first* for Christine Marshall, who had never included a human subject in any of her wildlife paintings, and she readily accepted the challenge. The RCMP representation was to be subtle (the member wearing work dress, not Red Serge) and the project had to be approved by the Mounted Police Foundation. The Commanding Officer was planning to unveil the original painting during a Regimental Ball held to celebrate the 65th anniversary.

The next step in the process was to locate a scene, decide which animal was to be depicted, to determine the landscape and how best to position the human subject.



S/Sgt. Larry Cochrane and Sgt. Munden headed off to Glassville to meet Levi Grant, a well-known New Brunswick guide and trapper who had a long association with members of the RCMP. Thus the idea to include a member of the general public along with an RCMP member in the scene, had come to mind.

Larry and Ernie met Levi at his workshop outside his residence, where he was tanning and drying beaver pelts. An avid photographer, Levi graciously let the members browse through some of the photographs of animals he had taken in various areas of the province and gave details of each scene. Four hours later, and after having consumed a delicious lunch, Larry and Ernie (sometimes referred to as “Bert and Ernie” from *Sesame Street*) left with 27 borrowed photographs they felt could be of use to Christine Marshall.

The photographs were reviewed by many wildlife enthusiasts and hunters. One particular scene that stood out depicted a lovely summer landscape, with geese moving upstream, but what Bernie and Ernie wanted was a winter scene with snow and a male deer with antlers. (The scene would have to portray an early snowfall as the buck would eventually lose its antlers through the

approaching winter months.) If Christine could create a winter scene from the existing landscape and include a member and the guide, then the image to be painted had finally been found!

The material was sent to the artist at her art gallery in Kleinburg, near Toronto. Fortunately, Christine did not have to conduct further research. She was quite familiar with New Brunswick landscapes, having visited the province on numerous occasions and participated in many charity events, namely the annual “J” Division fundraiser in support of the Kidney Foundation and the Women’s Auxiliary of the Miramichi Regional Hospital, some of which have been documented in previous issues of the *RCMP Quarterly*.

Then, when the painting was completed, there still remained the decision on what to name it. Although the scene reflected an “encounter at dawn” and depicted wildlife and humans having come together and being dependent on each other — which could be said of our role in policing, where the police officer is a part of the community and each element is very dependent on the other — the title “We Share the Future Together” was thought to be more appropriate.



**Rumour has it that over the years, Levi Grant has “guided” some “on-duty” members who enjoy both hunting and fishing. Ex-Sgt. Len O’Halloran, a friend of Levi Grant is seen here changing from his uniform to go fishing with Levi.**

*Photo courtesy of Levi Grant*

As planned, the original painting was unveiled at the 65th anniversary Regimental Ball held in April 1997. It was purchased by Allan and Nancy Denton, of the Investors Group in Fredericton, who immediately related to the scene and to the title from both a personal and a professional perspective.

A portion from the sale of each limited edition print of "We Share the Future Together" will be shared by the "J" Division DSRR and by the Mounted Police Foundation, for a wide range of initiatives in support of community policing programs throughout Canada. This painting is the first of four planned releases, with a differ-

ent scene for each of the Atlantic Provinces, and in support each Divisional DSRR Program and the Mounted Police Foundation. The next release will depict an image from the Province of Prince Edward Island.

*Limited prints of "We Share the Future Together" are now available and orders may be placed via ROSS, through any DSRR representative, or through Sgt. Ernie Munden, telephone/office: (506) 452-4233, fax: (506) 452-3731, telephone/residence: (506) 450-4823, fax: (506) 450-4827; or S/Sgt. Bernie Bergevin, telephone/office: (506)452-3473. — Ed. ❖*



On August 12, 1997, Mr. and Mrs. Denton presented a limited edition framed print No. 65/900 to "J" Division Commanding Officer, C/Supt. Garry Loeppky, who accepted on behalf of "J" Division personnel. (L-R): Mrs. Nancy Denton, Mr. Allan Denton, C/Supt. Loeppky, Jane Barry, Solicitor General of New Brunswick and D/Commr. Terry Ryan, Atlantic Region.

Photo by Cpl. Joe Hine  
Fredericton Ident. Section

**REGIMENTAL CHARITY BALL** More than 200 guests, mostly from the north shore of New Brunswick, attended the District 9 "J" Division Charity Ball and awards presentation on October 18, at the Campbellton Memorial Civic Centre, hosted by Insp. Jim Payne, District 9 Commander, and his wife Carole, to celebrate the Force's 65th year of service in New Brunswick. Distinguished guests included The Hon. Dr. Marilyn Trenholm, Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, D/Commr. Terry Ryan and his wife Paula, C/Supt. Garry Loeppky, CO, "J" Division and his wife Jean.

Mr. Scott Boyd, a well-known Maritime television personality, acted as the master-of-ceremonies. The evening's entertainment was provided by the popular High Tops Band and the very talented comedian, Marshall Buttons. More than \$2500 was raised for the Restigouche Family Crisis Interveners, an organization that provides interveners to assist families in crisis. By all accounts, the evening was a resounding success, due in a very large measure to the selfless contributions and support of the citizens of New Brunswick.

# Some long-faced friends remembered

by ex-S/Sgt. Ralph Cave

For a long time, horses have been a large part of human existence, evolution and progress. Hopefully, this will continue to be the case as we head into the 21st century. Life in the absence of the noble horse would, for many of us, be drab in the extreme.

Happily, the RCMP, in spite of government cutbacks, is maintaining horses for ceremonial purposes. Many times, while performing in all parts of Canada, those of us who were on the Musical Ride have heard comments like: "We don't mind paying taxes for this, don't let them ever do away with the Musical Ride!"

Every horse is a separate individual as far as character and personalities go, and as riding staff members, we soon knew most of their idiosyncrasies. Some were really very interesting characters and quite remarkable, so I'll mention those that come easily to mind.

Anyone who came to know him, admired and valued "Bobby," a gelding purchased in the East, who turned out to be one of the best we have had from just about any point of view. He was a nice solid black with some white on his feet and a star, which along with his excellent conformation, made him a real eyeful to a horseman. Anyone who remembers a photo of Bobby Cam on "Bobby," I'm sure would agree.

As well as being an all-around top horse for any job, Bobby was a nice character around

the stable and an escape artist with a sense of humour. Bobby had to have extra straps with his halter in an effort to keep him from getting free from his tie rope. Even with this, unless it was done up exactly right, Bobby would slip out of his halter and have the freedom of the whole stable to roam around in.

On top of this, when free, Bobby would always undo the halter of his best friend Lucky so the two of them could wander about the aisles and water shed. Some horses, when loose in a stable, will harass some of the other tied up horses, or in some other way cause trouble. This was not the case with Bobby and Lucky, they just wandered about and enjoyed their freedom...

The night guards at what at that time was "N" Division were Special Constables, hired to make walking patrols of the division, especially the stables with the 72 horses. In order to disturb the sleeping horses as little as possible, the guards would let themselves into the darkened stable and walk down one aisle, up the other and then out, if all was well. They carried a flash light, but usually, if all was quiet, they would not turn the light on unless they wanted to check on something that caught their attention.

This set the stage for Bobby and Lucky, both of whom, when they heard the door open, would freeze in their tracks and await further developments. Quite often, if they were in a particularly dark area, the guard would walk right into one of them, get a

real shocking surprise and probably hear a “horse” laugh.

Lucky, well built, although somewhat on the small side, was another excellent mount for any duty, and was always one of the top Musical Ride horses. He was a bit of an enforcer when it came to putting horses new to the Musical Ride duties in their places when necessary.

Many of the Musical Ride movements call for the horses to pass and repass quite close to one another, giving ample opportunity for a horse to interfere by delivering a nip or a kick to one of the other horses during practice drill. It was trouble for sure, however, for the greenhorn horse who dared to pull anything on Lucky. Sometime that day or maybe even a few days after, when things were just right, Lucky would break the ranks, and before his rider knew what was happening, Lucky would, with both hind hooves, punish the horse which had caused his trouble previously. He always got the correct offender from the ranks of the other 32 horses and what is most surprising, in spite of his violent double blows near the leg of the rider of the horse being punished, the rider was never harmed. It would all happen very swiftly and be a one time event, but the chastised horse would usually have learned his lesson and become a good citizen.

Then there was Sinbad, a very useful gelding with a big blaze and some white on his feet. Sinbad was notorious for every so often, seriously biting whomever was grooming him, therefore accounting for the presence of the muzzle constantly hanging behind his stall to be used as a safeguard. Of course, most riders, when they are lucky enough to get a nice horse that suits them, become very attached to their mount and have complete trust in it. Such was the case with Bunny O’Neil and Sinbad.

When advised to use the muzzle, Bunny said: “Sinbad would never bite me,” and didn’t bother with the muzzle. This went on for some time until one day, just before a mounted escort in Ottawa, Sinbad broke his trust and severely bit Bunny on the buttocks. Bunny was able to carry on and toughed it out, but just before reaching the stable on the return trip, Bunny very nearly passed out from the pain and shock. I bet Bunny hasn’t soon forgotten that little caress.

Many will remember Wolf, an exceptionally good gelding, often ridden by the well-remembered riding master Van Patten, and the leading file horse with Ben Ewen on the 1957 Musical Ride Tour of the United Kingdom. Ben and Wolf were a real team and Wolf would do anything for Ben. Among other things, Wolf became fond of beer and any other alcoholic beverage that could be spared, including gin and orange. Wolf could take it from a bottle or a glass and never spill a drop.

We were spending about two weeks in Windsor, in the Lifeguards Combermere Barracks, and in our spare time became very friendly with a local publican quite close to Windsor Castle. Ben had been extolling Wolf’s drinking talents to the friendly pub people and one non-performance afternoon, Ben got bored, saddled up Wolf, using just a lanyard for a bridle, and trotted up to the pub. He rode right into the main bar where the publican stood on the bar and poured a gin and orange into the extended lower lip of Wolf while some onlooker took a snap shot of the performance. (It’s possible someone reading this may have a copy, but I’ve mislaid mine.) As luck would have it, Van Patten and Insp. Joe Downey stepped off a bus nearby, just as Ben exited the pub. Being the good guys they were, and not getting any official complaints from any quarter, pretended not to notice this escapade.

I must mention Jimmy, the big, brown, good-natured gelding who acquired a most unusual talent for a horse. I could be wrong, but I believe it was Hank Borg that offered Jimmy a dead mouse one day, which Jimmy promptly consumed. The story got around so that the boys kept demonstrating Jimmy's disgusting talent until the horse would himself grab and devour a passing mouse when he got the chance.

And then there was the Royal Horse Artillery gelding that, to get attention, would seek out any protrusion on the wall against which to rest his open eye ball.

I have fond hopes that as the modern, fast-moving days go by, the true and faithful horses, especially our Musical Ride ones, will become even more valued as a nice, old-time contrast. ❖

# We Still Get Our Man

by Sgt. Jim Garraway

Prince George Detachment, British Columbia

**W**e live in the 1990s, but police work hasn't really changed as much as one might think. Members of the RCMP still travel into isolated areas, fix machinery, and still use common sense, along with a little innovation, in apprehending wrong-doers.

In 1994, Cst. Philip Sullivan had occasion to rely on his ingenuity while performing general duties in the rural area surrounding Prince George. Cst. Sullivan is a man who enjoys hunting, fishing, and knows the bush roads and geography of the area like the back of his hand.

On December 27, 1994, the Detachment received a call that a snowmobile had been abandoned in the bush trails near Firth Lake, about 130 km north of Prince George. Fortunately, the caller had been wise enough to note the serial number so that immediate CPIC queries established that the snowmobile had been stolen in Grande Prairie, Alberta, on December 23.

Csts. Phillip Sullivan and Rick Monson immediately swung into action, taking the

slow moving detachment skidoo through the bush trails until they came upon the stolen machine. No one else was in the area and it was beginning to snow heavily. The stolen snowmobile had been damaged, and the members spent several hours attempting to make it driveable. Certainly, the ability to hot-wire a vehicle and reroute and rebuild a fuel system is a quality that all rural members should possess.

While they were working, two snowmobiles suddenly arrived in the area. When the new arrivals saw the police, one driver abandoned his machine, jumped on the back of the other, more powerful machine, and the two took off. Csts. Sullivan and Monson quickly assessed the situation and decided that the abandoned, newer snowmobile was a much faster machine than the clunker from the detachment. They established through CPIC that the abandoned machine was also stolen from Grande Prairie, Alberta.

After several minutes to make the needed emergency repairs, Cst. Sullivan was able to start the abandoned, stolen sled and took

off on the trail of the suspects, following the single track left in the fresh snow. Cst. Monson followed on the Force skidoo.

For 55 minutes, the members tracked the suspects, finally coming out at the main highway. Eyeing one set of fresh tracks on the snowy road, the constables quickly realized that the suspects had loaded their snowmachine onto a truck and driven it south.

After a call from the two now freezing members by the highway, Csts. Bill Jewett and Scott Stephenson from Prince George City Detachment set up a roadblock at Bear Lake, approximately 70 km north of town. Two males in a truck with a loaded snowmobile were checked at Bear Lake and subsequently arrested for possession of stolen property.

Cst. Stephenson escorted the two prisoners back to Prince George while Cst. Jewett continued the investigation, following the truck tracks to determine where the males had started out. There was no other vehicle traffic in the area, except one truck which was observed exiting a side road. Cst. Jewett checked the lone driver of this truck who provided a false name, resulting in his arrest.

Once back at the warm Detachment in Prince George, the investigators received

information from a helpful citizen who had picked up suspect no. 3, who had been hitch-hiking. The caller had dropped the male at what he said was his truck, but strangely the man had broken the window to gain entry to the truck. The hitch-hiker (suspect no. 3) advised the caller that he had been running from the police.

To tie up loose ends, Cst. Stephenson now interviewed the suspects. The hitch-hiker was not overly cooperative, although he did not deny anything, either. The two males (suspects no. 1 and no. 2) who had been arrested in Bear Lake, were somewhat more lively. No. 1 advised that, while socializing at a liquor establishment in Prince George, he had heard there was a stolen snowmobile on the trails going to Firth Lake. No. 2 said that no. 1 had asked him to go to Firth Lake to help him pick up his snowmobile which had broken down.

In the end, criminal charges were initiated against all three suspect males, the two stolen snowmobiles were returned to their rightful owners, and the reputation of the RCMP was maintained as an excellent police service. Since 1873, our members have faced many difficult tasks. Determination and dedication have been displayed in various incidents. This case is another fine example. ❖

## **SLIPPED HIS MIND**

**Avon and Somerset traffic officers rescued 84-year-old Catherine Brown, who had sat patiently for five hours in her husband's Skoda while he went to get help.**

**But absent-minded Tom Brown had forgotten about the breakdown on the M5, and officers found him at home, 70 miles away in Gloucestershire, relaxing with a cup of tea.**

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(Part I)

# Revisiting Our Storied Past

The following is a transcript of an interview conducted on September 19, 1994, in Barrie, Ontario, by Cst. Eric Rebiere and Reverend Gerry McMillan, with Major Earl Hersey (retired). Born on August 6, 1905, Major Hersey is the last surviving member of the group that tracked down and located Albert Johnson — a.k.a. Mad Trapper of Rat River. Hersey served with the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals for 29 years and was a staff sergeant at the time of the manhunt. Although this story has been the subject of many reports and books, the aim of this particular interview was to learn more about the RCMP members who participated in the posse, especially Insp. Alexander Neville Eames, OC, Western Arctic Sub-District, who organized and led the group.

An avid RCMP history buff, Reverend McMillan introduced Cst. Rebiere to Major Hersey and was the driving force behind this project. He will soon be sworn in as RCMP padre for Newmarket Detachment, Ontario. Last but not least, I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of Miss Karine Goneau who converted this lengthy interview from audio tape to WordPerfect format. — Ed.

Excerpt from Mr. D. North's book, *The Mad Trapper* — This is the true story of one of the most fantastic confrontations in the history of the North American frontier. One man, Albert Johnson, defied a combined force of white trappers, Indians, men of Royal Canadian Mounted Police and men of the Royal Canadian Signals

Regiment, in the 48-day running battle which ranged for over 150 miles along the Arctic Circle during the winter of 1931-1932.

The temperature from this time ranged from between minus 40°F to minus 47°F. During this time, the people involved exhibited incredible fortitude, courage, woods-manship and fighting ability for which Johnson was to engage the ensuing posse in four shoot-outs, seriously wounding two men and killing a third, before he fatally was killed on the Eagle River, in the Yukon Territory on February 17, 1932.

Excerpt from *The Case of Albert Johnson, RCMP Archives, Ottawa* — An affair which created a great stir was the shooting of two members of the Force, by a man who went by the name of Albert Johnson, a subsequent pursuit which culminated in his death. The man's real name and antecedents remain as yet unknown. While the name of the "Mad Trapper" was bestowed upon him, he gave no evidence of insanity and Insp. A.N. Eames, the officer in charge of the command of the Western Arctic Sub-District made this remark upon him:

I note in press reports that Johnson is referred to as the "Demented Trapper." On the contrary, he showed himself to be an extremely shrewd and resolute man, capable of quick thought and action. A tough and desperate character.

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**E.R.:** The purpose of this interview is to bring out some of the characters involved in the hunt for the Mad Trapper through Major Hersey, who was a participant and the only qualified individual left today to recount the story, because he was there. First of all, Major Hersey, I'd like to thank you for coming here today. Would you please tell us about your background?

**E.H.:** My background in the army?

**E.R.:** Wherever you want to start.

**E.H.:** I guess I'd better just give you my army background. I joined the army in 1927. It was ideally suited to me because the big attraction, of course, was sports and I played them all. After passing my radio course at which I was the top student, I was posted to the Northwest Territories. During the Mad Trapper episode, I was the NCO in charge of the Herschel Island Radio Station. This station, by the way, had been requested by the RCMP, the Hudson Bay Company, the northern traders and both church bishops.

Communication was truly essential, not only to the traders, but for the Natives to enable them to get good prices for their fur. I erected the radio station at Herschel Island, along with two carpenters from Edmonton, who were sent by the Department to build the buildings for me. But I did all of the electrical work.

**E.R.:** Since you were involved with the North, and you got to know it well, could you tell us what the place was like? The people?

**E.H.:** The Natives were not like what the average Canadian thought about them, living on reserves. The Natives were reasonably clean; the Eskimos were workers. They were not people who were drawing welfare. When I was up there, they trapped

for a living. They were quite different from what people expected.

**E.R.:** I understand you also had some involvement with the Church. This is something that may be of interest to the Reverend, here. Did you have much contact with the ministers up there, in the Church?

**E.H.:** The Church operated the hospital. I think there were four to five white ladies up there and we ran local dances and things like that. We had very little to do with the Roman Catholics, although the Bishop (name forgotten) and I were well acquainted, because he's the one who handled the messages back and forth, and he and I talked frequently. He was a clever man.

Reverend Murray was in charge of the church in Aklavik, and the hospital was run by the church. He and I got along very well, so much so that when he had trouble with the dogs he used to haul his supplies in the winter time, he came over and said to me, "My team is out. Would you handle them for a couple of weeks and see what you can do with them?" So I took over his dogs and kind of made them behave for a while. But, as far as assisting with the services, no, he didn't need assistance, really.

**E.R.:** I understand that your family has quite a "military" history? For instance, your father?

**E.H.:** In my family there were four brothers and one sister; three of the brothers were in the army during the Second World War. One of my brothers retired as a major; my brother-in-law was also in the army during the war.

Now, you say a history? Well my father was in the Boer War but he was such a good marksman that he didn't get to Africa. At that time there was quite a bit of competition between regiments, especially as rifle



shooting was concerned. My father was the top marksman and they kept him here to make sure that they did well in the regimental competition.

**E.R.:** What were specifically your duties in the North?

**E.H.:** Well the Hudson Bay Company posts, the northern traders, the ministry and the government, they all needed some type of communication. See, before we were in there, many settlements got mail once a year, others twice a year. It was very hard to administer these areas and they needed better ways to communicate.

We had a clever Colonel in charge of the Signals Corps, and he sold the government the idea that he would operate and provide communication, at little or no cost to the government. All despite the arguments from the lady member of Parliament named MacPhail, who disliked the army. She was the first lady member of Parliament. Anything and everything she said appeared 30 or 40 times in every newspaper across the country.

But Colonel Ford, who was then the Director of Signals, sold the idea to the government that the Signals Corps could provide the communication and they did. But when it comes to why didn't the Department of Transport do it? Because they did it at the harbours but they didn't want to do the inlands.

So we stepped in. Our Signal Corps built the radio stations down the Mackenzie River and one down in Edmonton. The messages would come from each of the stations out, in up on the Mackenzie, and from Herschel Island and into Edmonton, right into the CN and CP lines.

**E.R.:** What was your first involvement with the RCMP when you arrived in the North, do you remember?

**E.H.:** Well this (posse) was my first "official" involvement with them. Now the boys, we all partied together. Insp. Eames didn't participate and neither did the surgeon at All Saints Mission, Dr. Urquhart, after he was married. Dr. Urquhart was the administrator. J.P. and him, they were like the two seniors up there, and of course they were older than we were. But all the NCOs and constables on the Detachment would party with us. If we had a party, they would come down or we would go to their place... back and forth, type of thing. At that time, they couldn't go anywhere or travel with their teams, unless they had an interpreter or a guide with them. I was the guide on a few hunting expeditions of the RCMP.

**E.R.:** Some of the "boys" as you put it, were they some of the members of the Mounted Police who were involved in the Mad Trapper incident? Did you know them before that took place?

**E.H.:** Well, I knew Eames and King... Yes I knew them all.

**E.R.:** What was the impression you had and what you knew of the community's impression of the RCMP back then?

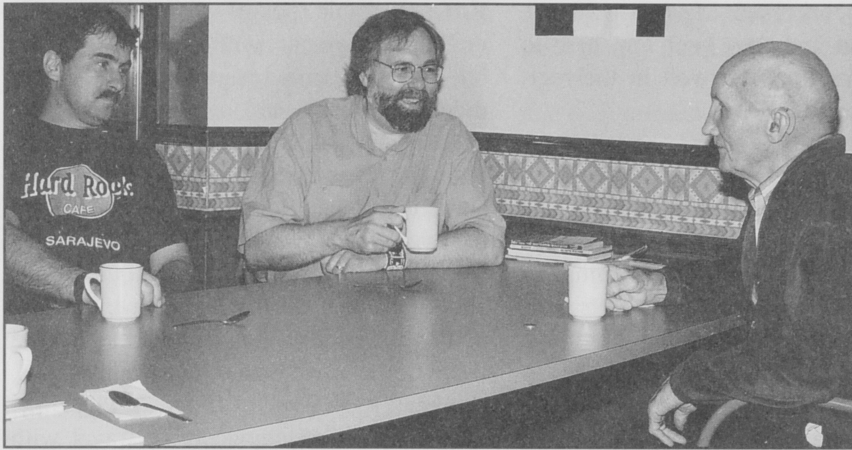
**E.H.:** The RCMP was highly-respected, and justly so. They were a tremendous asset to all areas of the NWT.

**E.R.:** I understand that you first met Insp. Eames in Aklavik and that you were friends? How did you get to know Insp. Eames?

**E.H.:** Well he was a bridge player, you see, and he and his wife invited S/M Neary and me to play bridge. We invited them back to our place to play bridge.

**E.R.:** So who was the better bridge player?

**E.H.:** I don't know. That's a questionable thing. My wife ended up here before she



(L-R): Cst. Rebiere, Rev. McMillan, and Major Hersey.

died, as the top league bridge player. When I played with her, we were quite frequently number one and number two.

**E.R.:** Do you remember the names of the RCMP boats that you ran into or knew of when you were up in Aklavik?

**E.H.:** There was one that I guided back from... You see, Insp. Eames asked me to bring the *HMS Kingston* from Herschel Island to Aklavik. The *Kingston* had been built for use by Insp. Eames in his area, but it was top heavy and was better suited for use on rivers. So he got permission to buy another boat, a schooner that was a little bit bigger than the *Kingston*, a little bit larger and suitable without the all-around super structure. So he was taking the new boat back to Aklavik and asked me to take the *Kingston* back.

**E.R.:** What kind of individual was Insp. Eames?

**E.H.:** Insp. Eames was an outstanding member of the RCMP as far as I was concerned, because he was so good with Natives, both the Indians and Eskimos. He was a natural leader of the RCMP "boys." In the RCMP up there, we had all types, as you do in every force, and he was highly respected by all the citizens of the Northwest Territories and by his own Force.

**E.R.:** What were the circumstances that brought you into the chase for the Mad Trapper?

**E.H.:** Well, they had trouble when they tried to capture him. Their first two attempts were unsuccessful. I had played baseball, third base, and if you know a good thing about baseball you'll know you need a good throwing arm. So this is really why I was asked to participate. You see, QM Sgt. R.F. Riddell made the bombs of dynamite; he was good at that type of thing. He used to set up the stuff in big water holes in the winter time and blow the holes with the dynamite. So he knew how to handle that stuff and I was taken along originally to throw these on Johnson's roof or to knock down his cabin.

**E.R.:** Your expertise with radio equipment, was that also another part of your involvement?

**E.H.:** Well yes, that was... Riddell and I were both involved. He was the engineer on the Station and I was the operator. Although he could operate the equipment, he was slow. So I always operated the radio, but he carried it on his dog team. You had to be very careful doing this. My dog team was big and fast and got bouncy, while his was slower and could take the equipment.

**E.R.:** Was this Morse Code-type equipment, or was it voice-type radio? Could you speak?

**E.H.:** No. You had to use a key.

**E.R.:** So it was a Morse Code.

**E.H.:** Yes.

**E.R.:** Where had you learned your dog-sledding abilities?

**E.H.:** When I first went to Aklavik, there were no roads. In the winter time, people used dogs and in the summer time they used canoes and small boats. Although we had a cabin cruiser on the Station to go back-and-forth and bring in the wood, and we also had a small boat, like every other teenager who wants wheels, I wanted my own dog-team. So I started acquiring my own dog-team right away and I had a pretty fair team by the time the Mad Trapper thing came up.

**E.R.:** How did you get to know Cst. Alfred W. King and Cst. Edgar Millen?

**E.H.:** Well, they were on Detachment at Aklavik and that's where I met them. They were both constables among five or six members there. Of course there were four or five of us and of course we were all government employees so we got together a lot.

**E.R.:** And when did you first meet W.R. "Wop" May, the pilot?

**E.H.:** When he first brought in the mail.

**E.R.:** The mail?

**E.H.:** Yes, he's the first chap... I forget what they call it, but his airways competed with Canadian Air, bidding for the airline to bring the mail in and May's company won the contract. They only had a couple, maybe three planes, but that's when I first met him.

**E.R.:** So you knew him relatively well before the Mad Trapper incident?

**E.H.:** Oh yes. He and the others stayed at our place, at the radio station. They stayed at various radio stations in the North when they travelled, but not at Fort McMurray because they had their own accommodations there. But anything north of that, like Herschel Island, they stayed with me.

**E.R.:** I understand that Captain W. May was an "ace" in the Royal Flying Corps during the First World War?

**E.H.:** Yes that's right. He was very famous at that time because he was chased by the Red Baron when Brown shot down the Red Barron. And after that, he himself shot down 19 or 20 planes.

**E.R.:** Who says the North was a quiet place? Sounds like a lot of interesting characters ended up there, like yourself, Wop May and some of the other people that you've talked about. You also mentioned earlier that you knew of the *St. Roch*. Did you actually see it operating up in the North?

**E.H.:** See the *St. Roch* operating? Oh yes! I've worked them all. When I say I "worked" them, I mean that they had transmitters and receivers and since I had a radio station, they had to come through me coming into Herschel Island, because there was no Department of Transport. Whether they were at Herschel Island or at Coppermine, they worked one of our radio stations.

**E.R.:** Did you ever serve on the *St. Roch*? Did you know Henry Larsen?

**E.H.:** No, I didn't serve on the *St. Roch*, I was just a radio contact. I've been aboard the *St. Roch* to talk to the operator. He and I got along very well. We couldn't have the two transmitters transmitting at the same time and we had to be careful because the

power would blow out all our fuses. At that time we had fuses, you know, and at no time would he transmit when I was transmitting.

Henry Larsen was in charge of the *St. Roch*. He eventually was made an inspector and ended up in Ottawa. The *St. Roch* is a famous piece of Canadian history.

**E.R.:** Could you tell us how you became involved in the posse, basically how the whole thing started? Do you remember the first day you were asked to come there and what transpired from there?

**E.H.:** There was a posse formed right after Johnson shot Cst. King, which was unfortunate as far as I was concerned. It's too bad that Cst. Millen hadn't gone, because I think that if Millen had wanted, he could have persuaded the so-called Mad Trapper that all he had to do was part with \$75 and he could stay there as long as he wanted, as long as he didn't lift tracks and things like that.

Now, Cst. King was accustomed to working with Natives. I think he tended to be a bit brisk, shall we say, and I understand that he said to Johnson, "Open the door or I'll bash it in" so Johnston shot him.

**E.R.:** So it sounds to me that Cst. Millen had an excellent way with people and was well respected. Can you describe him?

**E.H.:** Cst. Millen was highly respected and highly thought of. He was about six foot three, exceptionally good-looking and a well-built type of a man, well liked by the constables and by the Natives too.

I noticed somewhere in a write-up on him that they wanted to make him a corporal in charge of a Detachment, but he didn't want to be in charge of a Detachment. But they sent him to the Arctic Rat River anyhow, put him charge of Arctic Rat River. He was

a very capable guy and a good traveller too. He could never understand how a little fellow like me could travel with dogs. We admired each other. He was a good traveller.

**E.R.:** I understand you became around the where Cst. King was wounded by the Mad Trapper. Were you there during the actual confrontation at the cabin or did you arrive after that?

**E.H.:** By the time we arrived at the cabin, Johnson had flown the coop. We hunted all the countryside for him, but he was gone.

**E.R.:** I'm going to ask Reverend McMillan to read Insp. Eames' description of the Mad Trapper's cabin.

**G.M.:** *The cabin was built of logs approximately 12 inches in diameter and was about 8 by 12 feet in size, inside measurement roughly. Height: above ground level was five feet in front and four feet in rear. Door: four feet by 19 inches. Of the door length only three feet appeared above ground level. His roof was constructed of heavy poles covered with frozen sod to a thickness of two feet. Window: 12 inches square. The cabin walls had been reinforced with extra logs and frozen sods for 20 inches above ground level on the side facing the nearest stretch of river bank.*

*My original estimate, which agrees with that of Lang's, of the depth of the cabin below ground level, reported to you in my wireless message of January 12, was not borne out when I examined the cabin later. Actually, the floor of the cabin at the end nearest the river was only 38 inches below ground level, which provided full protection. Our being on hard snow above the level of the ground probably gave the impression of greater depth.*

**E.R.:** So, in listening to all that, when you saw the cabin after it was obviously blown

up and the Trapper had fled, what was your impression of this cabin?

**E.H.:** I had not seen a trapper's cabin as well built, because a trapper normally wouldn't spend as much time as Johnson did to build his cabin. He wouldn't normally... It was a tremendous amount of work, mind you he was alone. Some people say he built it as a fortress. I wouldn't necessarily say that. I would say he built it to be comfortable; it was one of the best types of cabins you could possibly have. Even the outhouse was outstanding as far as I was concerned, as comfortable as you could possibly make it.

**E.R.:** I understand that in the description of the cabin, the floor was 36 inches below the actual level of the ground and a good portion of the door. Now was it uncommon to go that deep?

**E.H.:** No, now that wouldn't be uncommon. I think many trappers could have build it like that, if they wanted to spend the time and the energy to dig through 8 to 10 inches of permafrost. Frozen ground is very hard to dig. Johnson spent days digging down there.

**E.R.:** Sounds to me that this was a man very capable with his hands and with a great ability to build things. Do you get the impression that this individual knew about the Northern way and how to survive?

**E.H.:** Oh yes, he was well acquainted with all the various ways of surviving in the North.

**E.R.:** I find it curious that there was such a low floor, to myself anyway, and that there were gun slits built almost at floor level?

**E.H.:** I think those gun slits were put in after he shot King.

**E.R.:** Is that right?

**E.H.:** Yes, they were not there before. I didn't see that part, but, from the chatter from the other boys, the gun slits were not there before he shot King.

**E.R.:** What was it like when you got there? There must have been a lot of excitement about this whole incident? How was everybody feeling when you arrived at the Mad Trapper's cabin?

**E.H.:** We were disappointed. Had we had the crowd of people that were there now, we could have surrounded the cabin when Johnson was still in there. And with the explosive devices that Riddell had been constructing, I don't think that we would have had the long hunt.

**E.R.:** In the report I noticed that the explosives were supplied by the Royal Canadian Signals and by the RCMP.

**E.H.:** We also had dynamite up there because we had built new quarters for ourselves, and rather than digging through the permafrost we blew it up. Our cellar was actually a boat built in so that when the permafrost melted when the furnace was on, and the walls would heat up, the permafrost wouldn't melt and flood our cellar.

**E.R.:** You said you were impressed by the outhouse. Can you tell us why?

**E.H.:** Well, I did a lot of travelling, you see, because I was the NCO in charge of Herschel Island. So in the winter time rather than bring me back south to Kingston, Camp Borden or one of the training centres as an inspector, it was much cheaper to leave me up there, to leave me at Aklavik.

So this meant that we had an extra operator on the station, and in the winter time there was much less communications traffic than in the summertime. So here I was, young and anxious to go places. One time, our

cook who had been up there for two or three years, thought that he should take a holiday. So we both took a trip around the Mackenzie Delta. For three weeks, we went about 100, 150 miles or so, talking to many Eskimos and some Indians.

**E.R.:** So, going back to the confrontation at the cabin... Johnson survived an explosion on his roof, and managed to shoot the flashlight out of somebody's hand who was approaching the blown-up cabin. Then he escaped and the hunt was on. How cold was it at that time?

**E.H.:** In his book, Dick North talked about how cold it was, but really, we were dressed for the cold. At no time was I cold up there. Now, when you were up on the rolling hills, the foot hills of the Rockies, it blew quite a bit at times. However, I was not troubled with the cold, because I was dressed for it. Whatever the temperatures were that Dick North said it was, 30 or 40 below on the old Fahrenheit scale, that's really not cold for up there.

**E.R.:** Now, for an individual to strike out on his own, to escape a posse, to endure that type of cold for 48 days, that's quite a feat don't you think?

**E.H.:** Oh yes, oh yes. Johnson was well accustomed to travelling up there. You see, the average white trapper had a dog team and would visit his traps on his trap-line with the dog team. Some had small teams (three dogs), some had larger ones with five to seven dogs which could always ride. But Johnson didn't. He would pull his sled, his supplies, his traps and things like that on a small toboggan behind him. He was accustomed to travelling like that. This was not new for him, to be out in the cold. Now, the thing that would mess him up, and I gather that it did, was

that he couldn't light a fire. I think this is why he froze a part of his face and some of his fingers; or at least it looked as if they'd been frozen.

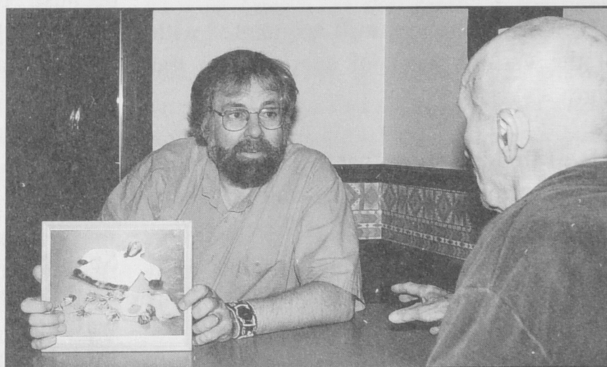
**E.R.:** Can you describe what clothing you wore?

**E.H.:** The government supplied us with trousers which were flannel lined. They supplied us with heavy underwear and with heavy socks. We also used the Natives' material and would buy our moccasins from the local Native people. I have a picture of my parka... I guess I forgot it. My parka is in a museum in Regina.

The parka was made of heavy duffle cloth, rather than fur. I couldn't use the fur because it was too hot for me. I always had a pair of fur pants that I could pull over my pants to wear. But yes, I had the duffle parka and all on top of that was a white linen type of snowsuit and you could put that in the wash.

On my hands I wore a simple pair of cotton work gloves and then a pair of the heavy mitts. Mine happened to be Albino Wolverine; they were given to me. When the snow would go and freeze on them, you would just brush it off. I had a very good pair of mitts.

*(Continued in the Spring 1998 issue. — Ed.)* ❖



**Museum display of Major Hersey's winter garb.**

# S/M Flintoff's Shooting Medal

by K. Dale Macdonald

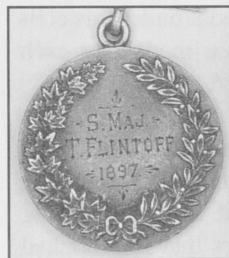
The author has published an article on S/M Flintoff in the Spring 1995 issue of the *RCMP Quarterly*, Vol. 60, No. 2. He has since acquired S/M Flintoff's 1897 medal as top shot of the Force, thanks to a retired RCMP officer who sold it to him. The following article depicts another beautiful piece of RNWMP history, that pulls together some interesting aspects of how and why the 1897 shooting medal was awarded to S/M Flintoff. The story was taken from S/M Flintoff's own service file. — Ed.

When Reg. No. 1239, James Thomas Flintoff, joined the North-West Mounted Police in Toronto on April 22, 1885, during the Saskatchewan Rebellion, he was engaged as a constable, for a five-year term. Twenty-six years later, he had become one of the Force's longest serving members.

His first medical examination indicated that he measured 5'9" tall and weighed 165 pounds, with dark hair, brown eyes and a "sanguine temperment (*sic*).” But his sanguine temperament was to become somewhat less so when he locked horns with his commanding officer over something he felt was unfair and not “by the book.”

Flintoff was an expert pistol shot. In fact, he was the Force's top pistol shot for the years 1895, 1896 and 1897. This is why he was awarded a Shooting Medal in 1899, something that later would become a point of contention.

**OBVERSE SIDE** The buffalo head, with a riband and motto *MAINTIEN LE DROIT*, (later corrected on insignia to read *MAINTIENS LE DROIT*) is surmounted by a queen's crown (Queen Victoria's). It overlays crossed rifles and is surrounded by maple leaves. The circumference is marked **NORTH WEST MOUNTED POLICE CANADA**. The plain ribbon bar is surmounted by a beaver. The medium-blue ribbon, slightly torn, lies behind the bar. The medal measures 1-5/8 inch in diameter.



**REVERSE SIDE** Encircled by maple and olive leaves is the engraving "S. Maj. T. Flintoff 1897" in three lines. It is unclear why the engraver would use Flintoff's second initial, unless he was popularly known by his second name.

It started with a letter dated March 18, 1899, from the assistant commissioner, in Ottawa, addressed to Supt. A.H. Griesbach, Officer Commanding NWMP, "G" Division, which said: "I am forwarding Sergeant Major Flintoff's 'best revolver shot' medal for '95, '96, '97. Be good enough to hand it to him, and forward his receipt for the same to his office."

Although this is speculation — there being no mention on the inscription — the medal would have logically been marked "1897" (the last of the three consecutive years).

The medal was subsequently forwarded to S/M Flintoff in the Banff Sanatorium in Alberta, where he was convalescing after having sustained injuries to one of his knees when he slipped on some ice, while coming out of the Division Mess Room. He had injured his knee joint quite badly and “pynovitis” had set in. Flintoff obtained a medical furlough and put himself into the sanatorium for six weeks.

Flintoff then wrote out his receipt: “Received from Supt. Griesbach my revolver shot medal for 95,96, 97. Banff, May 12, 1899.”

Two days later, on May 14, he sent a letter to Supt. Griesbach saying: “Sir, I received the medal and I return receipts of same signed. I see that I am only receiving one medal for three years. I do not understand why this is done, as I stated distinctly that I wanted the medals as per G.O. or none. I think it is very unjust after I have already refused to accept one medal under this condition and I still claim a medal for each year.”

*General Orders* stipulated a medal for each year it was won, and Flintoff wanted to stick to the rules even if his commanding officers didn't. It appears that Flintoff had previously either refused or returned a medal for one of the years he had won it, but which year is still unclear. He did sign a receipt for the medal received at Banff, arguably one marked “1897”. It wasn't for 1895, because that medal would be given to him several months later, and nowhere in his service records is there any mention of one for 1896. Could he have been previously awarded one medal for three years — marked with the middle year (1896) — and have returned it?

On May 26, 1899, Griesbach forwarded the receipt to the Commissioner's office, saying: “Receipt from S/M Flintoff for his revolver shot medal for years 95, 96, 97,

also a letter from S/M Flintoff which speaks for itself.”

Surprisingly, something was about to be done about the breach of *General Orders* that so riled S/M Flintoff. On August 10, 1899, the Office of the Comptroller, Ottawa, sent a letter to the Commissioner in Regina, saying “I return herewith the shooting medal of Sergt. Major Flintoff, forwarded here by your memo of the 19th ultimo, altered to read for the year ‘1895’ only.”

S/M Flintoff obviously received the medal. Because on August 17, 1899, he signed a receipt stating, “Received from Supt. Griesbach one shooting medal for the year 1895 — revolver.”

He had now signed receipts for shooting medals for 1895 and, supposedly, 1897. But because there was never a mention about an 1896 medal, it begs these questions: Why not for 1896? Was the Commissioner's office merely trying to appease Flintoff and still get away with less? Why would the comptroller's office say it was altered to read for the year 1895? What was it altered from? An 1896 medal or the medal Flintoff said he refused? Who knows...

Fortunately, there can be no doubt about a bronze shooting medal having been made for S/M Flintoff in the year 1897, because it is still in existence. It is nicely engraved and is still in clean, unaltered condition. It is a beautiful example of an NWMP historical artifact and of one man's endeavours within the Force.

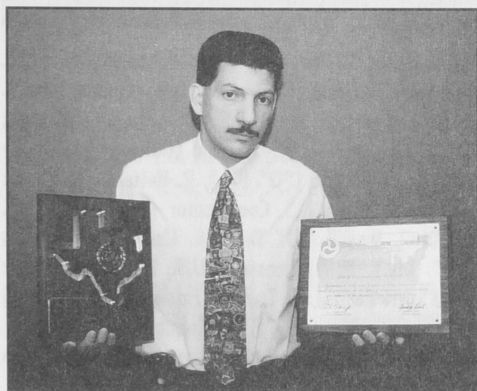
*The author would appreciate hearing from anyone who has a theory about which medal was altered to read “1895” or who knows of a Flintoff-marked shooting medal for the years 1895 or 1896, or of any other medal or equipment marked “Flintoff.” Please write to P.O. Box 931, Summerland B.C. V0H 1Z0. — Ed. ❖*



# Operation Pipeline/ Convoy Program

Operation Pipeline/Convoy is a police training philosophy for uniformed peace officers involved in frontline vehicle stops and a highly successful program in both Canada and the U.S. To date, hundreds of drug seizures, smuggled liquor and tobacco seizures, stolen property and firearms have been recovered as a result of this training. This program has been proven to be particularly effective in the RCMP's efforts against drug, liquor and tobacco smuggling into Canada.

During Operation Pipeline/Convoy training sessions, law enforcement personnel are given indicators on clues to watch for, such as body language, comments or statements by a suspect, or odours within the vehicle, which could indicate criminal behaviour is taking place. The program also offers instruction in vehicle concealment locations and hidden compartments. Instruction also includes officer safety, consent searches and drug interdiction involving commercial vehicles.



RCMP Cst. R.A. Ruiters began work to bring this program to Canada from the United States in 1993, and began a program in Manitoba. In 1995, training was expanded from Manitoba into Alberta and Saskatchewan. In November 1995, Cst. Ruiters became the RCMP's fulltime national Pipeline/Convoy coordinator and training is now taking place in, or is planned for, all provinces and territories in Canada.

This training has proven popular and beneficial to members of not just the RCMP, but all agencies involved in law enforcement who have received it. Furthermore, the *Pipeline/Convoy Newsletter* which is distributed throughout Canada, the U.S. and even to Ireland and England, provides police officers with the latest information on the program, training and significant seizures.

The need and requests for this training have grown at a great speed across this continent. Cst. Ruiters travelled extensively across the U.S. and Canada to lecture on this program. In fact, he was the only instructor that the RCMP had until recently — that is until the Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Centre and the RCMP got together and held the first International Instructors Course for Pipeline/Convoy Instructors. Following this 10-day course held at "D" Division HQ in Winnipeg, 15

**At the September 1996 Pipeline/Convoy Annual Conference held in Cleveland, Ohio, Cst. Ruiters again was rewarded by El Paso Intelligence Centre and the Drug Interdiction Assistance Program.**

RCMP members from across Canada and 15 law enforcement personnel from various U.S. State and federal agencies are now qualified to help meet the increasing numbers of requests for training in this area of expertise.

Pipeline/Convoy is a successful interdiction program designed primarily for uniformed personnel involved in traffic stops. The program helps develop a peace officers observational, conversational and investigative skills. It teaches indicators in detecting couriers with contraband. The program is coordinated by Cst. Rob Ruiters, "D" Division, assisted by Cpl. Pat O'Brien, HQ DEB. Pipeline/Convoy is financed and authorized by the Director Federal Services Directorate. As smugglers and contraband affect all areas within Federal Enforcement all branches of FSD are supporting this initiative. Any enquiries regarding this program, requests for training or requests for the *Pipeline/Convoy Newsletter* should be directed to:

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*Editor's Note: In 1994, Cst. Ruiters received recognition for his work on the Operation Pipeline/Convoy Program from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the El Paso Intelligence Centre at the annual Pipeline/Convoy conference in Chicago, Illinois. In the fall of 1995, he was further rewarded by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Department of Justice, the El Paso Intelligence Centre and the Drug Interdiction Assistance Program of the U.S. Federal Highways Administration at the annual conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. ❖*



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## Americans Idolize Our Redcoats

# Mounties' Glow Rubs Off on Canada

by Randy Turner

Winnipeg Free Press Staff Reporter

Americans, it seems, always get their Mountie. The Canadian law enforcement officer — on horseback in Red Serge — remains an icon south of the border, an authority in American pop culture says.

"They're often at official ceremonies (in the United States)," University of Northern Michigan professor Dr. Michael T. Marsden said. "They're such a symbol. There's kind of a romance to the Mounties."

In fact, Mounties are just as revered as Texas Rangers in the eyes of some Americans, Marsden, Dean of the college arts and sciences program, wrote in the current edition of *Studies in Popular Culture*.

"The Mounties are such a popular figure in the American imagination precisely because they avoided the mistakes which plagued westward expansion in the United States," Marsden said. "The story of the Mounties representing the Queen's law and mercy in the land of snows is the story of winning the West as it should have been won."

In a phone interview, Marsden noted that of more than 500 films Hollywood has made

about Canada, nearly half have featured the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The radio series "Challenge of the Yukon", featuring Sgt. Preston, first aired in 1939.

"The perception of the Mountie in the mass media over the last 100 years has been of a stoic, caring individual." Canadians, by association, have the same reputation, he added.

"I'm not so sure Canadians really appreciate the fact that Americans will look to Canada for a moral consciousness," said the professor, who has researched the Mounties' image over a number of years. "They think of Canada as the voice of reason."

The Mounties were especially respected for avoiding bloodshed at all costs — especially with natives, Marsden added.

To this day, RCMP officers are routinely requested to appear at U.S. functions — all expenses paid — and always in their red serge uniforms. RCMP spokesman, Sgt. W.H. Sangster, said Mounties received special attention when they attended a Crime Stoppers convention at San Antonio, Texas.

"I was in awe of the respect we had, even in the deep south. You're literally blinded by the flash bulbs," he said. Manitoba's top Mountie, A/Commr. R.A. Bergman, Commanding Officer, "D" Division, agreed the foundation for the RCMP's worldwide respect is based on a history of balancing compassion with enforcement.

"It's the only country that uses the police force as a symbol for that country," he said. "We take that very seriously, and very humbly."

*This article was originally published in November 1993 by the "Winnipeg Free Press". — Ed. ❖*

## **RCMP PUT UP WITH A LOT OF BULL**

**Buctouche — Modern police manuals cover just about everything police officers might encounter in their work, but nowhere is there mention of how to handle a runaway bull claiming this highway as his.**

**Ferdinand the bull broke his chain and was sauntering along Highway 11, near the McKees Mills turnoff, when he was first sighted shortly after midnight Thursday. Buctouche RCMP said a motorist reported he nearly collided with the bull and that the animal charged his vehicle as he drove past. Police went out to investigate and sure enough, there was Ferdinand standing his ground, intent on charging anyone and anything that happened by, said RCMP Cst. Dave Mazerolle.**

**Mazerolle said police were in a quandary about what to do with the animal. Roadblocks were set up to slow traffic and motorists were advised to go slow as fast-moving vehicles seemed to enrage the animal. In the meantime, other officers checked area houses trying to find the owner while attempts were made to contact provincial natural resources officers, local veterinarians and SPCA people.**

**There were lots of puzzled looks and polite chuckles as motorists stopped to view the scene. One tourist convinced police he could take care of the situation but found himself making a hasty retreat when the bull, with nostrils flaring, suddenly charged. After that, no one went near the animal.**

**Police were keeping watch from their vehicles when a man suddenly emerged from nearby woods at about 2 a.m. He identified the bull as his, walked over to the animal, and grabbing it by the horns, calmly led it home. Mazerolle said the bull had been one of two tied in the farmer's backyard when it broke loose sometime in the night. Someone eavesdropping on RCMP radio communications thought he recognized the bull from the description and telephoned the farmer.**

**Fortunately, no damage was done and no one hurt. It could have been a lot worse since the animal could have caused a major accident charging passing vehicles. Speed limit along that stretch of two-lane highway is 100 kilometres per hour.**

***The Times-Transcript, Moncton, New Brunswick, July 22, 1989***

# A Billion to One

by Sgt. T.J. Scott  
"B" Division, Newfoundland

On December 16, 1993, at 10:30, I received a call on my cellular phone from S/Sgt. R. Hogg, NCO i/c St. John's Sub-Division Drug Section. The message, which had to be relayed by code for security reasons, was good news — a shipment of drugs out of Montréal had been intercepted. The drugs had been removed from the packages, and dummy packages containing painted wood were being delivered to the drug dealer's house as we spoke.

This was great news for several reasons. First, it would bring an end to a lengthy wiretap investigation just before Christmas, which would mean that the drug investigators on the case would be able to spend more time with their families and friends, instead of conducting surveillance and other related duties during the festive season. More importantly however, it meant that a sizeable shipment of illegal drugs would not reach the streets.

I waited with anticipation for the next phase of the operation. Hopefully I would have the rare opportunity of going to the monitoring room and listening to the panic telephone call after the targets opened the packages and realized that their drugs had been ripped off. At that point, they often lose their cool and forget to use their well-practised security codes. I entered the monitoring room and jokingly bet with telecomms monitor, C/M B. Nugent, that we would intercept the panic call within five minutes.

Sure enough, within three or four minutes, a target telephone activated; but the inter-

cepted telephone conversation thoroughly confused everyone in the room — particularly me. My mind went numb, I couldn't believe what I was hearing. The female caller was asking for Terry Scott (me!) and insisting that Terry Scott should be there, because he had given her this number. I was very frightened at this point, and with good reason; unknown to anyone except me, the female caller was my mother and the male voice in the background belonged to my father.

Thoughts came crashing in on my mind. What was going on? Mentally, I raced through the possible explanations for such a bizarre occurrence at that critical point in a major operation. Had I somehow left a target phone number at my parents' house? Were the targets aware of my identity and harassing my parents in order to get to me? None of this made any sense — yet, there was my mother calling a drug dealer's residence looking for me, just at the most important point in this long investigation.

The suspense became too much for me — I had to try to find out what was going on immediately. I called my parents, who I'm sure were a little leery why I would be calling moments after they had placed a call to a person who said they had no idea who Terry Scott was. My mother explained that she was trying to reach me at my office, using a phone number I had given her a couple of years before. When I asked her the number, to my amazement she gave the target's telephone number.

Still dazed and confused, I realized I could not discuss the matter any further with my

mother because of the sensitive nature of the operation. I could be jeopardizing not only the outcome of the operation, but their safety, and my own as well. I attempted to get off the line as quickly and gracefully as I could but not before she asked why I was calling and pointing out what an odd “coincidence” it was that she had just hung up after unsuccessfully trying to reach me. All my undercover instincts kicked in at once and I came up with some excuse for having to get off the phone right away; but I’m sure she suspected something was amiss.

After the telephone call, I took a closer look at the target telephone number that my

mother had called, looking for me. It looked strangely familiar. I dialled the target telephone number on the Government system and sure enough an RCMP officer at my former office answered. It blew me away — the target telephone number began with 722 whereas my previous office number was 772 — the last four digits of both numbers however **were exactly the same**. I figure the chances of this occurring must be in the order of a billion to one.

By the way, the panic telephone calls I was so anxiously awaiting did take place; but, I was unable to enjoy them as much as I had planned. ❖

## **FERRET TAKES A BITE OUT OF CRIME PREVENTION**

by Sean O’Neill, *The Daily Telegraph*

**London — An anti-crime-watch operation in western England had to be abandoned when a ferret ran up a policeman’s trouser leg. Const. Jason Black was hiding in undergrowth in a garden in the town of Stroud, when he felt something soft brush against him and looked down so see a furry tail disappearing up his jeans.**

**With the animal wriggling and nipping at his calf, he leapt from the undergrowth, where he and Dave Workman had been keeping a late-night watch on a property. He began hopping around the garden, shouting and kicking wildly as he tried to shake the ferret out.**

**“It was going further and further up and I panicked and ran out of the garden shouting to Dave to help,” Black said Friday. “Luckily my jeans were fairly tight and it couldn’t get above my knee. I was running around in circles kicking out my leg, and eventually it fell out after a couple of minutes.”**

**“But then it started chasing after me, so Dave and I ran off to our car to get away from it.”**

**As bedroom lights were switched on in surrounding houses and residents began peering from windows, the officers decided to abandon their part in Operation Gemini for a while. Black said: “The commotion had blown our cover, so we drove off for a couple of hours and then headed back to the area.”**

*The Ottawa Citizen, January 25, 1997*

## Book Review

**THE NORTH WEST MOUNTED POLICE AND THE NORTH WEST REBELLION**, by Donald J. Klancher (Mounted Police Research and Consulting, 1997) Kamloops, illus., 108 p. Available from the author, 281 Seymour Street, Kamloops, B.C. V2C 2E7. \$25.63 (includes tax) plus \$5.00 shipping, Canada and the U.S.A.; others, \$10.00 (surface).

Insp. Don Klancher (retired) is well-known to serving and retired members alike who share his passion for the history and traditions of the RCMP. The North West Rebellion of 1885 is one of the pivotal events in the history of western Canada; it is also the first significant military action in Canadian history to involve the Mounted Police. In his latest book, *The North West Mounted Police and the North West Rebellion*, Insp. Klancher presents a brief, but spirited account of the role of the North West Mounted Police (NWMP) in the events of 1885. It was not an insignificant contribution. Members of the NWMP were involved in most of the main battles and skirmishes of the Rebellion and were instrumental in bringing the uprising to a successful conclusion. Above all, Insp. Klancher reminds us that the Rebellion was a violent affair: eight members of the Mounted Police were killed in action. While he observes that "the true worth of the NWMP in coping with the Rebellion will likely never be appreciated," he concludes that "by scouting, guiding, protecting, providing of intelligence and giving of a proportionate number of lives to that of any other field force," the contribution of the Mounted Police

to the outcome of the Rebellion "cannot be disputed" (page 42).

Insp. Klancher's book, however, is much more than a history of the NWMP in the Rebellion. For many years, he has also been deeply interested in the North West Canada Medal awarded to all who served in the Rebellion. The Medal itself has an interesting history. Initially, no members of the NWMP were eligible for the Medal. After a series of protests, those who had actually been "under fire" were presented with the Medal in 1888. This decision ignored the fact that other members who remained on duty in their respective areas also contributed to eventual outcome of the Rebellion, by reassuring settlers, in keeping the peace and simply by being present. While not "under fire", they had done their part to quell the Rebellion. After many years of lobbying and letter writing by members and friends of the Force, the government finally conceded and decided in August 1900 to award the Northwest Canada Medal to all members of the Mounted Police who were serving in the Northwest Territories at the time, except those who had died, deserted or been dismissed from the NWMP since 1885.

Insp. Klancher examines the whole question of the Northwest Canada Medal and its history and appends a complete list of recipients, those who received the Medal in 1888, as well as those who were recognized in 1900. The author also reproduces a series of nominal rolls of NWMP members who were involved in the engage-

ments at Duck Lake, Cut Knife Hill and Fort Pitt; he also lists those members who served with the Alberta Field Force.

Many books and articles have been written about the North West Rebellion since its conclusion over 100 years ago. Academic and popular studies of the Rebellion abound, biographies and memoirs, novels, plays, films and even an opera have examined the Rebellion and its place in Canadian history, but no one has looked exclusively at the role played by the North West Mounted Police. Don Klancher has done much to rectify this situation. *The North West Mounted Police and the North West Rebellion* is well-documented and illustrated with contemporary drawings and sketches. In short, this is a useful addition to Mounted Police literature from a member who is keen to share his enthusiasm for Mounted Police history and to remind all of us of our past accomplishments and achievements.

*Reviewed by Glenn Wright  
Public Affairs and  
Information Directorate*

**CANADIAN CALENDAR OF CRIME:  
1500 TO 1996**, by Frank W. Anderson, Gopher Publications (1997) Box 9055, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7K 7E7. \$15.95 (includes shipping and handling with standard discount to accredited dealers).

If you have ever been curious about the evolution of crime and criminals in Canada, then add *Canadian Calendar of Crime: 1500-1996* to your reading list. The book chronicles major criminal events in Canadian his-

tory, many of which predate the formal court system.

*Calendar of Crime* is written from an exclusively Canadian historic perspective, and focuses on the development of the modern correctional system. The book includes a useful index for quick reference, and works well as a research guide for students, reporters and others with an interest in the history of crime in Canada.

The first entry in the *Calendar of Crime* links the shipping trade to the emergence of Canadian law and order. The passage describes the offences and punishments meted out to those found guilty of crime. Other early entries — such as the establishment of the first *Criminal Code* on August 3, 1583 — give readers insight into the genesis of the Canadian criminal system and its links to the nation's early trade practices.

The book's final entry — dated December 3, 1996 — notes the case of Alan Eagleson, a well-known figure in the world of sports, who was charged by the RCMP on charges of theft and fraud. Reference is also made in this last passage to the growing problem of native street gangs, such as the Indian Posse.

As the national police force of Canada, it comes as no surprise that numerous events in *Calendar of Crime* surround the RCMP. On November 17, 1879, for instance, Cst. Marmaduke Graburn of the Northwest Mounted Police became the first mounted policeman killed on duty. Also recorded is the date of February 3, 1920, when the Royal Northwest Mounted Police (RNWMP) became



the RCMP and absorbed the Dominion Police.

*Calendar of Crime* does not provide any great detail on the crimes and events listed between its covers, nor does it table every crime in the history of the nation. The book does, however, provide a basic overview of Canada's criminal evolution, allowing readers to gain a better understanding of the historical development of our present day criminal system.

*Reviewed by Kerry Ramsay*

**BEHIND THE SCENES: ANECDOTES ABOUT A POLICE OFFICER'S LIFE AND WORK IN NEWFOUNDLAND**, by Supt. John Religa (retired), Oceanside Press (1997), P.O. Box 70, pouch Cove, Newfoundland, A0A 3L0. ISBN 0-9680640-1-9

When Supt. John Religa joined the RCMP in 1953, he was fresh out of high school and looking for adventure. Not unlike many young men his age, he was full of ideals and dreams for the future. What he didn't know, was how drastically his life would change the day he took the oath to "execute and perform the duties required of [him] as a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police."

*Behind the Scenes* is a first-person account of life in the RCMP, from recruit training in Regina ("I had never seen so much brass in one place before") to the front-lines in rural Newfoundland. In his own words, Supt. Religa says he wrote the book "to give people some insight into the day-to-day life of a police officer in Newfoundland, five years after that province became a part of Canada."

During his career, Supt. Religa served at detachments located in St. John's, St. Lawrence, Bell Island, Ferryland, Harbour Grace and Gander. He began, however, as all RCMP members do, at "Depot" Division. Recruit training left a lasting impression on him. He recalls, "It did not take too long for me to learn that nothing the recruits said made one bit of difference to the instructors. No matter who, what, where, why or when, they were right and we were wrong."

After successfully completing training, Supt. Religa began working on the shores of "The Rock." As a 3rd-Class Constable, his starting salary was \$170 a month. Over the first few months of his service as a regular member of the RCMP, his life would be filled with new experiences and hard-learned lessons — like the fact that an officer should never apply hard wax to the hood of his patrol car and then leave it in the sun to dry while he eats his lunch.

The raw honesty of *Behind the Scenes* is both refreshing and illuminating. In a profession which takes its work seriously, it pays off to sit back and remember the lighter moments. And there are plenty of light moments — from bootlegging church members to tales of policing on the night of a full moon.

Some stories can only be told by the voice of experience. Between the lines and pages of Supt. Religa's memoir, readers catch a glimpse of the unique province of Newfoundland and the hard-working people who have shaped its history. The result is a credible — and often entertaining — depiction of the trials and triumphs

faced by a real-life RCMP officer *Behind the Scenes*.

*Reviewed by Kerry Ramsay*

**SHOTS FIRED: ON PATROL WITH A CANADIAN STREET COP**, by Gary Cameron, Code Five Press (1997), 224 pages. \$14.95. ISBN 0-9699783-0-8

In a new publication entitled *Shots Fired: On Patrol with a Canadian Street Cop*, readers can catch a glimpse inside the daily trials and triumphs of one member of the Vancouver Police Department. Offering a uniquely Canadian perspective, the book chronicles the events and adventures which shaped Gary Cameron's 12-year policing career.

"I wrote this book to help people understand what I used to do for a living," the author explains in the book's preface. Indeed, after reading *Shots Fired*, readers will not only have a better understanding of what it takes to be a street cop, but also a clearer picture of the stiff demands placed on those within the policing profession.

From high-speed pursuits to encounters with a mentally-disturbed sniper,

*Shots Fired* explores the hazards of policing on the streets of one of Canada's busiest beats. The book even reveals the author's encounter with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in the aftermath of a fatal shooting incident.

Anecdotes in *Shots Fired* include a number of interesting calls received by the author during his career, including dealing with drug addicts, armed robbers and stabbing victims. Tales are often humorous, as in the case of one tale dubbed "The Night the Dead Man Flew," which recalls the author's terrifying encounter in a hospital morgue.

Written with the blunt honesty of a veteran police officer, *Shots Fired* is a believable collection of anecdotes written from the real-life encounters of one man. Based on his personal experiences, Gary Cameron has produced a book which will grip the attention of police officers and civilians alike. As the author concludes, "This is a story that could only be told by someone who has been there."

*Reviewed by Kerry Ramsay*

## **VIOLENT CRIME IN CANADA DIPS**

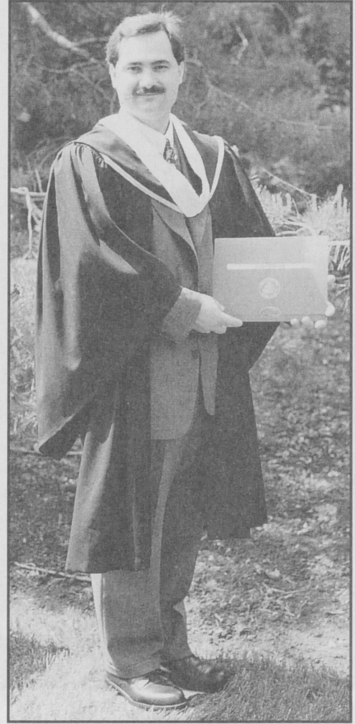
**Toronto — According to a new report, violent crime in Canada is decreasing. The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics says victims are more likely to suffer injuries from knives and weapons other than guns. The report says between 1992 and 1995, violent crime dropped by 8%. Only 2% of violent crimes in 1995 involved firearms. Of deaths involving firearms, 81 per cent were suicides while 13 per cent were homicides.**

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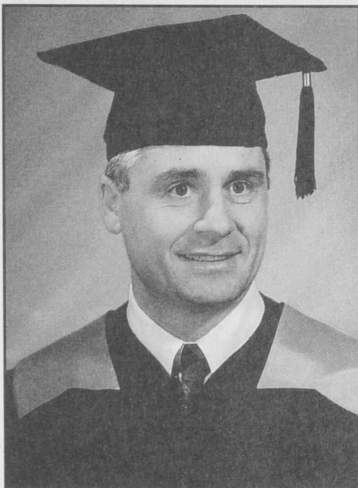
# UNIVERSITY GRADUATES



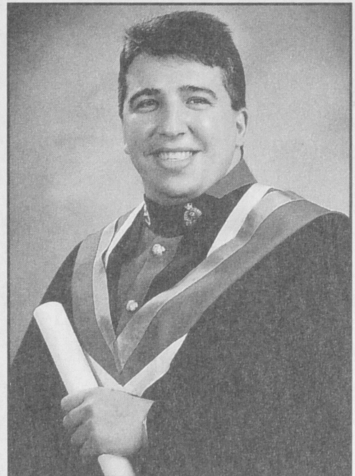
On May 27, 1997, Reg. No. 35832, Sgt. J.-C. Boily graduated with a Bachelor of Social Sciences, with a concentration in Criminology *cum laude*, from the University of Ottawa.



On June 13, 1997, Reg. No. 42605, Cst. V. Chenard graduated with a Certificate in Law Enforcement Studies from Carleton University, in Ottawa.



On June 7, 1997, Reg. No. O.1645, Supt. B.G. Phillips graduated with an Executive MBA from the University of Ottawa.



In May, 1997, Reg. No. 43427, Cst. M. Touchette graduated with a Bachelor in Social Sciences, majoring in Law and Justice, from Laurentian University, in Sudbury, Ontario.

# "DEPOT" DIVISION GRADUATES



Troop 9 (1996/97) began training July 30, 1996, and graduated February 10, 1997. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. J.R.R. Bourget, Insp. G. Doucet, Supt. J.G.H. Boucher, Insp. C.C. Villeneuve, Cpl. J.R.P. Desjardins. First row: P. Paquin, T. Wilson, Cpl. C.A. Bradley, Cpl. J. Therriault, K.J. Sherbeth, K.A. Szkica, J.I. Leblanc. Second row: M.J. Slade, D.J. Hubbert, S.J. Bergerman, T. Shields, S. McQueen, D.N. Bernard, R.M. Cardinal, R.D. Lee. Third row: G.S. Wilson, M.L. Ginter, S.R. Shott, D.R.F. Pound, J.M.E. Rochette, D.J. Smith, P.P. Balappa.



Troop 10 (1996/97) began training on August 13, 1996 and graduated on February 24, 1997. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. C.M.E. Drapeau, S/M W. Martin, Supt. J.G.H. Boucher, Supt. G. Doucet, Cpl. P.E.M. Maeda, Cpl. G.B. Macdonald. First row: G. Louie, R. Abdallah, D.M. Czymoch, N.P. Seres, J.L.J.M. Roberts, H.J. Gordon, C.H. Mak. Second row: M.A. Hacker, D.J. Aitken, C.T.J. Dupuis, D.J. Coates, M.N. Mercier, E.J. Jean-Francois, R.F.R. Delve, H.S. Dhami, J.E.S. Gagné. Third row: D.Z.T. Tatti, L.C. Stone, S.M. Savinkoff, S.E. Andronyk, R.J. Wood, D.R. Brown, M.A. Jones, M.A. Field.



Troop 11 (1996/97) began training on August 20, 1996, and graduated on March 3, 1997. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. J. Séguin, S/M W. Martin, Supt. J.G.H. Boucher, Supt. G. Doucet, Cpl. M.J. Boyce, Cpl. M.D. Jones. First row: J.N. Litke, N. Bédard, S.W. Maxwell, J.D. Asmundson, S.K. Sidhu, K.P. Forgeron. Second row: J.M. Ausmus, D.J. Loppie, C.J. Harker, M.M. Knoblauch, D.M. Clamp, M.B. Saulis, J.L. Chipperfield. Third row: G.S. Peddigrew, S.B.M. Walker, R.K. Knecht, R.W. Hardy, M. Bensimhon, M. Naipaul, J.J. Fiddler, R.B. Galloway.



Troop 12 (1996/97) began training on August 27, 1996, and graduated on March 10, 1997. (L-R) Seated: A.E. Barbeau, Cpl. M.D. Harvey, S/M W. Martin, Supt. H. Boucher, Cpl. R.T. Miller, Cpl. G.N. Gourlay. First row: J.D. Oliveros, C.M. De Lemos, A.P. Daffner, F.V. Bertrand, J.C. Waskul, C.D. Ward. Second row: T.E. Abram, E.J. McLachlan, C.M. Smith, T.L. Aquilini, T.J. Slavin, W.J. Anderson, R.E. Hsu, D.S. Spooner. Third row: T.L. Brown, C.R. Banks, R.Z. Veldhoen, J.M. Baranyi, D.T. Sheppard, R.L. Hill, J.G. Isaya, D.B. Gibbs, R. Filion.



Troop 13 (1996/97) began training on September 3, 1996, and graduated on March 17, 1997. (L-R) Seated: S/M W. Martin, Supt. G. Doucet, Supt. J.G.H. Boucher, Insp. C. Villeneuve, Cpl. R. Hobson. First row: A.L. Colpitts, R.R. Mitra, C.M. Lombaert, J.A. Padfield, J. Vestergaard, D. Petre, K.A. Heppner. Second row: A.M. Morrison, M.R. Lebrun, J.L.F. Oliveira, S.W. Parker, T.J. Pashe, K.G. Kopp, W.M. McGregor, S. Lee. Third row: D. Hewitt, M.J. Williams, R.D. Ens, J.A. Skilnyk, M.C. Cleary, M.D. Fitzgerald, I.K. Pidcock, G.J. Sutherland, Cpl. L. Chartrand.



Troop 14 (1996/97) began training on September 10, 1996, and graduated on March 24, 1997. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. B.M. Lucki, Cpl. J.F.R.B. Lemieux, S/M W. Martin, Supt. J.G.H. Boucher, Insp. G. Doucet, Insp. C.C. Villeneuve, Cpl. J.R. Ouellette. First row: L.J. Plummer, N.L. Wagner, Y. Hanna, P.S. Iskander, R.P. Ozon, T.A. Coneen, L.M. Kenschuh, T.H. Nguyen. Second row: D.P. Keatley, P.R. Yuen, A.R. Yee, D.E. Steimer, D.C. Sack, B.V. Cassidy, G.R. Pankratz, R.C. Knezevic. Third row: M. Morin, T.M. Doyle, B.M. Turpin, G. Hartwich, G.V. Dewolf, P.J.M. Beauchamp, J.B.L. Hart.

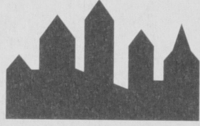
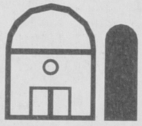


Troop 15 (1996/97) began training on September 17, 1996, and graduated on April 1, 1997. (L-R) Seated: S/M W. Martin, Insp. C. Villeneuve, Supt. G. Doucet, C/Supt. A. Gauthier, Supt. J.G.H. Boucher, Cpl. R.P. Garside. First row: J.A. Payne, A.L. Lambie, N.E. Joyce, Cpl. M.A. Pharand, Cpl. D.J. Halstead, F. Siddiqui, J.M. Malekos, C.M. Stewart. Second row: M.J. Ballam, D.L. Fields, D.H. Hwang, M.P. Moses, W.L. Crowe, N.A. MacLeod, R.K. Banwarie, T.J. Giesinger, M.T. O'Callaghan. Third row: M.R. Ingles, G.K. Pauley, F.S. Darling, D.S. Schaap, M.P. Pelletier, R.D. Clunie, K.B. Niptanatiak, J.D. Saxton.



Troop 16 (1996/97) began training on October 1, 1996, and graduated on April 14, 1997. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. L.A.M. Morris, S/M W. Martin, Supt. G. Doucet, Insp. C. Villeneuve, Cpl. B.B. Wood. First row: D.K. Stevens, K.S. MacRosson, W.M. Ratz, Cpl. T.K. McCabe, M.H.L. Rolland, K.P. Bach, M.J. Kendall, L.C. Norman. Second row: J.D.H.K. Ho, D.R. Sawatsky, L.D. French, S. Gazmin, C.J. Lockwood, E.J. Phipps, K.H. Chau. Third row: A.J.H. Clarke, R.F. Stenger, W.G. MacPherson, C.W. Brinnen, M.H.E.O. Tremblay, R.A. Graham, C.D. Matatall, B.W. Hitchcock.

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# DIVISIONAL DISPATCHES

## ATLANTIC REGION

### "B" DIVISION

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

**MARRIAGE** Reg. No. 44572, Cst. K.G. Snook to Joanne Fleet, on July 26, 1997, at Corner Brook.

**BIRTH** To Reg. No. 39253, Cst. Paul Sheppard and his wife, Delilah, a daughter, Rebecca Brianne, on January 23, 1996, at St. John's.

**RCMP NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP TROPHY** On March 6, 1997, the Clarenville Area Citizens Crime Prevention Committee (CACCPC) gained national acclaim when C/Supt. Dawson Hovey, Director of Public Affairs and Information, announced that it had won the RCMP National Partnership Trophy for 1996/97. Commissioner Murray presented the Trophy to the committee during a ceremony held at Clarenville on May 11, at the St. Jude Hotel. The presentation was also attended by The Hon. Fred Mifflin, Federal Minister of Fisheries; Mr. Doug Oldford, MHA, representing Clarenville District; C/Supt L.G. Warren, CO, "B" Division; Supt. G.G. Duff, OIC, Area Management Team East (St. John's) and 85 guests from the Clarenville Detachment area.

The RCMP National Partnership Trophy, initiated by D/Commr. Mireille Badour upon her retirement from the Force, is awarded in recognition of outstanding contribution by a group or an individual in promoting partnerships with the RCMP. On July 12, 1996, Cst. R.F. Baker, Clarenville Detachment, nominated the CACCPC for this award. The CACCPC has been in existence for the last 10 years and has been working very closely with the RCMP Detachment at Clarenville. The Committee is made up of volunteers and initially in 1987, when the committee was formed, their goal was to make communities a safer place to live. Community awareness was the major goal. In recent years, the CACCPC focused its attention on Crime Prevention and Community Policing and has undertaken more than 100 projects in partnership with the RCMP, focusing on youth, seniors, victims of crime, schools and communities, promoting safe homes and safe communities.

(L-R) Front row: Supt. G.G. Duff, Commissioner Murray, Roberta Stanford, Chairperson, CACCPC; C/Supt. L.G. Warren, Cst. R.F. Baker. Back row: Sandi Baker, Al Bert, Bill Carter, Cal Cole (CACCPC); S/Sgt B.W. Raymond, NCO i/c Clarenville Detachment; Felix Peters, John Russell, Brenda Duffy (CACCPC). Missing: Brad Boxendole (CACCPC).





Since 1987, the CACCPC has been recognized by the Provincial Crime Prevention Association of Newfoundland and Labrador on a number of occasions, namely Project of the year (for 3 years), Committee of the year (3 years), Sponsor of the year (1 year) and Volunteer of the year (2 years). This time, the CACCPC has been recognized for its outstanding work and the strong partnership it has developed with the RCMP. Through dedication and hard work, the Committee has demonstrated a commitment to making our community a better place to live, and through its partnership

with the RCMP, Community Policing has become a reality in our area. The image and reputation of the RCMP have also been enhanced by working in close proximity with groups of individuals such as those who make up the CACCPC.

Congratulations from the members and staff of the Clarenville Detachment. We are proud of your accomplishments and look forward to continued partnership!

*By Cst. R.F. Baker  
Clarenville-Bonavista District*



**ST. JOHN'S AWARDS PRESENTATION, JULY 19, 1997. (L-R) Front row: Sgt. J.F. Ayris (BCS), Supt. C.S. Towson, A&PO, PSE Paula Kavanagh (COC), C/Supt. L.G. Warren, CO, "B" Division; Sgt. A.A. Ross (LSM), Sgt. R.R. Humes (COC and RVO). Back row: Cpl. M.L. Ouellette (BCS), Insp. G.B. Button (BCS), Sgt. D.M. Hamlyn (SCS), Insp. A.N. MacIntosh (BCS), Sgt. T.V. Gallant (LSM), Cpl. D.L. Dort (LSM), Cst. A.S. Jagoe (LSM), Cst. A.K. Withycombe (LSM), Sgt. F.D. Hildebrand (BCS & COC).**

*Legend: Silver Clasp and Stars (SCS); Bronze Clasp and Star (BCS); Long Service Medal (LSM); Commanding Officer's Commendation (COC); Royal Victoria Order (RVO)*

## COMMENDATIONS AND AWARDS

The Commanding Officer's Commendation was awarded to Sgt. F.D. Hildebrand, in recognition of exemplary professional conduct with respect to the organization of the Matthew Landfall/Cabot 500 Event, June 21-28, 1997, at Bonavista, and coincided with the visit of Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

Commanding Officer's Commendations were also presented to Sgt. R.R. Humes and PSE Paula Kavanagh, in recognition of their exemplary professional conduct with respect to the visit of Her Majesty the Queen and His royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh to Newfoundland and Labrador, June 23-26, 1997.

**ROYAL VICTORIAN MEDAL** Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, admitted Sgt. Robert Humes into the Royal Victorian Order on June 25, 1997, at St. John's, and presented him with the prestigious Royal Victorian Medal in recognition of his role in coordinating the most recent Royal Visit to Newfoundland. Sgt. Humes is a 30-year veteran of the RCMP, who joined the Force in September 1967, at Moncton, N.B. Following his training, he was posted to Prince Edward Island where he served at Alberton and Charlottetown. Transferred to Newfoundland in 1985, Sgt. Humes worked at Twillingate, Ferryland, Gander and St. John's, and spent the past 12 years with the Security Systems Section, which is responsible for all VIP duties.

In 1980, while he was stationed at Charlottetown, Sgt. Humes became involved in VIP duties, coordinating the visit of Prince Charles and Lady Diana to P.E.I. in 1983 and serving on the personal body guard team for Her Majesty during her visit to Canada in 1984.

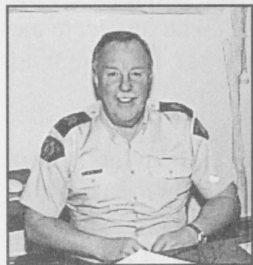
He also coordinated or provided bodyguard duties for various other members of the royal family, including His Royal Highness Prince Phillip, Prince Edward and Princess Ann.

Although there are other medals associated to the Royal Victorian Order, according to the Provincial Protocol Office, this is the only Royal Victorian Medal that Her Majesty has bestowed upon a resident of the Province of Newfoundland. The order was instituted by Her Majesty Queen Victoria on April 21, 1896, as a reward for extraordinary, important, or personal service to the Sovereign and as a mark of Royal Esteem. The Sovereign, Her Majesty the Queen, personally selects the recipients upon whom she thinks fit to confer the honour of being received into the order.

**COASTAL WATCH PREVENTIVE PATROL** Between July 17-18, 1997, Cst. Lloyd Youden and Cpls Pete Cornick and Jim Power, took part in a Joint Preventive Coastal Watch Patrol with the *HMCS Anticosti* of Maritime Forces — Atlantic, in an attempt to contact as many people as possible and to make them aware of the Coastal Air Watch Program. The members visited many communities along the coast, as well as remote summer communities isolated along the coast and islands in Placentia Bay. Patrols were also made to locations where communities had once existed before they were targeted by the Newfoundland Government in a resettlement program during the 1960s, whereby remote communities were moved to larger more accessible locations. In many instances, the people affected by the program moved their house by floating them many miles across the bay.

Many of the people contacted during this patrol in both the settled areas and in the remote summer communities were happy to see police presence in the area, particularly by boat. Numerous persons approached the members on patrol, to have their boats checked to make sure they were complying with boating regulations. Many sightseers also gathered on the shore and made their way by boat to see the *Anticosti* and to take pictures — as it is unusual to see a navy ship in these areas.

Special thanks go to the captain and crew of *HMCS Anticosti* and particularly to Lt.(N) Chris Ross, for being our navigator during the foggy days on Placentia Bay.



**S/SGT. PELLEY RETIRES** — From an article in the *Southern Gazette*

S/Sgt. Don Pelley, of the Burin Peninsula District, officially retired on June 27, 1997, after 32 years of service with the RCMP. Originally from Harcourt, Trinity Bay, he joined the Force on April 23, 1965, in St. John's. As with most professions, there is constant change, particularly when you consider a time frame of 32 years, and the RCMP is no exception. Throughout its history, the RCMP has continued to grow and change with the world and the changing face of crime. In its early days, the RCMP carried out a variety of policing duties but nothing compared to the diversity found in today's Force, which has individual sections dedicated to deal with technical crime, white collar crime, as well as having to battle against a criminal element which is itself becoming more and more technically sophisticated.

In his more than three decades as a member of the RCMP, S/Sgt. Pelley has witnessed a countless number of changes and advancements in the Force and as he points out "All for

the betterment of the Force.” He reflected on the most memorable changes in the RCMP during his career. “In 32 years you see many changes and it is hard to single out just one. Some of the first things that come to mind are the entry requirements when I first joined — the restrictions on marriage, the fact that you had to be male, and so on — all that has changed over the years but all for the betterment of the Force.” As in many of today’s professions, as well as in everyday life, the changes have come more rapidly and have been more drastic in the past 10 years with the advent of the computer age and the Internet, where untold amounts of information are now literally at your fingertips.

“The most drastic change would probably be the automation and introduction and use of technical equipment into the RCMP within the last 10 years,” explained S/Sgt. Pelley. “We recently started working with laptop computers and now we are working right out of police cruisers, which in effect double as mobile offices. It is also important that we keep up with the rapidly changing technology, so that we don’t get left behind. That, I would say, is the biggest change.”

**Foreign Service.** In terms of his fondest and most exciting time in the Force, S/Sgt. Pelley recalled his acceptance into the Foreign Service. “The most exciting thing was when I was selected for Foreign Service. That really was an exciting point in my career because I had tried for a number of years to get into that field. You get really excited when they call you for an interview and even more excited when they call to tell you that you have been accepted. My wife and I were originally supposed to go to Hong Kong, but by Christmas that had been changed and the following summer we were posted to London, England. I spent five years in London and from there, I covered 13 countries including Greenland, and all of

Scandinavia, England and Ireland. In 1988, I was transferred to Pakistan for four years. There I covered eight countries including countries in the Middle East, Iraq, Iran and the United Arab Emirates. In the Foreign Service my job was as RCMP Liaison Officer, but the vast majority of my time was spent on international drug trafficking and related work, with the rest of my time being spent on commercial crime.”

When asked if he would miss the RCMP, S/Sgt. Pelley quickly replied “I certainly will; it has been a major part of my life. You miss the RCMP because they are the people you work with, they are your friends and your support group.”

**New Career.** S/Sgt. Pelley first came to the Burin Peninsula, as a staff sergeant at the Marystown Detachment, in July 1993. “For me this was almost the beginning of a new career. I had never done contract policing before. My time in the Force had been spent in federal policing and here I began, for the first time in my career, to do contract policing in a busy area. Within a year or so of my arrival, the RCMP began working on the District Policing concept we now have in place here on the Burin Peninsula. I feel good about participating in that, along with the other members and the general public who were very cooperative. It is one of the accomplishments of the RCMP that I had the benefit of taking part in.”

The staff sergeant duties at the Detachment will be taken over by S/Sgt. Lorne MacDonald, who is coming to the Burin Peninsula District from Rocky Harbour Detachment on the Northern Peninsula. S/Sgt. Pelley concluded “This was a great place to conclude my career and I hope that the people of the Burin Peninsula will give S/Sgt. MacDonald the same level of cooperation which they have afforded me since I have been here.”



Supt. R. Holdright, OIC, Criminal Operations, presented a plaque of appreciation to General J.P. Sabathier-Dages, Commander of La Gendarmerie Française (overseas), on his visit to Newfoundland and Labrador, during his tour of policing services in St-Pierre and Miquelon.

Harbour Breton Detachment members were pleased to welcome Trent Dominie as the Detachment's first ever auxiliary constable. A/Cst. Dominie was officially sworn in by Supt. R.E. Kells, OIC, Area Management Team West, on June 2, 1997. (L-R): Cpl. S.T. Thistle, NCO i/c Harbour Breton Detachment, A/Cst. Dominie, Cst. C.B MacLean and Supt. Kells.

*Photo by Cst. M.C. Hynes*



Mrs. Mary Murphy, secretary to the OIC, Area Management Team (AMT) West, retired on May 28, 1997, after 42 years with the Public Service of Canada. Supt. R.E. Kells, OIC AMT West, made the presentations to Mrs. Murphy, including an autographed picture of the Commissioner, a retirement plaque and a framed cross-stitch.

Carol Murphy retired from "B" Division Health Services in December 1996. She had served as Health Services Clerk since 1983, when the unit first opened its doors. Carol Murphy had started her career in the Federal Public Service with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, in September 1981. C/Supt L.G. Warren, CO, "B" Division, presented a certificate of appreciation to Mrs. Murphy in the presence of Supt. C.S. Towson, A&PO (L), and Johanne Hogan, Health Services Nurse (R).



**OPERATION BALD EAGLE** In April 1997, half the members of Bay St. George District in Stephenville shaved their heads, in an effort to raise money for the Cancer Society of Newfoundland and Labrador. In all \$6,900 was raised, \$500 of which was donated to the Terry Fox Foundation.



**AUXILIARY CONSTABLES HONOURED** A/Csts Herb Goldsworthy and Dave Smith received awards for 10 years of dedicated service. They, as well as A/Csts Charlie Porter and Pat Humby all received certificates for dedicated service in 1996. (L-R) Front row: Supt. G.G. Duff, OIC Area Management Team East, St. John's; Commr. Murray, C/Supt. L.G. Warren, CO "B" Division; A/Cst. Humby, S/Sgt. B.W. Raymond, NCO i/c Clarenville Detachment. Back row: A/Csts Goldsworthy, Porter and Smith, Cst. R.F. Baker.

**BAY ST. GEORGE** The first annual car wash to raise funds for the local animal shelter was held during the summer, raising \$1,058. All of the money was turned over to buy building supplies to upgrade the facility. Once the summer rush will be over, RCMP members will donate their time to painting and do the much needed repairs.

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

**BIRTH** To Reg. No. 39417, Cst. T.J. O'Neill and his wife, Julie, a daughter, Veronica Ellen, on July 1, 1997, at Halifax.

**PAINTING MURALS — A NEW TREND?** Painting the concrete walls at the train tresses at Sydney River, in Cape Breton, has been a source of constant complaints for Sydney Detachment. Over the years, everything from foul language and graffiti, to love notes and quick attempts at art, had been painted at the tresses by the students of Riverview High School, Malcolm Munroe Jr. High and MacLennan Jr. High, the three schools in the Sydney Detachment's area. With each new painting, the Department of Transportation (DOT) would phone the RCMP to complain and then send a worker to paint over whatever had been painted.

As this had become a "tradition" — and one that was not about to stop — Cst. David Lilly decided to solve the problem by using the philosophy of Community Policing and by getting to the root of the problem. Besides, the last piece of art (a prehistoric mastodon) had truly looked great before it was painted over by DOT personnel. Armed with the idea that the kids would not destroy their own art, Cst. Lilly obtained DOT management's permission to paint murals on the concrete walls at the tresses and then get local businesses to sponsor the project. Many businesses quickly offered donations and supplies and with the materials secured, it was time to get the kids involved.

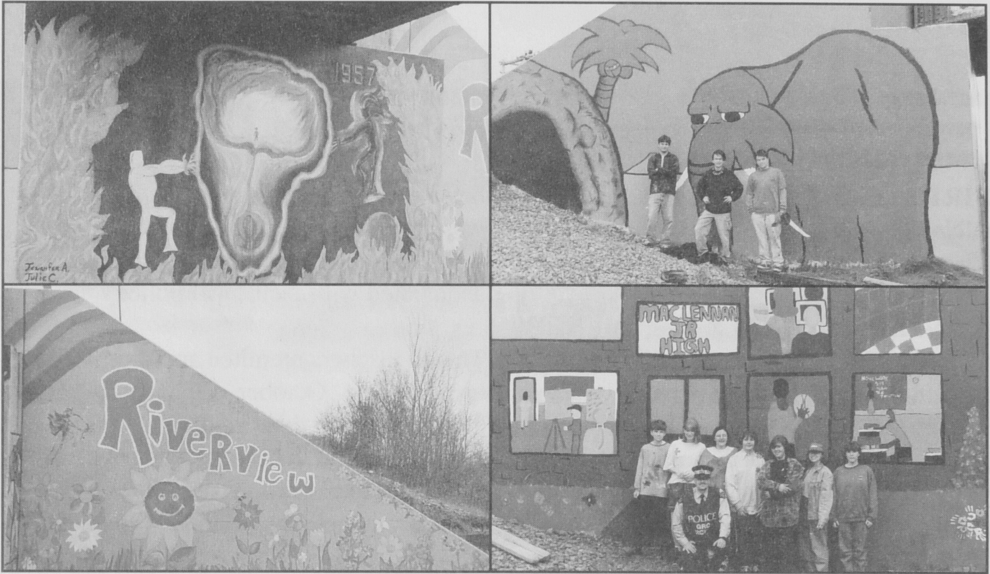
To avoid resentment between the schools, Cst. Lilly decided to approach the art teachers at all three schools in an attempt to recruit graffiti artists and other talented students to design school logos which would

be painted as murals at the tresses. The idea was to give the kids some ownership in the walls and also give them a chance to get acquainted with their local police officers.

The art teachers recruited approximately 50 kids and by October 1996, each school began to design their logos. Throughout the winter, several love messages and other graffiti were painted on the walls and DOT went about their business and repainted. On May 30, 1997, eight months after the project began, the kids and their art teachers showed up at the tresses, ready to paint. Everything was now organized, with painting materials supplied by Mr. Paint, insurance provided for the kids by the school board, permission from parents, scaffolding to reach the 10 X 15 foot walls supplied by Jonel Jim Construction, a portable toilet supplied by Landry's Vacuum Service and \$100 from Sobey's for Pizza supplied by Greco Pizza.

Csts George Marshall, Dawn Duhart, Steve Parker and Dave Lilly were also in attendance to control traffic and to meet the local teens. One complete side of the tresses was given to Riverview High with the opposite side split between MacLennan Jr. High and Malcolm Munroe Jr. High. The "job" lasted for two days and was a huge success. Many beautiful murals were painted without any accidents or injuries. One month later, the murals were still intact. The kids enjoyed the day and several friendships were developed between the police and students. The kids themselves police the murals and have warned others to leave their work alone. Whether or not the murals will last still remains to be seen, however, we can say we tried our best and we all had fun.

*By Cst. D. Lilly*



**EXTRA EYES AND EARS** In April 1996, Kingston Detachment decided to form their own Citizens Patrol, in an attempt to broaden the scope of their community policing initiatives. News articles were written up in local papers and in June, a public meeting was held to outline the proposal. Needless to say that there was a tremendous response and the group wanted to start right away. Seeking the help of the neighbouring New Minas Detachment and their Citizens Patrol group, our 35 volunteers were trained on how to observe, memorize, take notes, write reports and learned about the rules and regulations invoked upon them.

All of our Citizens Patrol volunteers are dedicated citizens who have a vested interest in working hand-in-hand with their local police officers to help make their communities a safer place to live in. They use their own cars and pay for their own gas and maintenance. They must always travel in pairs and at no time are they allowed to have any direct contact with anyone while out on patrol. Their function is to drive around the Detachment area and report any suspicious activities such as insecure premises, impaired drivers, vandalism, disturbances etc. They are given a portable radio to use in a case of emergency and are also equipped with cellular phones, which have been funded through donations by local businesses and individuals.

At the beginning of each shift, Citizens Patrol members are briefed by the RCMP members on duty, about anything they should keep an eye open for while out patrolling. Kingston Detachment is an eight-person unit which covers three main communities, Kingston, Greenwood and Aylesford with a large number of rural hamlets including 14 Wing Greenwood Air Force Base. The members of Kingston Detachment greatly appreciate the work and time expended by these volunteers.

It has been proven on numerous occasions that the system works. Many times before that, the members had driven to an area where a disturbance (i.e. squealing tire, property damage) had been reported only to find out that nothing happened or that witnesses were not prepared to get involved. The Citizens Patrol members are just that: citizens unobtrusively driving around in a problem-area, observing, taking notes and reporting the problem. It is a great way to



**Members of the Western Kings Citizen Patrol.**

start solving problems in those areas because our Citizen Patrol members are prepared to go to court as key witnesses if necessary. What better example of community policing at its best can there be other than to have citizens and police work together as a team to solve community problems?

Our Citizens on Patrol Program has become a source of great pride and these volunteers have become a part of the Detachment. We have all come to know each other well over the past year and we have had many successes. Since the Citizens Patrol members have hit the road on August 23, 1996, they have logged nearly 11,000 km on their vehicles, put in more than 1300 hours and reported numerous impaired drivers, insecure buildings, vandalism and more. Here is one of the examples that we recall the most:

**(From bars to bars)** On January 23, 1997, New Minas Detachment personnel who share our radio channel, announced that there had been an escape from the Kings County Correctional Centre in Waterville. A description of the male suspect was broadcast for everyone to copy. Needless to say that a short time later a vehicle was reported stolen from the Waterville area and that the escapee was the main suspect. The license plate number and description of the vehicle were also given to all the RCMP and Citizens Patrol members on the road.

As time passed, a couple of Citizens on Patrol decided to set up in the local Foodland parking lot in Kingston to watch for the vehicle, while our members were clearing a local bar disturbance. Not long afterwards, they observed a vehicle fitting the description of the stolen vehicle pull into the Foodland parking lot, right beside their car and a male getting out of the vehicle and running across the street into a local bar. The suspect's description matched and so did the licence plate. This was too good

to be true! They could not believe their luck!

The Citizens on Patrol immediately contacted Kingston Detachment and reported their find. As a result, Kingston and New Minas members descended on the local establishment and there ended the escapee's night of celebration at the local watering hole.

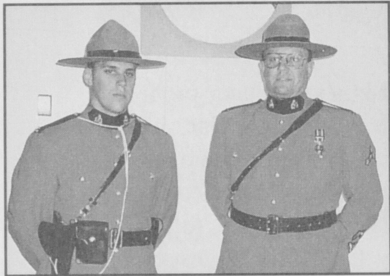
Citizens on Patrol is an excellent program that enhances the working relationship between police and their communities in solving crime and letting those who break the law know that this is not to be tolerated in their community. One of the largest problems police officers face today is trying to get the public involved. Programs like these make a real difference.

*By Cst. J.V. Berry  
Kingston Detachment*

**CANADIAN HOCKEY SOCIETY AWARDS BANQUET** On June 12, 1997, Cst. Henry Poswiata, Guysborough Detachment, and Cst. Jeff Johnston, Digby Detachment, attended the 20th annual Canadian Hockey Society Awards Banquet at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, in New York City, in honour of Al Arbour and Bill Torrey, both of whom helped establish the New York Islanders franchise. The members attended in Red Serge and took part in the presentation of the Hockey Achievement Awards Trophy. Past recipients include Bobby Hull, Jean Belliveau, Red Kelly, Ken Dryden, Vladislav Tretiak, Marcel Dionne, Frank Mahovlich and Bob Gainey. This event was unique in that it brought together Canadian hockey greats and the Canadian business community in celebration of the National Hockey League, with over 750 people in attendance. The presence of RCMP members in Red Serge had been requested by the Canadian Consulate General and was an excellent opportunity to promote Canada and the RCMP abroad.



(L-R): Cst. Poswiata and Cst. Johnston flanking former hockey greats.



On July 21, 1997, Reg. No. 26588, S/Sgt. Lloyd P. Wallis, Yarmouth Section NCO, presented his son, Reg. No. 46103, Cst. Kenneth L. Wallis of Troop 24, with his police badge upon graduation from "Depot" Division, at Regina, Saskatchewan. Cst. Wallis was posted to Cape Breton Regional (North Sydney) Detachment.



Personnel from Truro Sub-Division, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Truro Police (TPF) took part in the 1997 Law Enforcement Torch run, raising \$19,875. (L-R) Front row: Cheryl Cooper, Cpl. E. Gillis, Cpl. K. Baldwin, Csts Argo, Debbie Reid, V. Munroe (TPF), Doug Archibald (DNR). Back row: Cpl. G. Tucker, Gim Hepworth, Cst. J. Currie, Ian Currie, Sgt. G. Tucker, S/Sgt G. West, Alan Blinn (DNR), Cst. L. Morrison (TPF), Tim Miller (DNR), Cst. J. Carroll, Cst. R. MacKenzie (TPF), Cst. K. Cooper (in back), Cst. K. Beaner.



A farewell luncheon for A/Commr. Ralph Falkingham was held on May 29, 1997, at CFB Halifax Wardroom. Presentations to Ralph and Elaine Falkingham were made on behalf of "H" Division Officer's Mess and the Province of Nova Scotia. (L-R): A/Commr. Falkingham, Elaine Falkingham and their son, Scott.

**VETERANS' NEWS** The Halifax Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association accepted applications for membership from Reg. No. 18155, J. Woodform and Reg. No. 26782, F.A. Simmons, and inducted Reg. No. 33799, D.A. Simpson as a new member.

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

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 43976, Cst. L. Perreault and his wife, Dianne, a son, Stephen Luc, on September 13, 1996, at Bathurst.

To Reg. No. 40208, Cpl. K.P. Spenceley and his wife Susan, a daughter, Sarah Lynn, on June 19, 1997, at Fredericton.

**SWEARING IN** On August 7, 1997, Reg. No. A/7870, A/Cst. D.M. Zigante was

sworn during a short ceremony held at Baie Ste-Anne Detachment. Welcome aboard!

**RCMP DOG KILLED** "Branko" was shot dead in the woods north of Moncton on September 30, 1997. The killing of the gentle German shepherd in the line-of-duty triggered a full-scale manhunt. RCMP dog handler Cpl. Pierre Gardner was searching for a Moncton man missing since September 19, and while tacking through



the woods, Branko picked up the scent and tracked down the missing male, who depressed, tired, frightened and startled by the large dog, shot it in the chest. The suspect was located the following day, barricaded in a shed, and was arrested by members of the "J" Division Emergency Response Team and Shediac - District #4 personnel, without incident. The suspect was charged with "use of a firearm," plead guilty, and was sentenced by the court.

A memorial service was held subsequently in "J" Division Headquarters, Fredericton, where Cpl. Gardner and his family, RCMP members and employees bade farewell to a fallen comrade. An urn containing Branko's ashes with a poem was placed behind glass in a display case in the RCMP HQ foyer, as a memorial.

## **"L" DIVISION**

### **HEADQUARTERS — CHARLOTTETOWN, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

**ISLAND POLICEMAN AMONG TOP COPS** Cst. Roger Savoie was among nine police officers honoured with Top Cops Awards by the Canadian Police Association. Cst. Savoie was given the award in recognition of his innovative work in solving the case of Shirley Anne Duguay's murder. "The innovation, creativity and ingenuity of Cst. Savoie led to the conviction of a murderer based on the genetic evidence of a single cat hair," said veteran PEI broadcaster Paul Schurman, while presenting the award. Cst. Savoie

used DNA technology to make the case against Duguay's former partner using a jacket stained with the victims blood and carrying white cat hair. "In the first case of its kind in the world, Savoie persevered and bound the jacket to its owner by proving the white hairs on the jacket belonged to the suspects cat, a pet named Snowball," said Schurman.

*RCMP Media Summary  
("Charlottetown Guardian")*

## **CENTRAL REGION**

### **"A" DIVISION**

#### **HEADQUARTERS — VANIER, ONTARIO**

**CUTTING THROUGH RED TAPE FOR A GOOD CAUSE** It took more than a year of cutting through government red tape, but the "A" Division Ident Unit was finally able to donate much-needed photographic equipment to appreciative students at an Ottawa high school. The Commissioner, the Solicitor General and the Minister of Public Works and Government Services all had to sign memos before \$645 worth of used equipment could be donated to the photography program of St. Pius X High School, located on Fisher Avenue. This was after numerous

memos were exchanged within "A" Division beginning in June 1996.

"The ironic part of the whole thing is that if we wanted to give the cameras to Crown Assets it would have only taken one signature. To give it to a school, it takes eight," said Insp. Dwaine Tranquilla, OIC Support Services. Crown Assets is the government depository for surplus goods — office equipment, furniture, vehicles — that collects and sells government assets and then returns the money back to the government.

On July 3, Cpl. Bob Jeffrey, Ident Unit, and Insp. Tranquilla finally handed over seven cameras, numerous lenses, flashes and other studio equipment to students enrolled at St. Pius X's photography program. "Although it was not worth much on the private market, its educational value is worth its weight in gold to the kids in this program," said Cpl. Jeffrey. According to Insp. Gordon Pavey, OIC, Services and Supply Section, Financial Services and Supply Branch, the Force normally gets a return on anything sold at Crown Assets and that return goes into the divisional budget. This was the first time that his Branch coordinated a donation like this.

"In this case," says Insp. Pavey, "the value of the equipment was pretty minimal and our return would be tiny." He added that if the value of goods had been over \$10,000, the donation would not have been approved. Yet, the length of time it took to process the simple request to donate equipment was frustrating to those involved in coordinating the donation. "Everyone recognizes that there has to be guidelines to prevent misuse, but maybe it's time to take a new look at the policy," says Insp. Tranquilla.

For his part, Bogdan Kolbusz, the principal of St. Pius X, said the school photography program caters to around 120 students, not all of whom can afford their own camera. "This equipment is going to broaden participation in our program," he says. "Not every-one can afford a \$400-to-\$500 camera. This will really help."

*From the files of Kim Gildner  
Communication and Community  
Relations Unit*

**125 BIRTHDAY CANDLES FOR THE RCMP** Activities and events have been planned from coast to coast to coast to celebrate RCMP 125. The Force's anniversary was the subject of the Governor General's

New Year's address and the GG also dedicated his New Year's Levee to the RCMP's 125th. A garden party is also in the works for the spring. S/Sgt. Denis Auger heads up a team organizing activities in the National Capital Region, some of which include:

✓ **Winterlude:** A sculpture or two at Dow's Lake acknowledging the anniversary and the RCMP's involvement during Winterlude opening ceremonies.

✓ **Tulip Festival:** The National Capital Commission dedicating a tulip bed to thousands of tulips of a variety called *The Mountie*, at Dow's Lake, during the Festival.

✓ **A Charity Barbeque** To be held May 30, 1998, at the Canadian Police College for employees and their families, and the public, to raise funds for the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario. Other activities will include the Musical Ride, entertainment, demonstrations, displays, face-painting, food and games all day long.

✓ **RCMP Weekend, September 6-8, 1998** The RCMP will be the focus of the "Canada and World Interpretation Centre" at Rideau Falls, across from the Governor General's residence, a great opportunity for the Force to highlight its successes and advancements in the policing field and to honour the Force's contribution to international peace-keeping. Members who served in Haiti and Yugoslavia will be on hand, as will our world-renowned forensic scientists and computer technologists (ViCLAS, CenCIS, etc).

✓ **Regimental Ball:** The idea is being considered for October since it has been a while since "A" Division has held an event of this calibre (given the special occasion, it may be time for another one).

✓ **Parades, Festivals:** 1998 will also be a year of parades and festivals in and around

the National Capital Region (Aylmer Carnival Parade, Tulip Festival Flotilla, Easter Seal Parade, Santa's Toy Parade).

✓ **School Visits:** The Police Community Services Unit put together a brief presentation about the history of the Force for use when visiting schools in the area.

✓ **Sporting Events:** The group organizing RCMP 125 events hopes to have recognition of the RCMP anniversary staged at

both Senators Hockey and Lynx Baseball games.

All police cruisers in the Division will also be outfitted with the RCMP 125 logo and anyone interested in helping out in any shape or form with any of these activities, is asked to please contact S/Sgt. Denis Auger via ROSS or at (613) 993-8856.

*From the files of Kim Gildner*

**BUSTED...** When Sgt. Yves Côté, Drug Section, agreed to take on the lead role in an experimental film about drug busts produced by Algonquin College student Mohamad Almaoui, he had no idea it would become nationally acclaimed. "Busted" recently received top prize in an educational category of the Canadian Film Association. The film shows how to go about obtaining and executing search warrants during a drug bust. It is currently being used in Algonquin College's Law and Security Program.

The film was shot over eight hours last March and was entirely unscripted. Drug Section members, Csts Denis Blanchard, Bob Barry, Bob Cathcart and Jean-Louis Rompré appear in the film, along with Police Dog "Dust" and his trainer, Cst. Mario Dupuis. According to Sgt. Côté, the film looks very professional and takes a realistic look at the duties of a police officer. "I think the video demystifies the police role," says Sgt. Côté. "This video is about 75% of our work... collecting information from our sources and obtaining and executing a search warrant."

Copies of "Busted" are available from the "A" Division Police Community Services. Anyone interested in reserving a copy of the film for school visits or public relations activities, can call Cst. Elaine Meldrum at (613) 991-1992.

*From the files of Kim Gildner*

**Sgt. Côté confiscates drugs in a scene from Busted.**



## **"C" DIVISION HEADQUARTERS — MONTRÉAL, QUEBEC**

**THE RCMP LINKS UP WITH INFO-CRIME** In May 1997, "C" Division RCMP officially joined 150 municipal police forces, as well as the Sûreté du Québec (SQ) and the MUCPD, in the Info-Crime Quebec Program, a project financed mostly by the *Bureau des assureurs du Québec* and various corporations, which is still in its embryonic stages in Quebec. Better known as "Crime Stoppers," this program has been in action for 15 years in other Canadian provinces.



**Insp. Bourduas with Lt. Réal Lague of the SQ, Mr. Raymond Medza of the Insurance Bureau of Canada, and C/Supt. R. Sugrue, OIC, Criminal Operations.**

Crime Stoppers began in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1976. At the time, Greg MacAleese, a detective of Canadian origin with the Albuquerque City PD, had been assigned as the main investigator in a murder case of a young gas station attendant who had been executed in a totally gratuitous way after a robbery. Albuquerque had the far from brilliant distinction of being one of the 10 most violent cities in the United States. Frustrated by general apathy and a fear of reprisals among the public, detective MacAleese convinced a local television station to broadcast a dramatization of the events surrounding the crime. He set up a "tips" telephone line, guaranteeing anonymity to the callers, and offered a cash reward, at his own expense. A few anonymous calls enabled him to quickly solve this investigation.

Afterwards, MacAleese obtained the support of influential members of the community and established an orientation committee. With media support, police and the community forming a coalition against crime, the Crime Stoppers Program rapidly gained a following. Today, there are 650 Crime Stoppers Programs in the world, of which 77 are in Canada.

The results? In Canada, statistics dating from June 1996 indicate that 99,464 cases have been closed, resulting in 58,479

arrests. The information received permitted the recovery of property valued at \$132,168,600 and drugs estimated at \$282,720,405. The rewards paid out add up to \$5,968,840.

The Info-Crime Program started in mid-June 1997 in the Abitibi Region for a breaking-in period. There will be no dramatization of crime. Instead, of a dramatization of crime on local television stations, a montage of accumulated evidence in the treated case will be shown. The program will then be introduced in other regions of the province and eventually adopted in the Greater Montreal Region. Lieutenant Réal Lague of the SQ will coordinate the information received, while keeping in mind the mandate of each police force linked up with the project. For example, all information concerning illicit cross-border movements of drugs and/or other illegally introduced goods, offences to other federal statutes such as royalties, counterfeiting, should be sent to the "C" Division RCMP coordinator, Cst. Gilles Déziel, who will be in charge of dispatching the information to the sections/units with the proper authority.

If our investigation brings results, Lieutenant Lague will advise the orientation committee, headed by Raymond Medza, Director General of the Insurance Bureau of Canada. This committee will vote for a reward, which will be given to the informant by a third party at a predetermined location. Financing for the program is carried out by companies that take fighting crime in our society to heart. Info-crime aims to be a project advanced by the public for the public. Police officers only have to act on the information provided.

Concerning the anonymity of "tipsters," a recent Supreme Court of Canada decision in the *R vs LIEPERT* case ensures once-and-for-all that the identity of informants contacting Info-Crime **must remain secret**. In this case, the accused tried to destroy the

validity of the search warrant by seeking to obtain access to the Crime Stoppers' file. The court ruled that anonymous information is privileged and must remain as such. It is certain that the principal mitigating factors working against people who want to give information to the police are the fear of reprisals and apathy. Therefore, it is of the utmost importance that the program guarantees anonymity and offers money to counter the lack of interest.

I sincerely believe that in the context of the financial constraints imposed on our organization, Info-Crime Quebec will provide us with an additional tool, at little cost, which will permit us to continue to make our mark on "La Belle Province" as a first-class police force.

*By Insp. Pierre-Yves Bourduas  
OIC, Info-Crime Program*

**IN THE THICK OF ACTION** Late in the afternoon of May 19, 1997, on Ste-Catherine Street, about a dozen distraught citizens are running out of a Pharmaprix. At the sight of a police car, they notify our officers of the peace that a man, who has just committed an armed robbery in a restaurant, is attempting to repeat his crime in the pharmacy. The witnesses even claim the suspect is fighting with a Pharmaprix employee.



**Patrick Fardeau and Gilles Lamonde arrested the suspect in the Pharmaprix.**

On the alert, the police officers approach the business and look inside to see what's going on. Then, they enter the building, identify themselves and try to control the suspect. The latter, very aggressive, seems to be under the influence of an illicit substance. They want to immobilize his hands since the witnesses had said that he was armed. After about a minute and a half, the police officers manage to handcuff the man. He is frisked and advised of his rights. Both parties leave unharmed, except for a few bruises.

the citizens came running out of the Pharmaprix, they saw a patrol car. They certainly didn't see the difference between an RCMP insignia and that of the MUC! In their eyes, we were police officers, period, that's all," explained Cst. Fardeau.

A typical incident for a municipal peace officer? Perhaps, except the two police officers involved were in fact both members of E/DPS, Csts Patrick Fardeau and Gilles Lamonde. "When

For this member who just came back from an internship in British Columbia, the incident was a part of the routine to some degree. "But my colleague Gilles, who doesn't do this kind of work every day, reacted to the situation very well," said Cst. Fardeau.

After this experience, he insists on one thing: "Many think that E/DPS members don't do anything. That's wrong. There is a certain risk at being in a marked car and in uniform. The public expects us to intervene if a crisis situation arises." A fine example of bravery and boldness!

*By Chloé Gaudet  
"C" Division "Echoes"*

(L-R): Lt. Jean Riopel (SPCUM), Richard Tremblay, President CODA; Mario Tremblay, S/Sgt. Alain Dionne and Cst. Sylvain Parent, Sherbrooke Detachment; Jean-Marc Handfield and Bill Lee.

Photo by Max Donati, Artistic Video & Photo



## LEGENDARY SOFTBALL GAME

On August 15, 1997, a softball game pitting the "RCMP All-star Baseball Team" against the "Great Legends of Sports" was held in the enchanting scenery of Lafontaine Park in Montreal to raise funds for the Canadian Organ Donors Association (CODA). Up against legends like Bill Lee, Ellis Valentine, Ron LaFlore, Gaston Gingras, Guy Lapointe and Mario Tremblay, our Stars, Cst. Sylvain Parent (director-manager), Sgt. Pierre Gagnon, Cpls André Desveaux and Michel Guillemette, Csts Gilles Boulet, Richard Delorme, Richard Emery, Alain Gilbert, Patrick Hill, Guy Jacques, Guy Lavallée, Tim Ranger and Angelo Scala, proudly represented the RCMP. In spite of an excellent game, they folded in seven innings — an upset of 9 to 7.

Organ donation is an important issue. To be convinced of this, you just had to see S/Sgt. Alain Dionne accompanied by his daughter, to whom he very recently donated a kidney, and ex-member Robert Dubé and recipient of a heart transplant last April, who had the honour of hitting the first pitch.

After the game, the RCMP handed more than \$3200 to CODA. Hooray for our players and thanks for taking lives to heart. It's too bad that there was not enough publicity for this game... Hopefully RCMP personnel will turn out in greater numbers to support their team next time, especially for such a good cause as this.

*By Louise Dupuis*

**THE RCMP: A "CLASSIC" RESEARCH PARTNER** The RCMP has associated itself with the "Classic for research into children's diseases," a golf tournament to be held on Île Bizard on September 22, 1997. Accompanied by Myriam Bédard (Olympic medalist in Lillehammer) and Rolland Raby (former head of the Foundation), A/Commr. Odilon Emond, CO, "C" Division held a press conference on May 15, to announce the event. The CO underlined the Force's contribution in support of sick children preceding this partnership with the Foundation: the organization of the famous annual spaghetti dinner and, for the first time this year, the establishment of the Commanding Officer's Tournament. "Our common objective for this campaign is to raise \$100,000," added A/Commr. Emond.

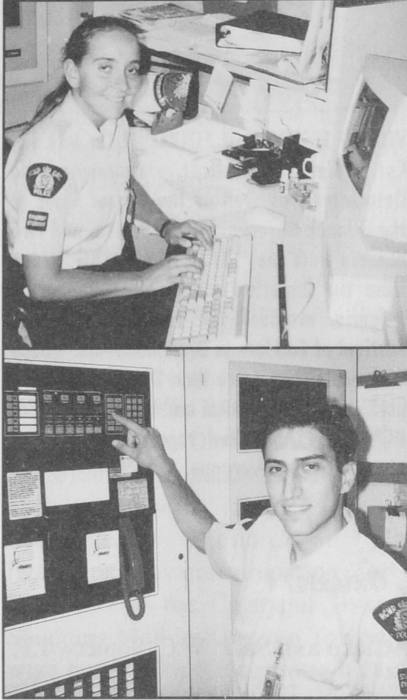


Myriam Bédard, new spokesperson for the Classic, was noticeably pleased to promote an event in which the goal is to help cure children. A mother of a two-year-old daughter in her own right, she said she was touched to take part in the

**A/Commr. Emond with Myriam Bédard, Roland Raby, Sylvain L'Heureux, Barbara Kelly, Manuel Hurtubise and Vern Thompson.**

tournament. She quickly specified though, laughing, that “she would go to the tournament to shake hands with people, but not to play golf,” a sport that she plays about once every three years.

*by Chloé Gaudet, “C” Division “Echos”*



**AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE** Last summer, we had the unforgettable experience to be hired by the RCMP and to work at Building Security, in uniform. No need to tell you that this was most rewarding for us. The welcome that we received warmed the cockles of our hearts. We were initiated to various aspects of the job and have enriched our breadth of knowledge in police work.

We would like to thank all of those who contributed either directly or indirectly to making our stay most interesting, particularly to Cpl. Tony Deschêrne for his support. He always found the time to answer our questions, while providing guidance for us. We also wish to thank all employees at the reception office, Mr. Roy of Public Works Canada, C/M Gaëtan Girard, the people in recruiting as well as members of Valleyfield Detachment and the Valleyfield Customs and Excise Section. Here’s hoping that the tradition of hiring students will continue next summer!

*By Eddy Ranaudo and Catherine Morand*

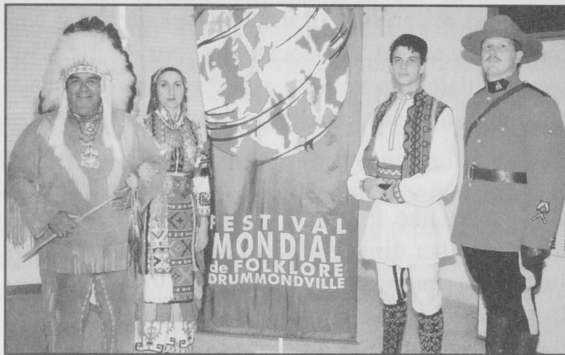
**UNITED WAY SOFTBALL** On September 9, 1997, two teams from HQ participated in a friendly game of softball against Police Technology students at John Abbott College. The game wrapped up with a void verdict of 15-15... in our favour! We should light a torch in honour of Cst. Richard Pink who, through his proud bearing in Red Serge and his broad smile, represented the RCMP with dignity and encouraged passersby to give generously — helping to raise \$581 for the United Way. Many thanks as well to United Way Campaign organiser, Sgt. Yvon Poirier.

*By Gaëtan Girard*



**UNITED WAY SOFTBALL** Thanks to our captain, Cst. André Desveaux, a talented player who knew how to coach us properly, so as to form “a real team.” We emphasize the liveliness of our star pitcher, Cpl. Fernand Breau, and our public jester, Cst. Denis Plante; add to this the spectacular catches of M. Patrick Prévost and the team spirit of Cpls Hector Chiasson, Pierre McCrae, Luc Vaillancourt, Mario Germain and Alain Jomphe, Cst. Marcel Fournier, C/Ms Grégoire Guillemette and Gaëtan Girard.

The students at John Abbott College proved to be outstanding hosts and even set up a BBQ and refreshments, which were greatly appreciated.



**WORLD FESTIVAL OF FOLKLORE** On July 13, Cst. Jimmy Moffatt, Drummondville Detachment, as well as the former Chief of the Odanak Reserve, Walter Watso, and two dancers from the "SLANCHEV BRYAG" troop from the historical village of Nessebar in Bulgaria, attended the 16th annual World Festival of Folklore in Drummondville. Troops of dancers from more than 20 countries took part in the festivities and the presence of RCMP and Aboriginal representatives was appreciated by everyone.

## "O" DIVISION

### HEADQUARTERS — LONDON, ONTARIO

**BIRTH** To Reg. No. 41809, Cst. J.D. Philpott and his wife, Cathy, a daughter, Lori Elizabeth, on September 2, 1997, at Hamilton.

**MEDAL PRESENTATIONS** Many award presentation ceremonies were held recently. (Courtesy of the "O" Division Oracle).

#### *Bowmanville Detachment*

**Silver Clasp and Stars:** Insp. A. Roney, S/Sgt. R. Kossatz, Sgt. R. Scofield

**Bronze Clasp and Star:** Sgts I. Pole and V. Secord; Cpls G. Campbell and P. Lennerton; Csts M. Lane and I. Rogers

**Long Service Medal:** Sgt. G. Carlson, Cpls L. Campbell, M. O'Hare, B. Renouf; Csts J. Gault, I. Macneill and J. Oke

#### *Milton Detachment*

**Silver Clasp and Stars:** R.A. Bonvie, G.R. MacLellan, W.D.J. Matheson, A.M. MacDonald, B.C. Johnson, C.E. Copp

**Bronze Clasp and Star:** W.C. Somers, T.F. Baldwin, B.F. Jillet, S.A. Daley, J.W. Jestadt, D.R. Ross, R.G. Lowe, L.L. Lanza, O.P. Young, D.B. Ford, P.J. MacQueen

**Long Service Medal:** S.L. Moore, J.D. Wheelihan, B.J.J. Wilcox, N.J. Rozon, F.M. Bowen, J.J.B. Dufoe, P.E.R. Folkes, K.A. Milner, E.R. Gough, G. Prévost, W.O. Miklaus, M.J. Thomson, G.E. Harvey.

#### *London Detachment and "O" Division Headquarters*

**Gold Clasp and Stars:** R.A. Hannam, R.T. Rawluck

**Silver Clasp and Stars:** J.S. Currie, H.L. Kennedy, R. Knight, R.W. Robertson, P.J. Valiquette, I.D. Gemmell, W.J. Kennedy, O. Rannaoja, R.S. Scott

**Bronze Clasp and Star:** L.R.A. Bowen, M.E. Floyd, J.D. Grimshaw, G.D. Jenion, M.G.C. Lutes, A.F. Philips, J.C.A. Taylor, A.K. Davey, A.R. Goodall, L.G. Hughes,



J.A. Levy, W.N. MacDonald, R.J. Smith,  
M.C.A. Van Doren

**FAREWELL** On September 18, 1997, Milton Detachment personnel and friends gathered to bid farewell and good luck to S/Sgt. Mike Hubley, Commercial Crime Section (CCS) his wife Lynn and children Michael and Courtney, on his retirement from the Force. Presentations were made by Insp. John Neily, OIC CCS, on behalf of the Milton Detachment Social Club; D/Sgt. Dave Truax, OPP Anti Rackets, on behalf of the Joint Market Task Force; and Sgt. Colin Walker on behalf of the Senior NCOs' Mess.

**INEPT THIEF RUNS INTO POLICE WEEK** As Cst. Donna O'Connell (in Red Serge) and Sgt. Sandy Fraser (in working uniform), both from the Federal Enforcement Section at Kingston Detachment, were preparing for Police Week '97 at the Cataragui Town Centre Shopping Mall in Kingston Township, they were both looking forward to a casual day where they would be meeting and conversing with Kingstonians, and people of the surrounding area. It wasn't long into the afternoon though, when calm turned into temporary heightened chaos.

Above the usual mall noises could be heard the faint voice of a security employee from The Bay store. The voice was getting progressively louder, as she got closer to the Police Week Exhibit, yelling, "Thief, thief, stop that thief!" Sgt. Fraser and Cst. O'Connell joined in the chase, just as the male suspect soared past their exhibit and towards the exit.

Within seconds, and not more than a block away, the suspect succumbed to gravity as he and Sgt. Fraser went down on the ground and passed through a set of glass doors. The suspect was then hand-cuffed and placed under arrest amid applause and cheering from shoppers and Cataragui Mall employ-

ees. Accompanied by Bay Store security employee Beverly Whittingham, Sgt. Fraser gingerly escorted the suspect back to the security office for processing by the local OPP officer.

Many people approached the RCMP exhibit after that to ask if this incident had been enacted just for Police Week, affirming of course the claim the "The Mounties always get the wo/man". For anyone who may have pondered the idea, we can firmly attest that the police had no intention of acting on that particular day.

*By Cst. D.M. O'Connell*

**FLAME OF HOPE** The North Canoe Challenge Race held in Hamilton, July 12-13, 1997 and hosted by Hamilton-Niagara Detachment, was a huge success. Five teams representing the Metro Ambulance, the Metro Housing Authority, the Grand River Conservation, the Piazza Allegra Restaurant of Hamilton and the RCMP participated in the race. The RCMP team consisted of two officers from the Ministry of Corrections, an employee from the Pine Tree Native Centre of Brant, a member of the North Canoe Challenge Committee, Cst. Yolanda MacArthur and Cst. Paulette Breau.

On Saturday July 12th, canoe rides were offered to the public with all funds raised going to the Special Olympics. Between 75-100 people rode in our canoe and RCMP boat, and we collected more than \$400. Four Special Olympians took the opportunity to ride in the canoes and they enjoyed the experience. This event demonstrated our commitment to special Olympics and to our community and we hope to make this an annual event.

The Hamilton race was the third of four planned races. The final race was held on August 23, at the Canadian National Exposition in Toronto and was pegged as

the North Canoe Provincial Championships — and our team was there to compete. Next year is the 125th anniversary of the Force and we are promoting this as an RCMP 125 event. This day could not have been made possible without the assistance of Cpl. Steve Semenchuk, Cst. Brian Reed, Cst. Yolanda MacArthur and summer student Dawn Johnson — all volunteered their time on a hot, humid and busy weekend to promote the RCMP and this event.



(L-R): Cpl. Steve Semenchuk, Cst. Paulette Breau, Chris Willems, staff training officer at Bell Cairn, and Mary Lou Middleton, Hamilton Special Olympics.

By Cst. P. Breau

## NORTH WEST REGION

### "D" DIVISION

#### HEADQUARTERS — WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 40140, Cst. Norm Yarich and his wife, Paula, a son, Jacob William, on July 17, 1994, in Brandon, and a daughter, Sarah Rebecca, on May 20, 1997, at Winnipeg.

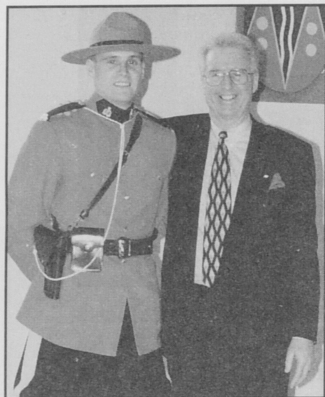
**WHITEMOUTH BIKE PATROL** The members of Whitemouth and Falcon Beach Detachments are dedicated to providing a Community Police Service in the

Whiteshell Provincial Park. Over the last year and a half, Cst. W. Brie and Cst. R.M. Wright have worked toward establishing a bike patrol in the park. They designed jerseys and ordered some cycling attire with the minimal Detachment funds available. They even used their own bicycles to start patrolling some areas of the park in 1996.

In August 1996, four members of Whitemouth Detachment participated in the Multiple Sclerosis Ride from St. Andrews to Gimli, wearing their bike patrol attire and riding their own bikes. They needed to raise \$200 per rider to be able to take part in the ride, and because of the overwhelming response from the public, they were able to raise the \$800 required in less than a week. The members involved believe that a higher visibility of Whiteshell members on bikes will help improve Community Policing efforts.



(L-R): Csts Tom Brie, Candice McMackin and Roxine Wright, A/Cst. Cameron Thomson.



On January 13 1997, Reg. No. 21404, ex-S/Sgt. J.W. Anderson presented his son, Reg. No. 45725, Cst. Mark T. Anderson, with his police badge upon his graduation from the RCMP Training Academy in Regina, Saskatchewan. Cst. Anderson was posted to Fort McMurray Detachment, "K" Division, Alberta.

This year, Cst. Wright sought sponsorship for bike patrol equipment from the Whiteshell District Association, various Whiteshell businesses and insurance companies, and collected more than \$1400 to purchase two very good quality mountain bikes and a few accessories. Bike patrols began during the day and the evening on the August 1997 long weekend, namely at Brereton Lake, White Lake, Opapiskaw and Big Whiteshell, as well as Falcon Lake and West Hawk Lake. This initiative continues to be very well received by the public, and the unit looks forward to continuing bike patrols in the Whiteshell area in the years to come.

**VETERANS' NEWS** The Manitoba Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association presented three members for Life Memberships: William H. Brace, James L. Johnston and Anthony Kozak and welcomed Reg. No. O.1204, R.M. Tramley and Reg. No. 23348, K.W. Hancock upon having being sworn into the Association. The Division also accepted applications from the following new members: W.R. Campbell, H.J. Martin; Reg. No. 31129, W.A. Barbeau; Reg. No. O. 1420, W.J. Bulas; Reg. No. 24234, D.A. Dunford; Reg. No. C/806, F.W. Harrison; Reg. No. 29917, J.M.L. Laplante; Reg. No. 40176, D.W. McIntosh; Reg. No. 26833, D.S. Mosek; Reg. No. 29627, G.H. Poole; Reg. No. 30587, N.B. Tario, and Reg. No. 42560, C.E. Wray.

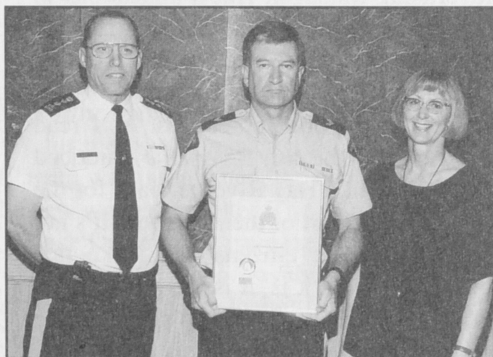
## **"F" DIVISION HEADQUARTERS — REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN**

**COMMENDATION** On June 9, 1997, Cpl. James Nadon received the Commanding Officer's Commendation for his hard work and dedication in helping to bring about the Parkland Victim Services Unit. In September of 1992, and in conjunction with the efforts of Mrs. Tammy Plews, plans were made to bring about a dream, that of having a Victim Services Unit in Yorkton.

Because of their strong commitment, things began to happen quickly: a board of directors was put in place in December 1992, and a full-time coordinator, Mrs. Tammy Plews, was hired in April 1993. All the background work and training were done by November 1993 and the unit had 27 fully-trained volunteers in place. There have certainly been a few obstacles since then, but today the Parkland Victim Services Unit is the model for the rest of the Province of Saskatchewan, and one that the City of Yorkton and surrounding communities are proud of.

*By S/Sgt. P. Rawlick, East District NCO*

**C/Supt. R. Leatherdale presented the Commanding Officer's Commendation to Cpl. James Nadon, with Ms. Katherine McKenzie, Provincial Director of Victim Services, in attendance.**





Last September, Sgt. Nigel Douglas and Sgt. Donald Honeyman, both from "K" Division, Alberta, visited North Battleford high schools and businesses with their drag car, to promote the "Street Legal" Program. The kids were very taken back by the car as well as the message of "THINK AND DRIVE" being spread by the "K" Division members.



On August 26, 1997, members of the South District met in Swift Current to bid farewell to Jan and S/Sgt. Jim Somers, who was retiring with after more than 34 years of service. Insp. Mike Bergerman, District Officer, presented S/Sgt. Somers with the South District plaque.

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

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 43422, Cst. W.S. Gherasim and his wife, Roberta, a son, Jack Robert, on May 31, 1997, at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

To Reg. No. 39684, Cst. J.A.G. Ouellette and his wife, Stéphanie, a daughter, Rebecca Anne, on April 28, 1997, at Inuvik.

To Reg. No. 37636, Cpl. P.A. Young and his wife, Cheryl, a son, Michael Paul Thomas, on January 1, 1996, at Carbonear, Newfoundland.

**COMMUNITY POLICING IN HAY RIVER** In a letter addressed to Commissioner Murray, S. M. Stanway, Advertising Manager, *Hub Publications* in Hay River wrote "...the RCMP in Hay River is very well respected. The fact that they are all community-minded is something that everyone appreciates. As I read the articles (In the *Hay River Hub*) I noticed that officers like Hay River and ask for the community as part of their rotation. It's not only the average citizens that make this community what it is, it is the police force and the amount of time they spend in the community as volunteers."

The following letter from Sgt R.W. Votour, NCO i/c Hay River Detachment, is reprinted with the permission of Hub Publications:

*To the residents of Hay River, the Hay River Dene Reserve and the Settlement of Enterprise; I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks and appreciation to the communities we serve for their outstanding support received over the years. More than 250 members of the RCMP have been stationed at this Detachment over the past 50 years. There have been many memories to celebrate and also many tragedies to reflect on. Through all of the years, the RCMP has become a part of this community and we will always be a part of the communities we are dedicated to serve. Hay River is a pleasure to be transferred to. The Detachment enjoys a unique relationship with all of its community partners. The people who work at this office are involved in the community and care about its future, while being respectful of the hard work and efforts of those who have worked here before us. It is because of the RCMP members who have served before us that we are able to continue with a high standard of service — the benchmark had been set and we must continue the tradition.*

*Our commitment is to provide a safe community for people to live in and raise their family in. It means feeling safe on our streets and highways. It means providing a safe environment for children. It includes working alongside all community agencies to provide the highest quality of service. Our commitment is to the unbiased and*

*respectful treatment of all people. And finally, I would like to express my appreciation to all RCMP officers who are stationed here now or who have been stationed here before, their families, the office staff, and our auxiliary officers for the commitment to upholding the core values of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.*

**POLICE WEEK IN HALL BEACH** Hall Beach Detachment, located 150 miles above the Arctic Circle on the Melville Peninsula, consists of two members who, to promote Police Week 1997, wore boots and breeches all week — which instigated many questions about the uniform and provided the members with an opportunity to speak about the history of the Force and the uniform. Safety Bear was also in town to visit the school and to attend various community events around town. One of the Detachment snowmobiles was also used to pull the qamutiq (sled) with Safety Bear on board — it was the Arctic's answer to a motorcycle section.

There were a lot of “firsts” during this particular Police Week. For many Hall Beach residents, this was the first time they saw RCMP members wearing high browns and the first time they met Safety Bear. For the members, it was the first time either one had driven a snowmobile wearing high browns and it was also the first time that Cst. Mike O'Malley donned the Safety Bear suit. No one seemed to mind that Safety Bear ranged in height from eight feet to six feet, depending on the day. Many thanks also go to Safety Bear volunteers Dora Anguilianuk and Phillip Angoratsiak.

*By Cpl. Mike O'Malley*

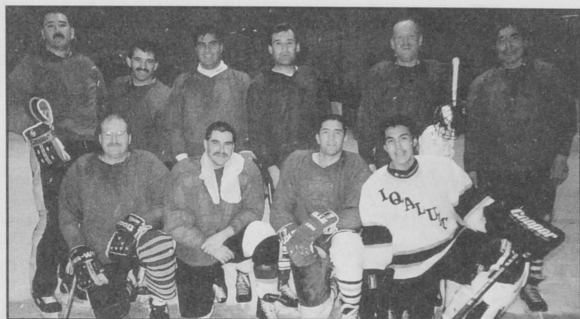


**(Photo 1): Cpl. Mike O'Malley, Cst. Royce MacRae and Safety Bear (Phillip Angoratsiak) with some Hall Beach residents. (Photo 2): Cst. Royce MacRae, Hall Beach Traffic Section.**

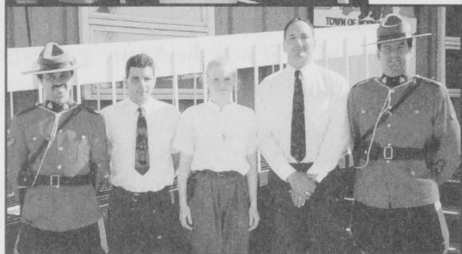
**CAPE DORSET CHARITY HOCKEY** On March 23, 1997, Cape Dorset Detachment hosted a hockey game, pitting RCMP members from Cape Dorset and Iqaluit against the Cape Dorset Old-timers team, to raise money for the newly-opened Tukkuvik Women's Shelter, in Cape Dorset. Although the RCMP team was out-gunned, the event was a local success, raising \$2000 for the operation of the new women's shelter. The game was of particular interest to the community members of Cape Dorset, as it gave them an opportunity to see S/Sgt. Dan Fudge (A/OC Nunavut Policing District) who was the former NCO i/c of Cape Dorset Detachment from 1985-86, and Cst. Rob James (Iqaluit Detachment), who prior to joining the Force was a teacher at Cape Dorset.

*By Cst. Warren Gherasim*

(L-R) Front row: Cpl. Tom Roy, NCO i/c Cape Dorset Detachment; Csts Rob James and Serge Pigeon, Iqaluit Detachment; Teevee Qiatsuk. Back row: Cpl. Mike Lamarche, Csts Dan Nowlan and Darcy Fleury, Iqaluit Detachment; Cst. Warren Gherasim, Cape Dorset Detachment; S/Sgt. Dan Fudge, C/Cst. Eliyah Qavavau, Cape Dorset Detachment.



**CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS AT NORMAN WELLS (Photo 1):** Norman Wells Deputy Mayor, Mark Moir, presented a \$4,350 cheque to (L-R): Cpl. Paul Young and Cst. Dave Fox, to help establish an Auxiliary Policing Program. (Photo 2): A/Csts Edward Whelan, Florriann Preiss and Paul Stroeder, were also officially welcomed into the Auxiliary Constable Program on that day.



In June of each year, members at Norman Wells Detachment put on a bicycle rodeo which for the more than 170 students at Mackenzie Mountain School, as well as for many preschoolers. Cpl. Paul Young is seen here giving instruction to his daughter Chelsea.



## "K" DIVISION HEADQUARTERS — EDMONTON, ALBERTA

**BIRTH** To Reg. No. 41216, Cst. S.L. Cormack, and his wife Sherrie, a daughter, Taylor Rae, on August 21, 1995, at Red Deer.

**CELEBRITY/CHARITY GOLF** When the Calgary RCMP held their 5th annual Celebrity/Charity Golf Tournament at the Strathmore Golf Club on July 15, 1997, they had a full house of 180, five to a team and one celebrity on each team. The winning top team included Alderman Ray Jones (celebrity player), Brian Newman, Phil Sellars, Bob Wells and Wally Haney. Auctioneers — TV and radio celebrities Jimmy Hughes and Bearcat Murry — did a fantastic job of raising funds for this charity. With their great sense of humour

throughout the evening, they really got the crowd going. The Master of Ceremonies, Jock Wilson from Country 105 Radio, who has been doing this for a number of years now, also did a splendid job of hosting this event.

The RCMP committee, made up of two RCMP members, one Public Service Employee, two to three selected people from the charity group, and Lavone Atwood as coordinator for the past five years, received praise for their professionalism and for how well organized they were. Many local businesses were approached to donate prizes and to sponsor individual holes.

Among the many celebrities — TV and radio personalities, various local politicians and newspaper editors— who have participated in this event in the last few years include famous sports celebrities such as Pierre Page, Bearcat Murrey and Mike Civiv. This year, approximately 40 celebrities took part in this tournament which is becoming so well known, that there is now a waiting list to get in. This is due in part to the media coverage and personal accounts about “the best tournament going.” People also know that the charity — the Alberta Adolescent Recovery Centre (AARC) — is a very worthwhile cause to receive all the proceeds from this tournament.

AARC is a long-term treatment centre for adolescents from 12 to 21 years old suffering from advanced stages of drug and alcohol addiction. This centre can boast 85 successful graduates since opening in 1992. It

has become a life-saving centre, where young people can get their lives back.

We, the RCMP, are proud to be a part of this live-saving event and by holding these tournaments each year, we can continue to help save lives. Our donations into this treatment facility can only benefit the communities from which these kids come. By supporting this type of event each community, and every one of us gain from it. Kids deserve a second chance. From 1992 to 1997 we have been able to give the AARC close to \$100,000. Many thanks go to the many sponsors whose contributions and generosity have made this another successful year. One last note: special thanks to all the volunteers and committee members who have worked so hard throughout the year to ensure yet another successful tournament.

*By Lavone Atwood*



**Tina Keeper (Michelle Kenidi) learns fingerprinting techniques from Cpl. Ian Currie, at the RCMP detachment office on the North of 60 set.**

*Photo by Cynthia Bagg*

Mike Ellis cooperate with requests for equipment and give advice to writers looking to make their scenes more authentic. “Basically you have people with very little idea about what we do, trying to write a scene about what we do. Most people only learn about police work from TV and often they are getting false information. I don’t mind helping them at all because then hopefully some myths can be cleared,” says Currie. The FIS officers answered phone inquiries and demonstrated collection techniques and fingerprinting basics for writers and cast members. The demonstrations took place in the FIS office and also on the set near Bragg Creek, Alberta.

#### **CALGARY FIS SHOWS NORTH OF 60 HOW ITS DONE**

When Marie Ahle, property master for *North of 60*, first approached the Calgary Forensic Identification Section (FIS) looking for assistance, they jumped to the task. Ahle needed some fingerprinting equipment to authenticate scenes requiring forensic skills, and the officers at the Calgary FIS obliged without hesitation. That was two years ago, and the relationship continues to progress.

Cpl. Ian Currie, Cpl. Gerry Taylor and Sgt.

FIS also loaned equipment, including cases with fingerprinting powder and brushes, with the understanding that the program would be responsible for any loss or damage. Ahle returned everything in good condition. West Ventures II Productions wanted to pay for the use of equipment, but Cpl. Currie suggested donations be presented to charitable organi-

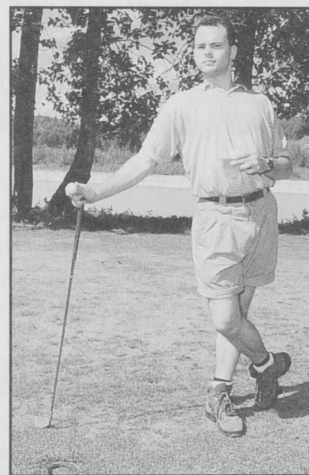
sations chosen by FIS. On one occasion, a \$150 cheque was sent to Elbow River Volunteer Firefighters Association, which services Bragg Creek and the surrounding area. Coincidentally, the firefighters responded to a fire at the *North of 60* set the same week Ahle made the donation.

Another \$150 cheque went to the Cochrane Victim Services Society in Cochrane. In her thank-you letter to Currie, Janis Milligan

coordinator of Cochrane Victim Service said, "Marie Ahle, spoke very highly of your good-natured and helpful way with the details and on the set". *North of 60* finished sooting for another season June 11, and will be on hiatus for a year, but when the cameras start rolling again in "Lynx River," Currie, Taylor and Ellis will continue to share their expertise.

*By Cynthia Bagg*

**CHARITY GOLF** The Whitecourt RCMP Detachment raised nearly \$10,000 from various sponsors and local businesses. The money was distributed to Victims Services, the Blue Heron Association (which helps challenged individuals) and the Wellspring Women's Shelter. The event was an overwhelming success, with 156 golfers and many more people on the waiting list. The CO, "K" Division, A/Commr. Don McDermid as well as the OC, Morinville Sub-Division, Supt. Ed Spaans, were also in attendance. A silent auction after the tournament brought even more profits for the local non-profit groups, items such as an autographed book from Alberta Premier Ralph Klein, a Molson Canadian stereo system in the form of a beer can, and a helicopter ride for two, just to state a few. Many thanks go to event organizers, Cst. Shawn Hodgins and Cst. Ray Cyr for all their hard work.



Cst. Brent Miller displays how every golfer behaved during the tournament.

**ANNUAL BIKE RODEO** Swan Hills, a town of approximately 2000 people in the middle of the province, is surrounded for almost an hour's drive in all directions by woods and oilfields. However for one day, on May 23, 1997, it seemed like the whole town turned out to support one, four-hour event. It wasn't a free beer-drinking contest... it wasn't a visit from the Royal Family, ... and it wasn't an all-you-can-eat caviar and lobster for \$1.00 special.

It was the annual RCMP Bike rodeo. It may be an exaggeration to say the whole town turned out, but it honestly felt that way. The response from the community was outstanding, not only with the attendance but also because of the many donations from local businesses and the efforts of the many volunteers.



The Swan Hills hockey arena was used to hold the Bike Rodeo. There were so many kids that they were literally lining up out the door. Add to that the fact that most kids had one or two parents with them, and we really had a full house. In all, almost 160 kids registered for the Rodeo and about 20 adults and kids volunteered to assist in the judging and running the events.



As well as the high attendance and the many volunteers, the amount of donations was also impressive. The businesses of Swan Hills donated almost 100 prizes, which included seven new bicycles, 30 helmets and a variety of other cycling accessories and safety equipment. In fact, when some of the local business were canvassed for donations, some had already gone out and purchased their items to donate in anticipation of the Bike Rodeo being held at that time of year.

Advertising was also donated by the local newspaper, *The Grizzly Gazette* and the arena; signs and related equipment were also provided by the town of Swan Hills. Over all organizers were impressed with the response of the community. The positive impact on the children who attended and the community in general goes a long way beyond the one-day event.

*By Cst. C.R. Self*

**FORT CHIPEWYAN REGIMENTAL BALL** On June 7, 1997, Fort Chipewyan Detachment hosted their Centennial Regimental Ball. This was the first time that this type of event was being held in this remote, isolated community in Northern Alberta. Many RCMP members who had served in Fort Chipewyan were contacted and several were able to attend. The CO, A/Commr. Don McDermid and OC, Fort McMurray Sub-Division, Insp. Paul McLennan were also in attendance.

The current Fort Chipewyan Detachment members were hoping to combine RCMP traditions with the local Aboriginal and Metis cultures. George Tuccaro performed the Master of Ceremonies duties and the evening started with a grand entry to drums with local and RCMP dignitaries carrying their flags. Mrs. Elsie Yanik represented the Elders, Chief Archie Cyprien represented Athabasca Chipewyan First Nations, Chief Awaquan represented Mikiswe Cree First Nations and, President Fred Fraser represented the Local Metis Association.

Following the meal, presentations were made to family members of the special constables who were local to Fort Chipewyan and worked in the area: S/Csts Armand Villbrun, Joseph Poitras, Fred Daniels, Phil McKay, Frank Heron and Jerome Cardinal. Their dedication and hard work made policing successful in the early to mid-1900s. Special drums made by members of the community were presented to A/Commr. Don McDermid, Insp. Paul McLennan and Guest Elder. Traditional Fancy Dancers performed during the evening and were joined by most of participants during the Round Dance.

(Photo 1) Darrea Bird, A/Commr. McDermid, Kevin Courtoreille; (Photo 2): A/Commr. McDermid receiving drum from Steve Courtoreille; (Photo 3): Insp. McLennan presenting recognition Plaque to ex-Cpl. Raymond Villbrun, son of ex-S/Cst. Armand Villbrun.



The evening was concluded with a dance which went to the very early hours. Many stories were told during that night. The members who returned were thrilled with the rapport that is now established with the community. There were stories about arriving on dog-sled, the first bombardier, how the whole town was excited when the barge came every year, Sgt. Harold Routledge getting the first car in town and still walk-

ing everywhere, catching bootleggers and gambling parties.

Members of Fort Chipewyan Detachment appreciate the warm support that they receive from the community and feel that they work in the "Jewel of the North."

*By Cst. L.G. Kett and Sgt. T.S. Gilbert*



(L-R): Insp. Steve Ayliffe, OIC Informatics, and Cpl. Ross Marasco presented a \$305 cheque to Julie Hamilton, United Way Campaign Division Manager, Alberta Capital Region. The money had been raised by those attending the Informatics golf tournament on July 4, 1997.

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY (RLSS) AWARD (Centre, L-R): Collin Reichle, Executive Director of the Alberta and Northwest Territories RLSS, presented Insp. Ron Lamabe, Staffing and Personnel Officer, with the Bronze Benefactor Medal, with Sgt. Bill Patton (L), Chairperson of the Honours and Awards Committee (RLSS), and Supt. Peter Curley (R), Admin and Personnel Officer, in attendance.

*Photo by Christine Brososky, Forensic Graphics*

## PACIFIC REGION

### "E" DIVISION

#### HEADQUARTERS— VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

**MARRIAGE** Reg. No. 43300, Cst. G.M. Peters to Joey Starr, on April 12, 1996, at Las Vegas.

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 42322, Cst. E.J. Babbitt and his wife, Dionne, a son, Mitchel Riley, on May 15, 1997, at Burns Lake.

To Reg. No. 41356, Cst. T.J.C. Chad and his wife, Kathy, a daughter, Madison Elizabeth, on October 30, 1996, at New Westminster.

To Reg. No. 42069, Cst. A. Cowan and his wife, Kristina, a daughter, Courtney Nicole, on February 6, 1997, at Victoria.

To Reg. No. 44535, Cst. D.A. Ringer and her husband, Stephen, a daughter, Megan Elizabeth, on February 8, 1997, at Coquitlam.

To Reg. No. 43300, Cst. G.M. Starr and her husband, Joey, a daughter, Taylor Marie, on February 14, 1997, at Kamloops.

To Reg. No. 37452, Cst. J.A.R. Watt and his wife, Shannon, a daughter, Breanna Elizabeth Faithe, on June 27, 1994, at New Westminster.

**RECOGNITION** An award from The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, Priory of Canada, was presented to Reg. No. 33056, Cst. C.R.

Scott and Reg. No. 42965, Cst. L.A. Mathew, for their dedication to duty and their lifesaving skills which they used to save the life of a clinically-dead motor-vehicle accident victim, who had drowned after being pinned in the vehicle, under water, for 15 minutes. Csts Scott and

Mathew dragged the victim from the water and began lifesaving resuscitation; the victim subsequently made a full medical recovery.

*By Cpl. D.J. Kirkman  
Chilliwack Detachment*



**Film crew taking a break and standing around with Cst. Collins (L) and Sgt. Gfellner (R).**

*Photo by Jennifer Collins*

**AVALANCHE AWARENESS** Helicopter pilot Cpl. Dave McCullagh, Kamloops Air Section, and Sgt. George Gfellner and Cst. Bruce Collins, Valemount Detachment, were part of the ground crew during the shooting of an avalanche awareness film. The Canadian Avalanche Association has the main interest in promoting this film for back-country avalanche safety, produced by an Edmonton film company and funded by the Canadian Search and Rescue Secretariat. Lots of resources were used for the film including Robson Valley Search and Rescue, National and

Provincial Parks, members of the Valemount Snowmobile Club and many other volunteers.

*By Cst. B.D. Collins, Valemount Detachment*

**BIG BIKE RIDE** On May 9, 1997, the first ever Big Bike Ride was held at Invermere, raising approximately \$10,000 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. This event was organized by Cst. Holly Lavin and ex-C/M Kathy McNeil, with assistance from the Cranbrook Heart and Stroke Foundation office. The four teams that took part in the ride around Invermere were from the local IGA, Valley Fitness Centre, Home Hardware and the Invermere/Radium Detachment personnel with the B.C. Ambulance attendants, spouses and friends. Way to go Lights and Sirens!



**COPS FOR CANCER** During Police Week last May, Trail Detachment challenged local emergency services members. Consequently 20 members from Trail, Castlegar and

Fruitvale Detachments, along with local auxiliary officers, ambulance and firefighters had their heads shaved at a local mall. Ex-Cpl. George Braithwaite and Cst. Paul Emond coordinated the event held on May 17, 1997, which raised almost \$14,000 for Cancer Research.





S/Sgt. Rex Henry looked on as A/Cst. Jerry Boothroyd presented his daughter, A/Cst. Sherri Boothroyd with her badge. She had been sworn into office on February 15, 1997, shortly after her father retired after 32 years service.

**VETERANS' NEWS** The Kamloops Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association welcomed Reg. No. 21128, ex-S/Sgt. G.B. Delwisch as a new member. Vancouver Division welcomed the following new recruits: Reg. No. 32892, D.J. Blythe, Reg. No. 33352, G.K. Weitzel, Reg. No. 30513, T. Priest and Reg. No. 19308, G.S. Sullivan.

## **"M" DIVISION HEADQUARTERS — WHITEHORSE, YUKON**

**GOLD MEDAL ESSAY COMPETITION** It was announced in the *Home Office Circular Letter* dated March 25, 1996, that Cst. John Paul Richard, Watson Lake Detachment, was awarded the third prize of £100 in the 1996 Queen's Police Gold Medal Essay Competition. The subject of the Competition was: "A multi-cultural society can be policed effectively only by a multi-cultural police service." The last time

an RCMP member was in the winner's circle for this prize was in 1961, when Robert Francis Lunney won first prize. Cst. Richard was transferred to "A" Division last May.

Anyone interested in the upcoming Queen's Police Gold Medal Essay Competition may contact Stephen Taylor, RCMP Honours and Awards (Ottawa) at (613) 993-3583.

**RCMP CENTENNIAL IN THE YUKON** After many deliberations in August 1995, a group of citizens from Beaver Creek decided to erect an interpretive centre with several life-size mannequins depicting various key players in the Yukon Gold Rush, as a meaningful tribute to honour the 100th Anniversary of the RCMP in the Yukon. Approval was granted and funds allocated towards the project by the Government of Yukon's Anniversaries Commission.

During the winter of 1996-97, local artist Tim Cant was commissioned with creating the mannequins. Many local artisans were employed as well for the arduous task of transforming metal, fibreglass and various other materials into realistic life-like objects. Mr. Cant felt that it would be most appropriate to use the faces of Beaver Creek residents to create the molds for the faces of the mannequins, to give them local flavour. Cpl. Brosseau was asked to provide the face for the RCMP mannequin.



**Artist Tim Cant putting finishing touches on Cpl. Brosseau's face.**

The process involved pouring a molding compound on his face which had to set for a period of time. Many local residents were eager to watch Cpl. Brosseau have plaster poured on his face and be in a helpless position for several minutes. Luckily, only a few practical jokes were played. Once the mold set, it was filled with clay which required further work to correct the flaws. The clay head was then covered in fibreglass resin and painted to look



(L-R): Cst. Ben Dyson, mannequin with dog, Tim Cant, Cpl. Brosseau.

Mountie," which has proven to be a real hit with many of the international tourists traveling through Beaver Creek.

RCMP members sponsored the *Old Crow Charter* of the Boy Scouts of Canada for the past two years. (L-R): Cpl. T.D. Bain, Old Crow Detachment Commander, Mary Jacobson (wife of Cst. M.P. Jacobson), Patricia Tetlich, and Yukon Region Scout Leader Bill Rivers, presenting Detachment members with the *Charter*. Mary and Patricia were the initiators of the endeavor and served as the Beaver and Brownie leaders.



## NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS OTTAWA, ONTARIO

**BIRTH** To Reg. No. 34042, David Alcorn (RCMP Liaison Officer in Mexico) and his wife, Diane, a son, Nicholas Wayne, on August 27, 1997, at Mexico City.

**PEACEKEEPING BENEFITS ALL CANADIANS** In an interview on CBC Radio's *Morningside* last summer, S/Sgt. Graham Muir and Sgt. Doug Coates discussed RCMP peacekeeping commitments and their own personal experiences. "That brief but intense period becomes probably one of the defining moments, both personally and professionally, for the people who have engaged in that kind of work," said S/Sgt. Muir. "I don't think I necessarily came back a better police officer, but I definitely came back a better human being. You just simply can't do that work and experience the highs and the lows without that changing you in a marked and profound way. And I think Canadians are exceptionally well-served by having professional peace officers serve in that capacity and bring those insights back to their

communities. It makes for a better quality service all around, I believe."

Sgt. Coates echoed these sentiments. "I think my experience actually enhanced my ability to provide the service domestically," he said. "I was provided with a very unique opportunity as a young NCO to open a 44-member detachment, and was able to institute many of the philosophies of community policing, a concept that we embrace here in Canada. We established community consultive groups and encouraged the community to identify the solutions to problems, [for example].[I then brought] back to Canada all that knowledge gained from implementing those things in another community and shared it with the domestic clients."

*RCMP Media Summary*

**NEWEST NATO MEMBERS HAVE COME A LONG WAY** Of all countries of central and eastern Europe and the former

Soviet Union, Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary have come far enough to secure coveted invitations to join the NATO military alliance and to be among six chosen for membership in the European Union. Canada is one of the countries that has pitched in on the nuts and bolts of the efforts — from training police and customs officers in Prague, to helping set up savings co-operatives in communities across Hungary and a model dairy farm in the Polish countryside.

“The Czech police before 1989 was a repressive body,” says Jaromir Neumann, director of human resources for the Czech Interior Ministry. “The orientation now is toward crime prevention, community policing and assisting victims of crime.” Canadian help has come in the form of RCMP advice on how to organize an honest police force, accountable to the public, with pay and promotions based on merit, not favor. They’ve also given seminars on money laundering, something rampant across the former East Bloc.

#### *RCMP Media Summary*

### **MOUNTED POLICE FOUNDATION FUNDS COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**

Two novel drug awareness campaigns and a unique youth justice initiative are just three of almost a dozen community programs receiving over \$50,000 from the Mounted Police Foundation (MPF). The money is the result of royalties obtained through the sale of licensed RCMP products and souvenirs.

The Flowers Cove Northern Peninsula Regional Child Protection Team and Victim Services Advisory Board (Newfoundland) and the Kingston Parents’ Awareness about Drugs program (Ontario) both received \$8,000 to educate their communities about the reality of substance abuse. Recent surveys in both areas indicated that parents were not aware of the serious alcohol and drug problems affecting their children. Funding for the Newfoundland program is

going towards a portable resource library for a region with no facilities to address such concerns.

The Trail Youth Justice Program (British Columbia) received \$3,000 from the MPF and a computer from Motorola Canada Ltd. to assist in bringing together first-time offenders, their victims and a community representative to resolve issues that would normally come before the courts. This diversionary program receives no funding from government.

The following are other community initiatives that benefited from the sale of RCMP licensed goods:

- ✓ Hay River Women’s Resource Centre (N.W.T.) — \$2,750 for production and distribution of *The First Step*, a book for women in abusive relationships;
- ✓ Norman Wells Youth and Elder Centre (N.W.T.) — \$5,000 and three computers (Motorola Canada Ltd.) to help give youth and elders a positive environment in which to work together on community programs;
- ✓ Corner Brook and Cox’s Minor Hockey Association, (Nfld.) — \$3,000 to assist RCMP and the community to work together to promote healthy choices regarding alcohol and drugs;
- ✓ Lieutenant Governor’s Foundation for Youth (Man.) — \$10,000 for the Lieutenant Governor’s Job Corps for Youth, to encourage young people to complete high school and further their education;
- ✓ Ivernay School (Sask.) — \$1,400 to help implement an anti-violence program to reduce impulsive and aggressive behavior;
- ✓ Saskatoon Friendship Inn Children’s Carnival (Sask.) — \$4,000 towards a solvent abuse prevention program;

✓ Coral Harbour Youth Centre (N.W.T.) — \$5,000 and three computers for a meeting place with a games area; and

✓ Tuktoyaktuk Youth Committee (N.W.T.) — A computer (Motorola Canada Ltd.) to expand the facilities offered to the youth drop-in centre.

The MPF encourages progressive community-based responses to today's social problems. Through the RCMP licensing program, the MPF awards communities that are tackling every-day situations with hope, creativity and self-reliance. For further information, please telephone Marc Desjardins (MPF) at (613) 741-7560.



On September 8, 1997, A/Commr. Cleve Cooper, Director of Community, Contract & Aboriginal Policing Services Directorate, presented a directorate award plaque to Dr. Don Loree, Ph.D., in recognition



of his professionalism, dedication and tireless efforts in developing a study model for the 1996 RCMP Community Policing Assessment in the Province of New Brunswick. (Photo 2): Mrs. Donna Lowe received a plaque in recognition of her 25 years of service with the Public Service of Canada. The awards were presented during a gathering of directorate employees in the HQ Senior NCOs' Mess.

**VETERANS' NEWS** The Ottawa Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association welcomed the following new members: Reg. No. 28212, H.D. Fauser; Reg. No. 24637, E.O. Hansen; Reg. No. 25346, F.E. Rayner; Reg. No. 29408, B.D. Sparrow.

**VETS IN HAITI** In January 1997, a group of 21 serving and retired members of the RCMP, civilian personnel and two St-John's Ambulance experts traveled to Haiti for a period of six weeks, to conduct a review of the Haitian National Police (HNP) and prepare a five-year business Development plan for consideration by the Director General and International officials. The group included S/Sgts. Francis Boulay, Roger Couture, Marcel Desaulniers and Vic Marion, Insps Ray Cyr and Jean-Guy Foy, Supt. Hubert Robichaud, C/Supt. Bill Spring and Fred Schultz, all retired.

Members examined almost every aspect of the recently formed HNP to determine their effectiveness in terms of their mandate, organizational structure, staffing & training, operating procedures and systems, administration, equipment, facilities and budget.

The objective was to project the HNP's development needs and establish a plan for a sustainable level of operation. This was quite a challenge, given the existing unstable situation in Haiti and current low level of development but, the group came up with an acceptable business plan.

It is likely that police advisors will be needed to assist with implementation plans and that all retired police officers may soon be given a chance to offer their services.

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## **"DEPOT" DIVISION REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN**

**MEMORIAL PARADE** The annual RCMP memorial parade took place on Sunday September 14, 1997, at 9 a.m. on Sleigh Square, in honour of RCMP members who died in the line of duty. The day began with the uncasing and parading of the Force Guidon before the troops (one of the few occasions that the force Guidon is displayed). To commemorate our fallen members, the honour roll of members who died in the line of duty was read out loud, as wreaths were placed at the Cenotaph by Commissioner Murray and senior members of the Force, on behalf of each division. The procession then moved to the RCMP Chapel for an ecumenical memorial worship service and then to the RCMP cemetery where wreaths were placed at the Memorial Wall. The ceremony ended at the Mess where brunch was served.

**TOURISM DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE** "Depot" Division, the oldest division of the RCMP, has always held out a certain mystique for the general public. It has always been the "heart and soul" and the "home of the RCMP". It is a place that not only houses one of the best police training institutions, but where the image, traditions and cultural heritage of the Force have been presented for the education and enjoyment of visitors from around the world.

The RCMP Centennial Museum has been the primary medium by which "Depot" has presented itself and the Force. Since the Museum's expansion is an essential part of the long term growth of "Depot" Division, Dr. David Baird was hired to develop plans for the Museum's revitalization. He submitted a report in which he recommended that an expansion be approved that would approximately double the exhibit and storage space of the present building. His report included a business plan outlining how the

funds required for the construction would be realized by the fund raising efforts of the Friends of the Mounted Police Museum. This is a group that consists mostly of RCMP veterans who, like the Commissioner, value the role that the Museum plays in the education of our members and the public about the history of the RCMP.

As a result of the report, Commissioner Murray suggested in a letter to C/Supt. Tom Light (retired) of the Friends of the Mounted Police Museum, that preliminary steps be taken to organize a committee and develop a strategy. He cautioned, however, that the project would depend on two things. First, that since no public funds were available, money would have to be realized by the fundraising efforts of the Friends of the Mounted Police Museum and those who will be responsible for the initiative's development. Second, that the initiative be implemented without losing sight of, and without interfering with, the primary purpose of the Academy, which is training.

After having been given this mandate it became evident that, while the expansion of the RCMP Museum was essential, there was a need to look at the entire scope of visitor services being offered. There was concern expressed by Museum staff and others, for example, that visitors to the Academy are expecting more than just a museum experience. They want contact with a member of the Force, and to witness our training, operations and ceremonies. It was clear that, while we have been attempting to provide a top-notch visitor package, a process was necessary to address the facilities, the resources and the funding needs in order to provide value-added service and to meet the present and future needs of our clients.



Meetings were scheduled, therefore, with stakeholders to discuss the potential expansion of the Museum and related tourism activities on "Depot" grounds. The result was an enthusiastic concurrence by all stakeholders that the idea was worth pursuing. What started as a need to expand the facilities at the Museum, ended in a process that has been referred to as "The RCMP Tourism Development in Regina Initiative".

For more than a year, discussions concerning this initiative have taken place with various levels of government, Friends of the Mounted Police Museum, tourism organizations, Economic Development Authorities, the Regina Chamber of Commerce, other federal agencies and RCMP representatives, including members of "F" Division and the RCMP Laboratory. A steering committee was formed and a terms of reference document was prepared which served as a basis for a tendering process to receive submissions of calls for proposals in the preparation of a full business plan. The request for proposals, which was published in the *Globe and Mail* on July 14, 16 and 18, 1997 resulted in 21 submissions. From these, one consortium of consultants was selected and a contract will be signed in the near future. The final business plan is projected to be presented to the

Senior Executive Committee by March 1998.

The overall approach that will be taken by the consortium will be in four phases:

- Phase 1: Market Assessment and Product Development Planning
- Phase 2: Governance and Operational Planning
- Phase 3: Financial Projections and Planning
- Phase 4: Implementation Planning and Reporting

Among other objectives, this initiative will work toward identifying the impact that participation in this initiative will have on the RCMP. It will focus on benefits, costs, impact on operations on the "Depot" grounds, impact on the RCMP image, awareness, support, public education, international reputation, and the contribution to Canada's image. You have our every assurance that we will proceed with this project only if it is in the best interest of the RCMP.

Meanwhile, it is our goal to keep you informed as much as possible. To this end, a more detailed report will appear soon.

*C/Supt. J.R.A. Gauthier  
Commanding Officer "Depot" Division*

## **CANADIAN POLICE COLLEGE ROCKCLIFFE, ONTARIO**

**MEMORIAL TREE PLANTING** On January 1, 1997, 36-year-old Cst. Michelle Desjardins, Montréal Drug Section, died suddenly at her parents' home in Rockland, Ontario, of what appears to have been work-related stress. As her brother said during funeral services, the RCMP had almost become her true family. She loved her work and all those who surrounded her. Cst. Michelle Desjardins was recognized by the Canadian Police Association (CPA) and received posthumously the 1997 "TOP COPS" award for excellence. Her mother and her Section partner, Cst. Joe Tomeo, received the award at the annual CPC meeting in Charlottetown.

On September 27, 1997, family members and more than 200 friends and colleagues of the late Cst. Michelle Desjardins attended a tree planting ceremony in her memory. The cere-

mony — a living symbol and gesture by Michelle’s friends — coincided with the annual National Police Memorial weekend in honour of their colleagues killed in the line of duty, which is attended by police forces from all parts of Canada and the United States. Cst. Desjardins was known to officers from Eastern Canada, New York, Cleveland and Chicago and many of them were in attendance. The ceremony commenced at 11:00 in the morning, on the lawn west of the Canadian Police College’s “A” Block, followed by a reception held in the student lounge. A 14-foot-high oak (a gift from the Cleveland Police Association in Ohio) with an engraved plaque at its base will be a reminder about Michelle’s commitment to police work, to perpetuate the memory of this investigator who demonstrated great professionalism, unsurmountable tenacity and perseverance in the face of what most people would consider unsur-

mountable obstacles, particularly in a complicated case involving international drug trafficking. Her investigation resulted in the arrest of 17 individuals, including key mob figures.

Another ceremony had previously been held in Montréal, where the OIC Criminal Operations, C/Supt. R. Sugrue, had unveiled a commemorative photograph of Cst. Desjardins which now occupies a place of honour in the conference hall.

*by ex-S/Sgt. Garth Hampson*

*(Errors in Cst. Desjardins’ Obituary featured in the Spring 1997 issue of the “Quarterly” should have read : Ne Desjardins; died in Rockland, Ontario. We apologize to the family of Cst. Desjardins for any embarrassment these errors may have caused. — Editor)*



Various police officers from across Canada attended the ceremony.



(Photo 1, L-R): Cst. Gaëtan Chouinard (Michelle’s husband), Michelle’s parents, Roland and Bertha Desjardins, Sgt. Gaëtan Delisle, RCMP Montréal. (Photo 2): With Michelle’s Top Cop Award on table, Sgt. Brad Hampson (OPP), Cst. Diana Hampson (OPP), Mrs. Tomeo and Cst. Joe Tomeo.

*Photos by Garth Hampson*

# PROMOTIONS

## ATLANTIC REGION

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

Inspector — S/Sgt. H.J. Szabo

— Sgts B.A. House, B.F. Landry

Staff Sergeant — Sgts A.G. McInnis, E. North, L.G. MacDonald, P.T. McCormick

Sergeant — Cpls D.E. Gosine, J.A. Archibald, J.D. Butt

Corporal — Csts C.F. Gorman, M.N. Ryan, H.L. Webster

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

Chief Superintendent — Supt. S.A. Duncan

Inspector — S/Sgt. J.A. Arsenault

Staff Sergeant — Sgt. K.F. McGuire

Sergeant — Cpl. R.H. Walker

Corporal — Csts M.E. Furey, T.C. Townsend, W.R. Williams, G.J. Hay, J.W. McGill, P.A. Murphy, J.E.A. Heon, J.Q. Stoddart, R.I. Chase

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

Superintendent — Insp. J.D.M. Séguin

Sergeant — Cpls J.J.B. Tourville, J.P.C. Beaudoin

Corporal — Csts G.F. Laturnus, J.M.J.G.Y. Lafontaine, K.P. Spenceley, M.J. Boissonnault

## CENTRAL REGION

### "A" DIVISION — OTTAWA, ONTARIO

Chief Superintendent — Supt. W.A. Lenton

Inspector — S/Sgt. J.D. Lang

— Sgt. D.B. McKnight

Sergeant — Cpl. J.J.L.A. Cyr

Corporal — Cst. S.J. McVarnock

### "C" DIVISION — MONTRÉAL, QUEBEC

Inspector — S/Sgt. J.N.H.R. Phaneuf

— Sgts D. Gauthier, J.J.R.S. Marcoux

Sergeant — Cpls J.M.D. Morin, J.R.G. Couillard, J.N.V. St-Hilaire

### "O" DIVISION — LONDON, ONTARIO

Inspector — S/Sgt. R.R. Knecht

— Sgts A. Popovic, F.M. McDonell

Staff Sergeant — Sgts J. Leontowicz, K.G. Sinclair, W.F. Leil

Sergeant — Cpls D.J. Mabee, A.C. Rozdolsky, R.J. Smith, S.M.M.M. Conlin

Corporal — Csts C. Liokossis, R.L. Jackson, D.I. MacLeod, G.P. Stefureak, R. Kolaczek

## NORTH WEST REGION

### "D" DIVISION — WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

Superintendent — Insp. R.P. Curiston

Inspector — S/Sgt. P.J. Thorne

— Sgt. M.A. Norry

Staff Sergeant — Sgts D.M. Arbez, R.L. Nason, J.F.J.J. Bourque

Sergeant — Sgts W.R. Ritchat, J.L. MacDougall, L.A. Hordijk, D.R. Fisher

Corporal — Csts B.A. Hogan, B.A. Roach, C.W. Ballard, T.W. French, P.B. Madden

Civilian Member — C/M C.M. Deacon

### "F" DIVISION — REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

Inspector — Cpl. J.L.C. Orem

Staff Sergeant — Sgt. W. Bednar

Sergeant — Cpls D.I. Gallant, A.B. Taylor, W.J. Wilson, O.C. Oman, T.N. Wozniak

Corporal — Csts G.A. Olson, K.A. Bourlon, R.C. Smith, R.P. Pilon, T.G. Phillips, C.L. Gerow, D.W. Chalmers, M.D. Bohliken

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

Superintendent — Insp. T.E. Elliott

Inspector — Sgt. B.V. Mayer

Corporal — Cst. P.C. Johnson

### "K" DIVISION — EDMONTON, ALBERTA

Inspector — S/Sgt. W.D. Clapham

— Sgt. P.A. MacAulay

Staff Sergeant — Sgts B.J. Smith, E.M. Comaniuk, G.D. Elliott

Sergeant — Cpls B.H. Forster, G.M. De Goeij, N.J. Douglas,

R.G. Wright, M.K. Stewart, D.A. Dimitroff, D.C. Cohn, O.J.L.

Bertagnolli, R.V. Schaefer, R.J. Noble, S.B. Harrington

Corporal — Csts W.D. Swiderski, K.N. Morton, G.P. Wiebe, G.R. Popein, P.W.A. Koersvelt, D.A. Woodworth

## PACIFIC REGION

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

Inspector — S/Sgt. C.W. Bussion

— Sgt. G.H. Donovan

Staff Sergeant — Sgts J.E. Mills, J.E.A. Nykiforuk, S.P. Lee, W.J. Wiggans, A.J. Wright, A.V. Bravener, D.A. Long, G.A. Funk, G.H. Falk

Sergeant — Cpls J.H.R.A. Duplantie, J.L. Omilusik, K.B. McLarnon, A.G. Macht, C.H. Farquhar, D.M. Butcher, R.A. Angell, R.C. Cardey, R.E. Jones, R.T. Sproule, W.B. Bloomquist, W.M. Thordarson, B.R. Pitman, D.L. Semple, J.A. Stott, J.N. Tognela, K.R. Carrothers

Corporal — Csts D.H. Bate, D.K. Vince, J.L. Cooke, M.S. McCarthy, P. Dickinson, R.A. Casey, R.T. Shedden, R.W. Marquardt, T.L. Czernicki, W.D. Czernicki, B.A. Hopp, E.W. Hall, M.S. Wilton, R.B. Sundell, S.D. Armstrong, B.L. Killaly, B.M. Largy, C.G. Faulkner, D.J. Peat, D.L. Laskoski, G.J. Stroeder, J.A. Allen, J.D. McKay, J.D. Stein, P.J. Kokesch, R.T. Fisk, R.W. Manchip, S.N. McPhail, W. Bolderheij, W.J. Dosko

Civilian Members — C/Ms B.E. Mallon, B.R. Glinsbockel, H.D. Sorge

### "M" DIVISION — WHITEHORSE, YUKON

Corporal — Cst. T.A. Ashmore

Civilian Member — C/M J.G.P. B. Boulianne

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Assistant Commissioner — C/Supts J.R.R. Charbonneau, R.K. Leatherdale

Superintendent — Insp. B.G. Phillips, C.R. Corley, J.A.J. Buisson, T.G. Killam

Inspector — S/Sgts A.K. Mathews, D.G. Wojcik, J.J.F.G. Laflamme

— Sgts A.S. Latham, G.F. Johnson, K.C. Gates,

— R.L. Brown, S.J. Roberge

— Cpls B.F. Corrigan, K.M. Vickers

Staff Sergeant — Sgts P.D.F. Henschel, J.L.L. Vidal, J.M. Daigle

Sergeant — Cpls F.E. Trevisan, J.A. Lebrasseur, J.R.Y. Desjardins, B.A.S. Fleury, J.R.H. Lebel, L.R. Wilson, J.C.C. Caouette, M.M.C. Martin

Corporal — Cst. M.D. Eskelson

Civilian Member — C/Ms A.E. Petriew, S.M. Burr, D.A. Watson, D.J. Hayes, J. Fedoriuk, J.C. Hood, K.D. Moore, K.K. Tam, L.J. Adams, O.D. Lucash, R.D. Jones, T.M. Hanakowski, W. Walker, W.D. Callaghan, G.A. Duperre, J.J.A. Simard, R.J. Poole, B.W. Richardson, B.P. Joynt, L.M.A. Bouchard, B.G. Dietiker, J.D. Runnells, K.A. Henry, A.R. Baines, J.T. Patterson, M.A.N. Leblanc, C.G. McEachern, M.R.M.C. Côté

### "DEPOT" DIVISION — REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

Sergeant — Cpls J.J.C. Richard, J.B.G.F. Desfosses, J.E.F. Leblanc

Corporal — Cst. J.D. Henry



# RETIREMENTS

Reg. No.	Rank	Name	Division	Date	Reg. No.	Rank	Name	Division	Date
O.1120	D/Commr.	Bergman, R.A.	HQ	97-06-01	25549	Sgt.	Shouldice, B.E.	"E"	97-09-03
O.1139	Supt.	Pruneau, J.A.R.	HQ	97-09-02	25647	S/Sgt.	Sanderson, C.G.	"E"	97-07-30
O.1146	Supt.	Healey, J.L.	HQ	97-07-18	25648	Sgt.	Waelz, F.	HQ	97-07-01
O.1165	A/Commr.	Matchim, F.	HQ	97-09-01	25696	S/Sgt.	Ecklund, R.D.	"E"	97-08-05
O.1216	Supt.	Wilcox, S.G.	"E"	97-05-07	25823	Sgt.	Rose, R.D.S.	"K"	97-07-30
O.1269	Supt.	Girard, J.M.A.	HQ	97-07-25	25850	Sgt.	Letendre, J.E.J.H.P.	"C"	97-07-09
O.1300	Supt.	Kember, P.A.	HQ	97-09-02	25863	Cpl.	Montgomery, D.L.	"E"	97-07-16
O.1324	Supt.	Gherasim, W.S.	"E"	96-07-01	25898	Cpl.	Heck, D.J.	"F"	97-07-20
O.1345	Supt.	Watt, G.S.	"D"	97-08-08	25904	Sgt.	Greenslade, W.T.	"Depot"	97-07-18
O.1354	Supt.	Moffatt, R.E.	"E"	97-07-11	25906	Cpl.	Scott, D.R.	HQ	97-07-18
O.1364	Supt.	Wass, R.W.	"K"	97-06-30	25912	Cpl.	King, K.W.	"K"	97-07-15
O.1381	Supt.	Dwyer, G.L.	"E"	97-08-15	25914	S/Sgt.	Scowby, V.B.	"F"	97-09-10
O.1436	Supt.	Bunn, R.A.	"K"	97-07-16	25943	Sgt.	Leith, W.B.	"F"	97-07-27
O.1443	Insp.	Latimer, J.A.	"E"	97-07-08	25998	S/Sgt.	Ross, J.T.	"K"	97-08-27
O.1490	Insp.	MacKay, R.E.	HQ	97-09-04	26041	Cst.	Broderick, B.L.	"E"	97-09-10
O.1493	Supt.	Carlson, G.E.	"H"	97-08-13	26049	Sgt.	Atkinson, D.S.	"H"	97-07-07
O.1516	Insp.	Cox, H.B.	"E"	97-09-24	26051	Cst.	Bruggemann, P.E.	"E"	97-07-30
O.1559	Insp.	Campbell, J.G.	"E"	97-07-16	26192	S/Sgt.	Hanke, M.G.	"E"	97-08-18
O.1604	Insp.	Rushton, J.W.	"E"	97-07-13	26329	Sgt.	Brakefield-Moore, R.S.	"D"	97-07-01
20117	S/Sgt.	Gilfoy, G.J.	"O"	97-08-04	26363	Sgt.	MacLean, B.A.	"H"	97-09-24
21256	S/Sgt.	Grabowski, P.M.	"E"	97-07-02	26368	Sgt.	Edmonds, J.J.	"J"	97-06-01
21300	S/Sgt.	Johnston, B.D.	"E"	97-07-30	26429	Cst.	Tegg, W.R.	"D"	97-07-02
21695	Sgt.	Frankow, J.E.	"F"	97-06-30	26432	Cpl.	Takashima, T.A.	"E"	97-07-16
21698	Sgt.	Cassan, W.J.	HQ	97-07-02	26576	Cst.	MacKay, R.J.	"K"	97-07-15
22105	S/Sgt.	Tinkham, R.D.	"B"	97-08-01	26649	S/Sgt.	Mettlewsky, R.J.	"K"	97-09-24
22326	S/Sgt.	Humphrey, G.M.	"E"	97-07-30	26689	S/Sgt.	Thomas, B.P.	"O"	97-09-07
22597	Sgt.	Bullock, D.B.	"F"	97-07-30	26782	Cpl.	Simmons, F.D.	"H"	97-07-30
22687	S/Sgt.	Casson, R.E.	"E"	97-07-30	26792	Cst.	Inman, R.F.	"L"	97-08-15
22688	S/Sgt.	Dewitt, L.S.	"E"	97-07-02	26833	Cpl.	Mosek, D.S.	"D"	97-07-16
22712	Sgt.	Squire, R.W.	"E"	97-08-01	26839	Sgt.	McCarthy, B.A.	"H"	97-08-18
22727	S/Sgt.	Burnett, C.C.	"F"	97-09-01	26911	Sgt.	Steele, R.G.	"M"	97-09-10
22737	Sgt.	Hankey, W.G.	"E"	97-08-06	26998	Cpl.	Millar, D.J.	"H"	97-09-10
22767	S/Sgt.	Perry, C.W.	HQ	97-08-08	27050	Cpl.	King, D.P.	"H"	97-07-08
22842	S/Sgt.	Derendorf, K.	HQ	97-09-06	27238	Sgt.	Foley, D.R.	"H"	97-07-04
22892	S/Sgt.	Would, R.N.	"E"	97-07-31	27271	Cpl.	Cameron, B.M.	"E"	97-09-11
22977	Sgt.	Boudreau, J.A.G.	"A"	97-07-01	27291	S/Sgt.	Markoski, G.W.	"E"	97-09-24
23001	S/Sgt.	Somers, J.W.	"F"	97-09-02	27355	Cst.	Riou, J.F.J.	"K"	97-07-30
23028	S/Sgt.	Peleskey, E.L.	"E"	97-08-06	27358	Sgt.	Lowe, R.G.	"O"	97-08-17
23064	Sgt.	Bell, J.W.B.	"F"	97-08-01	27447	Cpl.	MacDonald, G.B.	"Depot"	97-06-27
23102	S/Sgt.	Cain, D.S.	HQ	97-07-16	27559	Cst.	Rogers, I.H.	"O"	97-07-01
23133	Sgt.	O'Donnell, M.J.W.	"Depot"	97-08-08	27635	Sgt.	McAfee, R.F.	"D"	97-07-02
23205	S/Sgt.	Diamond, F.B.	"H"	97-07-02	27692	Sgt.	Lamoureux, J.L.M.J.	"E"	97-07-07
23287	Sgt.	McLeod, D.H.	HQ	97-09-06	27707	Sgt.	Forsythe, L.K.	"E"	97-07-02
23289	Cpl.	Comeau, G.W.	HQ	97-07-02	27845	Cpl.	Parisee, R.	"F"	97-07-23
23319	S/Sgt.	O'Brien, M.R.	HQ	97-08-19	27893	Sgt.	Watters, W.D.	"H"	97-08-16
23341	S/Sgt.	Fergusson, R.D.	"E"	97-09-10	27960	Cpl.	Durling, C.E.	"E"	97-07-09
23509	S/Sgt.	Hokazono, K.K.	"E"	97-07-30	27972	S/Sgt.	Brown, T.M.	"E"	97-07-16
23704	S/Sgt.	Pearson, D.B.	"E"	97-07-16	28013	Cst.	McKay, A.R.	"H"	97-07-30
23798	S/Sgt.	Schneider, G.A.	"E"	97-07-30	28029	Cpl.	Fussell, B.G.	"K"	97-07-15
23939	S/Sgt.	Burke, B.F.W.	HQ	97-04-04	28058	S/Sgt.	Hall, G.D.	"O"	97-07-20
23976	S/Sgt.	Pelley, D.B.	"B"	97-06-27	28077	Sgt.	Anderson, A.J.	"E"	97-08-05
24120	S/Sgt.	Hupka, D.M.	"E"	97-08-13	28078	Cpl.	Johns, M.E.	"E"	97-08-13
24144	Cpl.	Clarke, S.G.	HQ	97-09-24	28101	Sgt.	Fournel, J.O.M.	"C"	97-08-31
24148	Sgt.	Guy, D.P.	HQ	97-08-07	28228	Cpl.	Morin, J.F.C.M.	"C"	97-08-06
24149	S/Sgt.	McLeod, L.B.	"K"	97-07-30	28299	S/Sgt.	Turner, D.V.	"E"	97-07-02
24174	S/Sgt.	Prendergast, A.D.	"E"	97-07-16	28484	Cpl.	Larke, W.J.	"E"	97-08-19
24203	Sgt.	Parent, J.L.M.	"C"	97-07-02	28691	Cpl.	Leblond, J.M.J.	"C"	97-07-02
24234	Cpl.	Dunford, D.A.	"D"	97-09-03	28756	Cst.	Hallett, C.N.	"H"	97-07-08
24235	S/Sgt.	Dixon, J.T.A.T.	"E"	97-07-30	28765	Cst.	Parks, K.J.	"K"	97-06-14
24367	Sgt.	Davies, D.L.	"K"	97-09-10	28808	Cpl.	Moritz, G.D.	"K"	97-07-28
24440	Cst.	Andrew, I.R.	"H"	97-07-08	28812	Cpl.	Bodnar, L.P.	"E"	97-09-03
24481	Sgt.	Nielsen, C.E.	"E"	97-08-27	28921	Cpl.	Cooke, W.F.	"E"	97-07-16
24546	Sgt.	Leduc, J.L.F.	"C"	97-07-02	28925	Cpl.	Brown, I.G.	"E"	97-08-27

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28948	Cst.	Hill, J.J.R.	"H"	97-07-08	40172	Cst.	Parent, J.J.P.	"C"	97-07-02
29038	Sgt.	Logan, D.C.	"E"	97-08-05	40176	Cst.	McIntosh, D.W.	"D"	97-07-01
29070	Sgt.	Bisson, J.C.P.	"A"	97-08-04	40367	Cst.	Romkey, H.C.	"H"	97-07-09
29381	Cst.	Turmel, J.D.J.	"K"	97-09-24	40482	Cpl.	Latreille, J.R.Y.	"C"	97-07-02
29438	Sgt.	Bosse, J.B.J.M.	"C"	97-07-30	40484	Cst.	Galarneau, J.B.G.	"C"	97-07-02
29443	Sgt.	Secord, V.K.	"O"	97-09-01	40488	Cst.	Boivin, J.R.A.	"C"	97-07-02
29470	Cst.	Lowndes, W.J.	"E"	97-07-02	40499	Cst.	Armandie, J.	"C"	97-07-02
29520	Cst.	Dodds, L.A.	"D"	97-07-01	40729	Cst.	Smitz, P.G.L.	"K"	97-07-02
29532	Cst.	Johnson, M.J.	"D"	97-07-30	41097	Cst.	Brown, D.J.	"K"	97-07-15
29600	Sgt.	Landry, D.H.	"H"	97-09-10	41121	Cst.	Hill, R.M.	"F"	97-08-27
29615	Sgt.	Jestadt, J.W.	"O"	97-06-24	41140	Cst.	Richer, J.F.C.	"C"	97-07-02
29621	Cst.	Gauvin, J.R.L.	"C"	97-07-02	41142	Cst.	De la Boursodière, J.J.G.	"C"	97-07-02
29627	Cpl.	Poole, G.H.	"D"	97-06-30	41148	Cst.	Godin, J.G.N.	"C"	97-07-02
29691	Sgt.	Roussel, J.G.J.	"C"	97-09-01	41151	Sgt.	Fortier, J.W.R.	"C"	97-07-02
29776	Cpl.	Bedard, J.L.A.	"C"	97-07-02	41156	Cst.	Provost, J.O.A.R.	"C"	97-07-02
29809	Sgt.	Hamm, D.V.	"Depot"	97-06-25	41315	Cst.	Snedden, G.D.	"C"	97-07-02
29901	Cpl.	Leroux, K.V.	"G"	97-08-12	41318	Cst.	Théberge, L.H.	"K"	97-07-30
29917	Cst.	Laplante, J.M.L.	"D"	97-07-30	41319	Cst.	MacNeill, S.D.	"K"	97-08-04
29994	Sgt.	Trewin, D.W.	"J"	97-05-28	41324	Cpl.	McGrath, G.C.	"O"	97-08-13
30272	Cpl.	Gallant, J.A.P.	"C"	97-07-02	41639	Cst.	Healey, E.	"A"	97-06-27
30399	Cpl.	Rossignol, J.G.P.	"C"	97-07-02	41647	Cst.	Birtwistle, J.A.	"A"	97-07-01
30454	Cst.	Woods, M.R.	"K"	97-07-15	41655	Cst.	Lane, B.E.	"K"	97-07-15
30524	Cst.	Pederson, R.O.	"K"	97-07-02	41766	Cst.	Lauzon, J.N.R.	"A"	97-06-30
30555	Cpl.	Arendt, E.T.	"F"	97-07-02	41885	Cst.	McAndrew, D.D.D.	"C"	97-07-02
30573	Cpl.	Minhinnick, R.G.	"E"	97-08-06	41967	Cst.	Langlois, J.M.A.	"C"	97-07-02
30587	Sgt.	Tario, N.B.	"D"	97-09-01	41971	Cst.	Grandchamp, J.H.R.	"C"	97-07-02
30618	Cst.	Gignac, J.D.R.	"J"	97-07-01	42123	Cst.	Chalk, D.F.	"K"	97-07-15
30668	Sgt.	Smith, W.J.	"B"	97-08-05	42124	Cst.	Askeland, B.M.	"K"	97-07-15
30692	Cst.	Vokey, C.G.	"O"	97-07-15	42346	Cst.	Carrier, J.J.M.G.	HQ	97-08-12
30752	Cpl.	Kreitz, G.D.	"K"	97-08-13	42454	Cst.	Nesbitt, A.	"O"	97-09-18
30801	Cst.	Jones, D.B.	"K"	97-07-15	42522	Cst.	Beaudoin, J.L.G.M.	"C"	97-07-02
30825	Sgt.	Johnson, D.W.	HQ	97-08-31	42523	Cst.	Manni, G.A.C.	"C"	97-07-02
30984	Cst.	Motycka, K.L.	"K"	97-07-15	42559	Cst.	McKay, L.B.	"D"	97-07-01
30991	Cpl.	Simonson, P.R.	"E"	97-07-02	42560	Cst.	Wray, C.E.	"D"	97-06-30
31082	Cst.	Swirhun, D.B.	"E"	97-07-16	42584	Cst.	Noseworthy, W.P.	"A"	97-07-01
31230	Sgt.	Munro, C.E.	"O"	97-07-16	42798	Cst.	Martel, J.A.J.C.	"H"	97-08-12
31301	Sgt.	Evans, P.M.	"E"	97-07-03	42799	Cst.	Nadeau, J.A.R.	"C"	97-07-02
31451	Cpl.	Meadows, H.M.S.	"E"	97-08-27	42867	Cst.	Gould, A.W.	"H"	97-07-11
31523	Cst.	Rioux, J.R.	HQ	97-09-05	43075	Cst.	Simpson, J.A.	"K"	97-07-15
31604	Cst.	McCarthy, K.S.	"E"	97-07-02	43081	Cst.	Trenn, W.A.	"K"	97-07-31
31777	Cst.	Lyons, F.G.	"K"	97-07-09	43083	Cst.	Rice, A.	"K"	97-07-02
31792	Cpl.	Thorpe, A.A.	"K"	97-09-05	43281	Cst.	Leblanc, J.P.E.A.H.	"C"	97-07-02
31865	Cst.	Skeen, B.G.	"E"	97-07-17	43282	Cst.	Perry, S.R.	"E"	97-07-12
32173	Cst.	Marks, T.R.	"O"	97-09-07	43501	Cst.	Carrière, G.	"A"	97-07-01
32192	Cst.	Mitton, D.L.	"H"	97-07-10	43597	Cst.	Stanton, C.	"C"	97-07-02
32193	Sgt.	Keating, M.H.	"J"	97-05-31	43598	Cst.	Klymkiw, S.	"C"	97-07-02
32221	Sgt.	Murray, J.C.S.	HQ	97-09-24	43740	Cst.	Sachdeva, H.M.	"O"	97-06-22
32240	Cpl.	Pelchat, J.D.A.	"C"	97-09-02	43800	Cst.	Fiorino, R.L.	"E"	97-08-21
32267	Cst.	Wearmouth, D.J.	"K"	97-07-15	44193	Cst.	Lachance, J.G.G.A.	"A"	97-06-30
32389	Cst.	Gagnon, M.A.	HQ	97-08-29	44194	Cst.	Lahaie, J.E.D.W.	"A"	97-07-01
32405	Cpl.	Moisan, J.J.A.	"C"	97-06-24	44612	Cst.	Tilitzky, B.	"K"	97-07-09
32466	Cst.	Hodges, R.O.C.	"H"	97-07-14	S2518	S/Cst.	Gabriel, R.E.	"E"	97-09-10
32501	Cst.	Foucault, J.G.G.	"C"	97-07-02	C/0395	C/M	McDonald, J.W.C.	HQ	97-07-02
32656	Cst.	Hershberger, L.P.	"E"	97-07-16	C/0403	C/M	Hawthorne, T.F.	HQ	97-09-10
32681	Cst.	Daudelin, J.J.P.R.	"C"	97-07-02	C/0472	C/M	Evers, A.J.	HQ	97-08-04
32752	Cpl.	Goyette, J.R.P.	"C"	97-07-02	C/0806	C/M	Harrison, F.W.	"D"	97-09-01
32793	Cst.	Lévesque, J.G.	"C"	97-07-02	C/0834	C/M	Lee, N.J.	"E"	97-08-27
32820	Cst.	Loewen, D.B.	"K"	97-07-15	C/1013	C/M	Raymond, J.A.G.	"C"	97-07-02
32830	S/Sgt.	Binnie, B.C.	"O"	97-07-21	C/1023	C/M	Till, N.P.	HQ	97-06-27
33097	Cst.	Scott, B.A.	"A"	97-07-02	C/1172	C/M	Bourassa, G.V.	HQ	97-09-07
33161	Cst.	Blyth, R.V.	"F"	97-09-07	C/1391	C/M	Drost, M.L.	HQ	97-07-02
33352	Cst.	Weitzel, G.K.	"E"	97-08-27	C/1691	C/M	Huibers, M.G.	HQ	97-07-27
33706	Cst.	Harder, S.G.	"K"	97-07-15	C/1746	C/M	Demers, M.M.	"C"	97-07-02
33861	Cst.	Foster, D.M.	"K"	97-07-30	C/1919	C/M	Hayden, W.G.	"E"	97-07-03
34013	Cst.	Roach, P.A.	"E"	97-07-16	C/2032	C/M	Frame, J.	"K"	97-08-15
34115	Cst.	Baker, J.F.	"K"	97-07-15	C/2089	C/M	McEachern, N.D.	HQ	97-08-27
34354	Cpl.	Slade, K.N.	"A"	97-08-07	C/2123	C/M	Bramall, B.M.	"A"	97-07-30
34421	Cst.	Sutton, W.J.	"H"	97-07-14	C/2330	C/M	Nadeau, M.R.F.	"C"	97-07-02
34435	Cst.	Chamberland, J.G.R.	"C"	97-07-02	C/2397	C/M	Reyno, R.F.	"O"	97-07-02
34892	Cst.	Dorion, J.M.A.P.	"C"	97-07-16	C/2752	C/M	Woods, B.J.	"D"	97-06-30
35416	Cst.	Keller, P.J.	"K"	97-08-13	C/3164	C/M	Penney, A.	"B"	95-10-25
35442	Cst.	McKenzie, H.L.	"K"	97-07-02	C/3752	C/M	Melnyk, C.A.M.	"O"	97-07-02
37254	Cst.	Oster, L.J.A.	"E"	97-07-20	C/3800	C/M	Brouillard, C.M.B.	"C"	97-08-06
38629	Cst.	Fillion, R.	"K"	97-07-15	C/3978	C/M	Barrington, C.B.	HQ	97-08-13
38710	Cst.	Tessier, J.G.M.	"A"	97-07-01	C/4117	C/M	Brown-Krawiec, C.E.	"O"	97-07-16
39769	Cst.	Gray, A.E.	"O"	97-07-06	C/4143	C/M	Anderson, E.A.	"O"	97-07-01
					C/4175	C/M	Jones, A.Y.	"O"	97-07-01

## OBITUARIES

*Obituaries without full service histories are those of the members whose service files have been destroyed. Thus, the information is no longer available. The following abbreviations reflect the historical name changes of the Force over the years:*

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

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

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**ALEXANDER** Reg. No. 19012, ex-Sgt. William Ross Alexander, 60, died July 14, 1997, at Surrey, B.C. He was born March 19, 1935, at Ottawa, where he joined the Force June 24, 1955. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Alexander was posted to "F" Division, Sask., where he served at Prince Albert, Tisdale, La Ronge, Porcupine Plain, Rosthern, Kyle, Willow Bunch, Sturgis, Yorkton and Lloydminster, retiring on November 2, 1980. Alexander was promoted to corporal July 1, 1964; sergeant July 1, 1973.

**ANDRICHUK** Reg. No. 18973, ex-S/Sgt. Leonard Frank Andrichuk, 61, died August 30, 1997, at Calgary, Alta. He was born September 10, 1935, at Rose Valley, Sask., and joined the Force May 24, 1955, at Saskatoon. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Andrichuk was posted to "D" Division, Man., where he worked at Selkirk, Norway House, Fort William (Ont.), Brandon and Winnipeg. On August 1, 1971, he was transferred to RCMP HQ and retired August 1, 1980. Andrichuk was promoted to corporal May 1, 1966; sergeant May 1, 1972; staff sergeant June 24, 1977.

**AVERY** Reg. No. C/1780, ex-C/M Lawrence Avery, 67, died July 9, 1997, at Swan Creek, N.B. He was born March 23, 1930, at Larry's River, Guysborough County, N.S., and joined the Force as a civilian member on June 16, 1975, at Fredericton. Avery was posted to "J" Division, N.B., where he worked at Fredericton, and retired April 6, 1990.

**BRAUN** Reg. No. C/67 (S/11093) ex-C/M Peter Karl Braun, 80, died August 5, 1997, at Ottawa. He was born May 17, 1917, at Falkenau, Czechoslovakia, and joined the Force as a regular member special constable (translator) July 4, 1958, at Toronto. Braun was posted to "O" Division, Ont., namely at Toronto, and on September 1, 1958, he converted to civilian member

status and was transferred to RCMP HQ. He took his discharge August 22, 1966, and reengaged into the Force as a civilian member September 1, 1967, at Ottawa. He was posted to Headquarters and retired May 17, 1982.

**BRELAND** Reg. No. 42563 (S/1452), Cst. Patricia Diane Breland, 43, died July 27, 1997, at Winnipeg. She was born November 6, 1953, at New Westminster, B.C., and joined the Force as a regular member special constable January 22, 1975, at Winnipeg. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Breland was posted to "D" Division, Man., where she worked at Winnipeg and upon completion of Modified Training at "Depot," she converted to constable on June 7, 1990. She was posted to "D" Division, namely at Winnipeg, where she was still serving at the time of her death.

**BROWN** Reg. No. 12685, ex-Sgt. George Ivan Earle Brown, 84, died September 17, 1997, at Toronto. He was born February 19, 1913, at Cardinal, Ont., and joined the Force July 2, 1935, at Ottawa. Upon completion of training at "N" and "Depot" Divisions, Brown was posted to "D" Division, Man., where he worked at Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: July 1, 1938, to "A" Division, Ottawa; September 1, 1947, to "D" Division, Winnipeg; January 1, 1952, to "O" Division, Toronto, retiring July 21, 1958. Brown was promoted to corporal December 1, 1944; sergeant November 1, 1953.

**BROWN** Reg. No. 16527, ex-S/Sgt. Leonard Brown, 75, died July 22, 1997, at Kamloops, B.C. He was born June 10, 1922, at Fernie and joined the Force August 15, 1950, when the BCPP — where he had been serving at Victoria and Burnaby since September 15, 1947 — amalgamated with the RCMP. Brown was posted to "E" Division, B.C., namely at Burnaby, Trail, Falkland, Princeton, Chilliwack, Merritt and Kamloops, retiring December 30, 1976. He was promoted to corporal May 1, 1960; sergeant May 1, 1967; staff sergeant May 1, 1972. For his wartime service previous to his police career, Brown was awarded the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp, the Atlantic Star, the 1939-1945 Star, the Pacific Star, and the War Medal 1939-1945.

**CAMPBELL** Reg. No. 14174, ex-Cst. Hugh Campbell, 78, died July 30, 1997, at Vancouver. He was born May 17, 1919, at Edmonton, where he joined the Force July 5, 1941. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Campbell was posted to "F" Division, Sask., where he worked at Regina. On March 1, 1944, he was transferred to "A" Division, Ottawa, and on December 1, 1944, he was posted to "Depot," taking his discharge July 4, 1945.

**CANTRILL** Reg. No. 10729, ex-Cpl. Augustus Alexander Cantrill, 89, died September 17, 1997, at Penticton, B.C. He was born May 5, 1908, at Hirch, Sask., and joined the Force October 18, 1929, at Regina. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Cantrill was posted to "K" Division, Alta., where he worked at Banff, Lethbridge, Calgary, Peace River and

Vegreville, retiring June 13, 1950. He was promoted to lance-corporal February 1, 1934; corporal July 1, 1939.

**CHÉNIER** Reg. No. 13519, ex-S/S/M Joseph Hervé Ferdinand Chénier, 77, died October 2, 1997, at St-Bruno, Que. He was born February 9, 1920, at Montréal, where he joined the Force July 8, 1940. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Chénier was posted to "C" Division, Que., where he worked at Quebec City, Cap Tourmente and Montréal. On July 1, 1953, he was transferred to RCMP HQ, where he performed Visa Control duties in Paris and then worked at Ottawa. Chénier retired January 8, 1962. He was promoted to corporal October 1, 1949; sergeant November 1, 1952; staff sergeant May 1, 1956; staff sergeant major May 1, 1960. Chénier was awarded the Commissioner's Commendation in 1944, for his part in investigations which resulted in the apprehension at Quebec City, of a dangerous gasoline ration counterfeiting ring.

**DAVIDSON** Reg. No. 13888, ex-S/Sgt. Walter Davidson, 79, died July 10, 1997, at Winnipeg. He was born November 3, 1917, at Toronto, where he joined the Force January 6, 1941. Upon completion of training at "N" Division, Davidson was posted to "D" Division, Man., where he worked at Dauphin, Ethelbert, Russell, Roblin, Shoal Lake, Amaranth, Swan River, Flin Flon, Fort William, Norway House, Winnipeg and Selkirk, retiring July 6, 1969. Davidson was promoted to corporal January 12, 1951; sergeant November 1, 1958; staff sergeant November 1, 1962.

*NOTE: For the families of most deceased members and ex-members, the publication of Obituaries in the "Quarterly" puts a form of closure on their connection with the RCMP. Although many years have passed since the death of ex-Cst. Ellerton, we are printing the following Obituary at the request of his family. The "Quarterly" is routinely advised by RCMP Pensions Section personnel of the deaths of serving or pensioned RCMP members and civilian members. We rely on our readers to advise us of the deaths of former RCMP members who are not receiving an RCMP pension. — Editor*

**ELLERTON** Reg. No. 13214, (R/451) ex-Cst. John Canfield Ellerton, 71, died January 16, 1989, at North Vancouver. He was born December 6, 1917, at Hemmingford, Que., and joined the Force as a reserve constable December 30, 1938, at Toronto, converting to the rank of constable October 18, 1939. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Ellerton was posted to "F" Division, Sask., where he worked at Regina, Strasbourg, Yorkton, Foam Lake and Yorkton. He took his discharge October 17, 1944, to join the Royal Canadian Navy, and reengaged into the RCMP June 8, 1946. Ellerton was posted to "A" Division, Ottawa, and took his discharge December 23, 1946.

**FORTIN** Reg. No. 18680, ex-Sgt. Pierre Philippe Fortin, 65, died August 17, 1997, at Ville-de-LaSalle, Que. He was born December 10, 1931, at Deschailions, and joined the Force August 9, 1954, at Quebec City. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Fortin was posted to "C" Division, Que., where he worked at Sherbrooke, Caughnawaga, Coaticook, Dorval and Montréal, retiring April 4, 1988. Fortin

was promoted to corporal May 1, 1966; sergeant August 1, 1972.

**FOSTER** Reg. No. 18079, ex-S/Sgt. Robert Williamson Foster, 64, died August 24, 1997, at Rocky Mountain House, Alta. He was born August 18, 1933, at Regina, and joined the Force January 12, 1953, at Vancouver. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Foster was posted to "K" Division, Alta., namely at Calgary and took his discharge February 13, 1956. He reengaged into the Force April 1, 1958, at Red Deer, Alta., and was posted to "K" Division, namely at St. Paul, Coronation and Edmonton, retiring July 22, 1979. Foster was promoted to corporal April 1, 1975; sergeant April 1, 1975; staff sergeant June 19, 1978.

**GIROUX** Reg. No. O.0548 (15988) D/Commr. Joseph Émile Jean Bertrand Giroux (retired), 68, died September 6, 1997, at Ottawa. He was born May 2, 1929, at St-Prime, Que., and joined the Force November 19, 1949, at Montréal. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Divisions, Giroux was posted to "C" Division, Que., where he worked at Dorval and Montréal. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: July 29, 1963, to "G" Division, N.W.T., at Fort Smith; July 29, 1966, to "A" Division, Ottawa; July 13, 1970, to "C" Division, Montréal; August 25, 1972, to "J" Division, N.B., at Fredericton where he was promoted to the position of Commanding Officer; January 6, 1975, to RCMP HQ. Giroux took his discharge July 16, 1984. He was promoted to corporal May 1, 1957; sergeant May 1, 1961; staff sergeant May 1, 1962; sub-inspector May 1, 1963; inspector May 1, 1965; superintendent August 1, 1970; chief superintendent December 1, 1973; assistant commissioner October 1, 1975; deputy commissioner August 10, 1981. In 1985, Giroux was assigned to the office of Inspector General until his retirement April 3, 1986. On July 23, 1976, he had been appointed a Member of the Fourth Class, Royal Victorian Order (MVO) by Her Majesty the Queen. This designation was changed effective December 31, 1984, to Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order (LVO). He had also been appointed Honorary Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency the Governor General in 1972/73.

**GOW** Reg. No. 12453, ex-Cst. Lt-Colonel Harry Broughton Gow (retired), 84, died July 12, 1997, at Middleton, New York. He was born June 20, 1913, at Hampstead, England, and joined the Force November 13, 1934, at Ottawa. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Gow was posted to "K" Division, Alta., where he worked at Banff, Radium Hot Springs, Field, Edmonton, Calgary and Turner Valley, taking his discharge September 18, 1939. Gow enrolled in the Royal Canadian Army Services Corps and participated in D-day, the Battle of Normandy and the subsequent north-eastern campaign, and received "Mention in Dispatch."

**HOWK** Reg. No. 16517, ex-Cpl. Herbert Helmer Howk, 74, died August 4, 1997, at Thorsby, Alta. He was born April 18, 1923, at Waldeck, Sask., and joined the Force on August 15, 1950, when the BCPP — where he had been serving at Penticton and Ladysmith since June 17, 1947 — amalgamated with the RCMP. Howk was posted to "E" Division, B.C., namely at

Grand Forks and Nelson and took his discharge March 23, 1951. He reengaged into the Force February 19, 1952, and was posted to "E" Division, namely at Prince Rupert, Burns Lake, Atlin, Fernie, Cranbrook and Port Hardy, retiring September 21, 1968. Howk was promoted to corporal December 1, 1961. Previous to his police career, Howk had joined the Canadian Army, January 1942-October 1945, and had served in England and France.

**HULL** Reg. No. 10200, ex-Cst. Robert Wilfred Hull, 92, died September 28, 1997, at Victoria, B.C.. He was born June 3, 1905, at Cambridge, England, and joined the Force June 11, 1926, at Vancouver. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Hull was posted to "K" Division, Alta., where he worked at Lethbridge, Cardston, Calgary, Waterton Park, Bow Island and Medicine Hat. On May 2, 1938, he was transferred to "E" Division, B.C., namely at Esquimalt, and on November 1, 1939, he was posted to "N" Division, where he enlisted with the RCMP No. 1 Provost Company. He reengaged into the RCMP on August 21, 1945, and was posted to "E" Division, where he served at Esquimalt and retired July 22, 1949. For his service in England, Sicily and Italy, November 1, 1939- August 8, 1945, Hull received the 1939-1945 Star and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp.

**ISRAEL** Reg. No. 19266 (S/10799), ex-Sgt. William Lorne Israel, 66, died July 12, 1997, at East Royalty, P.E.I. He was born December 7, 1930, at Waterloo, Ont., and joined the Force as a regular member special constable January 28, 1954, at Toronto. Israel was posted to Marine Division, Halifax, and served aboard the Irvine. On May 27, 1954, he was transferred to "F" Division, Sask., namely at Swift Current, and on August 1, 1955, he became a civilian employee under the RCMP Act. On February 20, 1956, Israel joined the Force as a regular member at Regina, and upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Divisions, he was posted to the following locations: "L" Division, P.E.I., at Charlottetown; September 2, 1958, to "J" Division, N.B., at Fredericton; September 1, 1960, to RCMP HQ; May 1, 1964, to "J" Division, at Fredericton; January 1, 1965, to "O" Division, at Toronto; February 1, 1967, to "J" Division, at Fredericton and Moncton; June 29, 1973, to "L" Division, at Charlottetown, retiring August 7, 1980. Israel was promoted to corporal August 1, 1965; sergeant August 1, 1973.

**JASCHKE** Reg. No. S/154 (S/10728), ex-S/Cst. Wilhelm Hermann Jaschke, 87, died August 4, 1997, at Edmonton. He was born December 29, 1906, and served with the RCMP as regular member special constable (prison guard), namely at Edmonton, and retired December 29, 1968.

**JONES** Reg. No. 10351, ex-Cst. Thomas Jones, 87, died July 10, 1997, at Digby, N.S. He was born July 2, 1910, at Winchester, England, and joined the Force in 1927. Jones served in Regina, Ottawa, in the N.W.T. and in "H" Division, N.S., namely at Yarmouth and Bridgewater. He also took part in the Musical Ride, served in with the RCMP No. 1 Provost Corps during the Second World War, and was subsequently invalided to pension June 20, 1948.

**KENNY** Reg. No. 18634 (S/9270), ex-S/Sgt. James Sidney Kenny, 80, died July 15, 1997, at Delta, B.C. He was born October 20, 1916, at Waterford, P.E.I., and joined the Force as a regular member special constable November 20, 1946, at Halifax. Kenny was posted to Marine Section, at Halifax and Yarmouth (N.S.) and Saint John (N.B.), where he served aboard police vessels C&M, French, Fort Pitt, MacBrien, Slideout and Willow Bunch. He took his discharge April 30, 1954, and reengaged into the Force as a regular member constable May 1, 1954, at Saint John. Upon completion of training at "N" Division, Kenny was posted to Marine Division at Halifax and Saint John, where he served aboard the patrol vessels Willow Bunch, Irvine, C&M, Grenfell, Blue Heron, Fort Steele, Nicholson and Wood, retiring July 6, 1970. Kenny was promoted to corporal May 1, 1954; sergeant May 1, 1957; staff sergeant November 1, 1964.

**LÉGÈRE** Reg. No. 19578 (S/10429), ex-S/Sgt. Joseph Phillip Raymond Légère, 74, died August 26, 1997, at Grand Falls, N.B. He was born May 25, 1923, at Richardville, and joined the Force as a regular member special constable March 13, 1950, at Halifax. Légère was posted to Marine Division, at Halifax, and served aboard patrol boats Moosomin and Shaunavon, taking his discharge June 30, 1956. He reengaged as a regular member constable July, 1, 1956, and upon completion of training at "N" Division, he was posted to "O" Division, Ont., namely at Sarnia, Chatham and Toronto. Légère was subsequently transferred to the following locations: August 28, 1969, to "B" Division, Nfld., at Corner Brook; July 1, 1972, to "J" Division, N.B., at Campbellton and Grand Falls, retiring May 31, 1977. He was promoted to corporal May 1, 1962; sergeant May 1, 1968; staff sergeant July 1, 1973. For his wartime service with the Royal Canadian Navy previous to his police career, December 1942-October 1945, Légère received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp, the Atlantic Star, the 1939-1945 Star and the War Medal 1939-1945.

**LEIDING** Reg. No. 44641, Cst. Anthony Shane Leiding, 25, died August 5, 1997, at McLennan, Alta. He was born October 27, 1971, at Vanderhoof, B.C., and joined the Force July 23, 1993, at Prince George. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Leiding was posted to "K" Division, Alta., namely at McLennan, where he was still serving at the time of his death.

**LUCAS** Reg. No. C/1509, ex-C/M William Fredrick Lucas, 63, died July 3, 1997, at Regina. He was born December 14, 1933, at Warwick Township, Lambton County, Ont., and joined the Canadian Armed Forces on February 14, 1951, then joined the RCMP as a civilian member at Ottawa, April 30, 1974. Lucas was posted to RCMP HQ and on January 5, 1975, he was transferred to "F" Division, Sask., at Regina. On June 15, 1980, he was posted to "O" Division, at Toronto, and took his discharge May 3, 1994.

**MALONEY** Reg. No. 28313, ex-Cpl. Michael Patrick Maloney, 47, died July 23, 1997, at Barrie, Ont. He was born January 1, 1950, at Brantford, and joined the Force August 31, 1970, at Toronto. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Maloney was posted to "E" Division, B.C., at Richmond Township and Surrey. On



August 1, 1981, he was transferred to RCMP HQ; then on July 11, 1988, he was posted to "O" Division, Ont., at Barrie, retiring April 8, 1996. Maloney was promoted to corporal May 1, 1980.

**MANN** Reg. No. 12479, ex-Cpl. Harry Macbeath Mann, 86, died August 26, 1997, at Saskatoon. He was born March 18, 1911, at Campbellton, N.B., and joined the Force November 17, 1934, at Ottawa. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Mann was posted to "F" Division, Sask., where he worked at Regina, Swift Current, Biggar, Humboldt, North Battleford, Goodsoil, Wilkie, Macklin, Kyle, Hanley, Vonda, Delisle, Lanigan, Kindersley, Strasbourg, Uranium City, Yorkton and Saskatoon, retiring June 22, 1959. Mann was promoted to corporal November 1, 1947.

**MASSÉ** Reg. No. C/1079, C/M Joseph Eugène Michel Massé, 47, died July 29, 1997, at Brossard, Que. He was born May 11, 1950, at St-Lambert, and joined the Force as a civilian member February 3, 1972, at Montréal. He was posted to "C" Division, Que., namely at Quebec City and Montréal, where he was still working at the time of his death.

**McGIMPSEY** Reg. No. 34043, Cpl. Douglas Ward McGimpsey, 41, died July 15, 1997, at Orléans, Ont. He was born June 9, 1956, at Stonewall, Man., and joined the Force June 10, 1977, at Abbotsford, B.C. Upon completion of training at "Depot," McGimpsey was posted to "K" Division, Alta., namely at Oyen, Stony Plain and Calgary. On July 9, 1980, he was transferred to RCMP HQ, where he was still working at the time of his death. McGimpsey was promoted to corporal July 7, 1990.

**McINTOSH** Reg. No. 23702 (S/10868, M/43), ex-S/Sgt. Douglas Isaac McIntosh, 64, died July 26, 1997, at Sydney Mines, N.S., where he was born February 25, 1933. He joined the Force as a regular member special constable March 14, 1955, at Sydney, and was posted to Marine Section, Halifax. Upon completion of training at "N" Division, McIntosh was posted to "O" Division, Ont., at Toronto, where he served aboard patrol boat Shaunavon II. On September 1, 1960, he converted to marine constable status, and on August 1, 1964, became a regular member constable. McIntosh was posted to "A" Division, Ont., namely at Kenora, North Bay, Sault Ste-Marie, and aboard the Shaunavon II and the Carnduff II and at Ottawa. On April 13, 1972, he was posted to "O" Division, at Toronto, retiring June 26, 1982. He was promoted to corporal August 1, 1968; sergeant May 1, 1975; staff sergeant June 1, 1978. McIntosh was the son of Reg. No. 12195, ex-S/Cst. James McIntosh, who served in Marine Division, Halifax, from April 1, 1934 to September 30, 1939, and then left to join the Royal Canadian Navy, reengaging into the Force June 22, 1946, to serve at Marine Division, Halifax, until his retirement July 24, 1953.

**MEDLEY** Reg. No. 16448, ex-Cpl. Herbert Edward John Medley, 85, died July 5, 1997, at Richmond, B.C. He was born October 9, 1911, at Vancouver and joined the Force August 15, 1950, when the BCPP — where he had been serving at Ocean Falls, Port Edward and Prince George since December 1943 — amalgamated with the RCMP. Medley was posted to "E" Division, B.C., where he worked at Prince George and

Vancouver. On September 1, 1961, he was transferred to "K" Division, Alta., at Edmonton, and on November 24, 1964, he was posted to "E" Division, at Vancouver, retiring May 2, 1966. Medley was promoted to corporal December 1, 1953. Medley had previously served with the Shanghai Police, from May 1937 to December 1942, when he became a prisoner of War in a Japanese Internment Camp.

**MILLER** Reg. No. 17646, ex-Sgt. Ernest Valentine Miller, 66, died July 4, 1997, at Victoria, B.C. He was born July 19, 1930, at Cupar, Sask., and joined the Force March 31, 1952, at Regina. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Miller was posted to "E" Division, B.C., where he worked at Maillardville, New Westminster and Vancouver. On November 4, 1960, he was transferred to RCMP HQ, and on September 1, 1966, he was posted to "E" Division, at Vancouver and Victoria, retiring May 15, 1979. Miller was promoted to corporal August 1, 1961; sergeant August 1, 1971.

**MOONEY** Reg. No. S/271, ex-S/Cst. John Howard Mooney, 62, died August 21, 1997, at Gloucester, Ont. He was born July 13, 1935, at Barrie, and joined the Force as a special constable January 25, 1965, at Ottawa. Mooney had prior service with the Department of National Defense, from August 1953 to January 1965. He was posted to RCMP HQ and took his discharge July 14, 1984.

**OFFICER** Reg. No. C/2247, C/M Richard Arthur Officer, 46, died August 23, 1997, at Orléans, Ont. He was born August 7, 1951, at Edmonton, and joined the Force as a temporary civilian employee September 16, 1977, at Ottawa. Officer was posted to RCMP HQ and was engaged as a civilian member October 27, 1977. He was still working at Ottawa at the time of his death.

**PLANTE** Reg. No. 17654, ex-S/Sgt. Joseph Paul Raymond Jacques Plante, 67, died August 29, 1997, at Boucherville, Que. He was born September 8, 1929, at St-Gabriel-de-Brandon, and joined the Force April 7, 1952, at Montréal. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Plante was posted to "C" Division, Que., namely at St-Jérôme, Bedford, Sutton, Knowlton and Montréal, retiring April 6, 1977. Plante was promoted to corporal May 1, 1961; sergeant November 1, 1963; staff sergeant November 1, 1966.

**POTVIN** Reg. No. S/976 (C/1176) ex-S/Cst. Joseph Hervé Gérard Potvin, 69, died August 9, 1997, at Orléans, Ont. He was born October 7, 1927, at Ottawa, where he joined the Force as a civilian member July 10, 1972. Potvin was posted to RCMP HQ and converted to regular member special constable November 14, 1973, and retired November 19, 1983.

**ROY** Reg. No. 14037, ex-S/S/M Joseph Ernest Fernand Roy, 80, died October 3, 1997, at St-Laurent, Que. He was born June 1, 1917, at Bellechasse, and joined the Force April 21, 1941, at Montréal. Upon completion of training at "N" and "Depot" Divisions, Roy was posted to "C" Division, Que., namely at Bedford, St-Jean, Drummondville, Matane, Hemmingford, Quebec City, Montréal and Abitibi. On July 5, 1954, he was transferred to RCMP HQ and retired June 8, 1964. Roy was promoted to corporal May 1, 1954; sergeant November 1, 1956; staff sergeant November 1, 1959; staff sergeant major

February 1, 1962. Roy received a Commissioner's Commendation September 10, 1948, for perseverance and initiative displayed in the search which lead to the Excise Seizure of a large still, approximately 800 gallons of illicit alcohol and vehicles connected with this operation.

**SCHELL** Reg. No. 13114, ex-Sgt. Eric Sanford Schell, 80, died September 18, 1997, at Ancaster, Ont. He was born March 24, 1917, at Barrie, and joined the Force as a reserve constable June 30, 1937, at Regina. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Schell was posted to "D" Division, Man., at Winnipeg, where he joined the Force as a regular member November 30, 1938. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Divisions, he was posted to "O" Division, Ont., namely at Ohsweken, Hamilton and Sudbury. On July 7, 1955, Schell was transferred to "A" Division, Ottawa, retiring November 29, 1958. He was promoted to corporal May 1, 1952; sergeant May 1, 1956. Schell received a Deputy Commissioner's Commendation September 16, 1941, for his part in the investigation of an assault case in Hamilton, Ontario, and a Commissioner's Commendation for his assistance in another Hamilton investigation. He subsequently served as Police Chief of Stoney Creek, Ontario, in 1959/60.

**SLATER** Reg. No. 12702, ex-Cst. Victor Slater, 86, died August 6, 1997, at Barrie, Ont. He was born April 10, 1911, at Moose Jaw, Sask., and joined the Force July 2, 1935, at Regina. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Slater was posted to "Depot," took his discharge September 4, 1937, and reengaged into the Force October 23, 1939, at Vancouver. Upon completion of training at "N" Division, he was posted to "O" Division, Ont., namely at Windsor and took his discharge October 22, 1942. Slater reengaged into the Force September 17, 1946, at Ottawa, and was posted to the following locations: "L" Division, P.E.I., at Charlottetown; to "H" Division, N.S., at Sydney and Halifax; to "A" Division, Ottawa and RCMP HQ, taking his discharge June 9, 1958. For his wartime service with the Royal Canadian Air Force from April 29, 1943, to June 1, 1946, Slater was awarded the Defence Medal, the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp and the War Medal 1939-1945.

**SONDERGAARD** Reg. No. 14695, ex-Sgt. Arne Sondergaard, 73, died September 29, 1997, at Calgary. He was born in Denmark November 25, 1923, and joined the Force April 16, 1946, at Edmonton. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Divisions, Sondergaard was posted to "F" Division, Sask., namely at Weyburn, Carnduff and Moose Jaw. On August 30, 1958, he was posted to "K" Division, Alta, at Medicine Hat, Edmonton, Wainwright, Calgary and Brooks, retiring April 20, 1970. Sondergaard was promoted to corporal May 1, 1956; sergeant November 1, 1964.

**SPANTON** Reg. No. O.383 (11034), Insp. Herbert John Spanton (retired), 88, died June 28, 1997, at Willowdale, Ont. He was born October 30, 1908, at Toronto, where he joined the Force September 11, 1931. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Spanton was posted to "D" Division, Man., at

Winnipeg. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: April 1, 1932, to "O" Division, at Toronto; March 1, 1948, to "G" Division, Y.T., at Whitehorse; December 12, 1949, to RCMP HQ; April 1, 1950, to "G" Division, Whitehorse; June 6, 1952, to "E" Division, B.C., at Kamloops; August 1, 1957, to RCMP HQ, retiring August 19, 1959. Spanton was promoted to corporal September 1, 1939; sergeant June 1, 1941; sub-inspector February 1, 1948; inspector February 1, 1950. Spanton received several Commendations, including six from the Commissioner: the first for his assistance in a counterfeit case in 1932; in 1935, for his investigative work in the theft of drugs at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto; in 1946 for exceptional work while on a special mission; twice in 1946-1947, in connection with the investigation of the Corby Case re: Espionage Enquiry, and for outstanding work which involved the assistance of his wife and three other members' wives in the caring of Igor Gouzenko's wife and children during this same trial. Spanton had been appointed Coroner of the Province of British Columbia in 1948, and appointed Honorary Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency the Governor General in 1953/54.

**SPARKS** Reg. No. 18558, ex-S/Sgt. Ernest William James Sparks, 64, died July 23, 1997, at Valemout, B.C. He was born November 16, 1933, at Edmonton, where he joined the Force February 16, 1954. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Sparks was posted to "F" Division, Sask., at Regina and Wadena. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: May 30, 1955, to "G" Division, N.W.T., at Fort Smith, Coppermine and Yellowknife; February 1, 1958, to "E" Division, B.C., at Burnaby, Prince George, Kamloops and Williams Lake, retiring July 2, 1980. He was promoted to corporal April 1, 1965; sergeant April 1, 1970; staff sergeant April 1, 1975. His son, Reg. No. 36182, Cst. W.D. Sparks is currently serving at Peace River Sub-Division, "K" Division, Alberta.

**TABBUTT** Reg. No. 16476, ex-Cst. Leonard John Tabbutt, 84, died September 17, 1997, at Vancouver. He was born February 12, 1913, at London, England, and joined the Force on August 15, 1950, when the BCPP — where he had been working at Burnaby since March 28, 1946 — amalgamated with the RCMP. Tabbutt was posted to "E" Division, B.C., namely at North Vancouver, at the Fairmont Training Centre and Vancouver, retiring July 10, 1967. Tabbutt had considerable military service prior to his police career (1928-1945) and for his wartime service, he was awarded the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and the War Medal 1939-1945.

**WENTZELL** Reg. No. 18128, ex-Sgt. Carleton Leroy Wentzell, 79, died July 27, 1997, at Riverview, N.B. He was born September 17, 1933, at Milton, Queens County, N.S., and joined the Force March 3, 1953, at Halifax. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Divisions, Wentzell was posted to "J" Division, N.B., namely at Bathurst, Chatham, Newcastle, Moncton, Port Elgin and Tabusintac. On July 5, 1965, he was transferred to "L" Division, P.E.I., at Souris and Charlottetown, retiring May 11, 1977. Wentzell was promoted to corporal May 1, 1963; sergeant May 1, 1970.

# RCMP Musical Ride Tour 1998\*

LOCATION	HOST ORGANIZATION	PERFORMANCE DATES
<b>Ontario</b>		
Toronto	20th Asian Organized Crime Conference	May 13
London	"O" Division 125 Celebration	May 15
Cornwall	Cornwall Island	May 17
Ottawa	Canadian Sunset Ceremonies	May 20, 21, 22, 23, 24
Ottawa	"A" Division 125 Celebrations	May 30
<b>Saskatchewan</b>		
Melville	Melville Chamber of Commerce	June 5
Battleford	Battleford Historical Society	June 7
Meadowlake	Rotary Club, Museum Historical Society, Stampede Association	June 9 (2)
Martensville	RCMP Martensville	June 12
Saskatoon	Wichitowin Foundation, Saskatchewan Place	June 13 (2)
Craik	Artificial Ice Committee	June 14
<b>Kentucky (U.S.A.)</b>		
Louisville,	Equitana	June 18, 19, 20, 21
<b>Saskatchewan</b>		
Regina	Friends of the RCMP Museum, Agrodome	June 25, 26, 27, 28 (2)
Assiniboia	Kinsmen Club of Assiniboia	July 1 (2)
<b>Manitoba</b>		
Selkirk	Lower Fort Gary National Historic Site	July 4, 5
Winnipeg	"D" Division 125 Celebrations, Winnipeg Stadium	July 6
<b>Alberta</b>		
Calgary	Calgary Stampede	July 8 (2), 9, 10 (2)
High River	125 March West Committee	July 12
Red Deer	Western Exposition Association	July 15 (2), 16 (2)
<b>British Columbia</b>		
Cranbrook	"E" Division 125 Celebrations, Fort Steele	July 18 (2), 19
<b>Quebec</b>		
Amos	Club Rotary d'Amos	July 25 (2), 26 (2)
Lévis	Parc Canada Numéro Un, École d'équitation La Chaudière Breakeyville	August 1 August 1, 2
Sept-Îles	Fondation du centre hospitalier régional de Sept-Iles	August 6
Lac Mégantic	Chambre de commerce	August 8, 9
St-Jean-sur-Richelieu	International Balloon Festival	August 11
Montmagny	Exposition régionale de Montmagny	August 13, 14 (2)
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>		
Charlottetown	"L" Division 125 Celebrations, Crime Stoppers	August 16 (2)
<b>Nova Scotia</b>		
Sydney	Bruce Denniston Society	August 19 (2)
Halifax	"H" Division 125 Celebrations, Community Policing	August 21 (2)
<b>New Brunswick</b>		
Riverview	"J" Division 125 Celebrations Town of Riverview	August 23 (2)
<b>Quebec</b>		
Beauport	Parc de la chute Montmorency	August 26
Montréal	"C" Division 125 Celebrations, Quebec Society for Disabled Children	August 28 (2)
<b>Ontario</b>		
Ottawa	Aviation Museum	August 30
<b>Quebec</b>		
St-Clet	Pont Chateau Fair	September 5
Shawville	Pontiac Agricultural Society	September 6
St-Tite	Festival Western de St-Tite	September 11, 12, 13
St-Hyacinthe	"C" Division 125 Celebrations	September 16
Blainville	Équitation du Québec	September 19, 20
La Pocatière	Institut de Technologie Agro-alimentaire	September 26, 27
<b>Vermont (U.S.A.)</b>		
Rutland	Vermont Horse Council	October 3
<b>Massachusetts (U.S.A.)</b>		
Topsfield	Topsfield Fair	October 5, 6, 7, 8
<b>Rhode Island</b>		
Woonsocket	Autumn Fall Fair	October 10, 11, 12

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