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# Editor's Notes

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**RCMP 125 ANNIVERSARY SERIES** James Lumbers worked in close association with the RCMP to ensure that the paintings reflect the spirit of the Force. The series, "The RCMP 125th Anniversary" consists of four prints, each depicting an event that has helped make the RCMP a vital part of Canadian history.

— *The Graduation*: depicts a troop of North-West Mounted Police (NWMP) from the 1880s passing in front of the Administration Building of today, the central focus at "Depot" Division, where all RCMP officers start their careers in Regina, Saskatchewan.

— *The Immigrants*: The NWMP maintained law and order during the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway in the 1880s. When immigrants began to arrive, they received help and advice from the Mounties in their quest for a new life in a new land.

— *Cultural Exchange*: The RCMP and Native Peoples have enjoyed a history of mutual respect for generations. Story-telling has been one way that each learned from the other. As a Mountie relates a story to a group of Native youths of today, images from the past dance magically in the campfire smoke.

— *The March West*: As a landmark event in the history of the RCMP, the March West which took place in 1874 involved an almost endless column of men and equipment, moving slowly across the vast open prairies, often in the face of adverse conditions. In this painting, members of the Mounted Police head west to establish law and order under the watchful eyes of representatives from the First Nations.

For more information, please contact James Lumbers Publishing Ltd., Telephone: 1 (800) 363-1410; Fax: (905) 415-1510.

**WEE WITNESS** Going to court can be a

stressful experience for anyone. For kids, it can be downright scary. Cpl. Maggie Smith, Community Policing Coordinator, "B" Division, Newfoundland, has published *The Wee Witness*, a colourful 16-page booklet explaining basic court processes and the roles of all the people a child will see in court. The kid-friendly guide gives children a crash course on being a good witness in court. All the illustrations were drawn by Newfoundland children.

To get a copy of *The Wee Witness*, or to discuss creating a similar booklet, please call Cpl. Maggie Smith at (709) 772-7285.

**SAY CHEESE** Until recently, historical RCMP photographs had been held in the RCMP Historical Photo Archives, but due to budget cutbacks and the rising cost of storage and upkeep costs, the material was transferred to the National Archives of Canada, in Ottawa. The phenomenal collection includes nearly 200,000 items: negatives, slides and more than 30,000 B/W and colour prints. Although the collection includes pictures about the fledgling years of the NWMP to the present, the majority of pictures were taken after the 1950s and most are concentrated in the 1970s.

While the copyright has expired for photographs taken more than 50 years ago, it is still maintained on pictures taken after that time and applies to any commercial use of the photographs, with the exception of inclusion in books or television productions. Because of the RCMP's present *Licensing Agreement*, special permission must be received from Ottawa for use of the pictures on other commercial products like hats, mugs or T-shirts.

All photographs are available for reprinting, up to 30" X 40" in size, at a reasonable price. Interested parties are asked to call Andrew Rodger at (613) 998-6312 for help in locating



ing material at the National Archives of Canada.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY** The RCMP is preparing and updating an inventory of **retired police officers** (all ranks) who could serve as technical advisors for the Haitian National Police.

**Mandatory requirements for all positions are:**

- ✓ ability to read, write and speak fluently in the French language;
- ✓ several years of police experience at mid or senior management level or in the field of training;
- ✓ willingness to work in Haiti for a period of 12 months or more; the first 12 months being consecutive and possibility of intermittent terms thereafter;
- ✓ able to work under difficult conditions such as: frequent electrical power shortages, drinking water being available in bottles exclusively, pollution and the overall need to improve sanitary conditions throughout the country.

Should you be interested by this challenge, please submit a short *curriculum vitae* setting out your area of expertise or speciality (including language capabilities) to:

The Commissioner  
Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
OIC International Training  
ATTN: RCMP/CIDA Haiti Project  
Coordinator  
1200 Vanier Parkway  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0R2

***Due to the number of applicants, individual acknowledgement of receipt will not be sent.***

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**"ARLO" LIMITED EDITION PRINT** Pastel drawing reproductions of RCMP Musical Ride Police Service Horse "Arlo" by Cst. T.S. Gray is available in a limited edition print — 500 signed and numbered prints consist of 50 artist proofs and 450 limited editions. The image size is 19" x 25" printed on acid-free stock paper. The Canadian Cancer Society will receive a \$10 donation from the sale of each print. Please contact: Todd Gray at (613) 830-7357 or at [ToddGray@netcom.ca](mailto:ToddGray@netcom.ca) on the Internet.

**MARCH WEST — GETTING READY FOR 1999** A brochure outlining the history and legend of the great March West, as well as how to get involved with next year's reenactment was distributed recently to divisional 125 coordinators. The reenactment of The March West will begin May 8, 1999 in Emerson, Manitoba, and will continue until July 28 when the riders reach Alberta. The event will involve hundreds of communities and volunteers. For more information on sponsorship or participation, call 1-800-575-9600 or for more general information visit the RCMP web site at <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca>.

**MOUNTIE SCULPTURE** Charles Buchanan, a retired member of the British South Africa Police of Rhodesia, has created a limited edition, one-ninth scale statuette of a mounted member of the RCMP's Musical Ride. Over the next two years, he will be producing a limited edition of 100 duplicates of this piece, cast in robust polyurethane resin. Hand crafted and painted, each piece will be mounted on a hardwood base and encased in an acrylic canopy. To authenticate the originality of the work, each statuette has an engraved serial number and is accompanied by a certificate signed by the artist. To



place an order or to obtain more information on this and other works, please contact:

Charles Buchanan  
2334 Weycroft Road  
Unit 8 and 9  
Oakville, Ontario  
L6L 6M1

Telephone/Fax: (905) 829-3597  
Studio telephone: (905) 469-8954

**COMMEMORATIVE LANCE** Under licence from the Mounted Police Foundation, MPC 125 is producing a limited edition (1,000) commemorative lance to the standards of the lance used by the Force today. Constructed of bamboo, the lance measures nine feet long, and the tip and butt are polished aluminum. The sling, lacing and boot guard are made of leather. The pennant is pleated melton cloth affixed to the shaft with Velcro.

Each sequentially-numbered lance is hand-crafted and packaged to ensure quality and each one will be marked "MPC 125" and will come with a certificate with the owner's name and Reg. No. This offer is open to serving and former members, and their families.

For more information, please contact:

MPC 125  
29330 Duncan Avenue  
Abbotsford, British Columbia  
V3X 1J5

Telephone: (604) 856-1915  
or  
Keith Robinson  
Surrey Detachment  
Telephone: (604) 599-7697  
or via ROSS at khrobins

**"DEPOT" YEAR BOOK** To commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Force, a year book is being published for all employees, members, cadets and former cadets who were at "Depot" during 1998, at the cost of \$20 — which includes shipping and handling (for an additional \$2, your name will be inscribed on the cover). To order, please send a certified cheque or money order to:

"Depot" Year Book  
Box 6500  
Regina, Saskatchewan  
S4P 3J7

### CONTRABAND AWARENESS PAMPHLETS

Montréal's Customs and Excise Section has developed an innovative divisional awareness campaign by creating four informative pamphlets to help sensitize the general public to the effects of smuggling. In helping to expand the campaign across the Force, HQ has joined the initiative and a supply of the pamphlets is being distributed to all Customs and Excise Sections through criminal operation officers. For more information on this initiative or to order pamphlets, please contact Sgt. Michel Ouellette, Customs and Excise Branch, RCMP HQ, 1200 Vanier Parkway, Ottawa, K1A 0R2. Telephone: (613) 993-8313.

### LOOKING FOR ...

— **RCMP Insignia** A collector of police insignia is interested in acquiring badges, etc., of the RCMP. Please contact: J.R. Bell, 10 Hazelwood Avenue, Prehen, Derry BT47 2NX, North Ireland

— **Pen-pal** A member of the South African Police wishes to correspond with a pen-pal who has similar interests in nature, reading and collecting stamps, police badges and police magazines. Anyone interested may write to: Michael Gavin Theunissen, P.O. Box 5407, Kanarkop, Middelburg (MP) 1050, South Africa.

**SO YOU'VE RETIRED, EH?** So you've left the Force or retired after 30 or 35 years of service to Queen and country. The Serge is hung up for good, except for that Mess kit that comes out once in a while for regimental events — and it still fits! Chances are you're still working to supplement that pension you earned while on patrol, breaking up fights, confronting the dangerous elements of society or just taking care of the day-to-day paperwork required to get the job done. The kids are still in college — and that costs a nickel or so.

The problem is these days you just don't feel so good. Maybe it's a nagging back injury acquired while riding tall as a member of the Musical Ride. Perhaps it was that careless driver that rammed your police cruiser, or that punch in the shoulder you took from that tough guy you arrested for showing off his fighting prowess. Of course, you reported all these injuries — or did you?

Different reasons may have compelled you to live with these injuries for so long: you didn't want to seem like a complainer or perhaps you didn't want to risk facing a medical discharge. Well maybe the time has come for you to review your situation — and help is as close as your nearest branch of The Royal Canadian Legion. If you believe you have a medical problem attributable to your service with the Force, you may be eligible for compensation under the *RCMP Pension Continuation Act*, the *RCVMP Superannuation Act* and the *Pension Act*.

The Legion has a national network of service officers who are available to assist in determining if you may have a claim and aid you in getting through the system of applications and appeals that are in place. If you think you are in this type of situation and need help, you can get in touch with your local branch of The Royal Canadian Legion, or call (613) 235-4391 and ask for the Service Bureau. We can also be reached on the Internet at [www.legion.ca](http://www.legion.ca) where you can click on the veterans services button to obtain a list of provincially based and nationally located service officers who will be able to help you.

So you haven't got that computer yet. Phone (613) 235-4391 and ask for the Service Bureau. The work will start then. You don't have to be a member and there is no charge. You haven't seen a deal like that since you signed on the dotted line. Come to think of it, that's where all this started, wasn't it? By the way, Legion membership is open to every member of the Force. Why not give it a try!!

R.J. Butt  
Manager Public Relations  
The Royal Canadian Legion

**ERRATA** The Obituary of Reg. No. 18079, ex-S/Sgt. R.W. FOSTER which appeared in the Winter 1998 issue of the *Quarterly*, should have indicated that he passed away at **Calgary, Alberta**. After reengaging into the Force, one of his postings was **Calgary (...)**. Foster was promoted to corporal **April 1, 1967**, and sergeant **April 1, 1974 (...)** **His son, Reg. No. 35317, Cst. K.L. Foster, is currently serving at Smoky Lake Detachment, "K" Division, Alberta.**

*In researching the Obituaries that are published in each issue of the "Quarterly," we rely on information provided through official internal channels, members' service files and/or Veterans' Association Newsletters. Occasionally, when this information contains inaccuracies, corrections are understandably brought to our attention by family members or acquaintances of the deceased. We apologize for any embarrassment the above errors may have caused the Foster family. — Editor.*

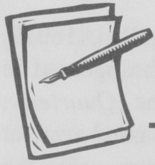
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# Letters to the editor...

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## ✉ HORSE OF A DIFFERENT COLOUR

Dear Editor,

Horses have been a part of the RCMP tradition since 1873 and still have a place in the modern Force. Images of yesteryear linger in our minds where we can envision Mounties sitting tall in the saddle as they patrolled the western plains. Time marched on and progress in motorized travel advanced until, finally, the horses were tethered and saddles were traded for car keys. However, this did not mean that members of the RCMP lost the “luxury” of an equestrian relationship. As recruits, we more mature members were introduced to the stables and all its glory at 5:00 in the morning. We quickly all became aware of the meaning of such agonizing terminology and words including, “lead away from the trough,” “rising trot,” “quit your stirrups,” “s—scrappers” and infamous steeds named “Faux Pas,” “Willie” and “Brun.” I am sure there are many of us who could add other colourful words and phrases to this list.

Time continued to march on and, although the relationship between horse and Mountie is still present, not all members have had the opportunity to become personally acquainted — at least, not in the same context as warmly remembered by us old members. In recent times, we have come to learn such foreign phrases as, “cut backs,” “zero growth,” “downsize,” “streamline” and “restraint.” More specific to the Force, we hear, “Project Renewal,” “regionalism,” “pay raise,” and “workforce adjustment.” It is this last terminology which has inspired me to write this little epistle.

I have not escaped being personally affected by the efforts of the Force in carrying out these modern strategies, and my position was subjected to the cutting edge of Project

Renewal. While cutting its swath from sea to shining sea, our office was “downsized” and I was served with a “Notice of Workforce Adjustment.” My discharge date was changed for administrative reasons during this process and in true Mounted Police fashion, I was duly served with documentation showing the new date.

There was one small grammatical error which I found very amusing, especially when you consider the association between a Mountie and his horse. The very first line of the interview report stated, “Sgt. Squires was served with an amended Notice of **Work-horse** Adjustment on this date.”

It would not be fair to identify the author of that document, but we all know these forms emanate from Staffing and Personnel. However, I am sure that if the originator had used the left-handed mouse to activate the spellcheck, I would not have been able to narrate this satirical article about the “horse of a different colour.”

Sgt. A.D. Squires  
Nova Scotia

## ✉ RCMP OBITUARY INDEX

Dear Editor,

Perhaps in this special 125th year some of your readers might be interested in the RCMP Obituary Index 1933-1989 authored by ex-Sgt Norman G. Wilson who served in the RCMP for over 30 years. This book published by the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Inc. — ISBN 1-09693-338-6-2 — Copyright (c) 1990 — is also available from my Internet genealogy kiosk at

[http://www.quantumlynx.com/advance/  
cat/ndxrcmp.htm](http://www.quantumlynx.com/advance/cat/ndxrcmp.htm)

This index assists people trying to locate

information on a deceased person who served in the North-West Mounted Police, the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and whose obituary appeared in the *RCMP Quarterly* — commencing with Volume 1, No. 1 (July 1933), up to and including Volume 54, No. 4 (October 1989). The obituaries are on file in the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Library, 1870 Lorne Street, Regina, Saskatchewan.

The index is printed in alphabetical order using surnames first, followed by given names, initials and nicknames. The following columns indicate corresponding regimental numbers, ranks upon leaving the Force (retirement, discharge or death), and the volume and issue numbers of the *RCMP Quarterly* where the obituary can be found.

Wishing you continued success with your magazine!

John Quesnel

✉ **WHAT'S IN A LETTER**

Dear Editor,

From time to time the spelling of place names are published incorrectly in the *Quarterly*, and with the volume of such printed, it is quite understandable. I would like to point out that in the Obituaries, p. 77, Winter 1998, under **GOODYEAR**, it is shown that he was stationed at "Grand Banks." This should have been "Grand Bank." The Grand Banks are off the coast of Newfoundland. Last summer, the Grand

Banks became the home of the Hibernia oil platform; prior to that, it was home to fishing fleets and the resting place of lost vessels such as the *Titanic*. Perhaps Supt. Goodyear might have liked to be remembered as having policed the Grand Banks?

One might ask what's the difference in a letter? Well, during most of my service in "B" Division I have been known as "Conrad" both within and outside the Force. A letter can make a big difference when used improperly.

Keep up the good work and keep the copies of the *Quarterly* coming. I look forward to receiving mine to find out what's happening and where members of days gone by are and what they are doing. Any of my former troop mates are invited to drop me a line.

Sincerely,  
A.M. Conrod  
Box 580  
Fortune, Newfoundland  
A0E 1P0

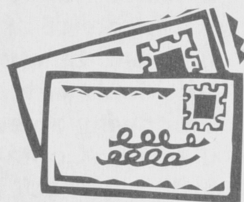
✉ **FONDLY REMEMBERED**

Dear Editor,

(...) It was by coincidence that the Winter 1998 issue arrived through my letter box as I was in the middle of clearing out some of the memorabilia I had accumulated during 28 years as a Metropolitan Police Officer. I actually had in my hand a business card that S/Sgt. Don Pelley had handed me the first time that I met him at the Canadian High Commission, in London.

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As I looked through the pages of the *Quarterly*, to my surprise, there was an article detailing S/Sgt. Pelley's career and retirement at Burin Peninsula District in June 1997 (See *Divisional Dispatches*, "B" Division, Winter 1998 issue — Editor.). Of course, I do not expect him to remember me. I was just one of many Metropolitan and City of London Company Fraud Department Officers who worked in liaison with Don and his colleagues at the High Commission (...)

(...) Many of us here in the U.K. wish Don a happy retirement.

retired Det. Sgt. Michael J. Bourne  
Orpington, Kent (U.K.)

☒ **COLLECTOR PLATE**

Dear Editor,

I have a Spode limited edition commemorative plate (No. 1667 out of 2000 — with certificate) issued to commemorate the RCMP Centennial (1973) which I would very much

**MITIGATING THE  
WANDERING EPISODES OF  
ALZHEIMER'S**

**At any time of the day or night, sometimes aimlessly, sometimes with a disoriented sense of purpose, a person with Alzheimer Disease may set out wandering. The problem is common and serious enough that the Alzheimer Society in coordination with the RCMP have developed the Alzheimer Wandering Registry to assist police officers in the safe and timely return of individuals with Alzheimer's following an episode of wandering. Contact your local Alzheimer Society or call 1 (800) 616-8816 for details or to register a loved one.**

like to sell. Unable to find a buyer here, the London Office's Public Relations Directorate suggested I contact you to see if you could help me in this exercise.

Yours sincerely,  
John R. Lang  
59 Lawrence Crescent  
Heckmondnike, West Yorkshire  
England WF169A2

☒ **"DEPOT" CEMETERY COSTS**

*The following letter clarifies information that may have been misleading in "Did You Know?" p. 4, Winter 1998, which dealt with entitlements of RCMP members and their dependants to be buried in the RCMP Cemetery at "Depot." — Editor.*

Dear Editor,

I was very pleased to see the article in the *Quarterly* reminding active and retired members that they have the option of burial or internment in the RCMP Cemetery. It has provoked some important calls that I have been most happy to deal with. Perhaps one day we could publish a more in-depth article describing the various options about funerals, memorial services, internments, etc. helpful for pre-planning?

However, some amount of confusion has arisen with reference to "costs." At first, I didn't understand what these costs were. The interpretation that I and others made was that members had to pay this amount. Of course, this is not the case. In short, if a joint headstone/marker is purchased with the crest of the Force, regimental number, date of birth and date of death on it, the Force will contribute \$225 towards the purchase. Please include my telephone number, as I am sure other pensioners will want to call.

Chaplain Allan Higgs  
"Depot" Division  
Telephone: (306) 780-6118

☒ **OUR READERS CAME THROUGH!**

*In the "Editor's Notes" of the Summer 1997*

issue of the “Quarterly,” we asked for assistance in identifying the pilots and aircraft in two photographs taken at an air show at the Moncton/Dieppe (New Brunswick) Airport in the 1930s. We would like to thank all those who responded, including: Insp. Dave Sperry of Edmonton Air Services; ex-RAF A. Christoffersen of Victoria, B.C.; ex-Sgt. C.E. DeArmond of Edmonton, Alta.; Reverend D. Bradford of Thunder Bay, Ont.; Insp. D.J. Klancher (retired) of Kamloops, B.C.; J.P. Rosenberger of Edmonton, Alta.; and J.B. Forsyth of Victoria, B.C. The mystery has been solved, as shown in the following excerpts from some of the letters that were received. — Editor.

*A. Christoffersen wrote:*

“(…) I would like to point out that the aircraft in question, the deHavilland DH-90 Dragonfly, did not make its first flight until August 12, 1935, at Hatfield, U.K.

The first Dragonfly, the sixth of only eight ever built, was shipped to Toronto by sea and first flown at Downsview, Ont., on June 25, 1936. It was first registered as civil CF-AYF, but later became CF-MPC (RCMP) along with three new machines: CF-MPA, CF-MPB and CF-MPD. (...) These became the original fleet of the RCMP’s Air Division under the direction of Supt. R.C. Mercer. Therefore the air show could not have been circa 1930 — more likely 1937.”

*Insp. D.J. Klancher (retired) wrote:*

“The photographs were undoubtedly taken upon the arrival of three of the Aviation Section aircraft (CF-MPB, CF-MPC and

CF-MPD) in Moncton, N.B., on July 7, 1937. The aircraft were based at Moncton for summer anti-smuggling coastal patrols, but were available for other duties as well. (...) They had been purchased in 1937, when the Aviation Section of the RCMP was organized.

(...) As near as could be determined, the men in the photograph were (L-R): Reg. No. 11302, Sgt. R.H. Barker; Reg. No. 10973, Cpl. G.G.F. Hart; Reg. No. 11830, Cpl. P.J. Grant; Reg. No. O.297 (8915) Sub-Insp. T.R. Michelson (i/c Aviation Section); Reg. No. 11780, S/Sgt. M.P. Fraser; Reg. No. 12464, Cpl. W.E.R.O. Munro; possibly Reg. No. O.270, Insp. J.D. Bird, OC, Moncton Sub-Division, as it was documented that he greeted the members upon their arrival; and Reg. No. 10982, Cpl. L.R. Dubuc. That concurs with documentation which identified the members who arrived in Moncton with the aircraft on July 7, 1937.”

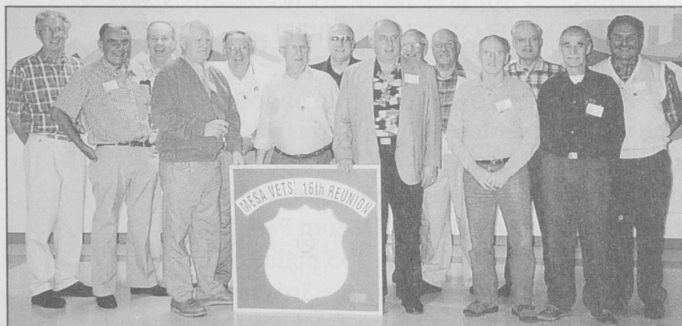
***The full story, pictures of the DH-90 and other deHavilland aircraft can be found on pp. 18-19 of the book, “50 Years, 1928-78” by Fred W. Horton (1978). — Editor.***

## ✉ MESA REUNIONS

Dear Editor,

Fourteen members with spouses/guests attended the 45th anniversary reunion of “O” Troop (1953/54, “Depot”) and Squad 11 (“N” Division), held in conjunction with the annual RCMP Snowbird reunion in Mesa, Arizona, February 26, 1998.

**(L-R):** Fred Boeckler, Stan Nowicki, Del Hanson, Russ Mitchell, Don McDonald, Jack Schram, Matt Gelowitz, Steve Onderko, Loyd Mutch, Chuck Thompson, Norm Hinch, Henry Starek, Lyall Copland, Tony Brezinski.





On February 25, Don and Didi McDonald hosted a wine and cheese. Jack Schram presented each member with a copy of the book he produced on the history of "O" Troop's training compiled from the many letters he had written home, with cartoon sketches he had drawn for their 25th anniversary reunion. The book will be the permanent history of "O" Troop and Jack has asked each member to provide him their history in the Force after training so that he can include it into the book. Who knows, it might even be used in teaching the history of the Force in the 1950s?

On Thursday, the Troop attended the RCMP Vets Mesa Reunion. The highlight of the dinner and dance was guest speaker, one of our troop mates, Henry Starek. Hank, as he is known to all, was posted to North Battleford after training and had left the Force early looking at other opportunities (was it to further his education, or because of the five-year no-marriage clause imposed by the Force at that time?). Hank was a member of the Vancouver Police for 29 years, of which the last 10 were as Deputy Chief, before retiring in 1983.

On Friday, those who did not golf went to the famous Apache Junction Fleemarket. In the evening Steve and Judy Onderko hosted a BBQ and many more stories were told, especially about the Ride and our instructor Cpl. George Cutting. On departing, we agreed to meet again in Regina at the AGM in the year 2000.

Steve Onderko  
Treasurer RCMP Veterans' Mesa Reunion

✉ **ANNUAL FLORIDA REUNION**

Dear Editor,

The weather on March 5, 1998, was nothing short of phenomenal — 75° F with not a cloud in the sky. Just days before, terrible tornadoes to the north of Fort DeSoto Park had taken 40 lives. Yet here were 135 police officers and their wives enjoying the 3rd annual picnic at the park, some of whom had

travelled from Haines City, Florida — a community where, a day earlier, a young police officer with one year of service had been killed on duty, leaving behind a wife and six children. So, for many reasons, these get togethers are important.

Next year we will do it again: March 4, 1999, 11:00 to 16:00, Site #6, Fort DeSoto Park, North Beach, Florida.

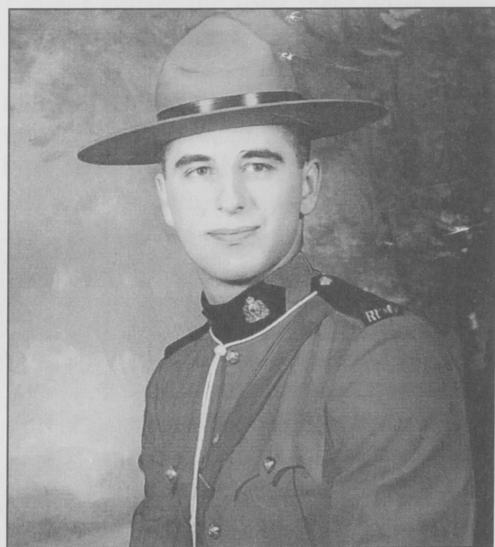
Bob Jadis  
Reunion Organizer

✉ **CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS MOUNTIE?**

Dear Editor,

This hand-painted picture was given to one of our local citizens who has lived in Fernie, British Columbia, for years. We are baffled as to whom it may be. Any help from your readers would be much appreciated.

Thank you in advance,  
Rosanne Anselmo  
Fernie Detachment  
Telephone: (250) 423-4404  
Fax: (250) 423-6462



## ☒ CARD OF THANKS

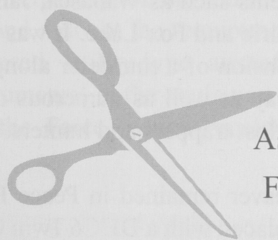
*The following was taken from a Card of Thanks published in the "Cape Breton Post" in which the family of a murder victim expressed their thanks to the RCMP members who solved the investigation. This public demonstration of gratitude is rare, and the importance of treating victims of crime with the compassion and understanding that were obviously shown by the officers involved, should be recognized. — Editor.*

*It is with heartfelt gratitude, that we the family of the late Dan L. Rogers of Boularderie, wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the kindness and support given to us during our time of great loss. Thank you to those who brought food to our home daily, the comforting phone calls, the many individual visits of family and friends, the flowers, cards, memorials and monetary gifts (...)*

*A special thanks for the efforts and compassion shown to us by Cst. Wayne MacDonald and Alan Toner, Cpl. Jim Leadbeader, Sgt. Kevin Doane and the entire RCMP Detachments of Baddeck, North Sydney and Sydney. Their outstanding performance on and off duty, the caring and compassion shown to our family was greatly appreciated and goes beyond any words that we could compose (...)*

*Dan will forever remain in our hearts and minds. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and those who knew him.*

*Rogers Family*



## RCMP QUARTERLY MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION FORM

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# The deHavilland DHC2 Mk. III Turbo-Beaver C-FMPA

by Insp. J.M. Van Norman (retired)  
Kamloops, British Columbia

**B**efore ceasing production in 1961, 1,691 Beaver light utility transports were built, the first flying in 1947. Carrying either seven passengers or freight, the Beaver proved capable of operating in very rough, remote areas and could be fitted with floats, wheel/skis or amphibious floats.

In 1961, the original Pratt & Whitney "Wasp" engine, which produced 450 horsepower, was replaced with the lighter and more powerful Pratt & Whitney PT6-A Turbine engine, which produced 550 horsepower. The fuselage was extended, the tailplane modified and the aircraft was given the designation DHC2 Mk. III "Turbo-Beaver" — 60 of which were produced — carrying Serial Numbers from 1661 to 1691. The fact that 55 of the 60 Turbo-Beavers are still in service attests to the durability and reliability of this rugged little aircraft.

The RCMP's "Air" Division acquired Serial No. 1685 (TB53) and registered it as C-FMPA, taking delivery on January 31, 1968. This was the first turbine-powered, bush-utility aircraft used by the Force. After a brief stop at "Air" Division Headquarters, in Ottawa, to install a police radio and a compulsory paint job, it was posted to Peace River, Alberta.

The first crew on the Turbo-Beaver was S/Sgt. John Demerez (pilot) and S/Cst. Don McNab (engineer) who became, in a sense, pioneers in the operation of turbine-powered,

bush-utility aircraft for the Force. Operating procedures developed by this team would later be applied to the operation of Twin Otters.

During its service in Peace River, C-FMPA became a familiar sight in Alberta skies. It was used to transport prisoners, investigators and inspection teams as well as carry out aerial surveillance, searches and medi-vacs, and a wide variety of other police-oriented functions. It also rendered assistance in British Columbia, Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories. Using "high-floatation" tires, it was capable of operating out of unprepared strips, providing police service to remote native settlements such as Wabasca, Janvier, Jean D'Or Prairie and Fox Lake. It was used in the apprehension of a murderer along the Alaska Highway as well as numerous occasions locating lost trappers and hunters.

This Turbo-Beaver remained in Peace River until it was replaced with a DHC6 Twin Otter in 1982. C-FMPA was then posted to Calgary "Air" Section, until the Section's closure in 1993, at which time it became a relief aircraft based at Air Services (West) in Edmonton, Alberta. Its last operational posting was Prince Rupert, British Columbia, where it filled in for the retired Grumman Goose. Two other Turbo-Beavers were acquired by the Force and posted to British Columbia, at Kamloops and Prince George, respectively.

C-FMPA, the last (and first) Turbo-Beaver to



*The Turbo-Beaver, Peace River, Alberta, 1972.*

serve in the RCMP, was retired from service in 1995 and sold through Crown Assets in 1996 to a firm in Montréal. C-FOEX (S/N 1684, TB52) and C-FCJB (S/N 1669, TB39) had been sold previously and are now operating in Labrador and Washington State, USA. The versatility of the Turbo-Beaver proves beyond a doubt the requirement for turbine-powered, utility-type aircraft and it was instrumental in the acquisition of Twin Otters for the Force, which provided not only a

larger payload but twin-engined safety as well.

The Turbo-Beaver's service to the RCMP and the citizens of Canada makes it truly a part of Canada's aviation heritage.

*The author was stationed in Peace River, Alberta, from 1970-1974 during which time he flew the Turbo-Beaver more than 2,200 hours. — Editor. ❖*

## THE ART OF CUSTOMER SERVICE

Full marks go to the persistence of a would-be New York bank robber. When his note demanding \$US 3000 was waved away by a disinterested teller, the bandit grabbed a pen and added "I have a gun" before returning to the line. This time his note received the proper respect — he was arrested.

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# Sarajevo — International Police Task Force

by D.B. Kilpatrick  
Gloucester, Ontario

*Last year, while at home on leave from duty with the United Nations International Police Task Force (IPTF), the author prepared the following article for the "Quarterly." As a former member of the RCMP, D.B. Kilpatrick was working as UN Liaison Officer/Police Advisor in West Herzegovina Canton, Ljubuski, Bosnia-Herzegovina. This article outlines the mission mandate and role of the IPTF in Bosnia-Herzegovina under the U.S. brokered "Dayton Peace Agreement." At the time, he and four other former RCMP members were serving on a one-year tour of duty in this war-torn part of the globe. — Editor*



I had just finished my first winter of retirement, spent either sitting in hockey rinks or driving to different hockey venues throughout southern Ontario, when I had the opportunity to return to the former Yugoslavia, for the third time, with the United Nations Civilian Police (UNCIVPOL). CARE Canada had entered into an agreement with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) for the provision of personnel services to UNCIVPOL and had contacted me in the early spring of 1996 to ask if I would be interested in filling one of the five positions being offered to Canada.

While still in the RCMP, I had served a tour of duty with UNCIVPOL in 1993/94. In late 1994, I had taken a leave of absence from the Force and headed a UN civilian police delegation to Ecuador. In 1995, I had taken another leave of absence from the Force to serve a tour of duty with the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia in Serbia, also administered by CARE Canada. Having past experiences with CARE Canada

and, likewise with the United Nations, I decided to once again head for the Balkans, this time for 12 months. I did not know who my other four colleagues would be since we had obtained our medical clearance, inoculations and special passports independently. We finally met during the final week before our departure, as we were brought together for briefings at CARE Canada, the Lester B. Pearson building and National Defence Headquarters, and to be fitted with uniforms and other necessary equipment (for the most part, compliments of the Canadian Armed Forces). Ross Shortill, Fred Winters, Paul Martin, Jules Lalancette and I had known or heard of each other beforehand. Prior to our departure as a group we, together with our families, attended a farewell reception hosted by Mr. A. Watson, Executive Director of CARE Canada and the Ottawa-based CARE Canada staff. Then we were off to Zagreb via London, England.

At one time, the UNCIVPOL Headquarters had been situated in Zagreb, but it had by now been moved to Sarajevo. All that remained in Zagreb was what was referred to as a "support office" — which is basically a training centre. Our UN identity card still referred to us as CIVPOL, but we were more commonly known at UNIPTF (United Nations International Police Task Force). Upon our arrival in Zagreb, we had to undergo a one-week training course — as did all other UN police monitors. Given our past UN time, Jules Lalancette and I found it a bit boring. However, there was one advantage: we were not required to go through the two-part UN driver's test again and were automatically issued with our UN driver's permit. After the compulsory one-week course we boarded a UN plane for the journey to



*(L-R): Fred Winters, Don Kilpatrick, Ross Shortill, Jules Lalancette, Paul Martin — Zagreb, Croatia, June 1996*



Sarajevo, where more administrative requirements were carried out. This is where we learned that we would be going our separate ways: Jules Lalancette and Paul Martin to Banja Luka; Ross Shortill and I to Mostar, and Fred Winters would remain in Sarajevo.

UNIPTF had been formed as part of the *General Framework Agreement for Peace (Dayton Agreement)* to assist the warring parties in meeting their obligations to provide a safe and secure environment through the establishment of civilian law enforcement agencies that meet internationally recognized professional standards and that respect human rights and fundamental freedoms. The UNIPTF mission mandate can be categorized into five major parts:

- monitoring, observing and inspecting law enforcement and judicial proceedings and operations to ensure they meet internationally recognized standards;
- advising law enforcement agencies about their operations so they can meet internationally recognized standards;
- training law enforcement personnel in modern policing strategies and techniques;
- advising governmental authorities on the organization of effective law enforcement agencies, and
- assessing threats to the public order and assessing the capability of law enforcement agencies to meet those threats.

To carry out its mandate (then), IPTF was staffed by 1,721 police monitors drawn from 34 countries and a small staff of civilian personnel, who were assigned to five organizational units: a headquarters unit in Sarajevo and four regional headquarters in Sarajevo, Mostar, Tuzla and Banja Luka. All IPTF monitors had to have at least eight years of

police experience. The small headquarters staff provided administrative, planning, legal and logistical support to the field units. Within each region — grouped into policing “districts” — IPTF maintained 50 police stations covering all areas of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

IPTF worked closely with a number of non-governmental and government agencies in carrying out its mandate. Close liaison was maintained with the NATO military element which provided enforcement of certain IPTF directives whenever necessary, as IPTF monitors in Bosnia-Herzegovina were (and are still) unarmed. Close working relations were also maintained with other UN agencies, such as the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, as well as groups like the Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe, the European Community Monitoring Mission and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

The majority of IPTF resources were allocated to monitoring and inspecting policing and judicial activities. Monitors worked side-by-side with local police officers, engaging with them as they carried out their duties and advising them on modern policing practices. They visited people arrested and detained in prison to ensure their custody met international standards. They also monitored law enforcement and judicial proceedings to ensure compliance with accepted standards of human rights and freedoms.

IPTF was also developing standards for the downsizing of the police forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina to provide for a professional police force whose size reflected peacetime policing requirements. This process would



*Don Kilpatrick sitting on a wrecked tank outside Mostar, Bosnia-Herzegovina, February 1997.*

result in a new organizational structure, careful vetting of personnel permitted to become members of the new police, training of personnel in modern policing practices and provision of technical assistance in becoming an effective law enforcement agency.

As IPTF monitors, we were always running the risk of a sudden redeployment — the UN's accepted term for "transfer." But as luck would have it, we were not moved until our ninth month: Jules Lalancette left Banja Luka and he was appointed Human Rights Coordinator at mission headquarters in Sarajevo. As the IPTF station located in Ljubuski was soon closing and moving to Siroki Brijeg, the West Herzegovina Cantonal main seat of government, Ross Shortill kept his job as Station Commander in Siroki Brijeg. Fred Winters left Sarajevo to take a position in Banja Luka. I was appointed the UN Liaison Officer and Police Advisor to the Minister of Internal Affairs for West Herzegovina; I worked in the Ministry building in Ljubuski, in an office next to the minister's. I would be the only IPTF presence in Ljubuski after that station had fully been moved to Siroki Brijeg.

For more than five years, United Nations peacekeeping missions in the countries of the former Yugoslavia have worked tirelessly in sometimes dangerous situations, often in adverse conditions, with insufficient resources and under complex and demanding mandates. Unarmed civil police have been sent into areas of active warfare, where their courageous efforts have helped to save untold human lives and have alleviated the suffering of the civilian population.

The importance of the work of the UNIPTF

cannot be overstated. In restructuring the police, providing advice and counsel, retraining of police officers throughout Bosnia-Herzegovina and developing a modern criminal justice system, the chance for establishing a meaningful civilian peacetime environment throughout the country will be enhanced and the necessity for military oversight in support of peace will be lessened.

It is also obvious that a mission such as UNIPTF cannot achieve its objectives without the unfailing support and commitment of the international community, in terms of financial and human resources required for the implementation of its mandate, as well as the full cooperation of the parties to the conflict.

As a closing note to this article and in recognition of the efforts of the Canadian Contingent — albeit small at that time — to the UNIPTF mission, we were advised that the excellent assistance/contribution made toward the reconstruction and democratic development in Bosnia-Herzegovina had not gone unnoticed. Although, as a result of this the United Nations approached the Government of Canada to have our deployment extended for an additional three months, some of us agreed to stay on, while others left when the 12 months were up.

*Since his return from duty with the UN, Don Kilpatrick was involved in training members of the RCMP and outside police forces in preparation for deployment to Bosnia-Herzegovina. Watch for more stories about the involvement of serving and former RCMP employees in UN Missions around the globe, coming up in future editions of the "Quarterly." — Editor. ❖*

# Cops for Cancer

by Geneviève Giroux

IN JUNE 1994, Edmonton police officer, Sgt. Gary Goulet met a five-year-old boy named Lyle, who had been stricken with cancer and as a result of his chemotherapy treatments, had lost his hair. This had led to much ridicule and teasing from his classmates. Sgt. Goulet, whose head was already shaved, decided to help Lyle and asked him to pose for a photograph with him in a police cruiser — to show Lyle it was “cool” to be bald (not to mention that he hoped to make the other kids feel envious of Lyle).

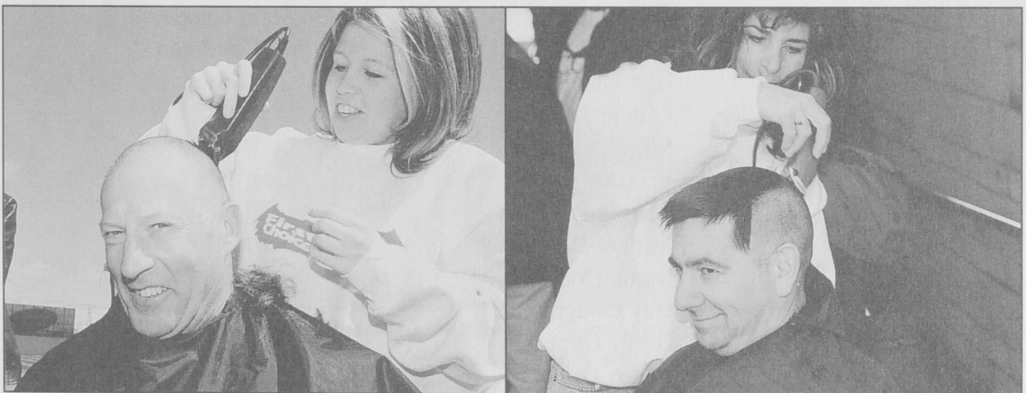
When Sgt. Goulet’s colleagues heard of this, they too wanted to shave their heads and to be in the photo as well — and the Cops for Cancer campaign was born. The story received national attention and the group received many phone calls and letters of support.

One letter from Mitchell, Ontario, inspired Sgt. Goulet to do more. The lady said that her daughter had cancer many years ago and that her hair had also fallen out. She wanted Sgt. Goulet to tell Lyle that his hair would also grow back and he too would be fine. She also wrote, “How about a challenge to other police departments as a fundraising effort?”

Sgt. Goulet did some research and developed the “Cops for Cancer™ Campaign”. His original goal was to put a coin container in every police station in Edmonton with the hopes of raising \$500 in the first year. They received tremendous support from citizens everywhere and raised \$12,000 in 11 months.

In November 1995, a committee of seven police officers and civilians was formed, with a common goal to raise funds for the Canadian Cancer Society. Some great initiatives were developed for 1996, such as a head shaving event, a road race and a golf tournament — raising \$300,000! Future plans included trying to make this a national fundraiser for police departments across Canada, and in 1997, the event surpassed all expectations — more than 1,000 Ontario police officers shaved their heads to raise \$606,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society in 1997!

For 1998, Ottawa area police officers planned what they hoped would be the largest event of its kind in Ontario — and possibly even Canada. On April 25, 1998, 214 employees of the RCMP and the Ottawa-



*A/Commr. Ray Mercier, CO, “A” Division, was the highest-ranking police officer to get his head shaved; Cpl. Gilles Moreau, HQ Media, Public Affairs and Information Directorate (PAID), enjoyed the media attention.*

*Courtesy of Carl Martin, InformAtion*



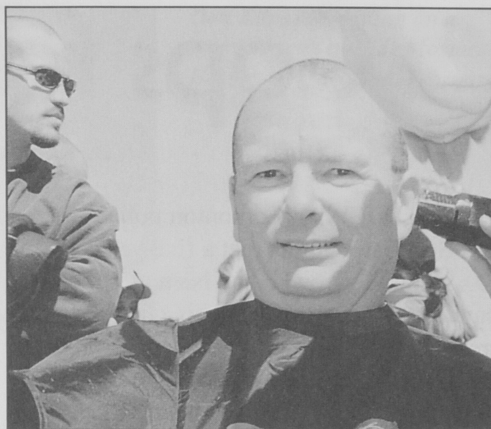
Carleton Regional Police Service (OCRPS) gathered at Jetform Park to get their heads shaved as part of the Canadian Cancer Society's Cops for Cancer event. For weeks before, the soon-to-be-bald police officers — many of them female officers — had been busy canvassing sponsors in the community to fill out their pledge forms, insisting that anyone who had ever had the urge to "buzz the fuzz" make a contribution for this good cause.

With the cooperation of some highly-skilled First Choice hair cutters, the shave-off was held on the field just before the game, and in the concourse area during the Ottawa Lynx/Syracuse baseball game at Jetform Park. Participants, their friends and family and baseball fans could also purchase Cops for Cancer T-shirts and baseball hats, with all the proceeds going to the Canadian Cancer Society. This event helped raise over \$80,000.

A post-game meal was organized; it was free to all participants, courtesy of St-Hubert restaurants. The top male and female RCMP

Here are the names of the participants:

Martial Allard	Kevin Couturier	Marcel Falardeau
John Bettencourt	Louis Cross	Louis Fregault
Andy Black	Thorn Curtain	Geoff Garceau
Bernie Boileau	Pit Cyr	Colleen Gareau(f)
Mark Bolduc	Ed Daley	Victor Gareau
Norm Boucher	Roméo Dallaire	Josselin Gaudet
Karl Boudreau	Alain Danis	Mike Gaudreau
Ed Brake	Bob Daoust	Alain Giroux
Louis Brousseau	Olivier Delorme	Augustin Godin
Randy Buffam	Mike Demarbre	Marc Grecco
François Cadotte	Jean-Marc Desrochers	Paul Groulx
Mario Cardinal	Claude Doré	Gabriel Guilbault
Glen Carroll	Michel Doucet	Roger Halfhide
Wayne Cassidy	Denis Doucet	Tim Hanley
Carmen Chabot(f)	Gay Doughty	Dave Hobbs
Jean Chevrier	Gerry Dupuis	Steve Hollander
Barry Clark	Mario Dupuis	Ray Houle
François Coallier	Pierre Dupuis	Dawson Hovey
Cal Corley	Bill Durocher	Morgan Ireland
Jean-Sébastien Couture	Ron Dutrisac	Pierre Jean
Pierre Couture	Keith Estabrooks	Dave Jeggo



*Cpl. Andy Black, Access to Information and Privacy Branch (PAID), was one of the first to brave the brisk April winds and get his head shaved on the field before the game.*

*Photo by Brenda Zanin, Pony Express*

employee fundraisers were awarded tickets to the upcoming "A" Division Regimental Ball to be held on October 3, 1998. For every \$100 in pledges, participants' names went into a draw during the evening meal for some fabulous prizes, namely a trip for two to the Montebello resort, hot air balloon rides, and RCMP and OCRPS promotional items.

Jocelyn Joanis  
Yves Juteau  
Guy Laberge  
Marc Labranche  
Louis Lahaie  
Mike Lalonde  
Jacques Laramée  
Marie Leblanc(f)  
Marc Lefevre  
André Lemaire  
Bernie Lettre  
Roy MacFarlane  
Chris Manders  
Serge Martel  
Carl Martin  
Wayne Martin  
Carl McDiarmid  
Pat McDonald  
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Stuart Meldrum

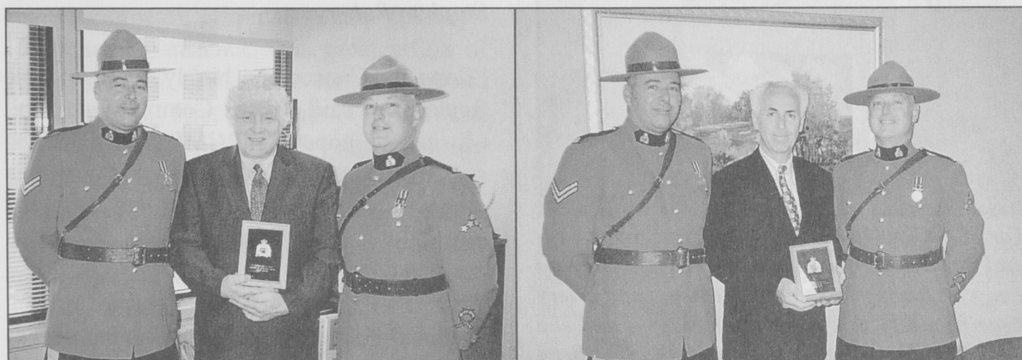
Pierre Ménard  
Ray Mercier  
Mike Mongeon  
Terry Moore  
Gilles Moreau  
Graham Muir  
Roger Newman  
Mike Niebudek  
Cynthia Orr(f)  
Michel Ouellette  
John Ouellette  
Brennan Ouimet  
Pierre Patenaude  
Claude Perrault  
Al Pilon  
Pete Porter  
Gord Price  
Wade Price  
Jim Puchniak  
Marc Richer  
Staphan Roberge  
Sylvain Robert

Gilles Rochon  
Mike Rodrigue  
Mario Roy  
Roch Saumure  
Errol Schell  
Julie-Anne Secchi-Huard(f)  
Bill Shaw  
Rod Smith  
Jim Squance  
Martin St-Laurent  
John St-Amand  
Bernie St-Onge  
Demetrios Stefanopoulos  
Dwayne Tranquilla  
Réjean Vallières  
Cécile Vary(f)  
Peter Vasseur  
Al Wortman  
Brian Yamashita  
Phil Young  
Mike Zito

Some of the participants were asked why they decided to go through with this and this is what they said:

"I shaved my head for Cops for Cancer because my mother suffered terribly with the dreaded disease and after a four-year battle it killed her. There was a tugging at my heart that this was a simple yet significant thing I

could do to raise funds to aid in the research for a cure or treatment to minimize the suffering of cancer patients (especially children), and if what little I did helps in some small way, it was worth it. My efforts netted \$560 and my heartfelt thanks go out to all who supported me in this endeavour. I will be at the next head shave! — *Cpl. Andy Black*



*On June 2, 1998, Cpls Pierre Dupuis (L), and Keith Estabrooks (R), from Access to Information and Privacy Branch, made presentations to (photo 1): Gerry Neary, Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada and (photo 2); Mr. Dan Dupuis, office of the Information Commissioner of Canada, thanking them for the donations through sponsorship for the Cops for Cancer campaign. Employees at the Offices of the Privacy and Information Commissioners sponsored Cpls Estabrooks and Dupuis in the amount of \$1,000.*

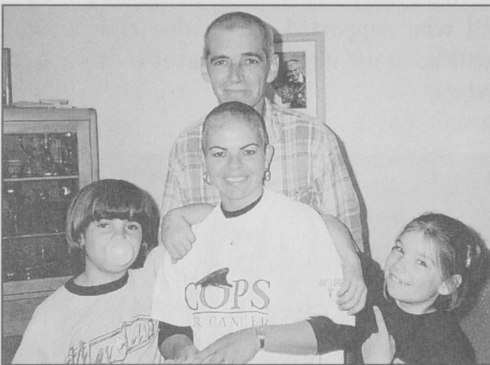
*Photo by Sgt. Réal Rioux*



*Six out of the nine HQ Customs & Excise Branch members joined this worthwhile cause on April 28; the following Monday morning, bald-headed members were the obvious majority in the office. (L-R): Sgt. John St-Amand, Supt. Rod Smith, Sgts Alain Giroux, Mike Ouellette, Ray Houle and Ed Daley.*

"I first heard about Cops for Cancer through my co-worker Sgt. Mike Ouellette who thought it was a great cause. I then challenged him to participate by having his hair cut and if he were to, I would do the same. We all have friends or relatives that we lost through cancer; we also remember the ones that were successfully treated for this terrible sickness. Through this event, I wanted to give a sense of hope, that one day cancer will be a thing of the past." — *Sgt. Alain Giroux*

"I wanted to take part in the Cops for Cancer event for two reasons. The first is because cancer is a truly horrible disease which affects so many; my own father died of stomach cancer when I was 22. Also, as this



*For PSE Carmen Chabot, Immigration and Federal Branch, this fundraiser was a personal challenge — having lost family members and a very dear friend to this dreaded disease — and she raised close to \$2,000. Carmen, who had been canvassing for the Canadian Cancer Society for a number of years already, would like to thank her co-workers, her neighbours and the businesses who sponsored her in her community of Clarence Creek, Ont., as well as family members and friends (L-R): daughter Erica, friend Victoria and husband, Bob, for their support.*

year is an important milestone for the RCMP — our 125th anniversary — it seemed appropriate to find some way to honour this. Participating in Cops for Cancer allowed me to make, not only a small contribution to my community as a token of thanks for letting the Force play the role it has, but it also helped a great cause." — *C/M Colleen Gareau*

"Many of us have suffered personal losses or watched some of our friends and co-workers struggle with a variety of ailments. We can comfort, we can sympathize and we can try to do something about it. For me, Cops For Cancer was both a small personal challenge and an impressive tribute to what can be accomplished when many caring people muster their efforts. I must also tip my hat (which does not fit so well lately) to the organizers, participants and my peers for their individual contributions." — *Insp. Staphan Roberge*

"Cops for Cancer is a highly commendable fundraiser," said RCMP Commissioner Phil Murray. "I hope the RCMP's participation will significantly increase the impact of this program on those who need our help the most."

Brian Ford, Chief of the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Service, said his employees were also pleased to participate in this event. "Members of the OCRPS and many members of the community have been affected by the pain of cancer in our lives," said Chief Ford. "We must all work together to do all we can to help in the challenge to fight this disease." ❖



# The Long March to the Klondike

by Cst. J.P. Richards  
"A" Division War Crime Section

**T**his year marks the 125th anniversary of the foundation of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and this event will be commemorated in a plethora of events held in honour of our colourful history. However, there is a lesser known anniversary in 1998 which also commemorates an historical event related to the RCMP: the 100th anniversary of the Yukon Field Force.

Following the discovery of gold outside Dawson City in 1896, a flood of Canadians and Americans headed north to the Yukon Territory — increasing the population practically overnight and stretching available resources to the limit. Along with those seeking fortunes in the gold fields, came the inevitable mix of business people (legitimate and illegitimate), criminals, camp followers and general transients. This great influx of people into the region also had a profound effect on the First Nations of the Yukon Territory. Thankfully, the 25-year-old North-West Mounted Police appeared on the scene under the command of Supt. Samuel Steele and the reputation of the Force was solidified and enhanced in a manner on which much has been written and discussed.

It soon became evident that policing duties combined with administrative and clerical duties were taxing the resources of the NWMP beyond capacity. As more people began moving into the region and more gold was being found, more resources were needed to handle law enforcement duties in the

Yukon. The solution came about in what was to become one of the first joint-forces operations in the Force's history.

The federal government decided that a body of 200 regular soldiers from the Canadian Army would set out from Ottawa to assist police in the Yukon in whatever duties they could manage. Under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel T.D.B. Evans of the Royal Canadian Dragoons Cavalry Regiment, the "Yukon Field Force" as it was termed by the government, would set out to reach the Yukon to assist the NWMP. But first, it was necessary to procure winter supplies and prepare the soldiers for the task ahead.

It is significant to note that such a move by the government was overtly political, because the question of the Yukon Territory being taken over by the United States and the influx of American nationals into the region had become a serious dilemma for the federal government. Indeed, the use of soldiers as opposed to more police was seen in some quarters as potentially provocative to those who called for the annexation of the Yukon to U.S. territory.

The voyage to the Yukon would have been a comparatively simple one if the Yukon Field Force had been allowed to use the usual route to Skagway or Dyea via a steamer from Vancouver, then to the gold fields via the Chilkoot or White Passes. However, politics entered into play once again, and the Yukon



***Soldiers of the Royal Canadian Regiment in the Yukon Field Force make camp, while marching en route to the Klondike.***

*Courtesy of Glenbow Archives, Calgary, Alberta, NA-3755-31*

Field Force was ordered to take the "All-Canadian Route" as it was termed, via the Stikine River and overland to the waters connecting the upper Yukon River. Access to the Stikine had been guaranteed by treaty with the U.S. and at that time, Parliament was in the process of considering a bill to construct a railway along the Stikine. By sending the Yukon Field Force on the overland route, the government assigned a march to the Canadian Army which would be one of the toughest ever known, domestic or foreign.

Of the 200 soldiers, three officers and 130 other ranks were members of the Royal Canadian Regiment of Infantry (RCR); the others came from the Royal Canadian Artillery (RCA) and the Royal Canadian Dragoons (RCD). Five women also accompanied the expedition: four nurses from the



***The Yukon Field Force sailing northward on the Stikine Chief.***

*Courtesy of Glenbow Archives, Calgary, Alberta, NA-3755-15*

Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) and one journalist from the *Toronto Globe*, Miss Faith Fenton. Her dispatches remain one of the primary sources of the history about the Yukon Field Force. All were volunteers and it is important to note that one of the reasons why the government of the day so readily used the soldiers from the regular army was because their pay was cheaper than that of the NWMP.

On May 6, 1898, the Yukon Field Force was mobilized and headed from Ottawa to Vancouver, and then north to the mouth of the Stikine at Wrangell, Alaska, where it arrived on May 16, 1898. From here, the contingent transferred to the river steamers *Strathcona* and *Stikine Chief* for the four-day journey to the hamlet of Telegraph Creek, B.C., where the trek would begin.

After celebrating Queen Victoria's birthday on May 24, the Yukon Field Force collected pack mules and prepared to march under heavy equipment (each soldier carried 50 pounds). The only food available during this arduous journey consisted of hard biscuits, poor quality bacon and black tea. The march was, by all accounts, extremely demanding both physically and mentally. Mile after mile, the group encountered harsh swamp and bog, and terrain marked by large fallen trees and boulders. At times, the soldiers marched up to their waists in swamp water leading to Teslin Lake, while trying to deal with the extreme heat and the swarms of mosquitoes.

Lt.-Col. Evans wrote to Lady Aberdeen, founder of the VON, about the march and she commented in her own memoirs:

*Even Col. Evans who said at the outset that these expeditions always sounded worse than they were, admits that it was very bad ... He says the Nurses did splendidly and that they were a great comfort for several of the men who got ill — some with rheumatic fever. The only solace of which both Col. Evans and Miss Powell (one of the nurses) speak of is the glorious scenery and the profusion of flowers of*

*which they made collections en route. They say that the view from some of the summits they passed over was superb ... The Nurses say that their clothes and their boots which were intended to last them for three years are completely worn out.*

On finally reaching Teslin Lake, the group established a temporary camp called "Camp Victoria" where the loads were transferred to the steamer, *Anglican*. An advance party, which included Lt.-Col. Evans and 80 of his men, moved north to Fort Selkirk (between present-day Whitehorse and Dawson City) to establish a more permanent post. Hardship hit the Yukon Field Force again when, after dropping off the advance party, the *Anglican* hit rocks and needed repair. This meant that the rest of the soldiers and the nurses could not move north. Lt.-Cpl. Evans had left instruction for them to build their own water transport should there be a problem of this nature; the improvised craft finally headed down the Teslin River, traversing rapids, and landed at Fort Selkirk on September 11. A new military post had been constructed by the advance party and members of the Yukon Task Force prepared for winter in the Yukon.

Supt. Steele immediately called upon members of the Yukon Field Force to assist with duties, and by October some soldiers had moved to Dawson and were directly assisting the NWMP. One of their primary responsibilities in conjunction with the police was to protect gold shipments as they moved out of the Yukon. The soldiers also acted as sentries at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in Dawson, to discourage would-be robbers tempted by the large amounts of gold contained therein. The soldiers also provided protection at the NWMP headquarters, freeing NWMP members for investigations and patrols. Finally, other soldiers escorted prisoners in an effort to relieve the NWMP of duties which required large amounts of time and travel.

Supt. Steele was an ambitious and tireless commander who knew the value of the Yukon Field Force that had been sent to assist the



***Lieutenant-Colonel T.D.B. Evans of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, commander of the Yukon Field Force.***

*Courtesy of Glenbow Archives, Calgary, Alberta, NA-3755-70*

NWMP. He would comment in his report of 1898:

*The officers are a pleasant addition to our mess and the whole force works in harmony with us. The men are a fine, athletic, well-trained lot, reflecting great credit on the country.*

In the summer of 1899, half the Yukon Field Force was withdrawn and the headquarters of the remaining body of the Force was moved to Dawson City. By 1900, with the rush of newcomers almost over and the strain on resources considerably less, the "Yukon Garrison," as it had been renamed, was relieved of its duties in the Yukon. The jour-



***The strain of the long march to join the NWMP in their policing duties shows on the face of this soldier of the Yukon Field Force.***

*Courtesy of Glenbow Archives, Calgary, Alberta, NA-3755-34*



ney south was much less strenuous than the original trek. The soldiers travelled by river boat to Whitehorse, then to Skagway by train for the journey to Vancouver by ship. Comparing the march to the Red River Expedition of 1870, the Officer Commanding for the Militia at the time, Major-General Edward Hutton, observed that the Yukon Field Force had accomplished their mission by “*perseverance, persistence of purpose, endurance and discipline under trying circumstances*” as he characterized their trailblazing in “*a hitherto but little known and difficult country.*”

The Yukon Field Force had marked a significant period of cooperation between two government bodies working toward a common goal. It is important to remember, however, that training for the NWMP at this time was more akin to paramilitary cavalry training than what we think of as police training. The efforts of the Yukon Field Force, sadly, were

eclipsed in their day by the call to War in South Africa against the Boers in 1900. Indeed, many NWMP members would take their leave from the Force to join the military, as the Lord Strathcona’s Horse (Royal Canadians) cavalry regiment, as well as the Canadian Mounted Rifles cavalry regiment. Steele would leave the Yukon and fight in South Africa with the Strathconas, staying on with the South African Constabulary after the War. Sergeant A.H.L. Richardson would earn the Victoria Cross for bravery under fire and skill in horsemanship in rescuing a soldier under his command, returning to the RNWMP after the War.

The skill and valour of the Yukon Field Force remain an outstanding accomplishment in the history of the Canadian Army. It had also become the first joint-forces operation in RCMP history — an important achievement for cooperative law enforcement. ❖

# Our \$10,000 Law Suit\*

by Nora Hickson Kelly

(\*An excerpt from Chapter 16 of *My Mountie and I: A True Story*)

**E**xactly one month after Bill was promoted to the rank of acting corporal, in November 1941, I went as a spectator to the Supreme Court of Ontario, where Bill and Sergeant Veitch were defendants in a civil suit. Miss Sophie K., a strange little middle-aged woman, was asking damages of \$10,000 against the two Mounted Policemen. She alleged that they had persecuted her and interfered with her social and business life.

I was well acquainted with the background of the case. Several years earlier, Miss K. had complained to the Toronto CIB that postal officials were interfering with her mail. The CIB found that was not true. Then she pestered sergeant Veitch by telephone, often for an hour at a time. When Bill went to the

CIB in 1939, Veitch passed the case to him. Bill found nothing wrong, and then Miss K. pestered him. Bill learned that Miss K. owned, or thought she owned, — he never found out which — a small company called the Royal Canadian Coal Company. She believed that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police was her competition and was disrupting her business.

When she got no satisfaction from Bill, she telephoned Commissioner S.T. Wood in the middle of the night and complained to him. Bill was sent to tell her never to do that again.

“You tell S.T. Wood that I’m a taxpayer and he’s a public servant, and I’ll call him any time I like!” the irate complainant exclaimed

to Bill. He reported to the Commissioner accordingly.

Then she decided to sue, and now I sat in court, looking at the woman who was such a nuisance. Her unnaturally brilliant red hair created a bright spot in the drab courtroom. She sat erect, looking ready to strike. On her lap lay an oversized brown paper bag that held the records she carried everywhere, some of which she intended to use against her alleged “persecutors.”

As the trial proceeded, it seemed to me that Bill and Sergeant Veitch needed a champion. I knew that Sophie had no lawyer, and that court officials had helped her prepare her case in the proper form. Now I saw that even Mr. Justice McFarlane helped her by sympathetically allowing statements and procedures he never would have allowed a lawyer to use. I could see, too, that Sophie was as cunning as Bill had reported. Most of her accusations were so vague that the defendants had no way of disproving them.

I began to worry that the \$10,000 would be assessed against the defendants. I knew that the Force had a set policy of paying or not paying the cost of defending RCMP members charged in criminal cases. If a Mountie lost his case, the Force had no obligation. And I had read that even if an accused Mountie were found not guilty, the Force would merely “consider paying” his expenses. Bill didn’t know of any RCMP policy concerning civil cases, but I presumed it would be the same as for criminal cases. Considering that Bill was earning about \$5 a day, and Sergeant Veitch only a few dollars more, it would take the two of them countless years to pay off \$10,000.

I was also worried that if we lost the case, we would no doubt also have to pay court costs and the lawyer’s fee. Bill and his sergeant, thinking of Sophie’s cunning, had hired the top-ranking, high-priced lawyer T.N. Phelan. They had the approval of the Force and, I believe, of the Minister of Justice, but in view of the Force’s set policy regarding

criminal trials, I didn’t find much comfort in that. Incidentally, Mrs. Veitch and I had also given our approval, signifying that if our husbands lost the case, we were ready to scrimp on household expenses for as many years as necessary.

“Don’t worry,” Bill had said, trying to comfort me. “If we have to pay, maybe Mr. Phelan won’t charge us as much as he would have charged the government.”

Even so, as I sat in the courtroom and realized the sympathy being accorded Sophie, I still worried about the \$10,000 plus court costs plus Mr. Phelan’s fee.

Then at last, fortunately for the Veitches and the Kellys, Sophie made a big mistake. She told the court how Sergeant Veitch, in disguise, had followed her about the streets of Toronto. And at last the lawyer for the defense stepped forward with more confidence.

“You say that Sergeant Veitch, in disguise, followed you, Miss K.?”

“Yes.”

“Then how did you recognize him?”

“By the shape of his legs.”

“Was Sergeant Veitch in disguise in women’s clothing?”

“No.”

“Did he have any pants on?”

“Yes.”

“Then how did you recognize the shape of his legs?”

No answer.

Case dismissed.

Even then, we four most affected were not free of worry. Miss K. appealed to the Appeal

Court of Ontario, asking it to reverse the lower court's decision. On losing that appeal, she asked permission to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada, the highest court in the land. T.N. Phelan objected that the action was "frivolous and vexatious," but Sophie's appeal was allowed. Perhaps at that point she gave up. In any case, Bill and Sergeant Veitch had no more trouble with Miss Sophie K.

Eventually, the RCMP paid the fee of the expensive Mr. Phelan, by way of federal government funds, by way of Canadian taxpayers. It seemed most unfair that one obviously unbalanced person could use the Canadian judicial system to waste so much valuable police time and taxpayers' money. On the other hand, I realized that such circumstances are part of the price we pay for democracy.

#### **Other books on the RCMP by Nora Hickson Kelly:**

- 1) *The Men of the Mounted*, Dent, Canada, 1949 (history of the Force's first 75 years)
- 2) *The Queen's Horse: Gift of the Mounties*, Golden Dog Press, Kemptville, Ontario, 1996

#### **Books co-authored with Mrs. Kelly's retired Mountie husband:**

- 1) *The Royal Canadian Mounted Police: A Century of History*, Hurtig, 1973
- 2) *Policing in Canada*, MacMillan of Canada, 1976
- 3) *The Horses of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police: A Pictorial History*, Doubleday, 1984

#### **Books contracted for/scheduled for printing in upcoming year:**

- 1) *Policing the Fringe: A young Mountie's Story*, Printwest
- 2) (Tentative Title) *The War Years: A Mountie's Work in World War II*, Printwest
- 3) *The Musical Ride*, Equamedia, Texas

# Pacific '97 — World Philatelic Exhibition

by Cst. K.A.L. Martin  
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I'M NOT even sure I even knew what the word "philatelic" meant prior to one morning in the middle of May 1997. All I knew about stamp collecting was when I bought them for the Christmas cards. As I was sitting in my office, going over some correspondence, the telephone rang. The ensuing conversation with a Staff Sergeant from Regina went something like this:

**S/Sgt.:** Can I speak to Cst. Martin?

**Me:** Speaking.

**S/Sgt.:** I have some questions and I can't tell you what it is about until I get the right answers.

**Me:** Okay, go ahead. (Now, what did I do?)

**S/Sgt.:** How many members are in Eastend?

**Me:** One, just me.

**S/Sgt.:** Who covers while you're gone?

**Me:** Shaunavon Detachment. (Am I going somewhere?)

**S/Sgt.:** Any commitments you can't get out of between May 28 and June 9?

**Me:** None. (Better not mention the golf tournament.)

**S/Sgt.:** I'll call you back. [Click]

By now the gears were really grinding. It didn't sound like I was in too much



trouble ...yet. It actually sounded more like I might be going on a course, or something. By the time the telephone rang again five minutes later, I had worked myself into a state of elation and despair at the same time.

**S/Sgt.:** Okay, your boss has released you. How would you like a Red Serge duty?

**Me:** Gee? I am not sure the Serge even fits.

**S/Sgt.:** Try it on. Call me back [click].

Okay, now I was really wondering. With the upcoming federal election, I would probably be standing near a podium or be driving a limo for one of the dignitaries. So I tried on the Serge, and much to my surprise (and my wife's), it fit me — sort of. Back to the phone.

[ring, ring, ring, ring]

**S/Sgt.:** Does it fit?

**Me:** Yup, sure does.

**S/Sgt.:** Do you want to go for a liaison trip?

**Me:** Sure, I guess so. Where to? (Most likely Regina, maybe even all the way to Saskatoon?)

**S/Sgt.:** San Francisco.

**Me:** No! Really?... Where to?

**S/Sgt.:** San Francisco. Canada Post wants two members to assist with Pacific 97.

Thinking quickly and to ensure that I wouldn't be arrested under the *Mental Health Act*, I agreed to go. Little did I know how hectic things would become in the next 10 days: clearing up investigations I was working on, obtaining photos for security identification at the show, making arrangements for the flights and expenses ...oh, and putting the finishing touches on the high-browns and Sam Browne. It appeared as though I had been neglecting the polishing over the last little while ...

Before I knew it, I was on my way to Regina to pick up another Red Serge due to the

extended wearing of the uniform expected for the event. As I was leaving the house, the last thing I heard from my family was "It had better be the good T-shirts!"

Although the other member, Cst. Brenda Clark from Laronge Detachment and I had only spoken over the phone, when we met on the plane on May 28 it was not hard to recognize her. She had the same silly ear-to-ear grin that I did. During our flight from Regina to Vancouver, we made plans for the events, the sightseeing and the eating we would be doing. Little did we know that there was another RCMP member sitting right in front of us who was on a house-hunting trip to British Columbia. We could only give him a dumbfounded "I don't know" when he asked how we ended up on this assignment. I am sure that our trip was much more pleasing than the one he was embarking on.

We arrived in San Francisco on a beautiful sunny sky. After checking into our hotel, Brenda and I met with the Canada Post people who were coordinating the event: Micheline Montreuil, Director of Stamp Products; Jim Phillips, Manager of Stamp Marketing, and Pierre Michaud, Vice-president of Lafleur Communication Marketing. They explained what was expected of us over the next 11 days — mainly standing in or near the booth and greeting visitors. We were also expected to assist with the launch of the "Ocean Fish" stamps being unveiled during the show. Although it sounded like we were in for some long days, Brenda and I were up to the challenge.

When I woke up on Thursday, May 29 and tuned into the local news, the top story was the earthquake which had occurred overnight. I had originally thought that it would be interesting if there was a quake while we were in California. But I never thought it would be on the first day ... and I had slept through it all. Mind you it was only a small one (3.2 on the Richter scale).

Dressed in Red Serge, Brenda and I met in the lobby of the Hotel at 9:30 and by the time we left the building, we had already been mistaken for a couple of bellhops. The Moscone Centre was only a couple of blocks away, and we thought it would be easier —

and quicker — to walk. It appeared that we acted better than traffic lights, with the number of vehicles that slowed down or stopped to take a good look at us. It sure was a good thing that we had our security passes with us when we arrived at the Centre. Otherwise, we would have had a really hard time getting inside the building. (I guess there is a problem with people impersonating a Red Serge-clad RCMP officer in San Francisco.)

The day went by quite fast, meeting and talking with participants. It seems that the TV show *Due South* is a real hit in the U.S. A lot of the people who came up to us were wondering where Diefenbaker was. (For someone who had never watched the show, I soon learned that they meant the dog, not the politician.) Before I knew it the day was over; all that was left to do was attend a rehearsal for the Ocean Fish stamp unveiling later in the evening.

Friday, May 30, was the big day for the Canada Post booth. The launch of the Ocean Fish stamp had long been planned, anticipated and anguished over. André Oullette, Chairman of Canada Post, would be in attendance along with other philatelic dignitaries. There was standing room only at the unveiling. The only problem noted was with the curtains and the lights. The solution: turn off the air conditioning. Good idea: warm, humid San Francisco air, small room, 500+ people, hot lights, wool uniform ... and no air conditioning. However, the launch went very well with Brenda and I assisting Monsieur Oullette. Afterwards, my Red Serge seemed to fit a little better. I knew that I had brought along another one for a good reason.

The next few days were much the same: meet in the lobby, stop traffic on our way to the show, meet and talk to participants, pose for pictures, stop traffic on the way back to the hotel, attend evening receptions, do some sightseeing time permitting. However, late one afternoon, an area half a block away from the hotel was blocked by police tape. We learned that a man had attempted suicide with a pipe bomb and that although the San Francisco PD had removed the person, the bomb was still there. The bomb demolition squad arrived promptly to detonate the device and the area was subsequently cleared. Later that evening, we learned that

our hotel had also been the victim of a bomb scare. Earthquakes and bombs... maybe Eastend's quiet streets weren't so bad after all!

Back at the World Philatelic Exhibition, there were times when the Canada Post "team" was swamped with people wanting to buy stamps, and have their event passports validated. Brenda and I offered to assist inside the booth. I mean, how hard can it be to sell stamps?

*I'll take a sheet of those, a corner block of this and a first-day cover of that ... Can I get the vehicle maxi-cards? Do you have the Winnie-the-Pooh stamp?*

Okay, so maybe it was a little harder than I thought. Besides trying to understand what the customers wanted, the stamps were Canadian converted to U.S. dollars — which when paid with VISA you took the U.S. dollar amount and then converted it back to Canadian money, or was it the other way around? But when using MasterCard ...? Brenda seemed to handle this much better than I did.

Fortunately, I spent most of my time outside the booth, mingling with the crowd and answering questions. Here were the top three answers: "Yes, we are real," and "No, we are not from central casting," and "Actually, our horses are just outside. They wouldn't let us bring them inside because it makes a mess on the carpet."

One of the items also being sold at the booth was an uncut sheet of stamps called, "Year of the Ox." Apparently these had sold out rather quickly in Canada; the remaining 750 had been brought to San Francisco, to be sold at the rate of 50 per day. This should have been easy. However, there was an unexpected demand for the sheet, and with only 50 sheets being sold per day, the line up started very early and soon grew to the point that control and order of the line became a problem.

It was decided that the sheets would be sold to the first 50 people when the show opened. The first morning, the scene looked more like a riot shot for a newscast — people running toward the booth, weaving between other people and booths, pushing and

*On one of the last days of the Philatelic Exhibition, four members of the SFPD Mounted Unit attended to the Moscone Centre in their dress uniform. It made quite a sight: two Red Serge members flanked by four Blue Serge members.*

*Photos courtesy of Canada Post*



yelling. Obviously, this had not been a good idea. The “team” opted for the idea of a lottery — to have people fill out cards with their name and to draw 50 cards from the drum. This approach seemed to work the best — although it needed some minor adjustments as the week progressed. By the time the exhibition ended, we had more than a thousand names in the drum. Talk about crowd control!

With so many people at the booth, it was often difficult to keep track of all the items displayed on the counters. Unfortunately for our booth and a few others, some of the items simply “walked away.” But with two Mounties at the Canadian booth, should anything go missing, it was supposed to be simple to find the culprits. After all, don’t we “always get our man?” However, when our “cancel” stamp disappeared while both Brenda and I were busy selling stamps, Kris from Canada Post came to the rescue and she finally “got her man.”

After the first week, we managed to take a bit of time off to see some of the San Francisco sights: Chinatown, Fisherman’s Wharf, Golden Gate Park and Macy’s. I met a member from the Marshall’s posse, who was able to arrange a tour of the SFPD facilities. Lt. Lon Ramlan, second i/c of the Training Academy took me on a tour of their administration building/court facilities, training academy, precincts and mounted division. I met many SFPD members and discovered that their agency which polices a large metropolitan area, has similar training, workload, and internal/external problems that the Force has, albeit on a much smaller scale. However, meeting members of the SFPD Mounted Division was the highlight of my tour. Formed in 1874, their Mounted Division has been active ever since. Although they perform similar Police Community

Relations duties as we do, they also work as an active enforcement unit throughout San Francisco.

As the exhibition drew to a close, the Canada Post “team” got together for some lasting memories. We were fortunate that Montréal’s Cirque du Soleil was playing across the bay in Oakland. Canada Post obtained prime seating and the event was truly a memorable one for us, complete with a limousine ride to and from the show. We also took in the Giants-Braves ball game at historic 3COM Park (Candlestick) — where the Braves won 9-5.

Soon enough, the show was over and we were dismantling the booth, counting stamps, placing them in boxes and loading them in containers for the return trip back to Canada. Our Canada Post team mates presented Brenda and me with some very impressive souvenirs: first- and last-day issue covers with a framed holographic stamp collection.

After packing suitcases — I had bought a larger one to hold the “good T-shirts” for the family back home — and catching a taxi to the airport, we watched San Francisco regress behind the fog bank. By the time we landed back in Regina, the trip was already fading into memory. But, thanks to Canada Post Corporation, Brenda and I made some lasting friendships, both in Canada and the United States.

And who knows? I hear that there is another exhibition coming up soon ...

*Okay, you need a first-day cover, an uncut press sheet, and the Superman collection. Is there anything else I can get for you?*

See, it really isn’t all that hard after all. ❖



# Toward the Next Millennium

by Ross Ingram  
Fredericton, New Brunswick

**T**he Fredericton Police Force, assisted by RCMP members of "J" Division, hosted the 92nd Conference of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) in Fredericton, August 23-28, 1997. The theme of the conference was police sciences and the part they will play in detecting crime "toward the next millennium".

The dividing line for the many tasks involved was hard to define during the conference, with both forces utilizing many members, ex-members and volunteers to organize and operate the gathering of over 700 delegates. The conference itself illustrated in a very real way that while the uniforms may be different, police from all parts of Canada — municipally, provincially and federally — are doing the same job and are facing the same problems. The cooperative effort which resulted from the 1997 conference in Fredericton underscores this common purpose.

In addition to the fact that A/Commr. J.D. Moodie is the current president of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, the official host for the 92nd CACP was Chief G.M. "Mac" Carlisle of the Fredericton Police Force, a former member of the RCMP. As with all conferences in the 92-year history of the CACP, the agenda included a mix of informative speakers, a full social program, and an opportunity to meet old and new friends. Under Conference Chairperson Eric Fiander and Conference Coordinator, Cst. Roger Shannon (both members of the Fredericton Police), 14 committee members carried out the planning of the conference over a period of at least a year. The RCMP liaison member of the committee was C/Supt. Garry Loeppky, CO, "J" Division.

New Brunswick was a fitting locale for the national conference. The Fredericton Police Force, with less than 100 members, is con-



*One of the most moving moments of the 1997 CACP Conference was the dedication of the New Brunswick Peace Officer's memorial, in Fredericton, August 24. The memorial commemorates 35 police officers who lost their lives while on duty in the province from 1892 to the present. C/Supt. Loeppky, presented Caroline Francis with a certificate in memory of her late husband, Cst. Tyler Francis, RCMP Oro-mocto Detachment, who lost his life in a traffic accident in 1996.*

sidered one of the most progressive in the country. It has been community-oriented since its inception in 1851 and continues in this tradition with the aid of today's technology. In addition to a state-of-the-art central station in downtown Fredericton, it has eight storefront and neighbourhood offices, with a total of 22 members situated in locations throughout the city. The Police Force's jurisdiction includes the St. Mary's First Nation, policed by two members, and one member who is stationed at the Fredericton High School, reportedly the largest school in the British Commonwealth.

The RCMP's "J" Division was a pioneer in the district policing concept as a new service delivery model. It was "J" Division members in New Brunswick who adopted the concept of district policing and through their efforts, district policing was fully implemented and replaced the former cumbersome chain of command. The Division then presented this model to a number of RCMP regions which responded directly to Headquarters in Ottawa, in an effort to share this initiative and glean other best practices from them and further enhance their policing services to the citizens they serve. ❖

## UNCIVPOL NEWS

# Friendships Defying Borders

by Cpl. R.M. Rix  
Kelowna, British Columbia

**I**N SEPTEMBER 1992, 15 RCMP members had joined a 30-person contingent in the former Yugoslavia, for United Nations Civilian Police duties. Ten members were posted to various areas of Sector South, the first Canadians in the area. Cst. Ted McCreary and Cpl. Bob Rix worked at Korenica Station, where they met police monitors from several other countries, as well as their two interpreters, Rada Steta and Marijana Kecic.

The interpreters proved to be an invaluable part of the Station, for without them the UNCIVPOL members could not possibly have dealt with the local civilians, police and military authorities in any meaningful way. As they placed a lot of trust in each other,

many UNCIVPOL members and their interpreters became good friends. Ted McCreary and Bob Rix spent many days and adventures with Rada; she became a very good friend and on numerous occasions they were very glad that she was. But this was not always easy, considering the emotional and physical turmoil that this war was causing them, their families and their country.

The members returned to Canada in May 1993 and although it was wonderful to be heading back home to their families, they found it difficult to leave their new friends. It was with much foreboding for their future that they said goodbye. In August 1995, the war in the Krajinian Region escalated and the people that Ted and Bob had known

became refugees. Then in September, Bob received a letter from Rada sent from the refugee camp where she, her family and 200 other refugees were surviving in a gymnasium. They and many others now had no choice but to try to start new lives in other parts of the world.

Ted and Bob kept up regular correspondence with Rada, as they started looking into the bureaucratic soup that goes with sponsoring refugees wishing to come to Canada. Finding a group willing to not only support a family monetarily, but to also assist in planning all the facets of life in Canada, was like hitting many brick walls. Bob was surprised to learn how many different types of groups were already supporting and working with refugee families from many different countries.

Bob's first contact with Immigration Canada was with Tricia Chmiel — a super gal — who explained all the ins and out of the refugee process, as well as putting him in touch with the St. Charles Garnier Catholic Church in Kelowna. In December, Bob spoke to the parish council and addressed the congregation on several occasions about the plight of Rada and her family. The response and enthusiasm displayed was overwhelming.

A refugee committee was formed and Bob had the privilege of working with one of the most intelligent, experienced and unselfish groups of people that anyone could hope to

find, especially considering that none of them had previously known Ted or Bob. The group raised money, donated furniture, clothes, dishes and many other necessities. Although the sponsor group was ready for the family in less than a month, the bureaucracy was not nearly as speedy. It was an emotional roller coaster for the Stetas, as they waited many months for their interviews and approval to emigrate to Canada.

Finally, on November 20, 1996, Bob received a call from Rada saying that they would be arriving in Vancouver on November 30. The sponsor group swung into action, and in the next ten days, arrangements were made for their hotel accommodation in Vancouver and air tickets to Kelowna; an apartment was also found in Kelowna and furnished.

The Stetas were surprised by the welcome they received. It was very satisfying for Ted, who of course had travelled from Vegreville, Alberta, and for Bob to be able to help Rada and her family after the friendship and help that she had given them during their tour of duty in the former Yugoslavia. None of this would have been possible without the advice, encouragement and assistance of their families, Canada Immigration, Cpl. Bob Cook, "D" Division (who has also arranged sponsorship for a couple), the Kelowna Multicultural Society, the St. Charles Garnier Parish, the Rudas and Gugolj families (previous refugees from the former Yugoslavia) and their many friends. ❖

*The Stetas left Belgrade and travelled by bus to Budapest, where they flew to Amsterdam and then to Vancouver. They were very tired and jet-lagged when they arrived at Kelowna airport at 8:15 in the morning. Their luggage, consisting of a knapsack and one suitcase — not much compared to what we take for granted in Canada — was late, of course, and arrived two days later. (L-R): Cpl. Bob Rix, Zarko, Dusco, Dorde, Cpl. Ted McCreary and Rada.*





# 1948 RCMP Musical Ride Revisited

by ex-Sgt. W.J.H. Poole

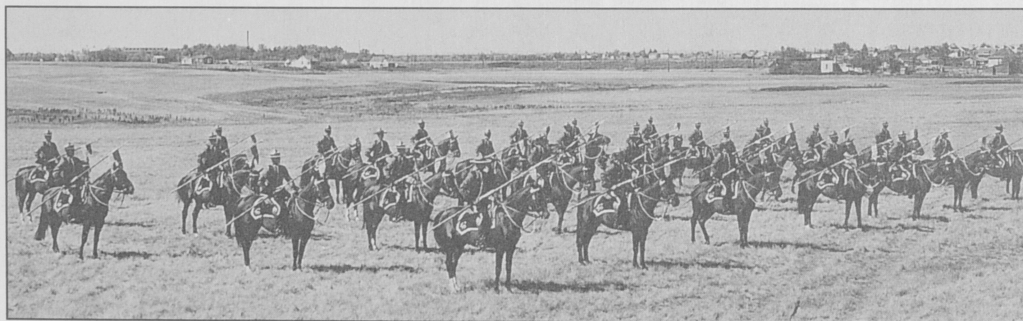
The outbreak of the Second World War in September 1939, suspended the performances of the RCMP Musical Ride. After the War, public appeals through various organizations in Canada and the United States persuaded Commissioner S.T. Wood to re-establish the Ride in 1948. Over the past 50 years, many people have seen the Ride, and some more than once. Therefore, it would be redundant to go into the complete history of the Musical Ride and its make-up. It is germane, however, to say a few words about its evolution since 1948.

Since 1966, all members of the Musical Ride are volunteers with at least two years police experience. Selected volunteers undertake a five-week basic equitation course. At the conclusion, those who qualify are required to take an additional six months of training at the intermediate level. Riders who pass this test and meet all other requirements, join the Ride and remain with it for three years. The turn-over in riders is organized in such a way that, each year, approximately 33% of the Ride personnel were replaced by new volunteers. Until 1981, all the riders were males. By way of comparison, in 1948 those members ordered to report for training for

the Ride, had taken equitation as part of their regular training. They were relatively junior in service. Some had only recently completed their six months of training. None of the men or horses had ever before participated in the Musical Ride.

In June 1948, a message from RCMP Headquarters ordered Constables Robert Camm, Al Dye and Wm. J.H. Poole to immediately report to "Depot" Division, Regina, Saskatchewan, for training in the Musical Ride. The message reached us at Cornwall, Ontario, where for two weeks, we had been protecting the federal locks on the St. Lawrence Seaway because of a strike. Prior to this, we had been taking additional mounted training at the RCMP Training Centre at Rockcliffe, Ontario, after having just completed Part-Two Training.

We entrained for Regina. Regrettably, somewhere in the deep woods of northern Ontario, miles from nowhere, Al Dye came down with an attack of appendicitis. He was unloaded at the first town with a hospital — and missed the Ride — but later joined the RCMP Air Section as a pilot and did well.



*Lance Drill, "Depot"*

In "Depot" Division, Bob Camm and I became part of the group of young constables quickly pulled together to learn the intricacies of the Musical Ride. Members selected to participate came from all across Canada. Most were in their late teens, a few in their very early twenties. Two or three had seen service in the Second World War. Constable Robert Simmonds was one. Many years later, he would become Commissioner of the RCMP.

We were paraded and told that we were fortunate to have been chosen for the Ride. And as this was the *first* RCMP Musical Ride since 1939, the reputation of the Force would be riding with us in our saddles. Therefore, we would train, train, train and in between do a lot of physical exercises (P.T.) to keep in top form.

Our riding instructor, Riding Master Reg. No. 11632, S/Sgt. C. Walker was a former British cavalry officer with a great deal of experience in musical rides. He emphasized that we only had until September to get ready. We would rehearse daily, but not on weekends because the poor horses would need a rest.

Our horses came from the Rockcliffe and Regina stables. They were all black — a first for the Musical Ride. However, 16 had some white markings on their faces or legs, and a few were brownish black. Breeding a true black is difficult. My horse, Rebel, was all black except for a small white splash on his front leg.

We were told by Insp. William Dick, who was in charge of the Ride, that we must be ready to leave Regina for the United States by September 28. We would perform in Portland, Oregon; Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; New York City, and Toronto. After that, we would be returning to "Depot" Division, where the Ride would be disbanded and its members posted to the various Divisions across Canada.

S/Sgt. Walker had his work cut out for him. However, he was ably assisted by riding staff from "Depot" Division — who also would

accompany the Ride — in the persons of Reg. No. 10980, Cst. G.A. Cutting and Reg. No. 12624, Cst. W.G. Stevens. The Band Conductor (local bands were to be used) was Reg. No. 13077, Sgt. E.J. Lydall.

Hour after hour, day after day, week after week men and horses trained hard to attain an acceptable degree of proficiency. Long hours of rehearsal were required, for the figures in the Ride demand the utmost control, timing and coordination.

September at last. We were pronounced ready. A farewell dance with a roomful of scarlet tunics and pretty formal dresses took place at the Post Gymnasium on the evening of September 24. On September 28, we left Regina via Canadian Pacific Railway for the United States. It required two Pullman cars, two horse cars and one baggage car to move us.

Our arrival in Portland, Oregon was covered by the media: *Royal Canadian Mounties arrived unassumingly at Union Station Thursday by iron horse. But wait until they get on their horses and into the ring ... They last were here in 1936.* Our accommodation was at the Portland Hotel; as I recall, we were three or four to a room. Portland proved to be a most hospitable city; its officials treated us well.

We were up early each morning and in bed early each night. We cleaned the stable, groomed our horses, looked after our saddles and equipment, polished our boots, buttons and Sam Browne, and made sure that our uniforms would pass inspection. Keeping the famous Red Serge clean was rather difficult; it marked easily.

The horses were well stabled in the show building. The curious were so numerous that, eventually, our area had to be roped off in order that we could get some work done. In the stable, we had the opportunity to become acquainted with some of the other performers participating in the "Pacific International Horse Show and Rodeo" — a combination of 13 horse shows and rodeos plus a great display of livestock and country exhibits.

Our first performance was the evening of October 1, before a full house. It went well. Led by Inspector Dick, the Ride entered the arena to the playing of *The Maple Leaf Forever*. The gleaming black coats of the horses, the scarlet tunics of the riders, the polished leather, the lances from which fluttered red and white pennons, all served to create a colourful scene much admired by an applauding audience.

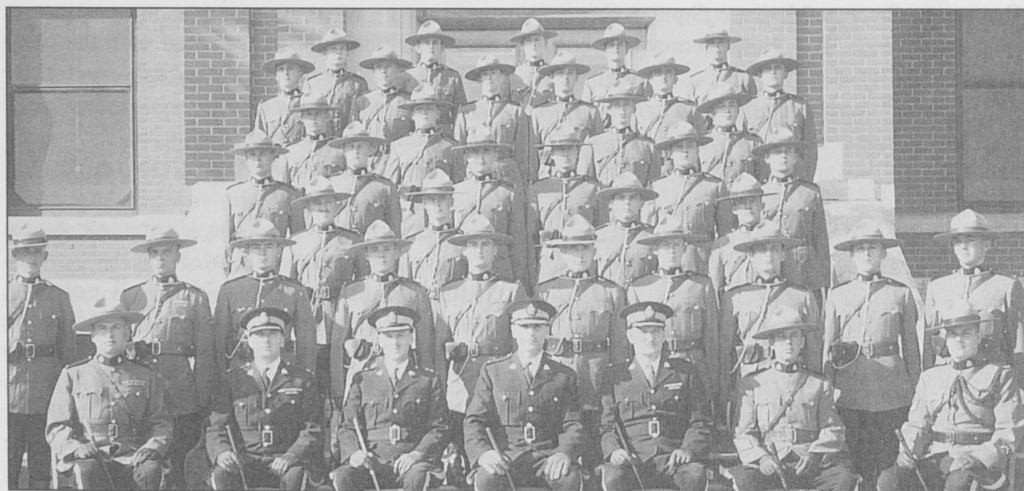
We gave matinee and evening performances. During the time “on stage”, one worked up quite a sweat brought on by the concentration, stress, and worry that you might foul up by not keeping your position and timing in some of the more intricate figures, by colliding with another rider, by dropping your lance during lance drill, or by losing your hat. Once, while riding at the trot alongside the boards of the arena, someone with a ringside seat deliberately slapped the boards hard as we rode by creating an explosive sound. My startled horse, Rebel, jumped sideways, but I was not unseated much to the disappointment of the board banger. There was a bit of professional jealousy among the various performers at the exposition.

On October 10, we left the “City of Roses” for Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Our superiors seemed pleased with us. The Union Pacific train rolled east through scenic countryside. It was a great thrill for many of us who had not had the opportunity to travel outside of

Canada. The train crew treated us very well. All we had to do was look after the horses, eat, sleep and watch the scenery flashing by. At the many stops along the way, there was much curiosity about us when we got out to stretch our legs. The trip was harder on the horses than on the men, and this was evident when we finally arrived at Harrisburg on October 14. But in terms of accommodations in the State Farm Show buildings where horses and men were housed, the horses did better than the men.

Our sleeping quarters were in a big, empty warehouse in which iron cots had been set up. Someone had put out the word that we were a tough organization — that members of the early North-West Mounted Police had slept on the standard issue of planks of wood laid across trestles. Some slept this way for 15 years before proper beds were issued. But it is also true that these Mounties had complained for years, saying that it was the most unpleasant construct on which it had ever been their bad luck to seek relaxation and repose. But we did not complain. Everything was just too exciting. And once you had fallen asleep — which was very easy after a hard day — what difference did it make?

The Pennsylvania National Horse Show ran October 18-23. We performed the Ride 11 times. The newspapers praised the RCMP when describing opening night. They wrote, ... *the most heart-warming welcome*



*Musical Ride, 1948*



was reserved for the Mounties. They (RCMP) gave a thrilling demonstration of horsemanship. The crowd was breathless as they watched riders and horses charge madly down the arena, lances glistening, in the grand finale of their performance. And the crowd rose as one to applaud the Mounties as they rode past in well dressed ranks and saluted the guest of honour.

Again, well-known, generous American hospitality was front and centre. The Pennsylvania State Police invited us to a luncheon in their barracks. The Troopers wore Stetson hats and rode horses so we had this in common. They were a most impressive body of men.

Early one morning, we were loaded onto a bus and driven to Gettysburg. En route, most of us slept; it seemed that we could never catch up on our sleep. At Gettysburg, we visited the National Military Park, the site of the battle that marked the turning point of the American Civil War. We were shown the battle on an interesting model of the terrain with miniatures of the Union and Confederate forces. By means of small lights that could be turned on and off, we were able to follow the strategies involved and the progress of the battle. We toured the actual battlefield where well-informed guides pointed out important sites. It was a first-class outing, both educational and interesting.

On October 30, we moved on to New York City to perform at Madison Square Garden, November 3–9. We were somewhat anxi-

ous — so was our riding master — as this was no small-town audience; New Yorkers can be very critical.

We first participated in a parade — a very long parade — which took us down Fifth Avenue, across Times Square to the Garden. At Madison Square Garden, we found that our stable was a large tent — a marquee — on a parking lot, close to the Garden and just behind a hospital. One side benefit to our somewhat unsatisfactory stable were the nurses; when we were working outside the tent (stable), dressed in our T-shirts and fatigues, nurses could be seen at the windows waving, calling out and whistling. We whistled and waved right back. After all, we were supposed to be good-will ambassadors.

At first, we thought that we had it better than the horses in terms of accommodations, but not so. Although we were accommodated in a nice hotel, the Hotel Lincoln near the heart of Times Square and about a 15-minute walk from the Garden, they stacked us five or six to a room originally intended for one or two people.

The print media gave us a lot of coverage: *The Mounties Are Coming* trumpeted the headlines. And our pictures were in the papers. *Girls delight in conversing with these tall, well-built and uniformed showmen from across the border.* Our colleague, Don Wilson of Toronto, had his photograph taken with “les girls” and published in the newspaper. He was the envy of all of us.

Another photograph appeared with the comment: *Here the Mounties fresh from their triumph in Portland and Harrisburg rehearse the bridal arch formation.* Ah yes, fresh from their triumph does have a certain ring to it.

We performed twice a day during our stay at the Garden, for a total of 16 performances. Although keeping ourselves well polished, our horses groomed and tac in good shape required long hours of work, we managed to get around and see some of the famous sights. The Canadian Club of New York invited the Ride to the Waldorf-Astoria for lunch. Our hosts were prominent businessmen who were most hospitable and exhibited



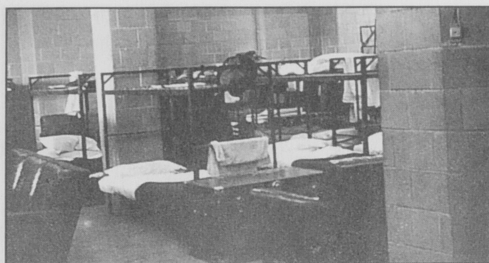
*Leaving Harrisburg*

great interest in us. When one of them asked us to describe "The Charge" — which he correctly understood to have been taken directly from a cavalry movement in battle — we told him how the Ride forms up at one end of the arena in two ranks; how the horses, knowing what was coming, display much nervous energy, pawing the tanbark and snorting; then impatiently await the clear, high trumpet call of "The Charge" followed by a long drum roll. Riders in the front rank then quickly remove their lances from their buckets and put them at the "Engage" — or as one reporter wrote, the "attack" position — and at the signal from the lead rider all the horses spring into a full gallop and race each other to the far end of the arena, spurred on by the blood-curdling yells of their riders. Again, the trumpet can be heard as it sounds "The Rally" which directs the flanks to wheel outward to lead the cantering troop back into formation (this is no longer done) at the starting point ... ending with the very orderly and dignified "March Past."

We performed well in New York, except for one mishap. One evening, as we executed "The Charge," two horses entangled legs and went down with their riders tumbling into the tanbark. Fortunately, no one was hurt. One horse was caught, mounted, and took its place; the other horse also took its proper place in the ranks despite the absence of its rider, and smartly participated in the "March Past." This sort of gave the game away, as it was obvious to the audience that the horses knew the figures as well as their riders, if not better.

It was also in New York City that Sgt. Lydall, who had successfully coped with whatever Bands came his way during the tour, was forced to turn a New York orchestra into a band, and did so, until the trumpet player decided to play the call for "The Charge" in swing time. Perhaps it was this that put the two horses off their timing and caused them to entangle legs.

On November 10, we left New York City for Toronto. By this time, the tedium of the performances was beginning to show in both the men and the horses. Constant repetition will do this. But we wanted to do well in Canada.



*Accommodation at Harrisburg, PA*

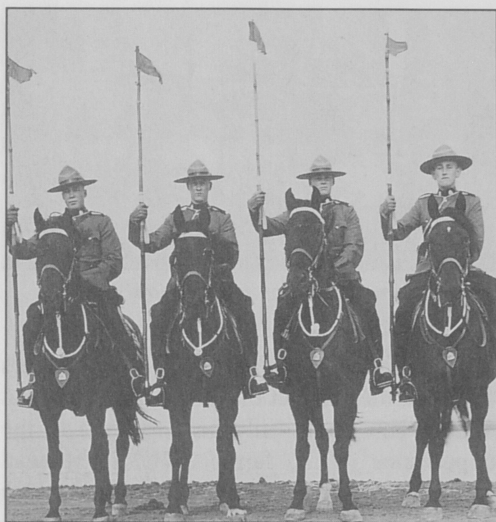
The media had stroked us. The newspapers said that the sell-out of all seats at the Royal Winter Fair could only be attributed to the appearance of the famous RCMP Musical Ride, ... *the same thrilling display which brought blasé New Yorkers to their feet shouting 'Encore!'*" And here all the time we thought that New Yorkers, watching wild-eyed horses galloping straight at them, carrying screaming riders with sharp-pointed lances in the attack position, were scrambling to their feet yelling, "Look out!!!"

Our accommodations on the fairgrounds in Toronto provided the novelty of double-deck iron cots.

As part of a large parade, we rode through the streets of Toronto, from the fairgrounds to City Hall, to be welcomed by the Mayor and members of the City Council. As there were a few days between our arrival and our first performance, we were able to exercise the horses and loosen up somewhat.

On November 16, we gave our first performance and it went well. The crowd gave us a standing ovation. Even the horses perked up. We gave 13 performances in all. At one evening performance, a rider lost his Stetson; by chance, it landed close to the middle of the arena. The 32 horses went through all the rest of the intricate crisscrossing manoeuvres and not one horse stepped on the Stetson. The next day, the newspapers reported how the RCMP had shown off their riding skills by dropping a hat plumb in the centre of the ring where it lay, untouched, throughout the rest of the performance. Bravo! Of such is an illusion created.

And so ended the 1948 Musical Ride. S/Sgt.



(L-R): Csts Combs, Poole, Chanin and English.

*Photos courtesy of W.J.H. Poole*

Walker and most of the members of the Ride left immediately for Regina; the remainder went to Ottawa taking the horses with them. As quickly as we had been cobbled together to perform the Musical Ride, we were to be just as quickly disbanded.

Before the horses left, riders, trying to be quite casual about it, said a quiet goodbye to their horses — with heads buried in the neck of one we had depended upon so much over the past many months, we whispered our thanks and goodbyes through emotionally choked throats. A last sugar cube ... a kiss planted on a soft muzzle ... a pat on the rump ... and then we turned and walked away for the last time.

On a cold morning in early December, we were lined up in ranks in the gymnasium at "Depot." One by one, our names were called out and our postings announced: Cst. R. Camm — who in 1951 would be judged the most photogenic RCMP member dressed in Red Serge (*See article entitled, "A Family's History in Scarlet" in the "Quarterly" Summer 1997, Vol. 62, No. 3 — Editor.*), and whose picture would be used in recruiting campaigns, on postcards, menus, cups and saucers, etc. up to the 1970s — to "J" Division (Fredericton, New Brunswick); Cst. K.E. Horwood to "F" Division (Prince Albert, Saskatchewan); Cst W.J.H. Poole to

"F" Division (Swift Current), and so it went until all the members of the Ride had their new marching orders.

There were handshakes all around and promises made to keep in touch. After months together in the crucible of public scrutiny, bonds had been formed. For the rest of our lives, we would remember that we had ridden together in the *first* RCMP Musical Ride since 1939. In that context, we had been trail blazers together.

The following Constables served on the 1948 RCMP Musical Ride:

Reg. No. 15067, B.H.M. Armstrong; Reg. No. 15328, M.H.B. Beck; Reg. No. 14966, G.C. Caldbick; Reg. No. 15278, R. Camm; Reg. No. 15329, D.K. Chanin; Reg. No. 15288, A.J. Coombs; Reg. No. 14953, S.C. Cousins; Reg. No. 15325, T.E. Devries; Reg. No. 15144, J.C. Dowie; Reg. No. 15343, C.F. English; Reg. No. 15283, I.D. Fisher; Reg. No. 15332, D.A. Fraser; Reg. No. 15281, K.E. Horwood; Reg. No. 14891, A. Jensen; Reg. No. 15258, S.E. Kary; Reg. No. 15319, N. Lévesque; Reg. No. 15323, C.A.L. Liboiron; Reg. No. 15324, H.B. Mercer; Reg. No. 15327, J.D.M. Pellerin; Reg. No. 15255, J.E.R. Perrier; Reg. No. 15344, R.A. Peterson; Reg. No. 15310, W.J.H. Poole; Reg. No. 15334, J.A.J. Prieur; Reg. No. 15330, A.E. Schmidt; Reg. No. 14885, R.H. Simmonds; Reg. No. 14849, G.J. Smith; Reg. No. 15335, W.R. Snobelen; Reg. No. 15336, R.M. Stunden; Reg. No. 15318, D.W. Thurston; Reg. No. 15320, R.A. Vaughan; Reg. No. 15142, D.S.F. Waddell; Reg. No. 15337, V.D.R. Wilson; Reg. No. 15112, R.L. Woodfin

**POST SCRIPT:** I received a memorandum dated May 4, 1949, from RCMP Headquarters inquiring if I would like to serve on the 1949 Musical Ride that was in the process of being organized. I wasn't the only one who declined with thanks. While we were grateful to the Force for having given us a unique opportunity in 1948, we wanted to get on with what we had joined up to do — police work. ❖



*A Real Canadian Hero*

# Superintendent Samuel B. Steele

North-West Mounted Police  
1873-1901

By C.B. Evans, from an article written by  
Reverend Gerry McMillan, Orillia, Ontario

Simcoe County is known for its many famous people who have been a real part of Canadian history. One of its greatest sons is Samuel Benfield Steele, who Robert Stewart called “The Lion of the Frontier” was born January 5, 1851, at Purbrook, Ontario.

According to Pierre Berton, Sam Steele saw more of Canada and Canadian history than any man or woman of his time — not as a mere observer, but as a participant and usually as one of the central figures — and that his reputation remained impeccable. Berton quotes a 1907 *Manitoba Free Press* article which said “Although there are few living men who have met more men in conflict than Colonel Steele has met in his 40 years of soldiering, there is none who has fewer enemies.”

## Family Background

Samuel Benfield Steele was the fourth son of Elmes Steele, a retired captain of the Royal Navy who was one of the six sons of Dr. Steele of Coleford, Gloucestershire, England. His brother, Colonel Samuel Steele had served at the capture of Quebec in 1759. Elmes Steele had served in the British Navy during the Napoleonic Wars and later retired to the south of France. He had married Elizabeth Coucher of Bath, whose family owned the property that is now 10 Downing

Street, in London, the official residence of the British Prime Minister. But life was unsettled and the Steeles fled France during the Revolution in 1830.

In 1832, along with many other retired British officers, Elmes Steele took up an offer provided by Governor John Colborne, a hero of the Napoleonic Wars, to receive a land grant in Upper Canada. On the 1,000 acres allotted to him in Ontario’s beautiful Simcoe County, Elmes Steele built a huge cedar house with big verandas. He named this homestead Purbrook after the birthplace



*Supt. Sam Steele, circa 1880.*

*No. FS.220.714*

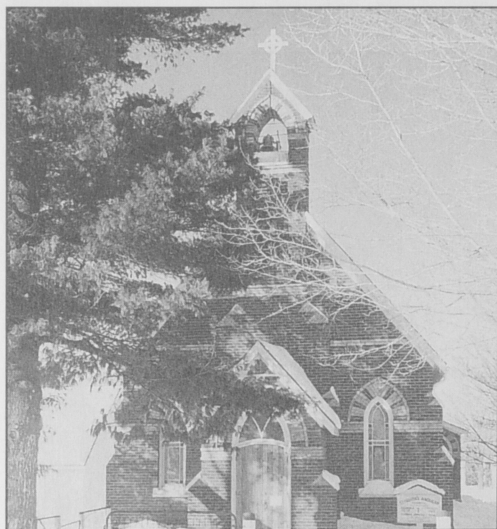
*Courtesy of the Fort Steele Heritage Town Archives*

of his wife and to benefit the community, Elmes donated land, and financed and assisted in the construction of Medonte County's first Anglican Church — St. John's Anglican Church, west of Orillia, which still serves as a house of worship today.

Elmes served as a magistrate, a Minister of the Assembly and a colonel in the local militia. Elmes Steele was 51 when he came to Canada and tragically, 14 years later in 1846, his wife died. Two years after that, he married Anne MacDonald of Islay, Scotland.

Their first child was born at Purbrook, on January 5, 1851, and was christened Samuel Benfield — Samuel, after his paternal great-grandfather, and Benfield, after his paternal grandmother's family. When Samuel was only nine years old, his mother died and Elmes moved his family to Orillia. Up to that time, Elmes had tutored his children from his vast personal library. Samuel attended a private school while they lived in Orillia, where he was at the top of the class.

When Samuel Steele was 11, his family moved back to the country and he became a skilled woodsman. He loved the outdoors. In his book, *Sam Steele, Lion of The Frontier*,



*St. John's Anglican Church, west of Orillia, Ont., is located on land donated by Samuel Steele's father.*

*Photo by Rev. G. McMillan*

Robert Stewart said that with his interest in fishing and hunting, Samuel was like a Canadian Tom Sawyer. In his autobiography, *Forty Years in Canada*, Steele tells about how he learned his shooting and horse-riding in the Township of Oro under the auspices of some of his cousins, namely Hugh Clark and J.B. Clark with whom he roamed the woods and built boats and rafts. Steele also mentioned that the MacLan Clan were kind comrades and teachers. Samuel's older half-brother, John Coucher Steele, was an old-fashioned sportsman who became a mentor and a role model to his younger brother, teaching him many things, especially to ride spirited horses.

### **Fenian Campaign**

Samuel was only 14 years old when his father, Capt. Elmes Steele passed away, in 1865. At that time, the Fenians — a branch of the revolutionary Irish independence movement — were trying to invade Canada from points in the United States, in an attempt to regain home rule in their land.

The elders of Clarksburg, west of Collingwood, approached Sam Steele to command the local militia. Although he was not very old, he was fully qualified for the job. The elders were impressed with his attitude and believed there was no one more qualified for the position than this young man standing before them. Could it be possible that these elders already saw a glimpse of Samuel Steele's future?

At the age of 15, Steele, a slim, fair haired, energetic and reliable young man, was appointed ensign with the 35th Regiment (Simcoe Foresters) of the Canadian Militia and served with them in 1866 against the Fenians. Although he didn't see any action, Sam Steele received excellent officer-training.

In 1867, Samuel Steele found work at Mr. Turnbull's store in Clarksburg. But as Pierre Berton says in his book, *The Wild Frontier*, "It's difficult to imagine a man of Steele's temperament in such a post; his main interest was in the militia."

## Red River Expedition

News soon arrived from Western Canada about the climate of political unrest in the Red River Colony (southern Manitoba). Canada wanted to make the region a sovereign part of the new country, however, the Métis under Louis Riel had other plans. An insurgency soon arose and an Orangeman, Thomas Scott, was executed.

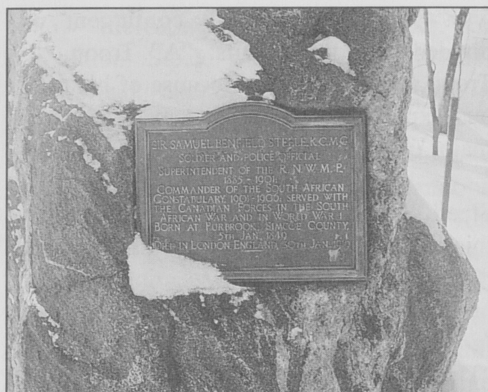
It wasn't long before reports of Scott's death reached Ontario. Sam Steele went to Manitoba as a member of the First Ontario Rifles militia unit which joined the Red River Expedition in 1870. He was offered an officer's position, which he turned down and instead became a private so that he could obtain more experience. Sam Steele served as part of Colonel Garnet Wolseley's Expedition, attempting to bring law and order to the volatile situation surrounding the first Riel disturbance.

When he returned, he enlisted in Canada's new permanent force, "A" Battery, Royal Canadian Artillery, at Kingston, in 1871. Because of his hard work and diligence, he was promoted to sergeant in "A" Battery. While attending school in Orillia, Steele had learned French and this had become very beneficial for him. In time, he became an instructor of a French artillery unit in Quebec.

## Joining the NWMP

In 1873, the Government of Canada raised the North-West Mounted Police (NWMP) to maintain order in Western Canada. Although such a force had been in the planning stages of Prime Minister John A. Macdonald's government for a long time, it wasn't until the tragic news of the Cypress Hills Massacre in southern Saskatchewan reached Ottawa that the government felt compelled to take immediate action and form the NWMP. Already a man reputed for his strength and courage, Steele enlisted in the new force as troop sergeant-major upon its creation in 1873. He was among the first 41 officers to leave Collingwood, Ontario, on October 6, 1873, aboard the Cumberland.

The West was a lawless place and Sam



*This rock, on the former Steele homestead in Medonte Township, west of Orillia, Ont., bears an historical plaque in memory of Sir Samuel Steele.*

*Photo by Rev. G. McMillan*

Steele, along with the first contingent, was ready to meet the challenge. Samuel Benfield Steele was the third officer to enlist with the NWMP and would become one of the most famous and colourful figures in the annals of Mounted Police history.

As one of the first recruits stationed at Lower Fort Garry, near Winnipeg, Steele's militia training and experience enabled him to take a prominent part in the organizing and training of this new Force. He became the chief equestrian instructor. Not only did he teach men how to ride, he could handle broncos quite well himself. "Simcoe Sam" as he was fondly called, was a man of energy and courage who was highly respected by his men. A firm-set jaw and a look in his sharp but kindly eyes immediately stamped him as a born leader of men.

In 1874, the second contingent of new recruits of the NWMP arrived from the United States and camped at Dufferin — now the town of Emerson, Manitoba. They had travelled by train across the U.S. to Fargo, North Dakota, and from there by foot and horseback. Led by Samuel Steele, they would become a part of the famous June 1874 March West to Western Canada.

Commencing at Dufferin, the column of Mounties travelled for a thousand miles westward, establishing police posts along the



way. The entire NWMP contingent was divided into three units: "A" Troop, "B" Troop and "C" Troop. Because of his previous experience, Steele was made sergeant-major of "A" Troop.

Steele's leadership was invaluable in helping this novice force cope with the difficult challenge of traversing the seemingly endless prairie to Fort Edmonton. In *Samuel Steele, Lion of the Frontier*, Robert Stewart says, "That day has left us with one of the most unforgettable spectacles in Canadian history (...) In their full dress of red coats with white helmets and gauntlets, brass buttons and fittings on the trim, and well-carried mounts festooned with polished leather, the Mounted Police column, stretching two-and-a-half miles, was a magnificent sight (...) it was Samuel Steele's "A" Troop on dark horses that led the column over the rolling prairie in dazzling sunlight."

Samuel Steele's duties with the NWMP were varied. He had a good name throughout his career, as officers continually spoke well of him. During the great March West, Steele and Insp. W.D. Jarvis left the main group and set out for Edmonton with some men and supplies on a most difficult journey. The horses grew weak because of the lack of pasture and the latter part of the trip was almost impossible. The men had to cut down trees, even build bridges to get through. In A.L. Haydon's book, *The Riders of the Plain*, Jarvis is quoted from his report to the Commissioner of the NWMP, "I wish partially to bring your attention to the names of a Sgt. Major Steele and Cst. Labelle. Sgt. Major Steele has been undeviating in his efforts to assist me and he has also done the manual labour of at least two men."

Steele's name would also be added to the Who's Who of those involved in the settlement of the Canadian West, a list which includes Sitting Bull, James Morrow Walsh, Jerry Potts, Crowfoot and many others. In *Wild Frontier* Pierre Berton says, "Over the next decade, as Steele rose from sergeant-major to inspector, he occupied a riverside

seat at the drama of the emerging North West. He was present when the three great treaties were signed with the Plains Indians, at Fort Pitt, Fort Carlton and Fort McLeod. He was one of the few white men privileged to witness the so-called sun dance of the Blackfoot Indians in the Cypress Hills."

Steele went on to meet the great Chief Sitting Bull who had just arrived in Canada after the Custer Massacre. He would have also been one of those who witnessed the last of the great buffalo herds. When the Marquis of Lorne became the first governor to visit the prairies, Steele was there to welcome him.

Orillia's famed native son also rubbed shoulders with Canada's elite. In his book, *Wild Frontier*, Pierre Berton says, "Once again, Sam Steele was to occupy a reserved seat at the stage of history. On November 6, 1886, a train from eastern Ontario picked him up at Revelstoke. In its private cars *Matapedia* and *Saskatchewan* were several of the great figures in the drama of Canadian railway construction, massive bearded men in dark, formal wool — W.C. Van Horne, Sandford Fleming and Donald Smith. (...) The next morning, standing in the shroud of the mountain mist, with fresh snow dropping from the firs, Steele watched while Smith hammered in the last spike and Van Horne made his famous speech." Berton says it was typical that Steele chose to remain faceless. He is not seen in the famous picture, "The Last Spike in B.C."

### Terror to the Lawless Element

During the construction of the Canadian Pacific railway in 1878, Insp. Steele, was a terror to the lawless element. In charge of the CPR mobile detachment, his duties required constant attention and energy to maintain law and order amongst the construction gang's camp followers which included criminals, thugs, fugitives and wanted men. His assignment was most difficult, since his jurisdiction was 20 miles wide — ten miles on either side of the tracks. If a violent occurrence took place, reinforcements were quite distant, and he had only 25 men.

In one instance, a riot broke out after a construction crew of 1,200 men who did not receive their pay stopped working on the railroad. The government was facing a financial crisis with the building of the railway, so money wasn't available. In his report to the Commissioner of the NWMP, Steele stated that he told the workers that the manager of the construction company was doing all he could and they should return to their camps and wait. He also warned the workers that if they resorted to violent protests they would face severe punishment.

In a related incident, some of Steele's men finally captured a drunk and disorderly offender, and had to shoot a man in the shoulder who attempted to interfere in the apprehension. A violent crowd bearing guns and knives followed them to the police barracks to try and free the prisoner. The agitated mob immensely outnumbered the police.

Steele, who had been suffering from an attack of Rocky Mountain spotted fever — one of the most dangerous and mysterious diseases of that time — leaped from his sick bed, rifle in hand, to read the *Riot Act* and warned that, if necessary, he would use force to preserve the peace. The crowd hesitated and hung back, for Samuel Steele had a reputation as a man of his word. It would have been very dangerous for any person to make a move. There were plenty of guns facing Steele that day, yet no one had the nerve to shoot. The riot collapsed before the strength of Steele.

Steele and his men arrested the contractor and ringleaders, fining them each \$100. The strike was over.

At the outbreak of the North West Rebellion in 1885, Steele had organized and commanded a group called "Steele's Scouts" which proved to be a highly effective mounted force. A year later, he was summoned to hunt down the Wood Crees and Big Bear's band — Big Bear and his warriors had massacred nine people at Frog Lake during the beginning days of the Saskatchewan rebellion of

1886 — defeating them at Loon Lake. For this action, Steele was mentioned in dispatches and was subsequently promoted to the rank of superintendent.

In an area stretching from the Manitoba border to Lake Superior then called Rat Portage — today's Kenora — was the government centre for northwestern Ontario. Each province, Manitoba and Ontario, claimed possession of the land. Both provinces had a magistrate in Rat Portage and each one had loyal followers and officials who wanted to arrest the others. Robert Stewart said this easily could have been a comic situation. However, it could also have resulted in grave troubles for the railway.

Prime Minister John A. Macdonald didn't see it as a humorous event at all and brought the matter before the Privy Council in London, England, and by name requested the help of Sam Steele. In his autobiography, *Forty Years in Canada*, Steele said he was in Medicine Hat, Alberta, when he received a telegram from the Prime Minister asking him to take a group of police officers to Rat Portage.

Steele selected a group of choice men and since much of the work could be done on foot, he didn't plan on bringing horses. When he and his men arrived in Winnipeg en route to Rat Portage, they found that the "storm" in northwestern Ontario had blown over. It seemed that news had travelled to Rat Portage about the eminent arrival of the police and the matter had been quickly settled.

This incident was the first time that the NWMP was about to act in an area outside its jurisdiction. No doubt this event foreshadowed the days when the Mounted Police would become a national police service.

In 1887, Steele led an expedition of Mounted Police to the Kootenay district of B.C. to settle a serious dispute over land between the Indians and whites. Steele with his diplomacy and tact, and yet unwavering strength, was soon able to settle the affair. While in the Kootenays Steele and his men built Fort Steele



*Materials from Steele's childhood home, Purbrook, were used to construct this roadside facility. The house in the distance replaces the former Steele residence.*

*Photo by Rev. G. McMillan*

which today is a provincial historic site.

From 1888-1898, Supt. Steele commanded the Macleod district, a territory embracing lands of the proud Blackfoot and border country frequented by international horse thieves, cattle rustlers, outlaws and smugglers. There couldn't have been a better man in charge, for he mixed strength with compassion, efficiency with common sense.

### **Klondike Gold Rush**

The first discovery of gold at Forty Mile, 40 miles north of Dawson, in 1886, had attracted 700 men. William Ogilvie, a Canadian government surveyor, was concerned for the Yukon, since there was no law enforcement except for the unruly miners' meetings. Ogilvie sent word to Ottawa asking that a police force be dispatched. Then in 1893, Bishop William Bompas of the Church of England sent a complaint to Ottawa stating that the whites were demoralizing the natives and he also stated the need for police presence.

Stan Horrall, former RCMP historian and author of *The Pictorial History of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police*, said the government realized that it couldn't continue to leave the area north of British Columbia unattended. Horrall said the government sent

NWMP Insp. Charles Constantine to investigate. Eventually, Constantine returned to Ottawa with a report stating a need for 40 to 50 officers. The government complied and the first police post was constructed at Forty Mile in 1895, and called Fort Constantine after its builder.

In August 1896, George Carmack registered a claim at the Forty Mile Detachment. Two days earlier, he and his friends Skukum Jim and Tagish Charlie had made a fantastic find. News of the find soon spread worldwide and the Yukon Gold Rush was on with thousands of visitors converging on the Yukon. To deal with the influx, the government set up an Administration Civil Authority and appointed former NWMP officer James Morrow Walsh as Commissioner. There were now 90 NWMP officers in the Yukon.

The NWMP was divided into two divisions in the Yukon: "H" Division (Tagish), under the command of Supt. Z.T. Wood, and "B" Division (Dawson) under Supt. Sam Steele's command. Leaving his family in Fort McLeod, Alberta, for the duration of his northern service, Supt. Sam Steele had arrived in the Yukon in 1898. When Steele first arrived at the foot of the Chilkoot Pass from Skagway, Alaska, he found a thousand men with supplies waiting to get across into the Yukon. Since there was no main border crossing, he built a NWMP detachment between the White and Chilkoot summits. As soon as people arrived, they'd see the Union Jack flying and realized that British rule had been implemented and there was law and order.

By 1899, Supt. Steele had tamed the dance halls and gambling dens of the boomtown of Dawson, thus assuring the safety and security of the original inhabitants and the newcomers to this formidable northern frontier. In his book, *Klondike*, Pierre Berton describes the contrast between Skagway, Alaska, where Soapy Smith and his lawless gang ruled, and the Yukon Territory, where the Mounted Police enforced the law. Steele was concerned about new travellers, as many had come unprepared. People were dying



from the elements and shortage of food. Dealing with this crucial situation, Steele proclaimed that every traveller entering the Yukon must have two months worth of provisions and \$500 or six months worth and \$200 — inevitably saving thousands of people's lives.

Many of the routes to the Yukon by land or water were extremely dangerous and people perished as boats were destroyed in hazardous places like White Rapids and Five Finger Rapids. Sam Steele was known for making up laws along the way, for the welfare of the people. He decreed that only experienced operators could run vessels in dangerous waters and that women and children had to portage around dangerous sections of the river. Steele also ensured that all boats were inspected and registered.

Samuel Steele and the NWMP had a tremendous impact upon the northern frontier of the Yukon. In his autobiography, Steele wrote, "The whole demeanour of the people changed the moment they crossed the summit. The pistol was packed in the valise and not used. The desperado changed his way and no one feared him." His devotion to duty and unswerving dedication to incorruptible enforcement of the law earned him the deepest respect in the Yukon. When Steele was replaced at Dawson in September of 1899, he had earned the title "Lion of the Yukon." Canada's fifth-highest mountain in Kluane National Park is named after him.

### Epilogue

Samuel Steele not only served in the NWMP with distinction, but with the outbreak of the South African War, he took leave from the Force and organized, trained and commanded Lord Strathcona's Horse regiment which performed outstanding service during the Boer War in South Africa. "The rough-riding colonel from Canada," as Steele became affectionately known, led his men into action winning distinction for the regiment and honours and awards for himself.

After the war, at the request of General Sir

Robert Baden Powell, Steele stayed in Africa to help create and command the South African constabulary, modelled on the North-West Mounted Police. His chivalry, judgment and diplomacy proved most effective in bringing peace to this beleaguered land.

Steele returned to a military career in Canada in 1907. In 1914, with the outbreak of the First World War, he was promoted Major General and soon took the Second Canadian Division over to England.

A man of superb leadership and service, Steele received the knighthood of the Order of St. Michael and St. George in 1918 and retired the following July after more than 50 years of service.

Major-General Sir Samuel Steele, KCMG, CB, MVO, died January 30, 1919, at Putney, England. Canada lost a legendary figure, a man of immense ability who never flinched from the duties he assumed to protect the safety and security of people, their communities and ultimately their way of life. At his request, he was buried in Winnipeg with full honours.

A little known fact is that Sam Steele's brothers also joined the fledgling NWMP in 1873, at Brockville. Reg. No. 18 (O.S. 7), Richard E. Steele served until 1882 and then farmed at Beaver Lake, Alberta. Richard E. Steele died in 1926 and was buried at Battleford, Saskatchewan. The other brother, Reg. No. 18A (O.S. 43), Godfrey M. Steele, served until 1878. He operated a livery stable at Fort Saskatchewan at the turn of the century and later lived in the Okanagan region, B.C. Godfrey Steele died in 1928 and was buried in the Westbank Cemetery, in Westbank, B.C. Both served in Steele's Scouts in the Northwest Rebellion of 1885. Sam Steele's nephew, Reg. No. 3490, Richard Steele — son of Richard E. Steele — served with the NWMP from 1900 to 1904.

Sam Steele has come to symbolize the Mounted Policeman of myth and legend, as portrayed in the recent television "Historical

Moment” series, for example. Sam Steele was, without question, a colossal man who was involved in all the major events of our history from 1873 to 1900.

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# Innovative Approach to Community Policing

by A/Cst. Russ Gourluck

The involvement of community volunteers as auxiliary constables is an established and accepted practice in hundreds of RCMP Detachments. This approach to community policing has proven to be of tremendous benefit to local communities, police offices, and the volunteers themselves.

Could a similar program be established in the area of Federal Policing? Two years ago, this was an interesting question with no clear answer. Today in “D” Division, the answer is a definite “yes.”

Since November 1996, the Force’s first Federal Auxiliary Constables have demonstrated that there is a role for volunteers in Federal Sections. The ten individuals have contributed thousands of hours and some very special talents in a wide range of Federal Policing activities. They have brought with them a variety of experiences and training from other environments that are now being utilized to the benefit of the Force.

Modelled on the Provincial Auxiliary Program in Manitoba, the Federal Program requires a minimum of two days each month

of the volunteers’ time (the actual average is much higher). The Federal Auxiliaries receive an initial 30 hours of training and are provided with a full uniform. Their role is not to replace regular members, but to broaden the range of skills and talents available in today’s complex policing environment. Often, the volunteers enable Sections to get work done that they otherwise wouldn’t have time to do, or to do a more thorough job in ongoing activities.

Response from the Federal Sections involved with the volunteers has been positive. Initially it took some time for both the Sections and the volunteers to clarify how these new people filling new roles would fit in. Acceptance came quickly, however, as the Federal members recognized that the volunteers could be of real assistance in their investigations.

The current Federal Auxiliaries in “D” Division come with a variety of backgrounds, including computer programming, insurance fraud investigation and accounting. One is a retired military officer with specialized experience in intelligence and surveillance, including photographic interpretation

and analysis. This background proved especially useful during Manitoba's "flood of the century" in the spring of 1997.

Another volunteer has extensive experience with various ethnic communities in Winnipeg that has proven to be an asset to the Immigration and Passport Section. A retired school principal has put his skills to work in helping with the administration of the auxiliary program and the design of an expanded training program. Yet another of these volunteers has an honours degree in Criminology, is on the verge of receiving her PhD in Sociology and has designed an Internet home page for her section.

How difficult was it to recruit enthusiastic and qualified volunteers? A one-time-only ad in two newspapers (one in each official language) resulted in over 300 applications. These were summarized and prioritized, and then submitted to interested Federal Sections. The Section Heads selected candidates to interview and were responsible for conducting security clearances for the successful applicants.

Beginning the program was not without its challenges. Because no provisions existed for the appointment of auxiliaries for Federal Policing, the "D" Division volunteers were sworn in as Supernumerary Special Constables with specialized duties as Auxiliary Constables. Because the Workers' Compensation insurance that covers provincial auxiliary constables does not apply in the federal program, private insurance coverage had to be obtained.

Another hurdle that had to be overcome was

the perception that Federal Policing is somehow "different" from Contract Policing. This, plus the fact that this was a brand-new program, made it difficult to visualize how volunteers could be of benefit to Federal Policing operations. To help counter this concern, a commitment was made by Insp. Chris Bothe (OIC, Federal Policing in "D" Division at the time, and originator of the concept) and Sgt. Bill Adams, who was given the responsibility of setting up the program. They pledged that this program would not be imposed on anyone. Federal Section Heads were involved in designing the program and were asked to select and interview candidates that they thought could make a contribution to their Sections. The result was a feeling of ownership for the program and a willingness to make it work.

However, not all Sections have bought into the concept. Others have come to realize that the work done by their volunteers has made a real difference and are actively interested in obtaining additional Federal Auxiliary Constables when the program expands.

The volunteers themselves enjoy being part of the program. They are pleased with the acceptance they have received from Federal Policing Section members and appreciate having the opportunity to apply their skills and experiences to a policing setting.

Interest in the "D" Division Federal Auxiliary Constable Program has been expressed by other Divisions. Further information about this program can be obtained by contacting Sgt. Bill Adams at "D" Division Community Policing Services. ♦



*On January 7, 1998, the Federal Auxiliary Constables were honoured at a reception given by the Commanding Officer of "D" Division, A/Commr. J.D. Moodie. (L-R): C/Supt. R.J. Embury, Insp. P.J. Thorne and W.K. Thorn, A/Csts R.K. Chohan, F.A. Beckwith, D.M. Daly, G.J. Szpak, J.E. Porter, D.B. Smuttell and R.W. Gourluck, Sgt. W.B. Adams, A/Cst. M.D. Peterson, Insp. B.C. Verheul, A/Commr. J.D. Moodie. Missing from photo: A/Csts K.S. Rankin and T.A. Milan.*

*Photo by Cpl. Bob Meihm*





# Book Reviews

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***THE ART OF PROFILING: READING PEOPLE RIGHT THE FIRST TIME***, by Dan Korem, International Focus Press, P.O. Box 1587, Richardson TX 75083, ©1997, \$29.95 ISBN 0-9639103-3-7

Anyone involved in dealing with people, whether from a police perspective or as a human resource officer or sales person, will be able to perform better if they can “read” people objectively and accurately. *The Art of Profiling: Reading People Right the First Time* is a book by investigative journalist Dan Korem which takes readers step by step through a series of exercises to develop this ability.

The Korem Profiling System focuses on the “talk” and the “walk” — how a person chooses to communicate, and how they perform on the job or make decisions. Using well-known public figures as examples, Korem illustrates certain actions and traits: Marlon Brando’s godfather character and the effervescent comedian Robin Williams demonstrate the extreme forms of communication, ranging from rigidly controlled to wildly expressive.

The book is more of a training manual than a documentary, with each chapter serving as a separate lesson, complete with exercises for personal application. Plenty of review and a variety of memorable examples reinforce each concept before moving on to the next. It’s not a book to rush through; some exercises are meant to be completed over a week’s time to ensure the reader grasps each concept well.

Korem cautions readers to work slowly and not to jump to conclusions. “You will misread people with greater frequency until you have more experience,” he advises. “People

are to be respected and cherished, so proceed carefully.” Korem instructs readers to choose their own subjects for profiling and compare their communication styles or performance styles with those of the public figures he gives as examples, so that the subjects can be “plotted” on scales. Users can complete the comprehensive profile to get a well-rounded picture of the subject.

The comprehensive profile which results will show a person’s strengths and weaknesses, as well as other tendencies. In addition, the book suggests the best ways to interact with the subject, whether one is selling ideas, products or services, handling confrontations, or interviewing the subject for possible employment. As added insurance, Korem points out possible reasons for misreading subjects, and describes profiles that are more common and those that are less likely to appear. He also describes 16 comprehensive profiles and how best to handle each one. Case histories for four different subjects demonstrate the usefulness of comprehensive profiles in solving problems.

Of particular value to police users are the suggestions and tips for interacting with different personalities — which approaches work best with each profile. Korem also shows how to work up a profile quickly when there is less time for analytical reflection.

*Reviewed by Brenda Zanin*

***SUBURBAN GANGS: THE AFFLUENT REBELS***, by Dan Korem, International Focus Press, P.O. Box 1587, Richardson TX 75083, ©1997 ISBN 0-9639103-1-0

As addressed in the book, gangs are not just an inner-city trend anymore; they are picking up speed in affluent communities. In the

summer of 1993, Korem, who is an internationally-recognized expert on gangs, spoke to several thousand youths at sports camps from across affluent communities in America about gangs and was shocked to find that many of the kids knew of people in gangs in their own neighbourhoods through personal contact.

With all of their research and documentation done, Korem and his associates found one recurring factor in a youth's risk of gang involvement. The factor, "that seems to tilt the balance in at-risk youths toward gang involvement," occurs when a youth cannot count on an immediate family member during a crisis. Dubbed the Missing Protector Factor (MPF), it is likely to spawn from broken and unstable homes in which families are separated or divorced or a child was abused or even has a severely dysfunctional parent. More than 75% of gang members interviewed stated that this factor was operative in their lives. Gang members are aware of this fact and when they are trying to lure a potential recruit, they will often use lines such as, "Don't worry, we'll take care of you. We understand you. We'll be your family," to play off the MPF.

Other topics such as the similarities between American and European gangs are touched upon in this 260-page book. However, the majority of it is spent on the different gang types and their profiles. As Korem explains in intricate detail of the mystique of gangs, readers are able to put themselves into the lives of youths who have been "players" in a gang. The ex-gang members tell their story of how they became involved, what it was like while involved, and how they were able to leave their gang. This proves to be very interesting, for each story is different and appealing. Readers get a true picture of what it is like and the sometimes-horrible realities of gang life.

*Suburban Gangs: The Affluent Rebels* is an informative, insightful book which explores

in depth the emergence of gangs in affluent neighbourhoods. It is a serious problem that must be acknowledged, respected, understood, and successfully addressed. Dan Korem delivers all of that, along with much more on the presence of gangs in our communities.

*Reviewed by Catriona Linton*

***A TREASURY OF POLICE HUMOR***, by Oliver Gaspirtz, Lincoln-Herndon Press, 818 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois, U.S.A. 62703 \$12.95 (US); telephone: (217) 522-2732.

If you are looking for a book that is sure to put a smile on someone's face, look no further than Oliver Gaspirtz's latest book. It contains more than 100 pages of cartoons and about 70 pages of strange-but-true police stories, funny top-ten lists, weird news from around the world and curious facts from the field of law enforcement. The cartoons have been described as "very humorous and down to earth" by David Armitage, Editor, *The Police Shield*. "His cartoons reflect the real life of police officers and what they have to face every day, but in a funny, stress-relieving way."

"It is probably one of the funniest and most insightful books ever written about police work" says Cynthia Brown, Editor, *American Police Beat*.

In light of the negative press that police officers have encountered over the years, it is a pleasure to find a book that does not focus on a few bad cops, but shows the human side of the many good cops. *A Treasury of Police Humor* is a tribute to all the hard-working men and women in law enforcement who risk their lives every day for an often less than grateful public.

The author specializes in law enforcement humour and cartoons. His work frequently appears in well-known publications such as

*American Police Beat, Police, The Police Marksman, Police Times* and the *Australian Police Journal*.

**RED COATS ON THE PRAIRIES — THE NORTH-WEST MOUNTED POLICE 1886—1900**, by Dr. William Beahen, present historian of the RCMP, and Stanley Horrall, former RCMP historian, published by CENTAX, a division of PRINTWEST, Regina, Saskatchewan, 350 pp. \$59.95

The book is the second official history in the 125 years of the Force's existence. It overlaps the first, written by the original historian of the Force, J.P. Turner, in his two-volume work, *The North-West Mounted Police, 1873-1893* (Kings Printer, 1950). Although the Beahen-Horrall book overlaps the Turner book from 1886 to 1900, it treats the material in much greater detail.

The present book covers the 14 years of Commissioner Lawrence William Herchmer's term in office. It is written in two parts; Part I by William Beahen, titled "Taming of the Frontier" and, Part II by Horrall entitled, "All Sorts and Conditions of Men." Part I deals generally with the police problems of the times, whereas Part II deals mainly with the conditions under which the men lived and worked.

However, the authors have covered all aspects of policing in the Prairies, including the political patronage that interfered with the Commissioner's management of the Force, and with his ability to discipline his officers. Only authors with access to the complete records of the Force could have written this book. They deal in a detailed and scholarly way with the living conditions, indiscretions, health, habits, training, discipline, pensions and even marital relations. They link these topics with the role of the NWMP in the political, social and cultural activities in this developing land. They have reported honestly on what they found in the records, warts and all.

In this book, Bill Beahen and Stan Horrall have limited their coverage of NWMP history to the Prairies and have not covered police work in the Yukon or the Force's participation in the Boer War. The time period of the book is that of the complete period of Herchmer's commissionership. He succeeded Commissioner A.G. Irvine, a mild-mannered man whose easygoing nature made it difficult for him to command men effectively. He was also a poor administrator and his handling of finances had been criticised. But it was his failure to become more active in the Rebellion of 1885 that finally forced Sir John A. Macdonald to dispense with his services. Irvine could have defended himself but characteristically refused to do so.

The Herchmer appointment was purely political. He was a complete outsider, with no police experience; before this appointment, was the Inspector of Indian Agencies. He had also been an officer with the regular army for a short time, had experience in business, and had spent considerable time in the West. Herchmer knew the Indians well, spoke French, and had developed influential political connections. But he was also known to be a good administrator and a hard worker. He had his supporters: Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney, then Commissioner of Indian Affairs for the Territories was one, and the *Regina Leader* which reported, "He fills the bill." On the other hand, Herchmer, an Englishman by birth, was regarded by some as an outsider. Furthermore, he had no police experience. In the opinion of many, he did not appear to be the right man to take over a 1,000-man frontier police force facing an uncertain future. The Indians and Métis were not taking their 1885 rebellion defeat in good part. In keeping with Sir John A.'s national policy, the West was opening to settlement, and the security of the settlers was paramount.

Criticism of Herchmer's appointment came from many quarters, especially from the



Force itself. With their police experience, a number of officers believed that they deserved the appointment. To make matters worse, Commissioner Lawrence William Herchmer, not to be mistaken for his brother, Superintendent William Herchmer, had the worst kind of personality for the job to which he had been appointed. He was described as arrogant, overbearing, vindictive, ill-tempered, vengeful with a hasty temper and a brusque manner. He maintained these character weaknesses throughout his 14 years in office — which obviously prevented good relations between himself and his officers. In fact, he was detested by most of them. But in spite of the difficulties created by his personality weaknesses, in many respects he was ideally suited for the position.

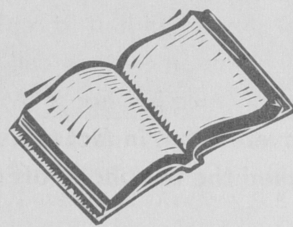
Herchmer had experience in dealing with the Indians, had been in the West since before the NWMP arrived, and was familiar with the difficulties facing newcomers. Above all, he was looked upon by Sir John A. Macdonald as a hard-working civil servant. Macdonald did not appear to be aware of his personality weaknesses, and the cleavage it would create between him and those he expected to carry out his orders.

Policing of the Prairies included problems not usually associated with normal police responsibility. The Force was occasionally involved in labour relations. When disputes erupted between management and labour in coal mines and railways, the Force maintained a delicate balancing of protecting property while preventing the abuse of workers. Settlers required assistance in many ways and looked to the police for help. The Force was the only authority that could deal adequately with administering agriculture, immigration and customs regulations. This and the handling of many matters outside of policing brought about the apt description of the NWMP as agents of the (Macdonald's) National Policy.

In spite of the continual turmoil within the command of the Force, its reputation for honesty and efficiency continued to grow. But when Herchmer left the Force in 1900 to go to South Africa with Canadian Troops, the government was pleased to appoint a member of the Force, A. Bowen-Perry, to replace that "irascible" Herchmer. However, Herchmer deserves much credit. He guided the organization through a period of difficult transition without being able to count on the personal support of his subordinates. He inherited a Force in which many of the men were inexperienced and many others were quite unsuitable for the duties required of them. He established systems on which were based sound administrative practices. He transformed the basic uniform of the NWMP to the dashing Prairie dress of Stetson, red serge, striped breeches and high boots, and he approved of the Musical Ride, all of which have become enduring symbols of the Force, and indeed of Canada.

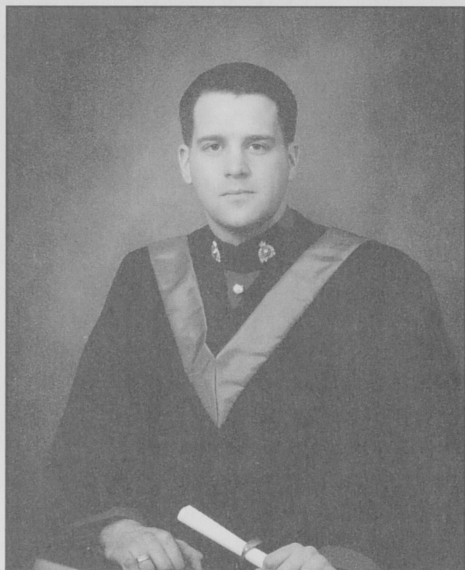
The authors have produced an important and highly readable book. It details not only the history of a significant time in the history of the Force, but have chronicled the development of the North-West Mounted Police. As indicated in this review, they have also included fascinating descriptions, humorous situations and an insight into personalities that bring this book to life for the readers.

*Reviewed by  
D/Commr. W.H. Kelly (retired)*

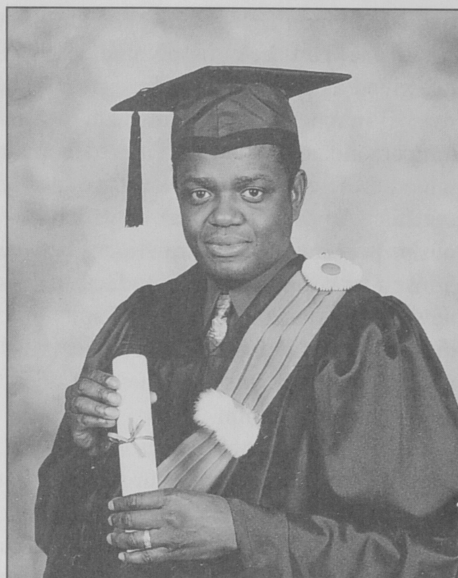




# University Graduates



*On May 29, 1998, Reg. No. 45119, Cst. S.G. Draper graduated with a Bachelor of Human Justice from the University of Regina.*



*Recently, Reg. No. 44804, Cst. J.-C. Jean-Charles graduated with a BA in Theology from Acadia University, in Montréal.*

*In April 1998, Reg No. 38707, Cst. J.J.D. Morin graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Psychology and a Diploma in Public Administration, from the University of Prince Edward Island.*

## SO MUCH FOR LASSIE

A British woman had to replace her front door after police, who had received an emergency call from the address, used a sledgehammer to smash their way into her house. Moments after the police entered the home, it was discovered that in fact the woman's dog had made the emergency call when it pulled the telephone off the table and scratched the numbers 999.

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"DEPOT"  
DIVISION  
GRADUATES



*Troop 26 (1996/97) began training February 18, 1997, and graduated September 2, 1997. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. K. Flood, S/M W. Martin, Supt. J.C.G. Doucet, Cpl. T. Lowry, Cpl. T. Walton. First row: R. Jung, M. Lovas, T. Tétreault, K. Bairo, D. Woodrow, M. Lucko, P. Saunders. Second row: L. Dix, R. Wojick, J. Rockwell, C. Respet, C. Kurbel, P. Triggs, D. Aglukark. Third row: J. Gadd, D. Lacroix, B. Harris, S. MacNeil, M. Roach, C. Rothecker, D. Stranger, J. Harris.*



*Troop 27 (1996/97) began training March 4, 1997, and graduated September 15, 1997. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. D.H. Flood, S/M W. Martin, Supt. J.H.G. Boucher, Insp. C.C. Villeneuve, Cpl. E.L. Busch. First row: C.C. Kereluk, M.T. Holmes, M.S. Richer, T.A. Sullivan, J.D. Douglas, B.J. Redford, D.R. Teboul, T.M. Hunt. Second row: T.M. Pineo, K.W. Grabinsky, J.S. Johnson, J.A. Vacon, D. Koughan, D.A. Demings, C.L. Rogoschewsky. Third row: A.R. Wahnon, T.J. Cromie, R.E. Smith, P. Barbar, C.J. McGowan, A.K. Kyle, G.P. Aristotle, L.P. Johnston.*





*Troop 28 (1996/97) began training March 11, 1997, and graduated September 22, 1997. (L-R) Seated: S/M W. Martin, Supt. J.C.G. Doucet, Supt. J.G.H. Boucher, Insp. C.C. Villeneuve, Cpl. D.R. Bazowski. First row: S. Mohammed, C. Hodgson, A. Mollar, J.B. Deveau, Cpl. C.A. Bradley, M. Paradis, C.W. St. Thomas, H.D. McLean. Second row: C.M.J. Ste-Marie, J.L.E. McLeod, A. Kozłowski, T.J. Julien, E.M. Kennedy, M.J. Onysko, S. Kurji, J. Wrobel, V.S. Brooks. Third row: C.C. Smigelsky, C.R. Blanchard, D.F. Turnbull, J.G.D. Parisien, R.E. Ojeda, R.A. Collen, D.W. Lanton, R. Pikola.*



*Troop 29 (1996/97) began training March 13, 1997, and graduated September 29, 1997. (L-R) Seated: S/M W. Martin, Supt. J.C.G. Doucet, Supt. J.G.H. Boucher, Insp. C.C. Villeneuve, Cpl. P.H. Kirchner. First row: V.L. Hancock, J.K. Capina, J.E.J. Joistdahl, Cpl. M.D. Harvey, S.A. Schulte, S.G.H. Taylor, P.M. Falconer. Second row: G.L. Thompson, R.D. Schlecker, E.C. Obeng, T.J. Cooke, M.G. St. Fleur, S. McDermott, R.B. MacMillan, V.F. Harrington. Third row: R.C. Gunn, K.A. Lalzl, S.H. Malcolm, H.D.I. Legary, E.B. Ring, H.P. Dhillon, C.T. Quewezance.*





*Troop 30 (1996/97) began training March 25, 1997, and graduated October 6, 1997. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. M.J. Boyce, Sgt. J.B.G.F. Desfosses, Supt. J.G.H. Boucher, C/Supt. J.R.A. Gauthier, Insp. C.C. Villeneuve, Cpl. R.A. Hobson, Cpl. G.N. Gourlay. First row: M.J. Rushton, C.J.G. Terbasket, M.T. Nguyen, Cpl. B.R.C. Allen, M.P. Rose, C.L. Johnston, M.S. Siméon. Second row: M.W.P. Stus, C.L.A. Seale, M.J. Moyer, K.J. Conner, M.L.B. Gilarowski, M.S. Girard, K.R. Bear, T.G. Rolling. Third row: A.D. Andersen, M.R. Robinson, P.J. Anderson, D.V. Martynowski, C.J.C. Joanis, B.R. Andrew, J.S. Hirsch.*



*Troop 50 (1996/97) began training April 29, 1996, and graduated September 26, 1996. (L-R) Seated: Cst. B.S. Bamra, S/M W. Martin, Supt. J.G.H. Boucher, Cpl. K.J. Brumwell, Cst. N. Ogurian. Standing: Cst. M.A.J. Mathieu, Cst. D.J. LePage, Cst. B.L. Andres, Cst. D.K. Hillier, Cst. C.R. Hills, Cst. M. Aftergood.*





*Troop 1 (1997/98) began training April 8, 1997, and graduated October 14, 1997. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. M.J. Shaw, Sgt. J.B.G.F. Desfosses, C/Supt. J.R.A. Gauthier, Insp. C.C. Villeneuve, Cpl. R.T. Miller. First row: K.L. Chard, K.L. Hewitt, C.S. Byrne, E.M. Goodall, C.E. Rea, T.A. Finn, T.A. Zubych. Second row: M.D. Flodell, P.G. Mehain, J.A.D. Côté, P.E. Basien, T.C. Webb, A.D. Currie, B.W. Graham, J.L. Hodgson, L.A. Kwast. Third row: J.T.J.F. McLean, J.L. Morriseau, J.B. Striker, K.D. Christensen, S.D. Haubrick, G.D. Hawkins, R.M. Bellman, R.S. Bowden.*



*Troop 2 (1997/98) began training April 22, 1997, and graduated October 27, 1997. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. P. Garside, Sgt. J.B.G.F. Desfosses, Supt. J.C.G. Doucet, Insp. C.C. Villeneuve, Cpl. D.J. McNaughton. First row: K.A. Sauntry, D.L. Gillis, N.P. Marcetta, Cpl. T.K. McCabe, S.D. Warner, C.L. Fredlund, A.A. Good. Second row: S.G. Altamirano, D.G. Goodgie, S.M. Perret, T.M. Preston, M.S. Zenko, M.J.R. Tremblay, G.D. Curtis, P.D. Maciuk. Third row: D.D. Caldwell, G.B. Walter, K.J. Palfy, G.O. Lohrenz, K.V. Whitney, J.G.A. McNutt, C.E.L. Bushell, J.D. Irving, M.L. Buxton-Carr.*

*Photos by Instructional Support Service Unit*



# DIVISIONAL DISPATCHES

## ATLANTIC REGION

### "B" DIVISION

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

**ANUGA 1997** Cst. Steve Henley, Bay St. George District, and Cst. Jason Deery, Deer Lake Detachment, attended ANUGA 97 in Cologne, Germany, site of the largest food and beverage show in the world. During the six-day event, 152 countries displayed products unique to their area and culture. Canada was strongly represented showing products from Newfoundland to British Columbia. Canada's image and uniqueness

was strengthened at the show with the presence of one true national symbol — the Mounties. The Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, the Hon. Lyle Vanclicf was impressed with the RCMP dress uniform and in particular with its worldwide recognition. Many of the visitors requested pictures with the Mounties.

*By Cst. Mike Dawson  
Bay St-George District Detachment*

**Unveiling the new CPI**  
(Canada Pork International)  
logo (L-R): Cst. Jason Derry,  
The Hon. Lyle Vanclicf, CPI  
President Bill Vaags, Exec.  
Dir. CPI Jacques Pomerleau,  
Cst. Steve Henley.



**TRIBAL POLICE SECONDMENT** On September 5, 1997, Cpl. Wade Blake began a one-year secondment as the acting chief of police for the Miawpukek Tribal Police Force (MTPF). The Miawpukek Mi'kamawey

Mawi'omi Reserve is a Micmac community and presently the only recognized reserve in Newfoundland. Cpl. Blake's duties cover all aspects of the operation and administration of the MTPF.

*On February 19, 1998, the six Miawpukek Tribal Police Commission members were officially sworn-in by Provincial Court Judge R. Fowler. (L-R): Director of policing Rembert Jeddore, Chairperson George Drew, Ada Benoit, Cpl. Wade Blake, Irene Joe, Chief Misel Joe, Nena Jeddore, Louise Joe, Phoebe Organ and Judge Fowler.*



As an added challenge, Chief Misel Joe asked Cpl. Blake to form a police commission with the mandate to oversee the daily operations of the MTPF. After several months of presentations and lobbying in the community, six people volunteered their services. The hard work continued for the next few months as policies and procedures were established and adopted.

**“JUSTICE COMBINED”** Four members from St. John’s Federal Enforcement Section (FES) got a quick start to the 125th Anniversary Celebrations in Newfoundland.

Joined by a member of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary (RNC) they formed a band called “Justice Combined” to promote the 125th anniversary of the RCMP, as well as the fellowship between the RCMP and the RNC. With the full support of the CO, “B” Division, and the Chief of the RNC, the band plays upon request at various venues around the province, such as charity functions, senior citizens’ and school events. The Band has received excellent media coverage and several performances are expected over the next few months.

*By Cst. Wayne T.P. Burke*



*(Photo 1, L-R): Cst. Wayne Burke, St. John’s C&E Section, Cst. Brian Companion, St. John’s FES, and Cst. Bruce Mesch, RNC, playing at the St. Patrick’s Mercy Home in St. John’s, while Sgt. Pat Pendergast and Cst. Rod Kavanagh, St. John’s C&E Section, mingle with the crowd. The band also performed at a special sitting of the Citizenship Court in conjunction with Immigration and Heritage Week. Band members Cst. Cal George, St. John’s Drug Section and C/M Leonard Pink, P/V Simmonds were unavailable due to work commitments. (Photo 2): Csts. B. Companion, B. Mesh and W. Burke.*

**LIAISON OFFICE OPENING** On March 10, 1998, Holyrood Detachment members faced the “Cardinals” — the Roncalli Central High School hockey team — during a benefit hockey game held at the Conception Bay

South Stadium, in Avondale. Proceeds raised went to the Roncalli Sports Program. The game was also a prelude to the grand opening of the RCMP/Roncalli Liaison Office which took place the following day at the school.



*(L-R): Cst. Geoff Sandford, Principal Brendan Veitch, S/Sgt Greg Morrow, student representatives Wendy Linthorne and Jamie Walsh, retired teacher Greg Dev-ereaux, Cst. Rick Gendre.*

This program will provide an opportunity for Holyrood members to participate in school projects, to provide guidance when called upon to do so, and most importantly, to open up lines of communication with the youth in this very important community within their jurisdiction.

*By S/Sgt. G.P. Morrow, District Commander, Avalon East District*

**DRUG BUST** After a joint forces team of RCMP and the Royal Newfoundland Con-

stabulary rounded up suspects on March 30, 13 men were in custody and more arrests were pending after a police crackdown on Newfoundland's west coast. Police said the arrests stemmed from an 11-month investigation into various levels of drug trafficking in the region. The incidents involved cannabis products and the value recovered had yet to be determined. Police expected to lay 23 drug-related charges, as well as three charges under the proceeds of crime legislation.

*RCMP Media Summary*

*On February 12, 1998, members from Avalon East District and "B" Division HQ played a hockey game against students and staff of Mobile Central High School at the Southern Shore Arena, in Mobile. This event organized by the Crime Prevention Committee for all the communities from Bay Bulls to Bauline, in conjunction with the "B" Division Community Policing Unit turned out to be a good afternoon of sport and camaraderie.*



#### 1997 CRIME PREVENTION AWARDS

*(L-R) Front: John Russel, Roberta Stanford and Cal Cole of the Clarenville and Area Citizen's Crime Prevention Committee which was named Newfoundland's Committee of the Year and Cst. Rupert Baker of the Clarenville/Bonavista District, named Newfoundland's Crime Prevention Officer of the Year. Back row: S/Sgt. Doug Hyde, Area Management Team (AMT) East; S/Sgt. Bruce Raymond, Commander, Clarenville/Bonavista District; Insp. Bob Hurman, AMT East.*



#### CHILDREN'S WISH FOUNDATION TELETHON

*On April, 15, S/Sgt. Ed North presented a \$2,073 cheque on behalf of Corner Brook RCMP to Peggy Brake, Chairperson for the Children's Wish Foundation, Corner Brook sub-chapter. The funds were raised through the "Friday Jeans Day" initiative, the recycling program at the RCMP Office and a golf tournament, and included donations from the Corner Brook and area business community. Many thanks to Cst. George Sheppard and C/M Jocelyn Meade for spearheading this initiative.*



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

**MARRIAGES** Reg. No. 43798, Cst. S.E. Knockwood to Reg. No. 43892, Cst. A.B. Hawryluk, on December 13, 1997, at Digby.

Reg. No. 43903, Cst. Cindy Rose to Gary Renouf, on August 2, 1997, at Corner Brook, Newfoundland.

**BIRTH** To Reg. No. 43866, Cst. Lynn M. Tardif (nee Saulnier) and her husband, Reg. No. 43952, Cst. J.R. Patrick Tardif, a son, Dominic Alexandre, on January 4, 1998, at Cole Harbour.

**SHARING OUR PROUD HISTORY** On January 13, 1998, Leslie Thomas Junior High School students were transported back in time. The year was 1873, when the North West-Mounted Police was first created in order to protect the boundaries of this beautiful country of ours. The Grade 9 Social Study teacher had asked Cst. Roger Long, Lower Sackville Detachment School Liaison

Officer, to have an RCMP member give a presentation on RCMP history. Considering that this is the year that we are celebrating the 125th anniversary of the RCMP, this was a great opportunity for us to promote and share our proud history with our community.

The A&PO, Insp. Keith Sherwood, volunteered to share his considerable knowledge of RCMP history and give a lecture in the school cafeteria. Four Grade 9 classes were entertained and captivated by Insp. Sherwood's dynamic and very informative presentation — where he, Cst. Roger Long and Cst. Jamie Vacon wore period uniforms showing the different parts of the RCMP uniforms and their meaning.

Although there was a lot of very positive feedback from the students, it's still too early to tell how many of them will pick the RCMP as their career choice.

*By Cst. Roger Long*



**SHARING OUR PROUD HISTORY**

*(L-R): Vice-Principal Mike O'Leary, Cst. Roger Long, Insp. Keith Sherwood, Cst. Jamie Vacon, Principal Terry Wadden.*

**RCMP YOUTH P.A.C.T.** What better way to kick-start 1998 — a year of celebrations marking the 125th anniversary of the RCMP — than to express our commitment to youth in an action-oriented and meaningful way. Fifteen young adults became involved as leaders in a Youth Services Canada Community Crime Prevention initiative called, the RCMP Youth P.A.C.T. (Partners Against Crime Team). Located in and operated from the Lower Sackville Detachment, and together with the support of volunteers from the local Crime Prevention Association,

the RCMP sees this Youth Services Canada project as a positive step to fulfill our original Community Policing Mission of providing "quality service in partnership with our communities."

Looking toward the millennium and the demanding future policing challenges that communities are facing in these times of economic turbulence, youth violence and social upheaval, the RCMP Youth P.A.C.T. plans to deliver the most innovative policing service and to work on the grass roots of crime. The

15 young adults who have volunteered their time and talents to such a worthwhile project come from a variety of backgrounds and ethnic origins. Under the watchful eye of project coordinator Bill MacNeil, these innovative young people are writing, directing and performing original material — material developed on the basis of their research in local schools so that each presentation will be directed toward problems the students themselves see as important.

*By Cpl. Frank Skidmore,  
Community Policing Services,  
Lower Sackville, Detachment*

**KIDS AND COPS** On March 16-17, 1998, for the first time in Colchester County, the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Association in conjunction with the RCMP implemented a program called, “Kids and Cops” to allow 8- to 12-year-olds on the Big Brother/Big Sisters waiting list to become better acquainted with the police and to get some involvement with this association.

Activities on the first day included a tour of Bible Hill Detachment, demonstrations by the tactical troop and DNR helicopter and



*The lifestyle changes that can result from this form of positive peer pressure can make a difference between being a positive contributor to the community or a burden. Anyone interested in getting more information about this six-month Youth P.A.C.T. project can contact Lower Sackville Detachment.*

crew, a tour of the Ident. Section, lunch at McDonald's, a talk by Drug Section personnel, a tour of the 911 centre and transportation home in police vehicles. On the second day, the kids visited Crystal Palace in Moncton for a day of fun — where all the food and most of the rides were donated by corporate sponsors.

*By Cst. Guy Roy*



*Kids and Cops was so successful and enjoyable for everyone involved that we hope to hold another event during the kids' summer holidays.*

**LONG SERVICE AWARDS CEREMONY** On October 21, 1997, The Hon. J. James Kinley, Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, presented Long Service Medals for 20 years of service. (L-R) First row: Cpl. A. Mann, Mr. Robert Barrs, J. James Kinley, Mrs. Kinley, A/Commr. D.L. Bishop, CO, “H” Division; Supt. R. Watson, A&PO; C/M J. Robichaud. Back row: Cpl. S. Mills, Csts D. Southern, D. McKay, B. Brophy, G. Rees and S. Maxwell, Cpl. R. Forbes, Csts D. Kelly, R. Beaton, G. Shermerhorn, D. Williams and K. Gotell, Cpls K. Smith and J. Trickett, Cst. R. Parnell.





### KINGS CITIZENS PATROL

Recently, the Chairman of the Kings Crime Prevention Association, Paul Gates (C,L), presented \$10,000 to Gerald Dickie, member of the Kings Citizens Patrol, to help pay cellular telephone bills and other related expenditures incurred by the Citizens Patrol, with Cst. Gary R. Smith, New Minas Community Policing Coordinator (L), and Cst. Andrew Hamilton, New Minas Detachment (R), looking on.



On December 20, 1997, a wedding reception was held at Westlock, Alberta, for two Digby Detachment members, Csts Stuart Knockwood and Angela Hawryluk. Everyone in this photograph is related (L-R): Reg. No. 37490, Cpl. Anthony Shindell, High Prairie (Alberta); Reg. No. 45082, Cst. Jeff Preston, Chetwynd (British Columbia); Reg. No. 25646, ex-S/Sgt. Robert Preston, Reg. No. 43798, Cst. Stuart Knockwood, Reg. No. 43892, Cst. Angela Hawryluk, Reg. No. 46298, Cst. Todd Preston, Redwater (Alberta), and Reg. No. 1921, Cst. Greg Preston, Edmonton City Police.



On January 30, 1998, Sydney Sub-Division (now North East Nova) personnel gathered at the Mess to bid farewell to Sgt. Howard Jones, who had recently retired from the Force. Cst. Ton O'Neill, Sydney Drug Section (L), presented Sgt. Jones with a plaque from his friends at Sydney Sub-Division, where he spent much of his service.



On October 6, 1997, Reg. No. 24264, ex-S/Sgt. G.M. Johnston (presently Chief of the Sussex Police in New Brunswick) presented the police badge to his daughter, Reg. No. 46239, Cst. C.L. Johnston, upon her graduation from "Depot" Division, in Regina. She was posted to Barrington Detachment, Nova Scotia. Her brother, Reg. No. 45210, Cst. J.P. Johnston, from Digby Detachment, attended the ceremony.



Last September, during the softball challenge between the "H" Division police officers and the female Public Service Employees — resurrected for the first time since 1978 — the "Scarlet Fems" beat the "Bishop's Bombers" 9-7, thanks to the great coaching (and patience) of Sgt. Reg Reeves and the antics of their mascot "Francine" (Cpl. Frank Landry). A/Commr. Dwight Bishop presented the winner's trophy to "Captain" Sherry Yates, with Supt. Bob MacIntyre (captain), looking on.



**VETERANS' NEWS** The Nova Scotia Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association welcomed Mary MacDonnell as honorary member and presented Life Memberships to M. Reteff, A. Tobey, R. Beange, H. Cheesman, L. Stewart and J. Beaman. The following new members were welcomed: Reg. No. 23046, R. Bourne; Reg. No. 27181, G. Veinotte; Reg. No. 25083, B. Filmore; Reg. No. 29742, E. Briand; Reg. No. 24798, B. Hussey; Reg. No. 20432, Supt. E.H. Kaiser (retired); Reg. No. 24896, ex-Cpl. J.F. Harvey; Reg. No. 12200, ex-Cst. R.I. Bowser; Reg. No. O.1394, Supt. G.G. Duff (retired); Reg. No. 24224, ex-Sgt. P.M. Clarke; Reg. No. 19975, ex-Cst. M.H. Bolland; Reg. No. 18915, ex-Cpl. W.J. McMullin; Reg. No. 29600, ex-Sgt. D.H. Landry; Reg. No. 24240, ex-S/Sgt. G. Bishop; Reg. No. 24280, ex-Cpl. T. Hatchette; Reg. No. 28218, ex-Cpl. G. Hilton; Reg. No. 26363, ex-Sgt. B. MacLean; Reg. No. C/881, ex-C/M W. Lunn; Reg. No. 29762, ex-Cst. M. MacAdams; Reg. No. 21736, ex-Cst. W. Chapman and G. Black.

## **"J" DIVISION**

### **HEADQUARTERS — FREDERICTON, NEW BRUNSWICK**

**BIRTH** To Reg. No. 40720, Cst. Marc Beaupré and his wife Charline, a son, Karl, on April 4, 1998 at Miramichi.

#### **KIDNEY FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER**

The 5th annual fundraiser involved two separate functions: the Christiane Marshall art raffle draw for four framed prints, and an auction. RCMP employees involved and other Kidney Foundation volunteers helped raise more than \$32,500. The Christiane Marshall art raffle draw has raised more than \$64,000 over the last 5 years. This money combined with the education on organ donation has helped to improve the lives of many families, some of whom are RCMP employees.

The four lucky winners for the framed prints reside in and around Florenceville, Sussex, Dieppe and St. Stephen. This year, three RCMP employees — Cpl. Luc Charlebois of District 3, Cst. Linda Dugas of District 4, and Cpl. Bill Hansen of St. John FES — were responsible for selling three of the four winning tickets. Niko Tanguay, of the Corps of Commissioners at "J" Division HQ, won the unframed print donated by Christiane Marshall for the RCMP internal draw — for employees who sold a complete book of raffle tickets.

Many thanks to all those who made this year's campaign a complete success.

*By Sgt. Ernie Munden*

**TOBACCO RING BUSTED** A lengthy investigation by Bathurst Customs and Excise Section into the sale and distribution of illegal tobacco resulted in the seizure of tobacco valued at more than \$100,000 and charges against 28 individuals. Police recently laid 21 charges of conspiracy to sell, offer to sell or possession of illegal tobacco products in provincial court in Tracadie-Sheila, where the first court appearance was set for June. During the course of the investigation, police seized tobacco, \$40,000 in Canadian and American currency, as well as 11 motor vehicles used to transport and distribute the contraband tobacco originating from Maine. RCMP detachments from Tracadie, Caraquet, Shippegan, Blackville, Buctouche as well as the Moncton and Grand Falls Customs and Excise Section assisted in this bust.

#### *RCMP Media Summary*

**BENEFIT HOCKEY** On February 15, 1998, members from Nackawic Detachment in District 7, with reinforcements from District 2 and Fredericton HQ, faced the Nackawic old-timers during the second annual benefit hockey game. Although the game was meant to be a "fun" game, it turned out to be an action-filled game with Cst. Mark Naipaul holding the fort for the RCMP team due to his new oversized goalie pads. The RCMP team held on for the win over the Nackawic old-timers due to the efforts of

their "older" defence and the accurate shooting skills of their forwards.

Admission to the game was either a food donation for the local food bank or a cash donation to the Nackawic goal-ball team (visually impaired athletes, who were prepar-

ing to attend the nationals in April). On behalf of the Nackawic RCMP and the Nackawic old-timers, a big thank you to everyone who participated in this community endeavour.

*By Cpl. J.R.G. Dupuis*

*(L-R) Front row: Minor Hockey reps Jodi Anderson and Brett McLean. Second row: Kevin Inch, Ray Duguay, Mark Naipaul, Mitch Mac-Millan, Don Stenger, Bill Malone, Todd Shean. Third row: Lani Naipaul (manager), Mayor Craig Mélanon (coach), Guy Dupuis, Jean Martin, Chris Bunting, Chick Bunting, Marty Van Dijk, Stéphane Raymond, Stéphane Caron, Dan McNeil (coach).*



## "L" DIVISION

### HEADQUARTERS — CHARLOTTETOWN, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 40206, Cst. M.A. Lawlor and his wife Cindy, a daughter, Megan Cynthia, on May 17, 1998, at Charlottetown.

To Reg. No. 39607, Cst. M.L.C. Plante and her husband, Reg. No. 43005, Cst. T.J. Butler, a son, Jens Thomas, on March 22, 1998, at Charlottetown.

**COASTAL WATCH** With some 500 miles of coastline, much of it isolated, Prince Edward Island is made to order for drug importers looking for remote locations to off-load large quantities of narcotics. Driven to the Canadian east coast by the combined efforts of the DEA, the U.S. Coast Guard and other police agencies from the U.S., well financed and well-organized drug smugglers have been sailing their mother ships into coves, inlets and sheltered bays. From there, they ferry their goods to shore on smaller, faster craft like Zodiacs, and load them into waiting vehicles for distribution all over the map.

Canadian drug enforcement agencies know the scenario all too well. They also know that with that much coastline and their relatively

limited resources, it's quite a challenge to try to stop this highly lucrative enterprise. "I would say we get one vessel in 10," said Cst. Tony Halvorson, "L" Division Drug Section. "The rest, sadly, are getting through." This is why the RCMP is stepping up the promotion of its Coastal Watch Program, which enlists the eyes and ears of fishermen, pleasure boaters, cottage dwellers and others who live and work in coastal communities, to join police in the war on drugs.

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**CANINE FIRST AID** Police officers throughout the Maritimes are trained in what to do if their partner should require emergency help. Yet, sometimes, that partner isn't human — it's canine. Last April, about 20 members of the RCMP, municipal police forces, customs and corrections services throughout the Maritimes, alongside 16 of their highly-trained dog partners, attended the third annual emergency first aid course for dog handlers, hosted by the Atlantic Veterinary College in Charlottetown.

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*Holding RCMP 125 cake, Sgt. Chuck Snow (L), and S/Sgt. Fred Foster, surrounded by kids, onlookers and Safety Bear.*

**RCMP 125 PICNIC** On May 17, 1998, “L” Division held an RCMP 125 celebration picnic for “L” Division employees and their families, which due to inclement weather, had to be held in the Division HQ building and parking lot. The 50 participants enjoyed the many games, face painting, entertainment by Urban Carmichael and a BBQ, topped by the cutting of the RCMP 125 cake. Everyone



**FAMOUS RCMP 125 SACK RACE**  
(L-R): Cst. Scott Lundrigan, Summerside Detachment, Cst. Tim Fiset, Montague Detachment, Cst. Robert McDougall, Charlottetown Detachment, the official and impartial judge Connor Fiset, A/Cst. Jamie Jeffrey, Summerside Detachment, and Cst. Daniel D’Amour, “L” Division Drug Section.

hopes that this picnic will become an annual event.

*By Cst. Leanne Butler*



**LABATT TANKARD PROVINCIAL PLAYOFFS, FEBRUARY 6-9, 1998**  
With a 6-1 record, the winning team defeated Mike Gaudet 7-4, in the final game, advancing to the Canadian Briar being held March 14-17, in Winnipeg, Manitoba. C/Supt. Ken Byrt, CO, “L” Division (C), was on hand to offer his congratulations to (L-R): Cst. Garth Mitchell (skip), Charlottetown Detachment; Ken McGregor (third), Phillip McInnis (second), and Cst. Brad Chugg (lead), Montague Detachment.



**POLICE CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
24 teams attended the “L” Division Police Curling Championships in Montague, February 13-15, 1998. The ceremonial first stone was thrown by Mr. Niall McKay, Montague Town Council and Chairman of the Montague Police Commission, seen here with sweepers (L-R): Mr. Jim Bagnall, MLA, and C/Supt. K.D. Byrt, CO, “L” Division. In background: ex-Sgt. Paul Saulnier, PEI Police Curling Provincial Coord., Cst. Burk Dyck, host chairperson, and Cpl. Fred Fitzpatrick, President, Police Curling.





## POLICE CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS WINNERS

*Representing "L" Division in the Nationals, March 13-21, in St. John's, Newfoundland (L-R): Sgt. Keir MacQuarrie, Charlottetown Detachment (skip), ex-S/Sgt. Peter MacNeil (lead), Cpl. Fred Fitzpatrick, "L" Division Ident. Section (second), Cst. Ron Rose, Charlottetown Detachment (third).*

## CENTRAL REGION

### "A" DIVISION

#### HEADQUARTERS — VANIER, ONTARIO

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. O.1765, Insp. Peter M. German and his wife, Reg. No. 37550, Cst. M.O. Louise German, daughters Alexandra Jeanne Marie on July 16, 1993, at Richmond, B.C., and Kimberly Louise, on April 22, 1998, at Ottawa.

**PROCEEDS OF CRIME** On March 11, 1998, the RCMP Integrated Proceeds of Crime Section announced the seizure of over half a million dollars in drugs, cash and personal items following a nine-month investigation into a local drug trafficking network. Forty-two police officers from the RCMP and Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Service participated in the ten simultaneous early morning raids the day before. Five individuals were arrested in connection with this investigation, dubbed "Project APPARENT" headed by members of the "A" Division Proceeds of Crime Section, which had begun in June 1997, with the seizure of the aforementioned \$220,000. The money was subsequently traced to one of the suspects arrested in March 1998.

**DISMANTLING SMUGGLING NETWORK** On March 30, 1998, the RCMP Customs and Excise Section announced the arrest of seven individuals connected to a cigarette smuggling network which defrauded the government of at least \$5 million a year in taxes. The suspects were arrested during early morning raids in Ottawa and the

Cornwall area. The RCMP has also issued an arrest warrant for another suspect.

In all, 13,669 cartons of cigarettes worth an estimated \$300,718 were seized by members of the section during a 13-month investigation, dubbed "AFTERLIFE." Using undercover agents, the RCMP targeted two criminal organizations selling DK brand cigarettes smuggled from the U.S. into Canada through Cornwall Island. The first organization was based in the Cornwall area and the second in Ottawa. The cigarettes were destined for Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver and Ottawa. Several of the suspects arrested were connected to three other suspects arrested on December 15, 1997, and charged under the *Customs and Excise Acts* for smuggling-related offences involving 4,000 cartons of contraband cigarettes. These cigarettes, worth an estimated \$88,000, were destroyed by the RCMP in December along with another 4,000 cartons. The rest of the 13,669 cartons were destroyed during the course of the investigation.

The RCMP estimates the network's volume of business was 10 times larger than the number of cartons seized. The individuals arrested were charged with conspiracy to sell non-duty paid cigarettes and with selling non-duty paid cigarettes under the *Excise Act*. Penalties for these charges may result in up to five years in jail and/or up to \$300,000 in fines.

**RECIPE BOOKS** Thanks to the extraordinary participation of "A" Division and HQ employees, the executive committee of the 1997 HealthPartners/United Way Campaign has put together a beautiful recipe book entirely dedicated to desserts. Had it not been for the commitment of managers Louis-Philippe Coulombe and Michel Charron, and the professionalism of their personnel at the printing services of "A" Division and HQ, this book would have never been published. We wish to extend our thanks to the Translation Section, which looked after the revision of all the texts, as well as all the employees who worked on the translation of the recipes, the editing and binding of the book and its sale. We would like to thank also all those who were kind enough to share their recipes with us. More than 1,000 copies of the book have been sold since the holiday period — and it's not over yet! To pick up a copy of the recipe book, please call Micheline Carignan at (613) 993-9846. The proceeds will go to the 1998 Campaign.

**LUCKY TO BE ALIVE** At 9:50 a.m. on September 29, 1995, Cst. Bob Hart, who transferred to the "A" Division Emergency Response Team last February, came within a few centimetres of dying a gruesome death on a highway north of Regina, Saskatchewan. That's when a tractor-trailer hauling gravel ran over his police cruiser and almost crushed him. In the impact, his left foot was nearly torn off and he suffered various injuries along the left side of his body. But the trauma to his upper body was minor because he was wearing a bullet-proof vest — which helped cushion the blow of the impact.

Moments before the accident, Cst. Hart and his partner had detained a young man for impaired driving. They had called for a tow truck to remove the drunk man's vehicle. As the three men waited in the cruiser by the side of the road, a gravel truck was coming down the highway behind them at about 100 kmph. Court testimony later revealed that the driver of the truck either suffered a seizure or fell asleep at the wheel. In any case, the truck

veered off the highway and ran over the driver's side of Cst. Hart's cruiser, propelling it into the air and into the ditch. The truck kept going for about 200 metres until it rolled on its side in a farmer's field.

Miraculously, the occupants of the cruiser were alive. Cst. Hart and his partner, who was only slightly injured, managed to pull themselves out of the car. Their prisoner was the least hurt, walking away with a few scratches and lots of broken glass in his hair. After Cst. Hart crawled away from the cruiser he laid in the ditch, clutching clumps of grass. He was going into shock and shaking violently. A woman who happened on the scene after the collision leaned down beside him and asked if she could help. "Can you go to the trunk of my car and get me a blanket to keep me warm," he asked her. She returned a few moments later and said, "Sorry, there's no more trunk."

Cst. Hart later learned that a camera case, that was just a few centimetres behind him on the back seat of the car, was literally pulverized by the impact of the crash.

Cst. Hart underwent three operations to re-attach his foot and five months of extensive physiotherapy to rebuild his strength and walk normally again. He says he has fully recovered, except that he has constant pain in his ankle. "I don't think it will ever go away," he said. "But it's a trade-off. I still have the use of my foot."

Cst. Hart credits his Kevlar vest for protecting him from the instruments inside his car — steering column, dashboard, shotgun, radio — as the truck hit him that fateful morning. "A lot of members think that a Kevlar vest is only for stopping bullets," he said. "But it is also effective for preventing trauma from the impact of blunt objects."

Cst. Hart's experience has made him a true believer in the benefits of wearing personal body armour. He recently joined the IACP/Dupont Kevlar Survivors' Club, a partnership between the International Asso-

ciation of Chiefs of Police and the Dupont Company, which manufactures the Kevlar found in personal body armour. The club is made up of peace officers who have survived potentially fatal and/or disabling injuries thanks to their vests. Its mandate is to encourage police officers to wear their body armour while on duty.

*By Carl Martin*

**SUGGESTION AWARD** As part of the Suggestion Award Program, Catherine Racine, a hearing-impaired Public Service Employee who works at Pickering Records,

received a \$100 cheque from A/Commr. Ray Mercier, in January, for her proposal that "A" Division buy a sign language computer program. Her idea was implemented at very little expense, making it easy for her co-workers to learn how to communicate with other hearing-impaired employees.

**RETIREMENT** It was standing room only at C/Supt. Réjean Linteau's retirement party, November 27, 1997, in the "A" Division Combined Mess. His wife Andrée, as well as dozens of friends and former colleagues from "A" and "C" Divisions came to celebrate his 35-year career and to say goodbye.



## RCMP 125 SENIORS TEA

*On April 22, 1998, members of "A" Division dressed in Reg Serge attended afternoon tea held at Christ Church Cathedral, in Ottawa. While some of the members escorted seniors to their tables, others worked their magic in the kitchen, poured tea or cut the anniversary cake.*



## O CANADA!

*On February 11, 1998, a special ceremony of the Court of Canadian Citizenship was held at the Léomont Building, as part of the RCMP's 125th anniversary celebrations. The ceremony was overseen by Judge Judy Parish, seen here welcoming a young girl and her parents to the Canadian family. Men, women and children from 17 different countries were given citizenship during the ceremony. They came from places as far away as China, France, Haiti and the former Yugoslavia.*



## CANADA DAY 1997

*Cst. Jacques Brunelle giving tours of the Grumman Goose, at the National Aviation Museum, in Ottawa.* Photo by Andy Graham, "Roads and Runways"



**TAKING THE "BANG" OUT OF BOMBS** The "bomb" went off with a whimper instead of a bang, but that suited RCMP Cpl. Al Parisien just fine. With the help of a sturdy tent and some super-foam, he showed delegates and exhibitors at a military hardware convention held at the Ottawa Congress Centre last March, how a Canadian invention will arm the world's police and military forces against possible chemical or biological weapons attack. Cpl. Parisien helped detonate a brown cardboard box containing a mock chemical weapons package from a would-be terrorist. A large, lined tent was propped on top of the suspect package and Cpl. Parisien sprayed the tent full of foam, which in a real-life scenario would absorb the

energy of the bomb and neutralize any vapours from a biological or chemical weapon. The demonstration was the first public show of a technology that its creator says is quickly winning the attention of military buyers worldwide.

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## "C" DIVISION

### HEADQUARTERS — MONTRÉAL, QUEBEC

**KEEPING AN EYE ON TELEMARKETING** An investigation unit was formed last April to fight fraudulent telemarketing. "Projet COLT", which has a two-year mandate, is comprised of eight RCMP inspectors, two SQ members as well as two SPCUM inspectors. According to Insp. Yves Roussell, IC RCMP Commercial Crime Section, the investigation group was formed in response to the resurgence of telephone fraud over the last three years in Montréal. "Montréal is the telemarketing fraud capital of Canada. Though most of the victims of these operations live in the U.S., many criminal organizations are based in Canada."

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**PARTNERSHIP** Cst. Carol Locas, St-Jérôme Detachment, achieved a kind of partnership with the Terrebonne/Bois-des-Filion/Ste-Anne-des-Plaines Police. Such a partnership, while very simple and easy to

establish, is nevertheless essential to our relations with municipal public security forces and assists us greatly in administering budgets in a context where we are more and more careful of how our person-years are applied. In this instance, whenever Secondary V students in the Terrebonne Region requested a drug awareness information session, we would have sent two members from our unit to respond to the students' request. Members of the municipal public security would probably not have been informed of our action and would surely have received a similar request from students for another information session.

To solve this lack of communication, Cst. Locas (our CAPRA constable) took the initiative of inviting members of the municipal public security to attend and insisting that they help make the presentation — thus taking care of two things at once: speaking to the students and training a public security

colleague so that the latter will eventually be able to respond to the needs of his municipality by himself. This whole approach is planned with the perspective of giving us the greatest visibility possible, as our territory is vast and we want to cover as many municipalities as possible. All of this is covered by the local media and falls under the framework of the Drug Awareness Program. At the same time, this project, realized in our Detachment area serves to mark the 125th anniversary of the Force.

Some of our readers will say that they have been using these same work methods for years now. That's true! But what a great example of CAPRA that we can easily apply in a non-contractual Division like our own and which serves to create links with our citizens and municipal police forces.

*By Jean-Pierre Lamarche*

**NEW OFFICER IN "C" DIVISION** Insp. Line Carbonneau — the only female officer in Quebec (there are seven female officers in Canada) — has had a diversified career within the Force. After basic training in the third women's troop in Regina, she worked in the various Sections of Protection, Commercial Crime and Customs and Excise, in Montréal. When she was promoted to officer in 1992, Insp. Carbonneau was transferred to the RCMP Academy in Regina, where she assumed command over the Staffing and Personnel Section. In 1995, Insp. Carbonneau secured the position of travel officer on the Prime Minister's VIP protection team in Ottawa.

### WINTER GAMES

*Cst. Sandra Lecomte, Sherbrooke Detachment, came in 2nd place in the super giant slalom and 4th in the giant slalom, during the International Police Winter Games, held in Innsbruck, Austria, March 1-6, 1998. Among the police officers from 18 countries who also took part in the games, were two other RCMP members: Cst. Rocky Fortin, "E" Division (Vancouver) in hockey, and Cst. Stéphane Crête, "O" Division (Newmarket) in downhill skiing. They are surrounded by colleagues from Metropolitan Toronto Police and an employee from Revenue Canada/Customs in Vancouver.*

Since February, Insp. Carbonneau has held the position of OIC, Operations, Montréal Commercial Crime Section. In her new office on the 7th floor, she processes and allocates all requests for investigations in the Section and follows the progress of major cases. With a staff of 72 members, she has no shortage of work to do.

*By Chloé Gaudet*

**OPERATIONS "CARCAJOU" AND "FALCON" — *From the files of "Echoes" (February 1998)*** Although the exploits of the Carcajou and Falcon operations — joint efforts between the RCMP, the Sûreté du Québec (SQ) and the Montréal Urban Community Police Department (MUCPD) — are regularly talked about in the media, these two combined units remain relatively unknown to the public.

The two operations are separate entities even though they are both under the umbrella of the Joint Organized Crime Investigations Unit (JOCIU). While investigators are situated in the same building, they work in different offices. Cooperation between the three police forces is very good and decisions are made as a group because JOCIU is directed by a coordinating committee that groups together managers from the three organizations.

Created in October 1995, the joint Carcajou Unit's mandate was to restore social peace in Quebec, to bring the criminals involved to justice and to gather information about criminalized motorcycle gangs. The mandate



*By Chloé Gaudet*

changed in 1996. From that point on, the 50 police investigators were to concentrate on long-term projects directed at destabilizing criminalized motorcycle gangs and reducing confrontations between various gangs. Between October 1995 and April 1996, investigators in Project Carcajou made 325 arrests. Carcajou includes 17 investigators from the SQ, 13 from MUCPD and 6 from the RCMP.

Project Carcajou is under the guidance of the SQ because criminal motorcycle gangs fall under provincial jurisdiction. Project Carcajou in Quebec City also enjoys excellent collaboration with the Sûreté municipale de Québec (SMQ). In addition to investigative personnel, the SMQ provided until recently, the office space for Carcajou as well as many support sections: GRICO, Forensic Identification, dog handlers, surveillance, electronic listening, etc. Although the Carcajou Squad in Quebec City is not as big as the one in Montréal, they both

share the same objectives.

While Carcajou consists mostly of SQ personnel, Falcon is a unit run by the RCMP. Employees from many sectors — Criminal Intelligence, Drug Section, Commercial Crimes, Customs and Excise, Proceeds of Crime and Protection — were dispatched to the project.

Established in June 1996, Project Falcon aims to investigate everything concerning organized crime, except criminalized motorcycle gangs. The objectives of the Falcon Unit are to attack and destabilize criminal organizations before they become respectable and invest in legal enterprises in Canada. The project under the guidance of the RCMP was created in conjunction with the MUCPD and the SQ after the successes of Carcajou. It includes 15 RCMP police officers, 13 from the MUCPD and 9 from the SQ.

*By Chloé Gaudet*

## **"O" DIVISION HEADQUARTERS — LONDON, ONTARIO**

**BIRTH** To Reg. No. 42641, Cst. M.T. Francine Roy and her husband, Reg. No. 43708, ex-Cst. R.S. Roy, a son, Francis Philippe, on September 4, 1997, at Alliston.

**DETACHMENT OPENING** Sault Ste. Marie Detachment was officially opened September 30, 1997, after relocating from the Canada Post building, where it had been housed since 1949, to the newly constructed Federal building complex. The new accommodations are shared with other federal agencies, including Revenue Canada (Customs, Taxation and Excise), Human Resources Development, Health Canada, and Public Works and Government Services. The new Detachment includes lock-up facilities, secure parking for vehicles, secure access for prisoner escorts, exercise facilities, a modern work environment and parking facilities for the general public.

Special guests in attendance included A/Commr. G. Zaccardelli, Supt. F. Sheppard,

His Worship Steven Butland, Mayor of Sault Ste. Marie, members of various law enforcement agencies from both Canada and the U.S., representatives from client/partner agencies and the general public. Guests of honour were piped in by S/Sgt. Sandy Ross, Sault Ste. Marie Police Service, and were entertained by Master of ceremonies, Cpl. Mike Duguay, NCO i/c Drug Section.

Sgt. J.D. Bonenfant presented certificates of appreciation to S/Sgt. Bob Welton, Sault Ste. Marie Police Service, in recognition of his assistance in several recent investigations, and to TCE Terry Turner, for her dedication and excellent work. The ceremony ended with an open-house and tour of the new facilities.

**RECOGNITION** In a ceremony held at the Red Cross Blood Centre in Toronto, Bowmanville Detachment was recently recognized by the Canadian Unrelated Bone Marrow registry for their hard work resulting



in raising more than \$10,000 for the Bruce Denniston Bone Marrow Society. Bowmanville Detachment again answered the call, coming to the aid of Cst. Anne Marie Whitney's 9-year-old daughter Jessica who was diagnosed with Leukemia and required a marrow transplant, by holding various fundraisers and soliciting private and corporate donations. In the 10 years since it began, the Bruce Denniston Society has contributed over 1.4 million dollars to the Red Cross Registry, which to date is comprised of 164,000 potential donors and approximately 225 Canadians in need of a transplant. For more information, please call George Clarke at (613) 739-2466 or via the Internet at [www.bmarrow.org](http://www.bmarrow.org).

**FINAL MEDAL PRESENTATION** As the TLBPIA (Toronto Lester B. Pearson Airport) Detachment would be closing on March 31, 1998, A/Commr. G. Zaccardelli, CO, "O" Division, made the following presentations during a final medal presentation ceremony held on December 15, 1997, to members and Public Service Employees for their dedication over the years:

**Gold Clasp and Stars:** Sgt. W.M. Young, Sgt. G. Zeni

**Silver Clasp and Stars:** S/Sgt. T.B. McLaren, Sgt. J.A. Crawford

**Long Service Medal:** Cpl. C.L. Foy, Cst. W.C. Grelik, Cst. I.G. Macadam

**Certificates of Appreciation:** Sgt. W.H. Gillies, Ms. Y.E. Hollis, Ms. B.J. Longwell, Ms. M.M. Thomspson, Ms. J.D. Caruana, Ms. M. Nugent, Ms. J. Orsatti, Ms. N. Smirle.

**CHRISTMAS VISIT AT CHEO** Members of Cornwall Detachment visited four differ-

ent wards at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) on December 22, 1997, to hand out more than 100 RCMP bears, T-shirts and hats to children who would be spending Christmas away from home. For the last two years, Cst. Greg Fedor and his son, Eddie, have been handing out bears and shirts to patients and staff — Eddie has been a patient at CHEO since he was diagnosed with bone cancer in November 1995.

The gifts were purchased from the RCMP Canteen by members of Cornwall Detachment, Canada Customs, and through several private donations. Without the generosity of Mr. Gilles Charbonneau, Manager of the RCMP HQ Canteen, Ms. Ginette St-Onge of the HQ Canteen, the Mounted Police Foundation, Maher & Company Ltd. and Kalson Ltd., this successful visit would not have been possible. The RCMP was well received and planning is already underway for next Christmas.

*By Cst. Greg Fedor*

**... STRAIGHT OUT OF DISNEY** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Mountie, Barbie Mountie, G.I. Joe Mountie. Until I wandered past Mo Carey's office in Staffing and Personnel, I would never have even imagined that these items existed. They are a part of a growing market for RCMP products and memorabilia.

Mo's office feels like a shrine, covered top to bottom with the Mountie products he began collecting at age seven. His first pieces, a plastic wall thermometer with a picture of a member from British Columbia on it, rests

*(L-R): Cst. Mike Allard, Sgt. Sandra Conlin, Cst. Kendra Dunn (wearing Safety Bear uniform), Cpl. Tim Kimpman, Insp. Greg Bell, Cst. Greg Fedor and his son, Eddie.*



*The overriding point from the collector himself sums it all up: "If a visit to my office puts a smile onto their face after seeing my collection, it's all worth it!"*



on the bookshelves alongside his Corgi Mounted Police car set. He searched 10 years for the set, found a newspaper advertisement listing it for \$50 and bought it. It is now worth over \$275 US. The Barbie doll wears a uniform that was not even issued to the Force's female members at the time of the doll's creation, but is still a unique piece. Mo is now searching for a G.I. Joe Mountie still in its box, that was sold by Sears during the early 60s. He laughs, pointing out the model Porsche equipped with the Force's decals.

Though many of the collectibles could command a fair amount of money, Carey says, "I can't place a price on the entire collection, as I value it more for the viewing pleasure of others."

Though he actively pursues many pieces, he has been helped out along the way by the various members who have contributed some of their own articles. Mo is quick to acknowledge them, saying, "I appreciate the kindness and generosity of people in helping my collection," citing the numerous people who have added collectibles to his den. He dutifully records from whom he receives each gift on the object itself, and adds that it has

almost become customary that people retiring or being transferred from his Section add a piece to help Mo remember them by.

I remember the first time I walked by Mo's office a couple of years ago, and still experience neck pain from the double-take I made after I noticed its contents. Most offices are the same: blotter, computer, plaques ... I am not sure how Mo even finds his computer.

*By Douglas Keddy, "O" Division "Oracle"*

**HOCKEY CHALLENGE** On November 21, 1997, the NHL Old-timers Hockey Challenge team played against the Cornwall area team comprised of members of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics, at the Cornwall Civic Complex before a crowd of 3,000 fans, raising more than \$4,700 for the Ontario Special Olympics. The game was a fight for survival with the Torch Run team relinquishing to the Old-timers, 22-7. Everyone enjoyed themselves during a social event held after the game.

*By Cpl. Al Bennett*

*(L-R) Front row: Georges Levere Jr., Gerry Swamp (AMPS), Gilles Tougas (RCMP), Jarrett Racine, Steve McDougald (OPP), Brock Bissonnette, Tim Campbell (RCMP), Larry Frappier (CPS). Middle row: Coach Denis Moquin, Marc Bissonnette (CPS), Mike Brehmer (OPP), J.D. Doiron (OPP), Al Bennett (RCMP), Mike Bradbury (Probation and Parole). Back row: Thom Racine (CPS), Bill Lafrance (AMPS), Darryl Holmes (OPP), Pete Sauvé (CPS), Georges Levere (CPS), Randy McGillis (OPP), Phil Thibodeau (RCMP).*



**Legend:** Cornwall Police Service (CPS); Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS); Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)

*Courtesy of the Cornwall Police Services Identification Units*



*On February 26, 1998, Milton Detachment personnel, family and friends gathered to bid farewell to Reg. No. 31110, Cpl. Tom Anderson, Commercial Crime Section Market Unit, upon his retirement from the Force. Presentations were made by Insp. John Neily, OIC, Milton Commercial Crime Section. In attendance were Tom's wife, Gail, and their children, Meghan, Brendan and Evan.*

## WINDSOR DETACHMENT AWARDS PRESENTATION, OCTOBER 10, 1997

*(L-R) Front row: Insp. D.C. Beer, C/Supt. R.A. Hannam, A/Commr. G. Zaccardelli, unknown person, Wayne Lessard, Shaughnessy/Cohen MPP. Back row: Sgt. R.J. Bergoine, Cpl. E. Bailey, Sgt. P.G. Hadley, Cpl. R.C. Daye, S/Sgt. W. Dowhayco, Sgt. A.D. Stern, Cpl. J.D. Brisbin, ex-Cst. P.C. Gracie, Cpl. B.G. Campbell, Cpl. W. Babenko.*



*By Cpl. D.G.N. McCormack*

**VETERANS' NEWS** The Toronto Division of the RCMP veterans' Association welcomed J.A. Bain transferred in from Calgary, Reg. No. 28802, G. Chaters, Reg. No. 23248, A. Moores, and Reg. No. 29443, V. Secord as new members.

## NORTH WEST REGION

### "D" DIVISION

#### HEADQUARTERS — WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

**ANNUAL CAKE EATING CONTEST** For the protection of those involved in this practical joke, names of members, detachments or locations have not been disclosed. Around 1980, members from a Detachment in Manitoba arrested an individual on the strength of a warrant that had been issued in Saskatchewan. The Manitoba Detachment was advised to hold the prisoner and arrangements were made to return the prisoner to Saskatchewan.

A senior constable was dispatched from Saskatchewan to the Detachment in Manitoba with a rather junior constable, in tow.

En route, the junior constable commented on the strange names of the towns and municipalities. They passed a large farm which had "K-Keating Farms" boldly embossed at its entrance, and somehow during their conversation "K-Keating Farms" managed to evolve into "Cake Eating Contest." The senior constable then proceeded to have a bit of fun at the expense of the other member by telling him that "D" Division hosted an annual "Cake Eating Contest" for members who must first run a certain distance, allowing them to work up a healthy appetite. He continued to explain that at the finishing line, the contestants were provided with cakes, which



of course they had to eat as fast as they could within a certain time period. Once that was done, they were required to drink an entire bottle of cheap wine. Miraculously, this junior constable not only believed the story, but was also convinced to enter the contest as a representative from "F" Division, thereby making it a rivalry between the two Divisions.

The suave senior constable took it even further by managing to convince his entire Detachment in Saskatchewan, the one in Manitoba, the Officer Commanding his Sub-Division and the Commanding Officer of "F" Division to partake in this plot by writing letters to wish the naive constable well in the upcoming event. Together with his co-conspirators, the senior constable purchased T-shirts donning the words "Cake Eating Contest." Members' wives were involved and intensive training sessions were organized for the junior constable. It is said that he was a good runner in excellent physical condition, and was eating cakes at record-breaking times.

When the day of the famous contest arrived, the "lone participant" arrived with his entourage. Prior to this, the mastermind behind the plot had concocted another story that the run might be cancelled due to rain. The junior constable, however, chose to run solo rather than make the long trip again at a later date. He was told that the annual dance following the contest was also cancelled due to a double booking at the community hall — however, there would be a party at a local member's residence instead. Despite all the excuses and last-minute changes, the junior constable did not catch on. The participant eagerly warmed up for his run one mile out of the Detachment. Once satisfied he was ready, he set out for the Detachment, ending with a dramatic sprint to the finish line, with police vehicles blaring sirens and flashing red lights leading the way.

What a sight it must have been as the constable neared the finish line, amidst the cheering of all the waiting pranksters. After devouring

numerous cakes, demolishing a bottle of wine and posing for photographs to capture this "Manitoba Moment" he was presented with a trophy (representing a horse's rear end) and proclaimed the winner. As "icing on the cake," the senior constable had arranged for the contest to be covered by a local radio station, ensuring that the gullible junior constable would be within earshot of the broadcast.

Eventually the practical joke was revealed. It is still unknown what the junior constable's reaction was to being on the receiving end of such an elaborate scheme.

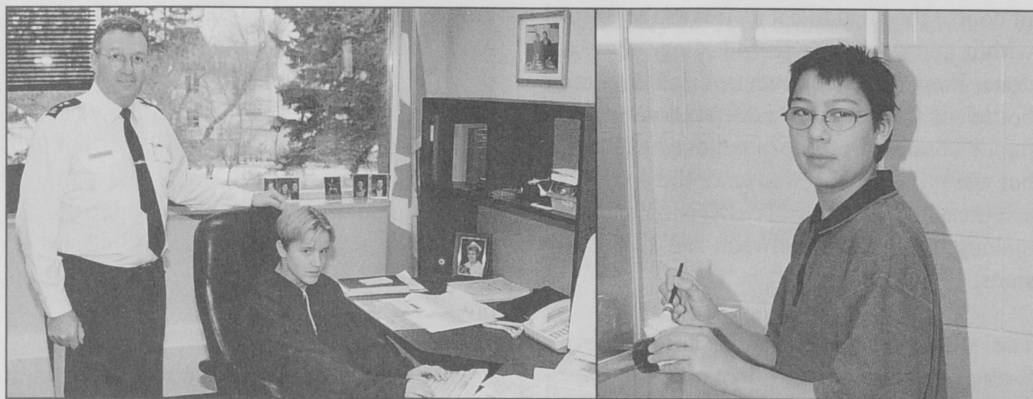
*By an anonymous "D" Division member*

**RETIREMENT DINNER** On November 8, 1997, a large number of guests attended a dinner hosted by the "D" Division Officers' Mess in honour of Supt. Frank J. Juhasz, "D" Division's A&PO, and his wife Carol, on his retirement from the Force after completing over 35 years of service. During his career, Supt. Juhasz served in "D" Division twice, worked as a "Depot" Division Driver Training Instructor and was also posted to RCMP HQ and the Canadian Police College. He took over duties as the Admin. and Personnel Officer for "D" Division in 1992. He and his wife Carol have purchased a home in Tillsonburg, Ont., where it is hoped they will have a long and happy retirement.

*By Sgt. Gerry Jennings*



*(L-R): Daughter Lisa, Frank and Carol Juhasz and daughter Kelly.*



### TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1997

(Photo 1): Supt. G.R. McPherson, OC, Dauphin Sub-Division, with Nathan Justice, a Grade-9 student enrolled at the Dauphin Regional Comprehensive Secondary School, who was selected to "shadow" him on that day. (Photo 2): Brent Donaldson, a Grade-9 student from the Dauphin Regional Comprehensive Secondary School, chose to shadow Cpl. Pete Vandenberg of the Dauphin Sub-Division Forensic Identification Section.

By Supt. G.R. McPherson

On January 28, 1998, approximately 60 spectators came out to support the 3rd annual fundraising hockey game between the Leaf Rapids High School "Wildcats" and the Leaf Rapids Detachment. The RCMP team was supplemented by the OC, Thompson Sub-Division, Supt. Dave LeBlanc, and Section NCO, S/Sgt. Clem MacInnis. Once again the Force team was too much for the Wildcats, who fell 8-3, in a game that was very much enjoyed by all. (L-R)



Front row: C. Dycks, Csts J. Raffle, G. Soch and R. Bell, J. Penny. Back row: J. Thompson, T. Pfoh, Sgt. P. Moore, Supt. D. LeBlanc, Cst. I. MacInnis, S/Sgt. C. MacInnis.

**VETERANS' NEWS** The Manitoba Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association welcomed Reg. No. 23915, T. Bryce, as a new member, and accepted applications from the following: Reg. No. 26553, M.D. Kelly; Reg. No. 32841, K.D. Manning; Reg. No. O.1364, R.W. Wass; Reg. No. 26188, G. Bayes; Reg. No. 25976, R.J.F. Davis; Reg. No. 22905, D.R. Hawkins, and Reg. No. 29176, B.R. Nelson.

### "F" DIVISION

#### HEADQUARTERS — REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

**ALL IN A DAY'S WORK** Christmas is traditionally a time for family and togetherness, a time for celebration — and whatever else that can happen when you and another member of your family are both members of the RCMP. Such was the case this past

Christmas, when Reg. No. 45518, Cst. Brian Kelly, Pierceland Detachment, journeyed home to spend the holiday season with his family at Beauval Detachment, where his father, Reg. No. 26166, Sgt. Tim Kelly is the NCO i/c.

Our Christmas tale unfolds vis-à-vis a Beauval Detachment overtime claim form sitting on the desk of Cst. Kelly's superior upon his return to work at Pierceland Detachment.

"So, tell me about your two overtime claims, while you went to visit your folks?" asked the sergeant.

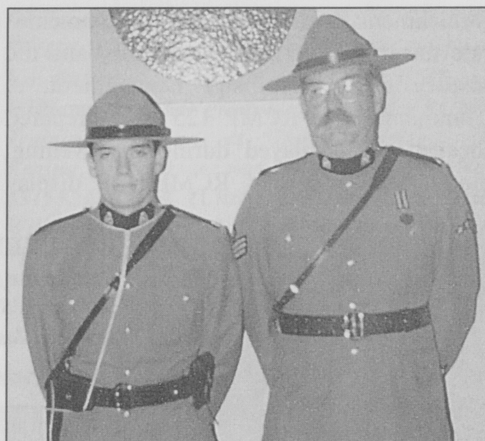
"Well, Dad and I kinda got called out a couple of times during my visit. The last one was on Christmas Day and we got into a real battle with this guy... Ah man! This guy was as tough as nails! It took Dad and me, and another member, to get this guy handcuffed and locked up. Then we went and had Christmas dinner."

As we say, Christmas is togetherness with family, even if it's a rough and tumble scrap — a father and son dukin' it out over the festive season.

*By Sgt. R.D. Forster  
NCO i/c Pierceland Detachment*

(P.S.: Brian, your O/T was approved)

**DETACHMENT OPENING** On January 23, 1998, the new Level II detachment building at Biggar was officially opened, replacing a 30-year-old leased building. This signifies a substantial commitment to the community of Biggar and surrounding area. An open-



house followed the official ceremony. Officials in attendance included D/Commr. Roy Berlinquette, OC, North West Region; A/Commr. Brian Watt, CO, "F" Division; Insp. Brian Roberts, OIC, Management Services for Saskatchewan; the Rt. Hon. Bernie Wiens, Minister of Interprovincial Government and Aboriginal Affairs; Insp. Don Webster, Exec. Off. for the North West Region; Insp. Darrell Madill, OIC, Community Services; Mr. John Baker, Exec. Dir. of Policing Services for Saskatchewan Justice; Mr. Dwayne Willmer, Public Works and Government Services Canada; His Worship Blair Cleaveley, Mayor of Biggar. Sgt. A.V. Williams, Biggar Detachment Commander, acted as master of ceremonies.

**REGIMENTAL BALL** On March 14, more than 300 guests attended the Lloydminster



(L-R): Cst. L. Grieco-Savoy, Cst. J.R.G. Boissonneault, Rev. D. Orr, A/Commr. Watt, Mayor Cleaveley, Insp. Webster, D/Commr. Berlinquette, Mr. Baker, Sgt. Williams, Mr. Wiens, Insp. Roberts, Mr. Willmer, Cst. J.J.S. Jansen.



Detachment Regimental Ball to commemorate the RCMP's 125th anniversary and the history of Lloydminster Detachment. A Commemorative RCMP 125 cake prepared locally was displayed during the evening, along with a special RCMP 125 display

designed by Displayco of Regina. The \$3,000 raised were presented to the newly formed Lloydminster Regional Victims Services Program.

*By Cpl. Dennis Esayenko*



**Lloydminster Detachment personnel attending RCMP 125 Regimental Ball.**

*Photo by Don Whiting 1998, Lloydminster*

## REGIMENTAL BALL

*During the festivities, Supt. Jack Cronkhite, A&PO (C), presented the Long Service Medal to Cst. Derek Finlayson (L), and the Bronze Clasp and Star to Cpl. Kirk Munro (R).*

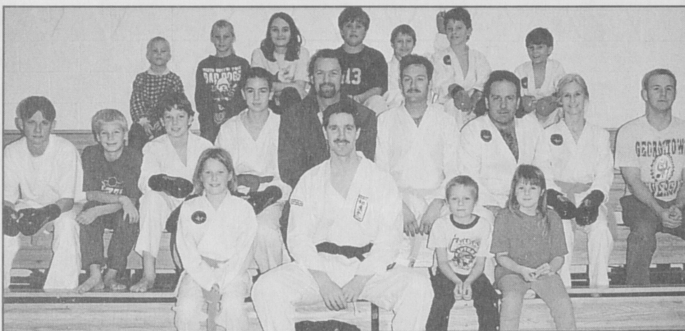
*Photo by Don Whiting 1998, Lloydminster*



**CRAIK KARATE CLUB** Cst. Roger King has been teaching Wado-Kai style Karate to citizens in this small community since the spring of 1996. The interest in this club extends to all ages, as children and adults both attend classes regularly in the Craik High School. Fees collected each month from the participants are used to purchase equipment such as protective pads for each student and target pads for class use. Cst. King showed his keen interest in supporting

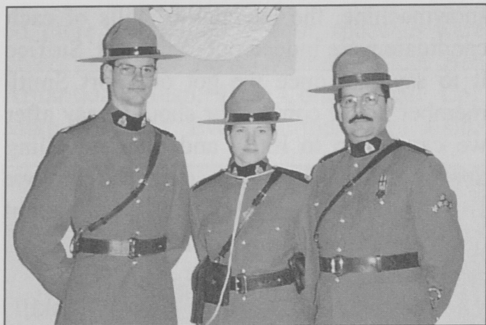
the community by presenting \$150 from the club to a student who was most involved in the betterment of the community.

Currently, there are approximately 20 students in the Craik Karate Club. Since its inception, there have been two belt rankings and to date, there are three green belts; the remaining students are orange, yellow and white belts.



*Cst. King's commitment is an excellent way to enhance community relations. The community supports this venture and growth has been exceptional.*

**VETERANS' NEWS** The "F" Division of the RCMP Veteran's Association welcomed the following new members: W.P. Tyrrell, G. Cunningham, J. Dosenberger, and Reg. No. 19339, J. Colenutt.



*On January 26, 1998, Reg. No. 46590, Cst. P.M. (Tricia) Williams received her police badge from her father, Reg. No. 28460, Sgt. A.V. (Tony) Williams upon her graduation from the RCMP Training Academy, at "Depot" Division, in Regina. Also present was her brother, Reg. No. 45155, Cst. C.A. (Chris) Williams. Cst. Tricia Williams was posted to Enderby Detachment, "E" Division, British Columbia.*

## "G" DIVISION

### HEADQUARTERS — YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

**COMMENDATIONS** On January 26, 1998, Supt. Terry Elliot, OC, Western Arctic Policing District, travelled to Fort Smith to present Commissioner's Commendations for Bravery to Cst. Gordon Isaiah and Cst. Danny Brookson. In the early morning hours of March 15, 1997, the two members, at great personal risk, entered the smoke filled Pelican Rapids Inn in Fort Smith, to look for occupants who may have been asleep inside the burning building.

Supt. Elliot also presented corporal's hooks to Mr. Jacques Van Pelt, Corps of Commissioners. As a senior guard at the Detachment at Fort Smith Detachment for many years, Mr. Van Pelt will now be in charge of the other guards at the Detachment.

*By Cst. Charlotte Evans*

**WITCHCRAFT 101** A recent court case held in Rae, underscores the uniqueness of policing in the North. When a man was convicted of indecent exposure after having entered the victim's home in Snare Lakes and exposing himself in the usual manner, he was placed on one-year probation with conditions to refrain from alcohol, and to stay away from the victim. When asked by the circuit judge if he had anything to say, he advised the court that he had no control over his actions because someone had placed a curse on him. He asked the court what he should do in future should another curse be placed on him? The judge promptly added another condition. "If a curse is placed on you, you will

report to the RCMP forthwith, to make arrangements for removal of the curse."

Consequently, the need for training in "curse removal" was identified to our "G" Division Training Section. Just another day in "G" Division!

*By Supt. Terry Elliott  
OC, Western Arctic Policing District*

### WINTER INDOCTRINATION COURSE

Thanks to *El Nino*, this year's Winter Indoctrination Course held March 23–27, 1998, was quite bearable. Seven members from the Western Arctic Policing District and one member of the Hay River Fire Department took part in the week-long course, which consists of snowmachine maintenance and operation, map reading, GPS, survival techniques and communication.

The course culminates in a two-day, two-night over land (or, as in our case, over Great Slave Lake) navigation exercise, which requires a number of skills such as plotting courses, the use of compasses and a GPS as well as setting up and sleeping in tents,



*Camped at Moose Bay, Great Slave Lake.*

preparing food and maintaining snow-machines. Basic survival skills such as signal flares, snaring, building lean-tos and snow huts are also covered. Other skills such as use of axes, chainsaws, maintaining and using camp stoves and lanterns become a part of the daily routine. A welcome addition to this year's exercise was the portable MSAT phone on which some old acquaintances were renewed! (There is an inspector in "B" Division that knows what I mean.)

Several real-life situations presented themselves this year due to the more moderate temperatures. With ice fog on the lake reducing visibility to barely the length of one

snowmachine, the navigation skills of each candidate were indeed put to the test. Suffice it to say that once we got our Fort Smith member under control (or should I say after we caught up to him), and after travelling approximately 30 miles over the ice we finally arrived — to our surprise — about 50 yards from our way point.

The course is designed to teach skills required in the North and to have fun. Both were accomplished.

*By S/Sgt. Jack Kruger  
Section NCO*

*Western Arctic Policing District*



(Top): Cpl. Gary Asels, Hay River Detachment, teaching the construction and use of a signal fire. (Bottom, L-R): Cpl. Mike Payne, Lutsel K'e Detachment, building a snow house; Cst. Luc Thériault, Fort Resolution Detachment, using portable MSAT; Cst. Christine Grant, Fort Liard Detachment, using chainsaw.

**HALL BEACH DETACHMENT OPENING** In 1985, when one member was permanently posted to Hall Beach, the ATCO trailer that had served as a patrol cabin for many years was moved from where it had been originally located in the community and placed by the new married quarters (MQ).

The trailer was renovated and became the first detachment building. In 1992, a second MQ was built to accommodate the family of an additional member. Both members continued to work out of the trailer, until July 3, 1997, when a new detachment building was officially opened in Hall Beach. As anticipat-



ed, there was a good turnout; speeches were given by Mayor Jayko Simonie, Elder Ben Arnardjuaq, Insp. Bob Connell and Cpl. Mike O'Malley. Everyone then went inside

the new office for tours, refreshments and a chance to visit.

*By Cpl. Mike O'Malley  
Hall Beach Detachment*



*(Photo 1): As a respected elder, Justice of the Peace, member of the Elders Justice Committee and guard, Mr. Ben Arnardjuaq prepares to cut the traditional Inuit rope made from seal skin used in the ribbon cutting ceremony. (Photo 2, L-R): Insp. Bob Connell (A&P/S&PO), Cst. Royce MacRae, S/Sgt. Craig MacLaughlan, Mayor Jayko Simonie, Cpl. Mike O'Malley.*

*Photos by Jean MacRae*

## JOIN OUR TEAM AGAINST DRUGS

Working in partnership with the Royal Bank of Canada and First Air, the "G" Division Drug Awareness Program developed a poster that would capture all areas of the Northwest Territories. A design was completed and surveyed prior to the final production. One thousand posters were produced and sent to

every Detachment in the N.W.T. to be displayed in their communities. The Royal Bank paid for the posters and First Air transported them to the various communities.

*By Cpl. Len DelPino  
Drug Awareness Coordinator  
"G" Division*



*During an NHL Old-timers Hockey Challenge held in Yellowknife, October 28, 1997, Mr. Guy Lafleur endorsed the poster which was released prior to the game. (L-R): Cpl. Len DelPino, Guy Lafleur, Doug Nelson, Branch Manager Royal Bank Yellowknife, Bruce Jonasson, General Manager, Western Region First Air.*

*Photo courtesy of Northern News Services Ltd.*

## COMMANDING OFFICER'S COMMENDATIONS

Supt. Terry Elliot made the presentations to (L-R): Cst. Gary Hodges, Cst. James Buhler and Sgt. Bob Gray for their work in the Chief Julius School book drive. Other Fort McPherson employees who received Commendations, missing from photo: PSE Darlene McClary, Csts Paul Joy, Rob Frame, Adolphus Norris and Jean Cormier.

*Photo by Cst. Charlotte Evans*



**"K" DIVISION**  
**HEADQUARTERS — EDMONTON, ALBERTA**

**ST. PAUL SUB-DIVISION AWARDS** (*On October 24, 1997, Supt. Gus Slomba, OC, St. Paul Sub-Division, presented several medals and awards to recipients who were featured in photographs on p. 136 of the Spring 1998 issue. The following information was missing and should have appeared along with the photographs. — Editor*)

(...) Cst. Murray Dopko, Kitscoty Detachment, received the Colonel Bryan Trophy for marksmanship — which dates back to 1930 and is presented to the top police pistol marksman in Alberta. A special award was presented to Cst. Don Ladouceur, Two Hills Detachment, in recognition of his work on the Mission, Vision and Values statement of the RCMP.

In the spirit of Community Policing, Supt. Slomba made presentations to the following civilian volunteers for their outstanding contributions in various locations throughout St. Paul Sub-Division, in support of front-line RCMP personnel:

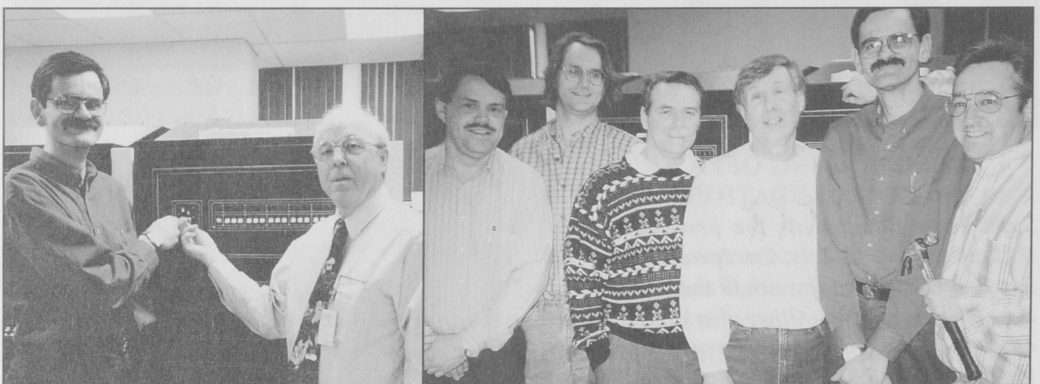
- Mariette Mahe, St. Paul Child Car Seat Program
- Dave Boorse, St. Paul Rural Crime Watch
- Gilbert Shantz and Vern Burton, St. Paul Citizens on Patrol
- Doug Millar and Mereline Griffith,

Northeast Alberta Search and Rescue Society

- Gordon Graves and Bernard Chartrand, Bonnyville Rural Crime Watch
- Dorothy Scanie, Bonnyville Friendship Centre
- Ron Mack, Bonnyville Citizens on Patrol
- Roberta Schafer, Bonnyville Block Parents
- Rollie Inman, Bonnyville Gun Club
- Bob Burgess, Lac la Biche Citizens on Patrol
- Brenda Aitken, Two Hills Car Seat Program
- Jim Withnell, Wainwright Justice of the Peace
- Roger Lehr (posthumous), former mayor of Wainwright

*By Cpl. Colin White*

**OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW** At 04:00 on February 18, 1998, a new phase began at the Edmonton Network Services computer site. The older TANDEM Node which supports CPIC and message function for the Integrated Data Network (IDN) for "K" Division and northern parts of "F" Division (RCMP) and other police agencies, was taken off line. Disk packs were removed and transported via Air Canada to the Ottawa Computer Centre to be installed on a duplicate TANDEM Node — referred to as the Ottawa/Edmonton Node. The remaining communications lines which supported



(Photo 1): C/Ms Ray Bayley and Herb Harker shutting down the TANDEM. (Photo 2): The Edmonton Network Services crew (L-R): Manager C/M Ken Henry, C/Ms Shawn Burr, Steven Randell, Don Watson, Ray Bayley and C/M Rick Jones. Missing: C/Ms Frank Hunt and Julian Fedoriuk.

the SNA and X.25 (PACT) were switched to the Ott/Edm Node to continue supporting those sites not yet converted to the new National Police Services Network (NPSNet). Police agencies in "K" and "F" Divisions converted to the NPSNet Router facilities remain at the Edmonton Network Services Section site.

The changes were necessary because of the new "K" Division HQ building nearing completion and the Edmonton site being moved into the new computer room facilities later in the spring. The Edmonton TANDEM Node will soon be disassembled and part of it will be sent to our Vancouver Network Services site, with the remaining equipment being shipped back to Ottawa to be used to support the other TANDEM Nodes in Ottawa and NSS sites at Halifax, Winnipeg, Vancouver and disaster recovery facilities.

The Edmonton IDN Tandem is the first of this technology to be turned off as the RCMP and its partners are converted to the NPSNet/Router WAN and LAN technology. To keep the outage to the police community to a minimum, it was decided to make the hardware and software changes in one day. Some users of the system had outages only lasting somewhere between four and 12 hours during this major change. This was due to the expertise, dedicated professionalism and close team work displayed by the technicians and software support of RCMP personnel in the Communications Engineering Branch, both in Ottawa and Edmonton. The complicated logistics of this change were completed, in some cases, unbeknownst to police users.

*By C/M Herb Harker*

**ARE YOU NUTS?** Cst. Pascal Richard has had a really hard time trying to explain his involvement in Skeleton Racing — not bony figures rattling across a graveyard in a Halloween 100-metre dash, or a ritual undertaken by medical students during forensic pathology studies — a World Cup event similar to Bobsledding, downhill and luge. It will not become an official event until the 2002 Winter Olympics. The sport uses a one-metre

long and half-a-metre wide sled with two steel runners on the underside. Racers start by pushing the sled 30-40 metres and then jump on, lying face down, hurling head first down a frozen track, inches above the ice, at speeds up to 135 kmph.

When skepticism began to wane last fall, Cst. Richard started to train hard to ensure that he would be at his best for the Canadian selection races being held in Calgary later in October. After a series of physiological tests, "push times" were recorded and two timed races were finally run to determine the top six racers who would make up the Canadian National team. When the ice chips settled, Cst. Richard was 3rd!

The first Nor Am Cup Race was held in November at Salt Lake City, Utah, site of the 2002 Winter Olympics. Cst. Richard finished 9th out of 30 racers to help Canada win the overall title. Meanwhile, he was having a new sled custom-built (at the cost of \$2,400) to replace the older one he had borrowed. For the remainder of the season, Cst. Richard participated in World Cup races in France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland and of course, Calgary's Olympic Park. At the end of the season, out of 66 racers, our rookie placed 21st in the world. Congratulations and good luck!

*By Sgt. Glen Haner  
NCO i/c Hanna/Oyen Detachment*



*From a six-member Detachment at Hanna, to the World Cup circuit! Next stop: Canada's Olympic Team of 2002. "I couldn't have done it without the help and support of the other Detachment staff and everyone in Hanna," said Cst. Richard.*



On March 14, 1998, Coronation/Consort Detachment, with the assistance of members from Hanna and Stettler, faced the Coronation "Old Stock" hockey team, during a charity hockey game which ended with a 12-10 overtime shootout at the Coronation Memorial Arena, raising \$370 for the local Victims Services Unit.



Safety Bear was a big hit with the kids and the rest of the crowd of very enthusiastic fans. An autographed print donated by the Edmonton Oilers Hockey Club also helped raise funds. By Cst. R.K. Pawar

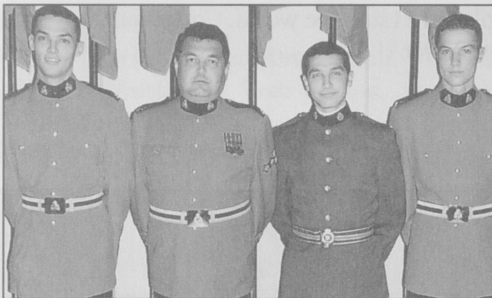
### EDMONTON FORENSIC LABORATORY MEDALS PRESENTATION, FEBRUARY 27, 1998

(L-R) Seated: Sgt. D. Kessler (SCS), C/M S. Bowman (25P), Supt. P. Curley. Standing: C/M T. Folkman, 2 i/c Edmonton Labs, C/M F. Gregory (MP20), C/M C. Krauser (MP20), C/M L. Walter (25P), C/M D. Dawson (MP20), C/M M. Mitchell (MP20), C/M D. Ogilvie, OIC, Edmonton Labs.



Legend: Silver Clasp and Stars (SCS); RCMP Medallion and Pin (MP20); 25-Year Pin (25P)

Photo by C/M Robert Gratton, FLE Photography Section



(L-R): On October 27, 1997, Reg. No. 46298, Cst. Todd Preston, Troop 2 (1997/98), graduated from the RCMP Academy in Regina —some 30 years and 20,000 regimental numbers after his father, Reg. No. 25646, ex-S/Sgt. Bob Preston, Troop 3 (1967). Cst. Todd Preston was posted to Redwater Detachment and joins his brothers, Reg. No. 45082, Cst. Jeff Preston of Chetwynd Detachment, B.C., and Cst. Greg Preston of the Edmonton Police Service, in following in their father's footsteps. Their proud mother, Lorraine, also worked for the RCMP in "K" Division, from 1967 to 1973.



### RECOGNITION FOR CONTRIBUTION TO POLICING AND THE METIS NATION

Last November, Fred L'Hirondelle, co-chair, Alberta Metis Senate and member of the CO's Aboriginal Advisory Committee, along with Audrey Poitras, President of the Metis Nation of Alberta, made presentations during the Aboriginal Ball in Edmonton, to (L-R): Insp. Ron Lamabe (Metis sash), A/Commr. Don McDermid and Supt. Peter Curley (Metis sash and paintings by Metis artist Ray Cardinal).



*(Photo 1): Supt. J. Peter Curley, OSTJ, OIC, Admin. and Personnel (L), received the Silver Medal of the Life Saving Society of Vienne, France, presented by the Consul of France, Dr. Jean M. Turc (C), in recognition of his contribution to the Society, in the presence of Captain Jack Boddington, Honorary President of the Canada Life Saving Society of Vienne (R). (Photo 2): On March 16, 1998, Supt. Curley was presented the Life Saving Society of Alberta and Northwest Territories Bronze Meritorious Service Medal by Ms. Jean Hutton, President of the Alberta and Northwest Territories Branch, for his support for the Life Saving Society and his commitment to drowning prevention education.*

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

#### **COLOUR YOURSELF CANADIAN DAY**

Depot celebrated Citizenship and Heritage Week by holding a "Colour Yourself Canadian" day on February 11, 1998. A cake in the shape of the Canadian Flag was served in the Division Mess and all staff were encouraged to dress in red and white colours.

The staff of the Tailor Shop got into the spirit, and it is interesting to note that all of them are landed immigrants. This once again proves that Canada is a great place to live and this alone should give us all reason to celebrate!

*By Sherrill Taylor*



*(L-R): Lai-Foon Fung, Patra Barlas, Livia Palandri, Raffaele Lionetti, Elvira Widhalm, Maria Maglis, Theresa Tran, Gisele Piotrowski and Rosa Giovannetti.*

*Photo by Chris Caverly*

## PACIFIC REGION

### "E" DIVISION

#### HEADQUARTERS—VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

**MARRIAGES** Reg. No. 42732, Cst. Lorin J. Lopetinsky to Andrea Poulton, on August 23, 1997, at Coquitlam.

Reg. No. 33022, Cpl. John D. Porter to Reg. No. 43460, Cst. Eileen Scholten, on March 11, 1998, at Margarita Island, Venezuela.

**BIRTHS** To Reg. No. 40840, Cpl. Glenn Alford and his wife, Reg. No. 43447, Cst. Deanna Alford, a daughter, Danielle Marguerite, on May 8, 1998, at Hazelton.

To Reg. No. 43933, Cst. Whitney Benoit (nee Barker) and her husband Richard, a daughter, Chelsea Bailee, on October 9, 1997, at New Westminster.

To Reg. No. 36744, Cst. R.B. McDowall and his wife Deirdre, a daughter, Emma Margaret, on November 26, 1996, at Penticton.

**EXTRA EYES AND EARS** In Coquitlam, new volunteer patrols are helping local RCMP find stolen cars and check break-ins in trouble areas. Volunteers, including firefighters, taxi drivers, bus drivers and people with cellular phones in their vehicles, have joined members of the community who already participate in programs such as Block Watch. In a stolen-auto recovery project, one group has tracked down \$250,000 worth of stolen vehicles abandoned on the streets. Another team, made up of hundreds of residents, has helped prevent theft from cars by patrolling high-crime areas. Another group of volunteers patrols Coquitlam for break-ins at homes and businesses. It's easier for a thousand eyes to look for criminals rather than one police officer. It's all about strengthening the ties between the business and the civilian community to capture more criminals.

*RCMP Media Summary*

**MOUNTAIN MOUNTIES** A trek to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the RCMP turned into a fight for their lives for three Mounties and a climbing friend. Cpl. Jacques Maillet from Regina, and Cst. Cliff Chastellaine, Pemberton Detachment, had decided to climb Argentina's 6,969-m (22,839-ft) Mount Aconcagua — the highest peak in the Americas — with Gibson residents, Cst. Manuel Pizarro and Richard Getzkow. On February 3, 1998, although they had received bleak weather reports and heard of climbers dying all over the mountain, Getzkow and the three mountaineering Mounties decided to press onto the highest base camp, Camp Berlin. However, the hazardous conditions forced the team to abandon plans to reach the summit and they returned home during the week of February 16.

Although seven other climbers lost their lives in the days surrounding the violent storm as unsettled weather plagued the mountain, the group nevertheless considers their expedition a success, having raised about \$12,000 for the Children's Wish Foundation and they are hoping to raise another \$10,000. That's a dollar for every foot they climbed. Aconcagua was selected because it symbolizes the Mountie philosophy of reaching for the highest goal and working in foreign lands. The climb, which cost an estimate of \$42,000 was sponsored by local and international companies.

*RCMP Media Summary*

**CLEU HONOURED** Members of the Vancouver-based Coordinated Law Enforcement Unit (CLEU), the Hamilton-Wentworth Police and the Los Angeles Police received Webber Seavey Awards during the International Association of Chiefs of Police conference. The CLEU was recognized for setting up a program to monitor and combat a threat from Eastern European organized-



crime figures, who were forming links with other organized crime figures and preparing to victimize the community.

#### *RCMP Media Summary*

**VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE** Last November, Dawson Creek Detachment personnel challenged a local elementary school to several games of volleyball, organized by Cst. Perry Penney who donned a wig and showed off his muscles for the children's amusement. With the RCMP team losing two out of three games, there could be cuts off the roster for the next time.

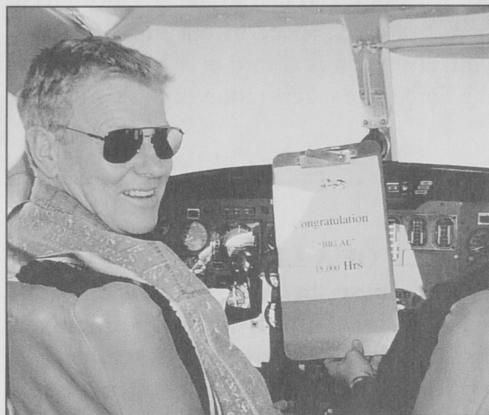
*By Sgt. Arlen Miller*

**RIDGE-MEADOWS CHOIR** For the 4th year in a row, Ridge-Meadows Detachment organized a choir which, on December 14, 1997, with the help of the Maple Ridge guitar club, sang at retirement homes in and around the Maple Ridge area. Most of the elderly were bed ridden, and some without families, had little contact with the outside world.

Doreen Anderson also led the group during a concert at the Sunshine Foundation Christmas party, held at the Sheraton Landmark, in Vancouver, for disabled and terminally-ill children in the greater Vancouver area. Members spent the day with the kids — making Christmas crafts, playing games, singing carols — topped off by a visit from Santa.

For the participants, this was the true meaning of Christmas: giving a little of yourself to those who really appreciate it.

*By Cst. D.J.P. Walsh*



**625 DAYS IN THE AIR!** On January 31, 1998, at 10:05 a.m., while on a flight from Moncton, New Brunswick, to Vancouver, Insp. Al Sabey accomplished exactly that. At that exact date and time, while at the control of an RCMP Citation jet over Sudbury, Ontario, he completed 15,000 hours in the air as a pilot. Insp. Sabey who recently completed 34 years of service with the RCMP and 27 years with Air Services, is presently in charge of Vancouver Air Services and the chief pilot for the Pacific Region. He flew 13,000 hours during his first 20 years with Air Services and has averaged 300 hours since being commissioned (1990). Insp. Sabey can also claim to have spent 400 days — 9,600 hours — in a Twin Otter.



#### **RIDGE-MEADOWS CHOIR**

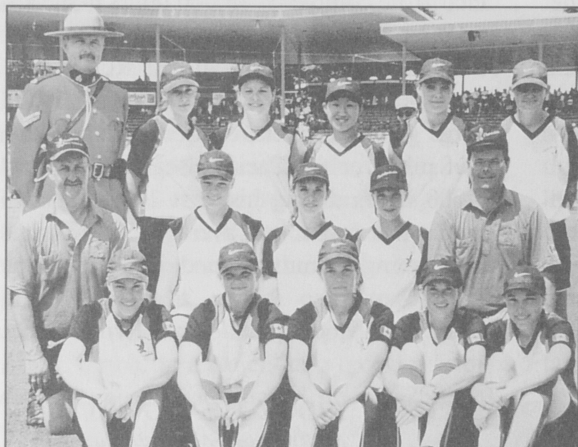
*(L-R) Front row: Aida Sutcliffe, Christie Haddrell, Jackie Champion, Gail Chidley, Doreen Anderson, Rushdie Samodien, Joanne Blassmat and Susan Hiebert. Second row: Mary Ann Fisher, Karl Fisher, Csts Dave Walsh, Kathy Dickson, Nancy Birbeck and John Martone. Third row: Cst. Krista Doncaster, Cpl. Jim Wakely, Cst. Pete Morris, Sgts Neil Duncan and Ray Fawcett.*

Although there are several RCMP pilots with more than 10,000 hours and a few with 14,000 hours or more, Insp. Sabey is the first RCMP member to have accomplished this feat. Very few senior pilots remaining with Air Services, and due to the advanced technology and the speed of our new fleet, it is unlikely that this record ever be equalled by the Force's new generation of pilots.

*By Cpl. Jean-Marc Haché  
Vancouver Air Services*

**THRILL OF A LIFETIME** After winning first place at the National Softball Association tournament in Everett, Washington, last July, the "Thunderbirds" — a team of 14- to 16-year-olds from the Prince George Minor Girls Softball league — were awarded a berth in the NSA World Series to be held later that month in Winter Haven, Polk County, Florida.

Being the only team representing Canada, they wanted to promote the Canadian image.



To highlight their participation in the opening ceremonies, permission was granted for (me) the proud father of two of the players to attend in Review Order. On that sunny morning, all the teams were introduced and walked onto the stadium field before hundreds of fans. The Canadian team was brought out last, but not least. I was privileged to march our team onto the field to a huge ovation. We proudly stood at attention while the national anthems were sung and a huge Canadian flag flew (right way up) next to the American flag.

Following the ceremonies, official photographs were taken and gifts exchanged by the teams. I was overwhelmed by the requests to appear in the other teams' photographs — amid a sea of fans who had found their way onto the field to see a "real Mountie." After spending almost four hours in the sun in 105° F temperatures, I was parched and soaked. Nonetheless, it was an experience I would not have missed and will never forget.

*By Cpl. Tony McCulloch*

*Cpl. McCulloch and the Thunderbirds who placed 8th out of 36 teams, in Winter Haven, Polk County, Florida.*

**SNOWARAMA 1998** This fundraising event held by the B.C. Snowmobile federation and snowmobile clubs in various communities throughout the province raised more than \$17,000 for the Lions Club Timmy Telethon for disabled children. Participants raised money by getting pledges for their team's successful completion of a 50-mile route through the mountains near Smithers. Of all the participating organizations, Smithers snowmobilers have consistently raised the

most money in B.C. over the past five years.

Smithers Detachment has put in a team in the Smithers Snowmobile Snowarama every year since it started. This time, Smithers Detachment put in a team consisting of members and their families on the Detachment's two high-powered Polaris snowmobiles along with members' own personal snowmobiles.

This event goes a long way in promoting safe snowmobiling, as well as partnerships with

*On February 22, 1998, the Smithers Detachment team won a trophy for the team with the highest pledges (L-R): Cst. Dave Lawton, Debby Hodgson, Cpl. Rob Roy, 10-year-old Petur Roy (won a trophy for being the youngest driver), Christopher Laplante, Cst. Chris Laplante, Peter Gunanoot, A/Cst. Harvey Gunanoot (winner of the "Hard Luck" trophy when his sled blew a piston and had to be towed in).*



the local snowmobile club with a membership of more than 100 citizens and the Lions Club.

*By Cpl. Rob Roy*

#### **"F-6" — "U" SQUAD (1952/53)**

**REUNION** Of the 30 original members who trained together in Vancouver and Regina 45 years ago, 17 attended a reunion in Victoria, September 17-19, 1997. The original squad had been increased by one member in Regina, when ex-S/Sgt. A. Marchuk (now deceased) was "back-squadded" due to an injury sustained during training. Other members who could not attend were: Reg. No. 17881, E.F. Anderson; Reg. No. 17865, P.C. Gilliatt; Reg. No. 17887, F.C. Greenough; Reg. No. 17879, M.G. Johnston; Reg. No. 17862, I.A.P. Macleod, and Reg. No. 17880, J.R.M. Perreault.

Squad members and their wives attended a cocktail reception in the NCOs' Mess on September 17. For some of them, this was the first time that they had seen some of the others since their training days. Theirs was the first recruit squad to train at the old Fairmont Barracks in Vancouver, since the re-establishment of the venerable barracks which had been used to provide special training for members of the former British Columbia Provincial Police, which amalgamated with the RCMP on August 15, 1950. The squad members were all very young when compared to the senior members of the former BCPP.

Upon completion of Part I training, the squad was transferred to "Depot" Division in Regina, for the other half of their training. From the balmy Vancouver weather, the squad arrived dressed in summer uniforms in Regina, to be greeted with -30° temperatures and were transferred to barracks — sharing the back of a horse van with their baggage. This was the beginning of an arduous but character strengthening phase of their career.

The second day of the reunion was taken up with sightseeing around Victoria and golf for the more nimble individuals. The highlight of the last day was a dinner at which they took a minute to remember former comrades: Reg. No. 17900, C. Caldwell; Reg. No. 17783,



*(L-R) Front row: Ken Moore, Jim Lovering, Alex MacGregor, Chuck Woods, Irv Monteith. Second row: Lyall Marshall, Eric Young, Bob Pilot, Herb Osmond, Ed Kuhn. Back row: Armie Thompson, Conrad Thomas, Ray Pletz, Dick Purdon, Darrell Colwell, Bill Keen, Bill Glover.*



A. Marchuk; Reg. No. 17867, C.S. Miller; Reg. No. 17893, G.K. Mulholland; Reg. No. 17884, T.R. Sieg; Reg. No. 17869, A.A. Snider; Reg. No. 17890, W.J. Stilborn, and Reg. No. 17864, D.C. Whelan. Many stories

and anecdotes were exchanged during the three-day reunion.

*By C.H. Thomas  
Cobble Hill*



*On June 9, 1997, Reg. No. 42732, Cst. Lorin Lopetinsky, Burnaby Detachment, presented his brother, Reg. No. 46036, Cst. Sheldon Lopetinsky, with his police badge, upon his graduation with Troop 21 at "Depot" in Regina. Cst. Sheldon Lopetinsky was posted to Gibsons Detachment.*

**VETERANS' NEWS** The Kamloops Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association welcomed the following new members: Reg. No. 27271, ex-Cpl. B. Cameron; Reg. No. 23085, ex-Cpl. D. DeFehr; Reg. No. 28267, ex-Cpl. J.L. Ferris.

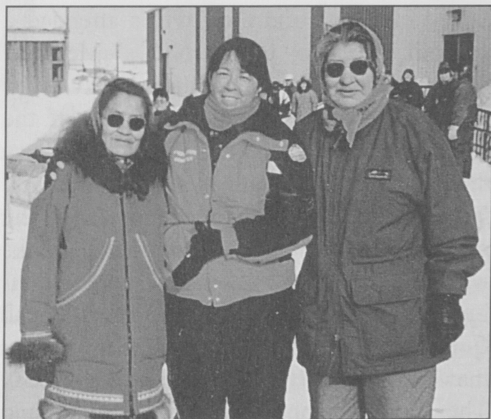
Okanagan Division welcomed Reg. No. 26381, R.L. Tellier and Reg. No. 25998, ex-S/Sgt. J.T. Ross as new members.

Vancouver Division welcomed the following new members: Reg. No. 22837, J. Vadik; Reg. No. 16630, B. Northrup; Reg. No. 21782, J. Haddon; Reg. No. C/3840, L. Yoblonski; Reg. No. 25297, T. Campbell; Reg. No. 22837, J. Whitaker; Reg. No. 22859, E. Bohl, and associate member Barney Armstrong. Membership applications were accepted for: Reg. No. 28812, C. Bodnar; Reg. No. 36410, R. Buckle; Reg. No. 22687, R. Casson; Reg. No. 27665, J. Clarke; Reg. No. 21256, P. Grabowski; Reg. No. 34345, B. Marshall; Reg. No. 25593, B. Shouldice; Reg. No. 28240, N. Rogers, and R. Poole.

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

**SLEDDING ADVENTURE** Last Winter, Cst. Karen Olito, Old Crow Detachment, set out to teach a group of 10 students from Chief Zzeh Gittlit School about their local heritage by following the traditional dog sled trails once used by the Gwitchin First Nations and RCMP members travelling between Old Crow and Fort McPherson.

On March 17, after weeks of preparation, Cst. Olito and the group of 29 travellers — 10 students and 19 adult supervisors, including a nurse and a mechanic — left Old Crow for their round-trip trek to Fort McPherson by Ski-doo, led by trail breakers on dogsleds. After encountering temperatures of -35



*Cst. Karen Olito (C) with Rosie Stewart (L) and Ida Stewart (R) in Fort MacPherson.*

Celsius and high winds, the group arrived in Fort McPherson. After spending three days with the local townspeople, the group started their journey back home on March 25, and arrived back in Old Crow on March 28.

Benjamin, an elder who had once travelled the same trail with her husband, the late S/Cst. Peter Benjamin. On this trip, Martha was accompanied by her son Ronald and grandson, Ryan.

The trip held special meaning for Martha

*By Kerry Ramsay*



*(Photo 1): Students around a camp fire. (Photo 2): Georgie Mose leaving camp.*

## NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

OTTAWA, ONTARIO

**LONG ISLAND CAMP** The 1998 opening of Long Island Camp was held on Saturday, June 20, starting at 10:30 with a 125th anniversary 10-km run. This year promised to be something special as the opening was held in conjunction with the Friends in Canadian Sportfishing, who as volunteers, take out special people for half-day fishing trips. Last year they took out 599 young adults, special needs adults and kids, the elderly and disadvantaged youths. The program was so successful that they already had more than 1,500 persons booked for the 1998 season.

Commissioner Phil Murray, A/Commr. Ray Mercier, CO, "A" Division and Mr. Jim Bloomfield hosted the opening. A group of children from Chernobyl (former Soviet Union) were at the camp that day and were treated to a trip on the river. Two mounted riders — courtesy of the Musical Ride — and Safety Bear were very popular with everyone.

The life of Long Island Camp depends on good publicity in the National Capital Region and, especially, across the country. If we are to maintain this facility we need and

### LONG ISLAND CAMP OPENING DAY

*(L-R): A/Commr. Ray Mercier, S/Sgt. Graham Muir, Cpl. Jerry Mayo (Equitation), Safety Bear (Cst. Greg Fedor) with little friend, Mrs. Peggy Sawyer, Tyler Sawyer, Cpl. Mel Eskelson (Equitation), Commr. Phil Murray, Mrs. Rene Murray, Sgt. Tim Gray, Long Island Camp Supervisor, and Mrs. Bonnie Gray.*



*Photo by Cpl. Chris Fedor*

appreciate the commitment of all those who consider Long Island Camp as a valuable asset to be enjoyed by current, former and future RCMP employees, as well as charitable organizations. For more information, please call Sgt. Tim Gray, Camp Supervisor, at (613) 993-8834.

**RCMP BAND CONCERT** On March 29, 1998, the RCMP Band kicked off the spring season at a lively marching pace during a concert held at the National Gallery of Canada auditorium, in Ottawa. Former members of the RCMP Band and other local musicians performed marching pieces from around the world, as part of their "Marching around the world" concert. Proceeds went toward bringing in young performers for future concerts. The Band also sold its 1989 recording of martial music, with proceeds going towards the RCMP Veteran's Association.

**NEW LAB EXTENSION** After many long years of planning and design, the new extension to the Central Forensic Laboratory in Ottawa is finally becoming a reality. Phase one of three (construction of the foundation) went out to tender in July 1997 to begin shortly thereafter. The building is being erected in the west parking lot, directly behind the existing National Police Services building.

Recently, the contract was awarded to Westeinde Construction for the completion of this project. The RCMP is on the cutting edge of DNA research and the new building and its occupants will be the base for future discoveries as well as the home of the soon-to-be-legislated Dangerous Offenders Database.

A display of the new building, its appearance and effect on the HQ site is on view in the lobby of the HQ building.

**BERMUDA'S TOP COP** On April 16, 1998, RCMP C/Supt. Jean-Jacques Lemay was named Commissioner of the Bermudian Police for a three-year term. C/Supt. Lemay

had joined the RCMP in 1965, and in 1993, he had been chosen by the United Nations to lead the international police force sent to Haiti. In 1997, he went to Bermuda on an 18-month contract to fill in the post of Deputy Commissioner of Police. Having secured the top police job on an island many consider a paradise, Commissioner Lemay wants to make sure that he doesn't keep it. He has a succession plan that he hopes will help groom Bermudians to take over. To make sure people are well prepared to take over the senior positions, he will encourage more support between Bermudian and Canadian police services — and even closer relations between the two former British colonies.

#### **CIVILIAN MEMBER ORIENTATION**

Regular members who stay at "Depot" for six months during their basic training get the opportunity to develop a detailed knowledge of policing skills, an understanding of the organization, and also acquire a sense of family. This esprit de corps often spans not just their career, but their lifetime. A formal orientation program for RCMP Civilian Members was initiated more than one year ago as a way to provide a more complete introduction to the RCMP upon engagement.

Because civilian members are hired already possessing specific skills required for their particular positions, they do not get the opportunity to acquire the same esprit de corps developed during basic training, and consequently, their level of familiarization to the RCMP is dependent on their immediate supervisors. In addition, there are over 40 sub-groups in the C/M category; consequently, C/Ms in one Directorate or Division are often not aware of what other C/Ms do. The new C/M Orientation Program was supposed to provide a common meeting ground for C/Ms across the Force.

As a result of feedback and recommendations from the initial participants, the program was revamped and plans were made to run four groups of 25 C/Ms through the orientation in 1997/98 fiscal year. The first phase of the new C/M Orientation Program



(L-R) First row: Donna Morken, C/Ms Marc Brosseau and Rebecca Hameluck (facilitators), Supt. Robert M. Castonguay, A/Commr. Roy V. Berlinquette, Sgt. François Leblanc and Deborah Doherty (course coord.) Second row: Marguerite Lavigne-Canales, M.D. Carmen Harry, Vicky Chartrand, Lenore Kaminski, Guylaine Dansereau, Tari Huddle, Debi Letkemann. Third



row: Catherine Chagnon, Jody Rusnak, Jim Dower, Kathy Bruneau, Lyla Bear-Tatlock, Monique Simpson, Jeanette Séguin, Rose Gallo. Fourth row: Leanne Flahr, J. François Lafrance, Shawn Evans, Daniel Dutchin, D. Patrick Lafleur, Mark Reber, Connie Armstrong, Debra Smith, Sonia Pineau.

offered to civilian members who had between six months and two years service with the Force, was carried out at the work site and included the history of the Force, familiarization with the structure of the organization, an introduction to the CAPRA problem-solving model, and information on important policy and procedures. It also included a ride along with a regular member.

The second phase was the five-day orientation session held at the RCMP Training Academy at "Depot" in Regina. The first group attended their orientation at "Depot" Division, December 7-11, 1997. The first group of C/Ms learned first-hand what and how RCMP Cadets are trained for policing duties. They also attended training exercises to learn how Cadets apply the CAPRA model to real situations. In addition, they learned about ethics and the *Code of Conduct*, labour relations (including an introduction to the DSRR Program), etc. Participants also had the chance to solve work-related problems in a group environment, similar to what the Cadets undergo.

In brief, the C/M Orientation Program provided participants with the opportunity to better understand the collective psyche of regular members and the RCMP as an organization. Perhaps, more importantly, it afforded them the opportunity to better understand their role in contributing to quality police

service and to solidify their identity as members of the RCMP.

However, because of the current budgetary restraints, alternative methods of presenting the program are being explored. For more information please see the RCMP Website at [www.rcmp-learning.org](http://www.rcmp-learning.org).

*From the files of the "DSRR Perspective"*

**COOPERATION IN FIGHTING DRUG TRADE** Last February, RCMP employees travelled to Islamabad, Pakistan, to conduct courses coordinated by Sgt. Paul Durand, RCMP Drug Enforcement Branch (DEB),



#### CANADIAN TRAINERS IN THE PAKISTANI NORTHWEST FRONTIER PROVINCE

(L-R): Sgt. Paul Durand (DEB), Sgt. Michel Cabana (POC), C/M Robert C. Fahlman (CAB), Sgt. Warren Sweeney (CPC), Sgt. Tom Hansen (POC, "E" Division, Vancouver), Jean-Léon Latour, RCMP LO/Islamabad and Micheline Latour.

aimed at enhancing the Pakistani government's efforts to combat the illegal drug trade. The first course on drug intelligence analysis was given by Sgt. Warren Sweeney, Canadian Police College (CPC), and C/M Robert Fahlman, Criminal Analysis Branch (CAB). The second, dealing with proceeds of crime (POC) and money laundering, was presented by Sgt. Michel Cabana and Sgt. Tom Hansen (POC).

Through the drug intelligence analysis course, law enforcement agencies develop a methodology for sifting through the mass of data they gather on drug organizations. By filtering out information of no relevance to their investigations, police can concentrate on essential clues to help them successfully conduct operations against drug organizations.

The second course was being conducted in response to recent changes in Pakistani legislation giving the government more power to confiscate money earned through the illegal drug trade. With proceeds of crime and money laundering legislation, governments, with the cooperation of banks, can cripple drug traffickers financially by seizing the money they have earned as a result of their crimes.

The 47 participants from numerous federal agencies included members of the anti-narcotics force, customs and other law enforce-

ment agencies, along with representatives of the banking industry. Through a combination of theory and practical exercises, participants attained a solid knowledge of Canadian investigative techniques and expertise that they can adapt to their work in Pakistan.

Pakistani authorities had approached the Canadian government for this training because Canada has an international reputation for the quality of training provided by its police forces. The RCMP and Pakistani law enforcement agencies already have an excellent working relationship when it comes to combatting the illegal drug trade and these courses are yet another example of the spirit of cooperation and goodwill that exist between the two countries in so many areas.

*Submitted by C/M R.C. Fahlman (CAB)*

**INTERPOL VISIT** On February 10, 1998, employees of Interpol, International Liaison Branch (ILB), in Ottawa, and the Canada-U.S. Fugitive Squad, attended an informal meeting at the new offices of the Department of Justice (DOJ) in Ottawa, where they were given a tour of the facilities by Danielle Beaulne. The visit was followed by an informal luncheon where everyone got a chance to meet the individuals with whom they so closely work with, and to exchange ideas. As a result of the visit, a workshop was conducted a few months later to address concerns regarding various issues and policies.

*(L-R) Front row: DOJ employees, Claude Lefrançois, Reine McDonald, Lise Lacroix, Kimberly Prost, Jacques Lemire, Jacqueline Palumbo, Danielle Beaulne, Francine Blais and Peter Lamont. Back row: Daniel Comeau, NCO i/c Interpol Operations Centre; Paul Brisson, Interpol Crime Unit (ICU), Guy Mathieu (ICU), Barbara Jensen, ILB Liaison Desk; Yves Ross (ICU), Gilbert Labelle (ICU), Neal Parker, OIC, ILB; Barbara Kother (DOJ), Guy Laberge (ICU) and Doug Hearda, ILB.*

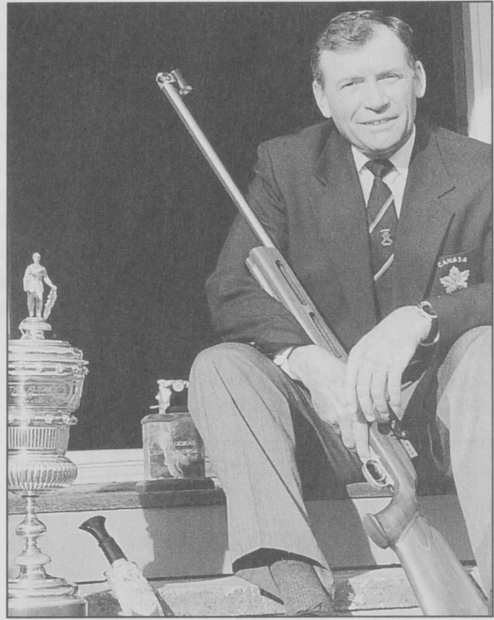


## COMPETITIVE RIFLE SHOOTING

For many years, Sgt. Serge Bissonnette, Centralized Training, has represented Canada and the RCMP in Fullbore Target Rifle shooting competitions held around the world. As a member of Canada's National Rifle Team, he travelled to New Zealand and England in 1995, Jamaica in 1996 and England in 1997. Fullbore Rifle shooting is performed with a .308 calibre rifle, iron sights, in prone position, without any support or resting of the rifle. The ranges shot start at 300 yards and go up to 1,000 yards from the target.

In Jamaica, Sgt. Bissonnette won the 1996 Grand Aggregate after a stellar demonstration of shooting at 1,000 yards in very rough conditions (rain and wind). The following year, he won the Corporation of the City of London's Match at 1,000 yards, earning a St. George's Badge (England) in long-range shooting. Results he obtained at the National Rifle Association of England 1997 Imperial Prize Meet, as well as those obtained at the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association's 1997 Canadian Fullbore Rifle Championship crowned another successful competitive year for Sgt. Bissonnette.

At his 12th Bisley appearance, Sgt. Bissonnette won the Alexandria Trophy (shoot-off at 600 yards), the Ghurkha Appeal Aggregate (shoot-off at 300 yards) and the DPW Sighter Aggregate (all ranges clean), as well as at the Police Rifle Competition (300 and 600 yards clean) — competitions attended by more than 2,000 rifle shooters from across the world.



*Sgt. Bissonnette sitting on the steps of the Canadian Pavilion, Bisley 1997.*

Another of Sgt. Bissonnette's contribution to the Canadian competitive shooting scene was taking the Letson Match (300, 500 and 600 yards clean), the All-Comers Aggregate (all ranges clean) and the Des Burke Award at the Connaught Ranges, in Ottawa. His experience and insights garnered while attending these top international rifle competitions are regularly passed on to receptive RCMP members, namely the "A" Division Emergency Response Team — demonstrating to our clients and partners that we take their safety seriously and are doing our utmost to maintain an expertise equal to or better than any other police force.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Figures provided by the Officer Staffing Directorate indicate that as of July 30, 1997, there were 20,503 RCMP employees — 14,787 Regular Members (not including Cadets), 3,720 Public Service Employees and 1,996 Civilian Members.



## LONG SERVICE AWARDS

On November 26, 1997, Commissioner Murray presented long service awards during a ceremony held at the Major E.J.G. Holland VC Armoury, in Ottawa. (L-R) Front row: C/M Wendy Norman (25P), A/Commr. Raymond Mercier, CO, "A" Division, Commr. Murray, C/S/M Yvon Mercier, C/M Sandra Sparks (30P). Back row: C/M Richard Forgiel (25P), C/M Robert White (25P), C/M David White (MP20), C/M David Ballantyne (MP20), C/M Thom Terry (25P), C/M Chris McRae (25P), C/M Cynthia Robertson (MP20), C/M Roy Bailey (25P), C/M Line Roberge (MP20).



(L-R) Front row: C/M Diane Greer (MP20), A/Commr. Mercier, Commr. Murray, C/S/M Mercier, C/M Steve Lalonde (25P). Back row: C/M John Campbell (30P), C/M Richard Brouzes (MP20), C/M Michael Riester (MP20), C/M Guy A. Millaire (25P), C/M Brian Forsyth (MP20), C/M Ihor Stus (MP20), C/M Leonard Bennett (25P), C/M Roger Valcarcel (MP20).



(L-R) Front row: Linda P. Charlebois (PS25P), A/Commr. Mercier, Commr. Murray, C/S/M Mercier, Raymonde Couture (PS35M). Back row: Angelo Tofolo (PS25P), Diane Boudreau (PS25P), Donna Mroz (PS25P), Ginette Bilodeau (PS25P), Lise Gauvin (PS25P), Carmen Tremblay (PS25P), Barbara Wilson (PS25P), Victoria Jones (PS25P), Richard Litle (PS25P), Francine Piva (PS25P).



(L-R) Front row: Supt. George Kaine (GCS), A/Commr. Mercier, Commr. Murray, C/S/M Mercier, A/Commr. Joop Plomp (GCS). Back row: Insp. Tom Middleton (LSM), Insp. Peter Blais (BCS), Insp. Glenn Woods (BCS), Insp. Gary Leaman (GCS), Insp. Jim Boyes (SCS), Insp. Robert Terris (GCS), C/Supt. Val Zanin (BCS), Supt. Carl Gallant (SCS). Missing: Insp. Raymond Minkoff (SCS).



(L-R) Front row: S/Sgt. Rick Noble (LSM), A/Commr. Mercier, Commr. Murray, C/S/M Mercier, Sgt. Terrence Hoskin (BCS). Back row: Cpl. Gilles Brunet (LSM), Sgt. Arthur Crockett (LSM), Sgt. Richard Sauvé (LSM), Sgt. Richard MacDonald (SCS), Cpl. Guy Boisjoli (BCS), Cpl. Andrew Black (BCS), Cpl. Michael Joyal (LSM), Cpl. Pierre Dupuis (LSM).



(L-R) Front row: Sgt. Harold Anderson (SCS), A/Commr. Mercier, Commr. Murray, C/S/M Mercier, Cpl. Robert Piquette (LSM). Back row: Cpl. Glenn Kibsey (LSM), Sgt. Alain Houde (LSM), Cpl. Scott Sauv  (BCS), Cpl. Renaud Lebel (LSM), Sgt. Ed Peszat (BCS), Cpl. Ken Kaip (BCS), Sgt. Gary Lutwick (LSM), Cpl. Robert Blondin (LSM), Cpl. Eric Streeter (LSM), Sgt. Hughes Joanis (LSM).



(L-R) Front row: S/Sgt. Jim Cousins (SCS), A/Commr. Mercier, Commr. Murray, C/S/M Mercier, Cpl. Gregory Williams (BCS). Back row: Cpl. Bruce Whillans (LSM), S/Sgt. Raf Souccar (LSM), Cpl. James Squance (LSM), S/Sgt. Ronald Madden (GCS), Sgt. L onard Doucette (SCS), Sgt. Donald Ingersoll (SCS), Sgt. Robert Thompsen (BCS), Sgt. Blair Nicholson (SCS), S/Sgt. Daniel Beauchesne (LSM), Cst. Bernard Boileau (LSM). Missing: Sgt. Jon Trask (LSM), Cpl. Steve Ethier (LSM).

**Legend:** Gold Clasp and Stars (GCS); Silver Clasp and Stars (SCS); Bronze Clasp and Star (BCS); Long Service Medal (LSM); C/M 30 years (30P); C/M 25 years (25P); C/M Medallion and Pin (MP20); PSE 35-year Medallion (PS35M); PSE 25-Year Plaque (PS25P)



**VICTIM OF THE ICE STORM** The Great Ice Storm of 1998 hit at the very top of the RCMP. On Sunday, January 11, Commissioner Phil Murray slipped on black ice in his backyard and broke his leg in three places. "I guess I was one of the many victims of the ice storm," he joked during a photo session. Commr. Murray underwent reconstructive surgery which included the insertion of a steel plate and wire in his leg. Initially, his leg was encased in a hip-high plaster cast. After that, he wore a smaller, more flexible fibreglass cast.

Courtesy of Carl Martin, "INFORMATION"

On February 8, 1998, C/M Todd Jackson (first row, centre), Latent Fingerprints/CPSIC Operations in Ottawa, became part of Olympic history when Women's Hockey made its debut at the Winter Olympic Games in Nagano, Japan. As equipment manager for the Canadian team, he and the 20 women hockey players had said goodbye in the fall to friends and family — and in Todd's case, to the RCMP — to train in Calgary, Alberta. Part of their training included a 25 exhibition game tour throughout Canada, the U.S. and Finland. Todd Jackson's crucial task of keeping hockey equipment orderly for these women warriors was commendable. (L-R) First row: C/M Brian Stanley, C/M L. Merklinger, S/Sgt. Paul Morin and more than 100 of Todd's co-workers, each sporting silver medallions around their necks, proudly welcomed him back to work.





*At the International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysts (IALEIA) semi-annual training conference held in New York City last April, Marilyn Peterson, President of IALEIA, presented C/M Robert C. Fahlman, OIC, Criminal Analysis Branch, CID, Executive Director IALEIA and Chancellor of the Society of Certified Criminal Analysts (SCCA), with the 1997 SCCA Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of two decades of exemplary service to the criminal intelligence community as analyst, manager, trainer and international advisor.*



*The Canadian Automobile Association visited local schools last September to initiate the National School Safety Patrol Week, a program instrumental in recruiting and teaching students across Canada to become school crossing guards. (L-R): President CAA North and East Ontario Mr. Tim Georgeoff, the late President of Chrysler Canada Mr. Yves Landry, CAA President Mr. Brian Hunt, Cst. Morino Sani, of the Ottawa Carleton Regional Police, and Sgt. André Lemaire, HQ Traffic Services.*

**VETERANS' NEWS** The Ottawa Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association welcomed the following new members: Reg. No. 31850, G.F. Anott; Reg. No. 40977, P. Coutu; Reg. No. 26014, D.A. Day; Reg. No. 22377, R.J.W. Howell; Reg. No. C/0376, H.W. Peel; Reg. No. 24243, M.J. Sawada; Reg. No. 26689, B.P. Thomas.

## CANADIAN POLICE COLLEGE

ROCKCLIFFE, ONTARIO

**HABS' WIVES VISIT STABLES** While their husbands prepared for the second game of their NHL playoff series in Pittsburgh last April, 12 wives of the Montréal Canadiens players, with children in tow, boarded a bus and came to Ottawa to check out some tall, dark strangers —the horses of the RCMP Musical Ride. The Montréal Canadiens players' wives were preparing their schedule for the off-season, which includes a fundraiser with the RCMP later in the summer.

"Basically, what they try to do is give a little back to the community," said George Springate, who volunteers his time to the wives' group. "They've done well for them-

selves in life and they try to help out when they can. Their husbands are in Pittsburgh right now, so it's the perfect time to do this." The women are organizing a three-day event in the Montréal suburb of Pierrefonds, where they hope to raise \$400,000 for the Quebec Society for Disabled Children, and they've enlisted the help of the RCMP and its famous Musical Ride. The event will also include a baseball game between the Montréal Canadiens players and Montreal-area RCMP Detachments. While this wasn't the first time that the Montréal Canadiens players' wives and the RCMP have teamed up to help a charity, the visit to the RCMP stables in Rockcliffe was a way for the women to get to



know the men, women and animals in uniform who will be helping them reach their fundraising goal.

*RCMP Media Summary*

**ONE MEMBER'S "VIBORNY" ADVENTURE IN SLOVAKIA** "Viborny," as you might have surmised, is the Slovak word for excellent. This is a story about a project that the Force sponsored which was not only a success for our organization, but also a wonderful personal experience.

Since the "velvet revolution" many changes took place in Slovakia and several other East European countries. In 1996, S/Sgt. Richard Emerton of International Training Branch, working in conjunction with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), conducted a training needs analysis in Slovakia specifically for the federal police. It was determined that an Instructional Techniques Course (ITC) and a Systems Approach to Training Design & Delivery Course (SATDD) would be delivered to Slovak police trainers. The Canadian Police College (CPC) was contacted and I was fortunate to be selected to coordinate these courses. The adventure, thus, began.

In March of 1997, S/Sgt. Emerton and I headed off to this foreign land, knowing little to nothing of its culture, language, political and social structures. The Slovak language itself, as I was later told by my Slovak colleagues, is the third most complex of difficult languages to learn in the world. Knowing not what lay ahead of me, I started learning new expressions such as "proseem" —please, and "dakujeme" (pronounced DAKWEEYEM) —thank you. The only word that was easy to learn was "tri" —three. In any event, I was on my way into the unknown.

After landing in Vienna, Austria, we were driven to Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, where we met officials from the Ministry of the Interior. About 25 km outside of the capital was the quaint little town of Pezinok, soon to become our home away from home in Slovakia.

Pezinok is where the STREDNÁ OBORNÁ ĽKOLA POLICAJNÉHO ZBORU, the Slovak Basic Police Training Academy, is situated. Our residence was a recently renovated villa named SLIMA,,KA — (pronounced SLEEMACHKA), which means snail. The owner and manager of Slima ... ka was a lovely woman named Lubi ... a Demòvicová. Her son Robert, who had learned English on his own, was our only means of communicating after hours. Without him, and hand gestures, we were culturally and linguistically isolated. When the Instructional Techniques Course commenced, we met our Slovak candidates: all young police trainers from three training institutions throughout the country. Each and every word spoken had to be translated. At first, I thought that this would double teaching time, but in fact, it only seemed to increase it by approximately 15%. The Slovakian federal police were "viborny" students who showed interest in the subject material and devoured it. They worked extremely hard and were rewarded with CPC certificates.

An interesting side-bar is how we taught the Slovaks to speak "Newphenese." As the course progressed and people began to relax and get to know each other, our communication became lighter. For example, everyone knew that after a break when I said "et's rock n'roll," it meant: let's get back to work. I explained to the class that my colleague, Sgt. Kevin Kenna (now a staff sergeant in Audit



**SLOVAK CANDIDATES AND POLICE TRAINERS**

*(L-R) in uniform : Captain Juraj Smolek and Stanislav Partl (now known as "Stan the Man").*



**VISIT TO 750-YEAR-OLD WINE CELLAR** *Pezínok is in the heart of the wine-producing part of the country. Slovaks explained that the difference between themselves and their former compatriots, the Czechs, is that Slovaks are wine drinkers and Czechs are beer drinkers. Both countries are famous for their production of these respective beverages. (L-R): Ján Satko wine producer, S/Sgt. Richard Emerton, Sgt. Pat Grenier, Katarina Petrusová (translator), Sgt. Kevin Kenna, Mr. Behul, Director of the Police Academy, and Mr. Behul's chauffeur. (Photo 2): Kevin Kenna and Pat Grenier with hosts Lubi...a and Robert at Slima...ka, eating the traditional Slovak meal of roast goose with potato crêpes.*



**SLOVAK ITC INSTRUCTORS (L-R)** *Front row: Ľuboš Hudek and Juraj Smolek. Back row: Tomáš Skolník (translator), Ján Serbák and Peter „op. (Photo 2): Slovak police cadets who were just graduating: Karol Varga and Mariana Žetefancová.*

and Evaluation Branch at RCMP HQ), was coming to assist me with the SATDD course. I told them that Kevin had worked in the province of Newfoundland and that he, at times, spoke like a person from that province. I explained that “Newphenese” and English were like Slovak and Czech—quite similar but somewhat different. An example is that George, in Slovak, is Juraj; in Czech, it is Jiri. We practised a Newfoundland expression all week in anticipation of Kevin’s arrival. When Kevin was introduced, the entire class, in unison said, “HOW’S SHE GOIN’ BUD!” Everyone had a good time with this and the expression practically became a standard greeting between us and our Slovak colleagues.

The courses went extremely well and after a month in Slovakia it was a sad day when it came time to leave. It was heartwarming to know that we would return in the fall when our Slovak counterparts would deliver ITC, under our supervision. So in November we

returned to oversee the course being given by four of our former ITC students: Juraj Smolek, Peter „op (pronounced “CHOP”), Ján Serbák and Ľuboš (pronounced “LUBOSH”) Hudek. They were extremely well prepared and did a wonderful job. They presented S/Sgt. Emerton and me with a Slovak flag.

The result of the project is that Canadian police training programs (ITC & SATDD) were successfully delivered to the Slovakian federal police who have adopted these programs and are using them to train their own teachers. Consequently, Canadian police training standards are now the standards of the Slovak police. I have received correspondence since then and the ITC is now given twice a year and will continue to be delivered in the Slovak Republic. All in all, this was a successful project and an unforgettable personal experience.

*By Sgt. Pat Grenier*



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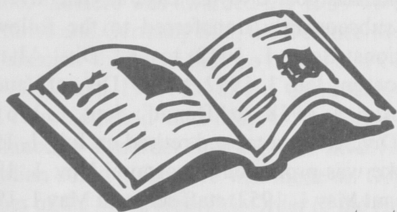




# Retirements

Reg. No.	Rank	Name	Division	Date	Reg. No.	Rank	Name	Division	Date
O.1137	D/Commr.	Beaulac, J.R.H.	"HQ"	98-04-05	25051	Cpl.	MacPhail, C.F.T.	"H"	98-04-17
O.1164	C/Supt.	Hannam, R.A.	"O"	98-04-02	25179	Cpl.	Marchand, R.B.	"K"	97-07-30
O.1169	Supt.	McMartin, R.W.	"E"	98-04-02	25200	Cst.	Calhoun, W.J.	"E"	98-05-06
O.1192	Insp.	Leaman, G.J.	"O"	98-04-02	25260	S/Sgt.	Emerton, R.J.	"O"	98-04-17
O.1193	Supt.	Kaine, G.P.	"O"	98-04-01	25315	S/Sgt.	Anderson, W.R.	"O"	98-04-08
O.1225	Supt.	Fenske, R.W.	"E"	98-05-20	25390	S/Sgt.	Moffat, A.C.	"O"	98-04-01
O.1248	C/Supt.	Linteau, J.J.M.R.	"A"	98-04-01	25393	Sgt.	Geddes, G.L.	"J"	98-02-25
O.1254	Supt.	Juhasz, F.J.	"D"	98-04-02	25452	Sgt.	Rousseau, J.L.P.	"C"	98-04-01
O.1265	Supt.	Tremblay, J.M.R.	"O"	98-04-01	25710	S/Sgt.	Thompson, D.R.	"D"	98-04-10
O.1268	C/Supt.	Pouliot, J.O.G.	"O"	96-06-14	25761	S/Sgt.	Collins, R.M.	"O"	98-04-01
O.1274	A/Commr.	Martell, W.F.	"O"	98-04-08	25770	Sgt.	Anderson, H.A.	"O"	98-04-08
O.1281	Supt.	Girouard, J.D.M.	"A"	98-04-02	25772	Sgt.	Crosland, K.E.	"H"	98-04-22
O.1306	Supt.	Stillwell, A.W.	"O"	98-04-01	25835	S/Sgt.	Cyr, B.R.R.	"O"	98-01-30
O.1317	Supt.	Zapotchichny, W.L.	"E"	98-04-13	25976	Sgt.	Davis, R.J.F.	"D"	98-04-01
O.1332	Supt.	Watson, R.J.	"H"	98-04-22	26033	Sgt.	Cock, C.J.	"B"	98-04-08
O.1371	Supt.	Yard, G.F.	"E"	98-04-13	26040	Sgt.	Trattle, R.L.	"E"	98-04-08
O.1492	Insp.	Houghton, A.T.	"O"	98-04-01	26069	Cst.	Arnold, R.W.	"D"	98-05-06
O.1497	Insp.	Sutton, G.G.S.	"K"	98-05-01	26104	S/Sgt.	Nykiforuk, J.E.A.	"E"	98-04-17
O.1529	Insp.	Dundon, M.J.	"H"	98-05-10	26112	Cpl.	Teather, R.G.	"E"	98-05-20
O.1534	Insp.	Pavey, G.J.	"A"	98-04-02	26254	Cpl.	Diack, J.E.	"K"	98-04-08
O.1601	Insp.	Riendeau, J.P.C.	"A"	98-05-20	26386	S/Sgt.	Edwards, J.V.	"K"	98-04-13
20769	Cst.	Mazerolle, P.J.	"F"	98-04-08	26389	Cpl.	Briggs, D.G.	"H"	98-04-01
21446	Sgt.	Rambaut, V.G.A.	"O"	98-05-01	26392	S/Sgt.	Doyle, M.T.	"H"	98-04-22
22071	S/Sgt.	Delorey, J.F.	"H"	98-04-13	26499	Sgt.	Barbaro, A.W.	"O"	98-04-04
22278	S/Sgt.	Ukrainetz, M.M.	"E"	98-04-13	26611	Cpl.	Kervin, K.T.	"O"	98-04-01
22413	S/Sgt.	Floyd, R.A.	"K"	98-04-08	26767	S/Sgt.	Ayotte, J.M.P.A.	"A"	98-04-01
22457	Sgt.	Hall, D.R.	"O"	98-04-24	26780	S/Sgt.	Vander Graaf, L.P.	"E"	98-04-01
22465	Sgt.	Reece, D.E.	"O"	98-05-20	26909	S/Sgt.	Miller, D.G.	"E"	98-04-22
22582	S/Sgt.	Madden, R.E.	"O"	98-04-03	26980	Sgt.	Ulinder, R.W.	"E"	98-04-08
22641	S/Sgt.	Nicholdon, M.D.	"O"	98-05-01	27049	Cst.	Gillis, C.E.	"H"	98-04-03
22715	Sgt.	Wiebe, W.	"H"	98-04-02	27097	S/Sgt.	Jacobs, L.D.	"F"	98-04-14
22775	Cpl.	Burch, G.J.	"F"	98-04-02	27110	S/Sgt.	Cochrane, L.W.	"J"	98-05-06
22799	S/Sgt.	Hackett, J.J.	"H"	98-04-08	27253	Sgt.	Plante, R.A.M.	"C"	98-04-22
22905	Sgt.	Hawkins, D.R.	"D"	98-04-01	27599	Sgt.	Waterhouse, D.	"H"	98-04-08
23006	S/Sgt.	Nestibo, S.	"E"	98-04-03	27633	Cpl.	Fidler, C.A.	"H"	98-04-22
23256	Sgt.	Wyers, D.A.	"O"	98-04-02	27706	S/Sgt.	Turner, T.N.	"K"	98-05-12
23585	S/Sgt.	Veilleux, J.A.E.G.	"C"	98-04-01	27810	Sgt.	Carlisle, J.A.	"K"	98-04-03
23729	Cpl.	McIntosh, M.R.	"E"	98-04-08	27918	Sgt.	Larson, F.D.	"E"	98-04-01
23985	S/Sgt.	Spriggs, D.J.	"K"	98-04-22	28055	Cst.	Sicker, G.A.	"E"	98-05-12
23992	Cst.	Landers, A.B.	"J"	98-04-02	28069	Cpl.	Thies, R.A.	"E"	98-04-22
24031	Cpl.	Smetaniuk, E.O.	"K"	98-05-20	28080	Sgt.	Allen, S.R.	"O"	98-04-02
24053	S/Sgt.	Senechal, J.L.C.	"C"	98-02-25	28206	Sgt.	Côté, J.A.Y.	"A"	98-04-08
24104	S/Sgt.	Sackett, C.E.	"K"	98-04-08	28267	Cpl.	Ferris, J.L.	"E"	98-02-11
24142	Sgt.	Liston, B.J.	"O"	98-04-01	28408	Cpl.	Mellish, B.J.	"H"	98-05-20
24184	Sgt.	Squires, A.D.	"H"	98-04-02	28540	Cpl.	Onyskevitch, K.A.	"O"	98-05-03
24191	S/Sgt.	Hargreaves, C.H.	"F"	98-04-08	28593	Cst.	Lecouffe, P.J.	"F"	98-03-03
24240	S/Sgt.	Bishop, G.H.	"H"	98-04-08	28637	Cpl.	Chapman, R.A.	"K"	98-05-12
24277	S/Sgt.	Fraser, W.R.	"B"	98-01-14	28695	Cpl.	Gillott, T.J.	"K"	98-04-08
24304	Cpl.	Johnston, W.G.	"O"	98-04-01	28796	Cpl.	Rudd, A.D.J.	"K"	98-02-13
24330	S/Sgt.	Beggs, A.T.	"K"	98-05-20	28806	Sgt.	Fenwick, E.K.	"E"	98-04-08
24452	S/Sgt.	Armstrong, M.W.	"O"	98-04-13	28831	S/Sgt.	Jean, J.L.B.	"A"	98-04-02
24470	Sgt.	Zeni, G.	"O"	98-04-01	28963	Sgt.	Getz, B.L.	"F"	98-05-10
24490	Sgt.	Peebles, R.A.	"H"	98-05-20	29043	Cpl.	Hindle, D.F.	"E"	98-04-15
24515	Sgt.	McIntosh, B.N.	"D"	98-04-08	29064	Sgt.	Basham, G.R.	"K"	98-04-30
24537	Sgt.	Heide, R.W.	"F"	98-04-22	29103	S/Sgt.	Fiegenwald, F.E.	"O"	98-04-02
24809	S/Sgt.	O'Brien, K.S.	"Depot"	98-05-06	29111	Sgt.	Taylor, J.C.A.	"O"	98-01-31
24816	S/Sgt.	Woodrow, A.	"H"	98-04-02	29172	Sgt.	Lachuk, H.E.	"K"	97-09-04
24937	Cpl.	Johannson, L.B.	"F"	98-05-04	29176	Sgt.	Nelson, B.R.	"D"	98-04-01
25003	S/Sgt.	Morrison, H.W.	"O"	98-04-01	29198	S/Sgt.	Stewart, L.R.	"K"	98-01-30

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29248	Cpl.	Saby, G.R.	"E"	98-04-08	33219	Cst.	Furlot, B.A.	"E"	98-04-08
29289	Cpl.	Howse, R.M.	"H"	98-04-03	33242	Sgt.	Stavert, J.B.	"O"	98-05-15
29349	Cst.	Muyers, A.B.	"E"	98-05-06	33728	Cpl.	Hamilton, R.B.	"O"	98-01-31
29488	Sgt.	Grenier, J.A.C.	"C"	98-04-03	33835	Sgt.	Dzurko, D.V.	"E"	98-05-06
29496	S/Sgt.	McLaren, T.B.	"O"	98-04-01	33895	S/Sgt.	Goodman, A.J.	"O"	98-05-11
29581	Cpl.	Hart, G.J.	"E"	98-04-02	34229	Cst.	Linden, T.M.	"J"	98-02-01
29732	Cst.	Walton, R.P.	"E"	98-04-22	34289	Cst.	Smith, R.	"K"	98-02-12
29986	Cst.	Hurkett, A.J.	"K"	98-02-22	34438	Cst.	Uhlman, G.L.	"O"	98-01-31
30118	Cpl.	Menzies, J.S.	"A"	98-05-06	34604	Cst.	Rodgers, A.G.	"E"	98-01-07
30217	Cpl.	Griffith, J.C.W.	"E"	98-03-08	34619	Cst.	Blois, J.C.	"E"	98-02-25
30225	Cst.	Tupper, D.A.	"H"	98-04-30	34655	Cst.	Statnyk, M.S.	"K"	98-03-01
30257	Sgt.	Miller, E.A.	"F"	98-05-12	34806	Cpl.	Carter, M.W.	"O"	98-04-01
30294	Cst.	Baron, B.H.	"E"	98-05-06	35225	Cst.	Carter, M.L.	"O"	98-04-01
30342	Sgt.	Gauvin, J.C.D.	"A"	98-04-04	35239	Cst.	McIntosh, F.G.	"K"	97-11-24
30371	Cst.	Holmes, R.S.	"K"	98-04-15	35324	Cst.	Ladouceur, K.A.	"K"	98-01-28
30421	Cpl.	Kabesh, D.C.	"K"	98-01-28	37219	Cpl.	Kellough, D.R.	"O"	98-01-31
30430	Cst.	Brière, J.D.G.	"A"	98-02-28	39528	Cst.	Capotorto, D.	"O"	98-04-01
30635	Cpl.	Stevely, D.B.	"E"	98-02-25	40167	Cst.	Dolan, R.J.	"A"	98-04-03
30722	Cst.	Wall, R.V.	"H"	98-03-25	40185	Sgt.	Gillies, W.H.	"O"	98-04-01
30895	Cst.	Reid, T.C.	"L "	98-05-03	40186	Cpl.	Tettman, L.G.	"O"	98-04-01
31041	Cst.	Hawkins, D.R.	"E"	98-05-06	40193	Cpl.	Boag, R.F.	"O"	98-04-09
31047	Sgt.	Roberts, B.D.	"E"	98-05-20	40703	Cst.	Waldman, L.	"E"	98-02-11
31110	Cpl.	Anderson, T.I.	"O"	98-03-22	40755	Cst.	Andrew, C.	"E"	98-05-15
31163	Sgt.	White, J.M.	"K"	98-02-12	40763	Cst.	Sparvier, S.L.	"F"	98-02-11
31169	Cst.	Miller, R.G.	"E"	98-02-25	40790	Cst.	Jacobs, P.M.	"O"	98-02-23
31176	Cst.	Geistlinger, D.A.	"E"	98-02-25	41307	Cst.	Kuffner, G.L.	"E"	98-04-22
31180	Cpl.	Jones, R.A.	"G"	98-05-01	41310	Cst.	Sutherland, M.W.	"A"	98-04-08
31182	Cst.	Aapinall, R.W.	"E"	98-04-01	41320	Cst.	Sirianni, F.	"O"	98-01-31
31186	Sgt.	Northrup, P.C.	"D"	98-02-14	41651	Cst.	Tarsitano, E.	"O"	98-04-01
31216	Cpl.	Burke, T.R.	"O"	98-04-01	41914	Cst.	Carson, D.W.	"E"	98-02-22
31288	Sgt.	Kuharski, R.D.	"E"	98-03-25	42209	Cst.	Bozdech, I.	"F"	98-04-08
31291	Cpl.	Hicks, D.J.	"E"	98-03-25	42573	Cst.	Fisher, W.R.	"K"	98-05-21
31474	Cpl.	Lloyd, J.D.	"K"	98-05-06	S/1023	S/Cst.	Virag, G.S.	"F"	96-03-14
31965	Cst.	Myette, A.D.	"H"	98-04-08	S/0369	S/Cst.	Pamak, T.J.	"B"	98-04-08
31981	Sgt.	Trask, J.A.	"O"	98-05-06	S/0371	S/Cst.	Watson, B.D.	"E"	98-02-11
32002	Cpl.	Magel, G.R.	"E"	98-03-13	S/0402	S/Cst.	Tetz, E.R.	"F"	98-04-08
32214	Cst.	Oke, J.E.	"O"	98-01-28	C/0285	C/M	Fahie, T.R.	"O"	98-04-01
32243	Cpl.	Cameron, R.J.	"A"	98-04-28	C/0803	C/M	Northover, R.A.	"O"	98-05-01
32311	Cst.	Huebsch, W.K.F.	"D"	98-03-03	C/0816	C/M	Gravel, J.G.A.Y.	"O"	98-05-20
32417	Cpl.	Thompson, G.R.	"O"	98-03-22	C/0935	C/M	McGee, D.E.	"O"	98-04-13
32446	Cst.	Lindback, E.J.	"K"	97-06-04	C/1558	C/M	Lampman, D.R.	"O"	98-05-01
32723	Sgt.	Birtwistle, P.L.	"O"	98-03-31	C/1965	C/M	Wright, A.K.	"E"	98-05-20
32841	Cpl.	Manning, K.D.	"D"	98-02-11	C/3733	C/M	Casalino, D.A.	"O"	98-04-13
32843	Cpl.	Demman, W.D.	"D"	98-05-06	C/3859	C/M	Simone, M.A.M.S.	"O"	98-04-01
32886	Cst.	Morin, J.P.C.L.	"C"	98-03-09	C/4452	C/M	D'Angelo, S.	"O"	98-03-31
32933	Cst.	Stack, D.R.	"E"	98-05-06	C/4453	C/M	Stillo, M.R.	"O"	98-04-01
33095	Cpl.	Foy, C.L.	"O"	98-04-24	C/4633	C/M	Helowka, J.L.	"O"	98-04-01



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## OBITUARIES

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

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

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

**AUSTEN** Reg. No. S/50 (Reg. No. S/1112), ex-S/Cst. Edward Percy Austen, 71, died Feb. 24, 1998, at Surrey, B.C. He was born June 10, 1926, at Margate, England, and joined the Force as a special constable Sept. 15, 1958, at Toronto. Austen was posted to "Air" Div. where he worked at the following locations: Ottawa, Fort Churchill (Man.), Edmonton, St. John's, and Prince Albert (Sask.). On April 1, 1973, he was transferred to RCMP HQ and retired on Sept. 18, 1979. Prior to his police career, Austen had served with the British Army from Nov. 1944 to Sept. 1947, and was awarded the War Medal 1939-45.

**BENNETT** Reg. No. 17102, ex-Cst. John Bellmaine Bennett, 65, died Jan. 3, 1998, at Fredericton. He was born Feb. 13, 1932, at Chatham, and joined the Force July 16, 1951, at Fredericton. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Div., Bennett was posted to "K" Div., Alta., at Calgary, Drumheller and Banff. On May 14, 1956, he was transferred to "F" Div., Sask., at Saskatoon, and took his discharge July 15, 1956.

**BLISS** Reg. No. 12413, ex-Cst. John Donald MacQueen Bliss, 90, died Feb. 18, 1998. He was born Jan. 23, 1908, at Amherst, N.S., and joined the Force June 28, 1934, at Ottawa. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Bliss was posted to "E" Div., B.C., at Nelson and Vancouver. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: May 1937, to "G" Div., N.W.T., at Cameron Bay and Port Radium; Aug. 18, 1940, to "Depot" and then to "F" Div., Sask., at Yorkton; April 18, 1941, to "N" Div. where he joined the No. 1 Provost Company and served in Italy and at Apeldoorn, Holland. He took his discharge from the Canadian Army in March 1946. On Nov. 1, 1938, Cst. Bliss received a Commr's Commendation for bravery for his role during a patrol on Great Slave Lake, N.W.T.

**BOND** Reg. No. 12705, ex-Sgt. Ainslie Kenneth Bond, 86, died Feb. 3, 1998, at Kamloops. He was born Dec. 15, 1911, at Rutland, and joined the Force July 4, 1935, at Vancouver. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Bond was posted to "F" Div., Sask., at Regina, Yorkton and Calder. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: June 1, 1939, to "G" Div., Y.T., at Dawson; Sept. 1, 1946, to "E" Div., at Vancouver, Osoyoos, Enderby, Vernon and Kamloops, and retired on Jan. 3, 1963. Bond was promoted to corporal May 1, 1942; sergeant May 1, 1958. He was awarded a Commr's Commendation on May 21, 1937, for his role during an investigation on a theft, at Springside, Sask.

**BROOKE** Reg. No. 13500, ex-S/Sgt. John McMaster Brooke, 87, died Jan. 15, 1998, at Toronto. He was born July 20, 1910, at Westmount, Que., and joined the Force July 2, 1940, at Toronto. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Brooke was posted to "E" Div., at Vancouver. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: Sept. 1, 1948, to "K" Div., Alta., at Edmonton; Jan. 3, 1952, to "E" Div., at Vancouver; Aug. 1, 1958, to "Depot"; Sept. 1, 1961, to "O" Div., at Toronto, and retired on July 1, 1965. Brooke was promoted to corporal Nov. 1, 1946; sergeant May 1, 1952; staff sergeant May 1, 1957.

**CAMPBELL** Reg. No. 10615, ex-Cst. George Ewan Campbell, 88, died Feb. 25, 1998, at Edmonton. He was born Dec. 6, 1909, at Aberdeen, Scotland, and joined the Force June 27, 1929, at Regina. Upon completion of training at



"Depot," Campbell was posted to "F" Div., Sask., at Moose Jaw. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: April 27, 1931, to "Depot"; May 6, 1931, to "F" Div., at Strasbourg; June 1, 1932, to "Depot" where he took his discharge on June 26, 1932.

**CARRIÈRE** Reg. No. O.439 (10700), D/Commr. Joseph Raoul René Carrière (retired) 86, died Feb. 10, 1998, at Grand Falls-Windsor, Nfld. He was born Sept. 18, 1911, at Hull, Que., and joined the Force as a trumpeter Sept. 23, 1929, at Ottawa. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Carrière was posted there, and on Nov. 1, 1930, he became a constable. On July 1, 1931, he was transferred to "F" Div., at Regina, took his discharge May 19, 1932, and reengaged on Sept. 5, 1939, at Ottawa. He was posted to "A" Div., at Ottawa, and on Nov. 1, 1939, transferred to "N" Div. where he enlisted in the No. 1 Provost Company. Carrière reengaged into the Force May 25, 1945, and was posted to "C" Div., at Montréal. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: July 19, 1957, to "D" Div., at Winnipeg; Aug. 1, 1960, to "A" Div., at Ottawa; Nov. 14, 1962, to "C" Div., at Montréal, where he became Commanding Officer June 30, 1967; Nov. 12, 1968, to RCMP HQ, and retired on June 19, 1972. Carrière was promoted to corporal Nov. 1, 1947; sergeant Dec. 1, 1949; sub-inspector April 1, 1952; inspector April 1, 1954; superintendent Feb. 1, 1965; chief superintendent April 1, 1967; assistant commissioner Aug. 9, 1967; deputy commissioner Oct. 1, 1969.

Carrière received three Commendations: a CO's Commendation on Sept. 18, 1947, for his part in an investigation of a contravention of the orders of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board; a Commissioner's Commendation on Sept. 10, 1948, for his assistance in a case of theft from a postal station, and a D/Commr's Commendation on July 14, 1950, for his role in an investigation under the *Opium and Narcotics Drug Act*. For his wartime service, Carrière was awarded the 1939-45 Star, the France and Germany Star, the Defence Medal, the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, the War Medal 1939-45, and a Commendation from New Scotland Yard May 19, 1943, for his assistance in a murder investigation involving a Canadian soldier. Carrière was made an Officer Brother of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem on Nov. 10, 1961. His father, Reg. No. 9081, ex-Cpl. J.E. Carrière, served as a member of the Dominion Police and then with the RCMP from 1920-1938. Carrière's son, Reg. No. 26421, ex-Sgt. W.R. Carrière, served with the RCMP from 1965-1996.

**CARTER** Reg. No. 14748, ex-S/Sgt. Albert James Carter, 72, died Feb. 2, 1998, at Salmon Arm, B.C. He was born June 25, 1925, at Albert Park, Alta., and joined the Force Sept. 10, 1946, at Calgary. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Carter was posted to "D" Div., Man., at Winnipeg. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: July 1, 1947, to "G" Div., N.W.T., at Fort Smith, Yellowknife and Fort Providence; Sept. 1, 1950, to "E" Div., B.C., at Vancouver, New Westminster, Burns Lake, Prince George, Kitimat, Prince Rupert, Revelstoke and North Vancouver, where he retired on March 1, 1972. Carter was promoted to corporal Nov. 1, 1957; sergeant May 1, 1965; staff sergeant May 1, 1966. Carter had served with the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve (RCNVR) from Feb. 28, 1944, to December 3, 1945, and was awarded the Air Crew Europe Star, the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp and the War Medal 1939-45.

**CASHMAN** Reg. No. C/2047, ex-C/M William Arthur Cashman, 61, died Jan. 8, 1998, at Upper Musquodoboit, N.S. He was born April 9, 1936, at Toronto, and joined the Force as a civilian member Oct. 4, 1976, at Halifax. Cashman was posted to "H" Div., at Halifax, and retired on Nov. 1, 1991. He served with the Canadian Armed Forces from Feb. 24, 1955, to March 18, 1976.

**CASSIDY** Reg. No. 13049, ex-S/S/M Donald Nelson Cassidy, 78, died Jan. 13, 1998, at Ottawa, where he was born Nov. 12, 1919, and joined the Force Oct. 29, 1938, as a sub-constable in the RCMP band. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Cassidy was posted to "N" Div., where he became a constable Oct. 30, 1940. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: June 1, 1943, to "A" Div., at Ottawa; April 4, 1949, to "F" Div., Sask., at Yorkton; July 10, 1949, to "A" Div., at Ottawa; April 1, 1952, to RCMP HQ, and retired on May 16, 1961. Cassidy was promoted to corporal Nov. 1, 1946; sergeant Nov. 1, 1952; staff sergeant May 1, 1955; staff sergeant major May 1, 1960. Cassidy became the first director-general of Ports Canada Police in 1968. He received the Canada Centennial Medal in 1967, the Queen Elizabeth Silver Jubilee Medal in 1977, and the Government of Canada Medallion for long and efficient service in 1983.

**CHARRON** Reg. No. 10138, ex-Cst. Oscar William Charron, 90, died Jan. 3, 1998, at Outremont, Que. He was born July 16, 1907, at Ottawa, where he joined the Force March 30, 1925, as a special constable. Charron was posted to "A" Div., at Ottawa, and became a constable

Nov. 6, 1925. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: Feb. 14, 1927, to "C" Div., Que., at Amos; July 11, 1929, to "A" Div., at Ottawa; June 1, 1932, to "C" Div., at Quebec City, Amos and Montréal, and took his discharge on June 14, 1945. Charron received a Commissioner's Commendation March 5, 1943, for his assistance in a conspiracy case.

**CLEVETTE** Reg. No. 13781, ex-Sgt. Leonard Reginald Clevette, 80, died March 4, 1998, at Edmonton. He was born Jan. 26, 1918, at Clymont, and joined the Force Nov. 30, 1940, at Edmonton. Upon completion of Part I Training at "Depot," Clevette was posted to "F" Div., Sask., at North Battleford, Maidstone and Meadow Lake. After Part II Training at "Depot," he was transferred to the following locations: June 17, 1942, to "G" Div., N.W.T., at Fort Resolution; May 1, 1944, to "K" Div., Alta., at Edmonton, Two Hills, Vermilion, Jasper, Empress, Drumheller, Oyen, Crossfield, Cochrane and Wetaskiwin, where he retired on Dec. 15, 1964. Clevette was promoted to corporal Nov. 1, 1955; sergeant Nov. 1, 1962.

**CODZI** Reg. No. S/148 (S/11070), ex-S/Cst. George Codzi, 72, died Feb. 13, 1998, at Colville Lake, N.W.T. He was born June 6, 1925, at Fort Good Hope, where he joined the Force as a special constable Dec. 1, 1957. Codzi worked as a guide and interpreter in "G" Div., N.W.T., namely at Fort Good Hope and took his discharge March 31, 1960. He reengaged into the Force under the *RCMP Act*, April 1, 1960, and took his discharge on April 30, 1971.

**CROSS** Reg. No. 14118, ex-Cpl. William Henry Cross, 77, died Feb. 14, 1998, at Winnipeg. He was born Feb. 25, 1920, at Yorkton, Sask., and joined the Force May 1, 1941, at Regina. Upon completion of Part I Training at "Depot," Cross was posted to "D" Div., Man., at Dauphin and Wasagaming, and then took his discharge April 30, 1943. He reengaged into the Force May 20, 1946, at Ottawa, and was posted to "A" Div., at Ottawa. Upon completion of Part II Training at "N" Div., Cross was posted to RCMP HQ. On Oct. 28, 1955, he was transferred to "F" Div., at Regina, and retired on Oct. 28, 1965. He was promoted to corporal Nov. 1, 1956. Cross served in the Canadian Army from July 31, 1944, to April 15, 1946.

**DAOUST** Reg. No. 14180, ex-Sgt. Joseph André Ludovic Daoust, 77, died Jan. 8, 1998, at Laval. He was born Aug. 28, 1920, at Hull, and joined the Force July 7, 1941, at Montréal. Upon comple-

tion of training at "N" Div., Daoust was posted to "C" Div., Que., at Hemmingford and Montréal. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: June 1, 1943, to "G" Div., Y.T., at Whitehorse and Watson Lake; Dec. 1, 1945, to "C" Div., at Bersimis, Caughnawaga and Montréal; Aug. 1, 1947, to "G" Div., N.W.T., at Lake Harbour and Pangnirtung; Oct. 29, 1953, to "A" Div., at Noranda (Que.); Sept. 15, 1955, to "A" Div., Ont., at Moose Factory, Noranda and Ottawa, where he retired on Sept. 24, 1961. Daoust was promoted to corporal May 1, 1951; sergeant Nov. 1, 1960. He received a Commr's Commendation Oct. 14, 1948, for his 1,650-mile round trip patrol between Lake Harbour, N.W.T., and Halifax, N.S., aboard the *M.B. Lake Harbour*.

**DI STEFANO** Reg. No. C/137, ex-C/M Joseph Lionel Gaston Di Stefano, 73, died Feb. 6, 1998, at Sherbrooke. He was born March 21, 1924, at Valleyfield, and joined the Force as a civilian member Feb. 1, 1954, at Sherbrooke. Di Stefano was posted to "C" Div., Que., and spent his entire career at Sherbrooke. He took his discharge March 31, 1960, reengaged as a civilian member April 1, 1960, under the *RCMP Act*, and took his discharge on July 27, 1970. Di Stefano had served in the Canadian Army Reserve from July 1, 1943, until Feb. 28, 1945.

**DOWLING** Reg. No. 16337, ex-Sgt. John Thomas Edward Dowling, 85, died Feb. 23, 1998, at Salmon Arm. He was born May 31, 1912, at Vancouver, and joined the Force Aug. 15, 1950, when the BCPP — where he had been serving at Grand Forks, Cranbrook, New Denver, Blue River, Lillooet and Vancouver (University Detachment), since March 29, 1935 — amalgamated with the RCMP. Dowling was posted to "E" Div., at Vancouver (University Detachment), Chemainus, Smithers and Prince Rupert, and then retired on Aug. 14, 1959. He was promoted to corporal June 8, 1949; sergeant Nov. 1, 1957.

**ELLIS** Reg. No. 24681, ex-Cpl. Roger David Ellis, 57, died March 7, 1998, at Pitt Meadows, B.C. He was born Feb. 4, 1941, at Shanghai, China, and joined the Force April 12, 1966, at Chilliwack, B.C. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Ellis was posted to "K" Div., Alta., at Blairmore, Lethbridge, Provost, Stony Plain, Westlock, St. Albert, Edmonton, Sherwood Park, Fort McMurray, Hanna, Peace River and Stettler, where he retired on June 27, 1996. He was promoted to corporal Feb. 1, 1981. Ellis served with the Canadian Army from Sept. 20, 1961, to Sept. 22, 1965. His brother, Reg. No. 26034, ex-Cst.

S.G. Ellis, served with the RCMP from 1967 to 1994.

**FLEET** Reg. No. 17500, ex-Cpl. William Gordon Fleet, 95, died March 5, 1998, at Penticton. He was born Dec. 16, 1902, at Montréal, and joined the Force at Penticton Aug. 15, 1950, when the BCPP — where he had been working at Crows Nest, Zeballos, Revelstoke, Kamloops, Cranbrook and Penticton since Oct. 19, 1936 — amalgamated with the RCMP. Fleet was posted to “E” Div., at Nelson, Chilliwack and Penticton. On June 12, 1959, he was transferred to “O” Div., at Toronto, and retired on Nov. 30, 1960. Fleet was promoted to corporal May 1, 1958.

**GILL** Reg. No. 28340, Sgt. Murry Alfred Ross Gill, 49, died Jan. 7, 1998, at Ashcroft, B.C. He was born April 8, 1948, at Deloraine, Man., and joined the Force Sept. 9, 1970, at Brandon. Upon completion of training at “Depot,” Gill was posted to “E” Div., B.C., at Surrey, and took his discharge April 30, 1975. He reengaged into the Force May 17, 1976, and was posted to “E” Div., at Surrey, Port Mann, Williams Lake and Ashcroft, where he was still working at the time of his death. Gill was promoted to corporal Oct. 19, 1981; sergeant April 17, 1991.

**GILLESPIE** Reg. No. 16942, ex-S/Sgt. Bernard Justin Gillespie, 68, died Jan. 13, 1998, at Victoria. He was born June 1, 1929, at Grand Falls, N.B., and joined the Force April 16, 1951, at Vancouver. Upon completion of training at “Depot,” Gillespie was posted to “E” Div., B.C., at Langley. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: May 25, 1954, to “G” Div., N.W.T., at Yellowknife, Teslin, Carmacks and Whitehorse, Y.T.; June 1, 1958, to RCMP HQ; June 30, 1960, to “O” Div., at Toronto; June 28, 1963, to RCMP HQ, and retired on Sept. 10, 1979. Gillespie was promoted to corporal Nov. 1, 1961; sergeant June 10, 1965; staff sergeant April 1, 1973.

**GLENHAM** Reg. No. 19076, ex-Sgt. Albert Gordon Glenham, 61, died Feb. 9, 1998, at Halifax. He was born Sept. 3, 1936, at St. Catharines, Ont., and joined the Force Aug. 31, 1955, at Toronto. Upon completion of training at “N” and “Depot” Div., Glenham was posted to “C” Div., at Montréal. On Jan. 15, 1957, he was transferred to “D” Div., Man., at Hodgson and Winnipeg, and on Sept. 28, 1959, to “A” Div., at Ottawa, where he took his discharge Aug. 30, 1960. Glenham served with the Surrey Constabulary (England), from Oct. 31, 1960, to Jan. 6, 1962, and reengaged into the RCMP at Sydney, N.S., Sept. 13, 1962. He

was posted to “A” Div., at Ottawa, and on March 8, 1963, to RCMP HQ. On Dec. 1, 1974, Glenham was posted to “H” Div., at Halifax, and took his discharge July 15, 1984. He was promoted to corporal Sept. 1, 1967; sergeant Dec. 1, 1974.

**GOODFELLOW** Reg. No. 8953, ex-Sgt. Norman Edwin Goodfellow, 94, died March 5, 1998, at Dunrobin, Ont. He was born Oct. 5, 1903, and joined the Force Dec. 10, 1919, at Ottawa. Goodfellow served in “N,” “O” (Ont.), “A” (Ont.) Divisions and at RCMP HQ. He took his discharge on March 2, 1950.

**GOULET** Reg. No. 40701 (S/3214), Cst. Michel Gérard Joseph Goulet, 42, died Feb. 28, 1998, at Chilliwack. He was born March 21, 1955, at St-Jean, Que., and joined the Force as a special constable Aug. 1, 1986, at Edmonton. Goulet worked at RCMP HQ and became a constable Jan. 13, 1989, at Ottawa. Upon completion of modified training at “Depot,” he was posted to “E” Div., B.C., namely at Chilliwack, Sumas and Vancouver, where he was still working at the time of his death. Goulet had served with the military from Feb. 1975, to July 1986.

**HAINES** Reg. No. C/2114 (PS 12898), C/M Kathleen Jill Haines, 45, died March 9, 1998, at Cranbrook, B.C. She was born April 23, 1952, at Creston, and joined the Force as a civilian member March 7, 1977, at Prince George. Haines was posted to “E” Div., at Prince George, and took her discharge Sept. 1, 1979. She joined the Force as a public service employee and worked at Creston until she resigned June 12, 1982. Haines reengaged into the Force as a civilian member Oct. 1, 1986, at Cranbrook, where she was still working at the time of her death.

**HENDERSON** Reg. No. 12279 (S/1320), ex-S/Sgt. Frederick Joseph James Henderson, 88, died Jan. 25, 1998, at Halifax. He was born Dec. 25, 1909, at Thedford, Que., joined the Force as a special constable at Halifax, June 27, 1932, and became a constable April 1, 1934. Henderson served with the Marine Section at “H” Div., at Halifax, and aboard the *Alachasse*, *Acadian*, *Ulna*, *McDonald*, *Fleur-de-lys*, *Arresteur* and *Stadacona*; at “C” Div., Que., at Rimouski and aboard the *Madawaska*, and at “J” Div., N.B., aboard the *New Brunswick*. On Sept. 30, 1939, Henderson took his discharge to join the Royal Canadian Navy, where he served for the duration of the Second World War. He reengaged into the RCMP at Halifax on Aug. 14, 1945, and was posted to Marine Div., at Halifax, and aboard the



*Stadacona*; at "O" Div., Ont., at Sault Ste. Marie, aboard the *Chilcoat*; at "G" Div., N.W.T., aboard the *St. Roch*; at "J" Div., aboard the *Commissioner, Fort, C&M, Irvine, French and MacBrien*, and then retired on Sept. 19, 1952. Henderson was promoted to corporal May 1, 1946; sergeant Oct. 1, 1949; staff sergeant Oct. 1, 1951.

Henderson is presumed to have been the last working skipper of the *St. Roch*, sailing from Vancouver to Halifax via the Panama Canal in 1950. He had also served with the Royal Canadian Navy Reserve and the Merchant Marine prior to his service with the RCMP.

**HICKS** Reg. No. 11726, ex-Sgt. Major Allen Hicks, 92, died Dec. 2, 1997. He was born June 29, 1905, at Sackville, N.B., and joined the Force April 1, 1932, when the Nova Scotia Provincial Police — where he had been serving at New Waterford since Sept. 15, 1930 — amalgamated with the RCMP. Hicks was posted to "H" Div., N.S., namely at Neils Harbour, North Ingonish and Sydney. On Nov. 1, 1934, he was transferred to "A" Div., Ont., at Cornwall, Kingston and Ottawa, where he retired on Nov. 24, 1950. Hicks was promoted to corporal Nov. 1, 1945; sergeant May 1, 1949.

**HILL** Reg. No. 17697, ex-Cst. Edward Garfield Hill, 67, died Jan. 13, 1998, at Kingston, Ont. He was born Aug. 11, 1930, at Regina, and joined the Force May 1, 1952, at Ottawa. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Div., Hill took his discharge on April 30, 1953.

**HUDON** Reg. No. C/94, ex-C/M Marie Anita Hudon, 79, died Jan. 11, 1998, at Ottawa. She was born March 21, 1918, at Clarence Creek, Ont., and joined the Force as a civil servant Nov. 23, 1953, at Ottawa. Hudon spent her entire career at RCMP HQ, resigned as a civil servant to become a civilian member on Feb. 1, 1961, and retired March 31, 1978.

**JACKSON** Reg. No. 12424, ex-S/Sgt. Ian Crichton Jackson, 84, died Feb. 24, 1998, at Victoria. He was born March 6, 1913, at the RCMP Barracks in Battleford, Sask., and joined the Force June 16, 1934, at Regina. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Jackson was posted to "F" Div., Sask., at Saskatoon, Vonda, Humboldt, Young and Lucky Lake. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: Sept. 15, 1942, to "O" Div., at Orillia, Toronto and Muncey; Sept. 6, 1943, to "F" Div., at Saskatoon, Regina, Young, Naicam, Watrous, Biggar, Kerrobert,

Vonda, Biggar, Swift Current and Yorkton, and then retired on May 9, 1962. Jackson was promoted to corporal June 1, 1947; sergeant Nov. 1, 1955; staff sergeant May 1, 1959. His father, Reg. No. 2432, ex-S/Sgt. William Crichton Jackson, served with the Force for 33 years, from April 10, 1890, to Jan. 31, 1924.

**JOHNSON** Reg. No. 11048, ex-Sgt. Geoffrey Richard Johnson, 89, died March 13, 1998, at Castlegar, B.C. He was born Jan. 24, 1909, at Winnipeg, and joined the Force Oct. 1, 1931, at Regina. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Johnson was posted to "E" Div., at Vancouver. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: Dec. 28, 1937, to "D" Div., at Winnipeg; July 24, 1939, to "O" Div., at Toronto; Nov. 1, 1944, to "E" Div., at Vancouver and Victoria, and then retired on Sept. 30, 1951. Johnson was promoted to lance-corporal Oct. 1, 1938; corporal Sept. 1, 1940; sergeant Nov. 1, 1942.

**KEARSEY** Reg. No. 16194, ex-Cst. Thomas Eric Kearsey, 80, died Jan. 23, 1998, at Grand Falls-Windsor, Nfld., and joined the Force Aug. 1, 1950. He had served with the Newfoundland Constabulary at Grand Falls and St. John's since Sept. 6, 1939. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Kearsey was posted to "B" Div., Nfld., at St. John's and Grand Falls and was invalided to pension on Oct. 12, 1956.

**LAWRENCE** Reg. No. 12739, ex-S/Sgt. William James Lawrence, 85, died Jan. 14, 1998, at Yarmouth, N.S. He was born Sept. 18, 1912, at Ottawa, where he joined the Force July 11, 1935. Upon completion of training at "N" Div. and at Minto Barracks, Man., Lawrence was posted to "D" Div., at Winnipeg, and at Fort William, Ont. On April 1, 1937, he was transferred to "Depot" and on Sept. 22, 1938, to "H" Div., at Yarmouth and Halifax, and then retired on Oct. 14, 1959. Lawrence was promoted to corporal Nov. 1, 1943; sergeant May 1, 1948; staff sergeant May 1, 1955. Lawrence received a Commr's Commendation in July 1951, for his role in the investigation of a drowning in Shubenacadie, N.S. His son, Reg. No. 24994, ex-Cpl. John Wayne Lawrence, served with the Force from Aug. 3, 1966, until July 15, 1984; his son-in-law, Reg. No. 27118, ex-Sgt. L.W.E. Saunders, also served with the RCMP from Feb. 12, 1969, to June 15, 1992.

**LENHARD** Reg. No. 11137, ex-Cpl. Gerald Eugene Lenhard, 89, died Jan. 22, 1998, at Winnipeg. He was born June 24, 1908, at Valley City, North Dakota, and joined the Force Nov. 4,

1931, at Regina. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Lenhard was posted to "D" Div., Man., at Winnipeg, Whitemouth and Selkirk, and Port Arthur, Ont. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: April 29, 1940, to "F" Div., Sask., at Wakaw; June 1, 1940, to "D" Div., at Whitemouth and Winnipeg; Aug. 10, 1950, to "A" Div., at Ottawa, where he retired on Nov. 30, 1951. Lenhard was promoted to corporal June 1, 1947.

**MCILREAVY** Reg. No. 28518, ex-Cst. Joseph Robert McIlreavy, 50, died Jan. 18, 1998, at Edmonton, Alta. He was born May 7, 1947, at Brantford, Ont., and joined the Force Nov. 2, 1970, at Toronto. Upon completion of training at "Depot," McIlreavy was posted to "E" Div., B.C., at Pemberton, White Rock, Vancouver, Surrey and Burnaby. On Sept. 15, 1976, he was transferred to "N" Div. (1977/78 Musical Ride) and on Dec. 19, 1978, he was posted to "K" Div., Alta., at Peace River, Grimshaw, Sherwood Park and Edmonton, retiring on March 30, 1996.

**MCLAREN** Reg. No. O.461 (12080), Insp. Darrell Everett McLaren (retired), 86, died Jan. 5, 1998, at Calgary. He was born Feb. 22, 1911, at Vancouver, where he joined the Force Nov. 7, 1933. Upon completion of training at "Depot," McLaren was posted to "F" Div., Sask., at North Battleford, Radisson, Turtleford, Lloydminster, Hafford, Regina and Saskatoon. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: Dec. 1, 1941, to "E" Div., at Vancouver and Victoria; Oct. 17, 1948, to "A" Div., at Ottawa; April 1, 1952, to RCMP HQ; Oct. 1, 1956, to "C" Div., at Montréal; July 6, 1959, to "O" Div., at Toronto; July 29, 1960, to RCMP HQ; July 17, 1964, to "K" Div., at Calgary, where he was invalided to pension on Feb. 3, 1966. McLaren was promoted to corporal June 1, 1947; sergeant Nov. 1, 1951; staff sergeant May 1, 1955; sub-inspector May 1, 1955; inspector May 1, 1957. He received a CO's Commendation on Sept. 28, 1940, for his part in an investigation involving the disposition of subversive literature, thereby impeding the spread of the Communist Party in Saskatchewan. He was appointed Justice of the Peace and Local Registrar of Firearms in Alberta on July 29, 1964.

**NEUFELD** Reg. No. 35488, Cpl. Murry Gene Neufeld, 41, died March 5, 1998, at Courtenay, B.C. He was born Oct. 6, 1956, at Williams Lake, and joined the Force July 10, 1979, at Regina. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Neufeld was posted to "E" Div., B.C., at Abbotsford, Surrey, Williams Lake, Gold River and Courtenay, where he took his discharge April 11, 1986. He

reengaged into the Force March 4, 1988, at Chilliwack, and was posted to "E" Div., at Williams Lake and Courtenay, where he was serving at the time of his death. Neufeld was promoted to corporal Jan. 30, 1998.

**PARADIS** Reg. No. 41597, Cst. Marie Chantal Paradis, 29, died Feb. 5, 1998, at Woodstock, N.B. She was born Oct. 12, 1968, at Rivière-du-Loup, and joined the Force Jan. 9, 1990, at Quebec City. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Paradis was posted to "J" Div., at Perth-Andover and Florenceville, where she was still serving at the time of her death.

**RANDALL** Reg. No. 11012, ex-Cpl. Eric Randall, 91, died March 7, 1998, at Woodstock. He was born March 23, 1906, at Grimsby, England, and joined the Force Aug. 28, 1931, at Winnipeg. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Randall was posted to "D" Div., at Winnipeg. On April 1, 1932, he was transferred to "J" Div., N.B., at Saint John, Campobello Island, Chipman, St-Stephen, McAdam, Woodstock, East Florenceville and Fredericton, and retired on March 31, 1954. Randall was promoted to corporal Nov. 1, 1943.

**ROBSON** Reg. No. 11930, ex-Sgt. Harvey Edward Robson, 86, died Feb. 23, 1998, at Salmon Arm, B.C. He was born Oct. 21, 1911, at Milestone, Sask., and joined the Force Nov. 29, 1932, at Vancouver. Upon completion of training at Vancouver, Robson was posted to "E" Div., at Esquimalt, Vancouver and Red Pass Junction. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: to "B" Div., Y.T., at Dawson and Whitehorse; Nov. 1, 1938, to "G" Div., N.W.T., at Teslin; Sept. 16, 1940, to "E" Div., at Vancouver and Chilliwack, and then retired on Nov. 11, 1957. Robson was promoted to corporal Nov. 1, 1946; sergeant Nov. 1, 1951.

**SAUMURE** Reg. No. C/249 (C/167), ex-C/M Édouard Saumure, 71, died March 9, 1998, at Gloucester, Ont. He was born Nov. 24, 1926, at Messines, Que., and joined the Force as a civilian member Feb. 4, 1958, at Ottawa, and took his discharge March 31, 1960. He was appointed a civil servant on April 1, 1960, resigned and reengaged as a civil member on March 1, 1962. Saumure spent his entire career at RCMP HQ and retired on Jan. 13, 1984.

**SMITH** Reg. No. 16913, ex-Sgt. James Albert Smith, 66, died March 3, 1998, at Endeavour, Sask. He was born July 20, 1931, at Fort William, Ont., and joined the Force March 29, 1951, at

Winnipeg. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Smith was posted to "F" Div., Sask., at Moose Jaw, Regina, Beach, Weyburn, Torquay, Carlyle, Lanigan, Wadena and Moosomin, and then retired on March 28, 1972. He was promoted to corporal Nov. 1, 1962; sergeant July 1, 1969.

**STEFANSON** Reg. No. 15389 (S/9869) ex-Cst. Lincoln Stefanson, 69, died Feb. 23, 1998, at Calgary. He was born Dec. 29, 1928, at Candahar, Sask., and joined the Force as a special constable Feb. 24, 1948, at Winnipeg. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Stefanson was posted to "N" Div., taking his discharge Aug. 31, 1948, and reengaging as a constable Sept. 1, 1948. He was posted to "O" Div., at Toronto and Kirkland Lake. Stefanson was subsequently transferred to the following locations: May 23, 1949, to "K" Div., Alta., at Edmonton and then to "N" Div. with the Musical Ride; Nov. 1949, to "G" Div., N.W.T., at Yellowknife, Fort Smith and Providence, and took his discharge March 4, 1952.

**THOMSON** Reg. No. 17288, ex-S/Sgt. Brian Mathew Thomson, 64, died Feb. 19, 1998, at Nanoose Bay, B.C. He was born June 12, 1933, at Regina, and joined the Force Oct. 3, 1951, at Vancouver. Upon completion of training at "N" and "Depot" Div., Thomson was posted to "F" Div., Sask., at Foam Lake, Yorkton, Kelvington and Canora. On Aug. 1, 1955, he was transferred to "Air" Div. and worked at the following locations: Ottawa, Rockcliffe; July 1, 1957, "B" Div., Nfld., at St. John's; Aug. 1, 1959, "E" Div., B.C., at Prince George and Prince Rupert; June 1, 1966, Ottawa and Uplands; Feb. 1, 1968, "F" Div., at Regina; July 1, 1974, "G" Div., N.W.T., at Yellowknife and then retired April 8, 1975. Thomson was promoted to corporal Nov. 1, 1956; sergeant Nov. 1, 1958; staff sergeant Nov. 1, 1963.

**VAUCHER** Reg. No. O.442 (12372) Insp. Philippe James Vaucher (retired), 92, died Jan. 15, 1998, at Victoria. He was born May 27, 1905, at Geneva, Switzerland, and joined the Force June 5, 1934, at Vancouver. Upon completion of training at Depot,"

Vaucher was posted to "C" Div., at Montréal, St-Georges-de-Beauce, Rimouski, Chicoutimi and Quebec City. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: May 3, 1956, to "A" Div., at Ottawa and RCMP HQ, where he worked in Security and Visa Control in Paris, France; Sept. 1, 1953, to "O" Div., at Toronto; Feb. 1, 1955, to "A" Div., at Ottawa; Aug. 1, 1960, to "K" Div., Alta., at Lethbridge and then retired on June 4, 1965. Vaucher was promoted to corporal Nov. 1, 1943; sergeant April 1, 1950; sub-inspector June 1, 1953; inspector June 1, 1955.

**WARTNABY** Reg. No. C/652, ex-C/M Philip Garner Wartnaby, 67, died Feb. 6, 1998, at Cornwall, Ont. He was born March 5, 1930, at Rotherham, England, and joined the Force as a civilian member May 30, 1959, at Sept-Îles, Que. Wartnaby was posted to CPIC, spending his entire career at RCMP HQ, and retired Sept. 9, 1988.

**WILLIAMS** Reg. No. 15159, ex-S/Sgt. David Evan Williams, 68, died Feb. 10, 1998, at Victoria. He was born March 29, 1929, at Moose Jaw and joined the Force Aug. 20, 1948, at Regina. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Div., Williams was posted to "K" Div., at Edmonton, Calgary, High River and Drumheller. He was subsequently transferred to the following locations: Aug. 26, 1950, to "E" Div., B.C., at Chilliwack, Haney, Penticton, New Denver, Osoyoos, Fernie and Vancouver; Aug. 1, 1966, to "D" Div., at Winnipeg, and retired on Sept. 20, 1970. Williams was promoted to corporal Nov. 1, 1961; sergeant Nov. 1, 1966; staff sergeant Oct. 1, 1968.

**WILSON** Reg. No. 21407, ex-Sgt. Norman Gordon Wilson, 57, died Jan. 20, 1998, at Regina. He was born June 1, 1940, at Edmonton, and joined the Force April 6, 1960, at Lethbridge. Upon completion of training at "N" Div., Wilson was posted to "F" Div., Sask., at Indian Head, Moose Jaw, Estevan, Saskatoon, Leader and Regina, and then retired June 16, 1990. He was promoted to corporal July 1, 1974; sergeant Nov. 1, 1980.

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## "God's Gift to People"

by Bob Harvey

*Reprinted from the OTTAWA CITIZEN, March 4, 1997.*

**J**OHN O'BRIEN was heart-transplant patient No. 185 at the Ottawa Heart Institute. When he died on February 28, 1997, at the age of 58, he was also a Roman Catholic deacon, an ex-RCMP member and president of the heart-transplant patients association. (*See Obituaries, "RCMP Quarterly", Summer 1997*)

But what he was particularly remembered for at his funeral was his work as a chaplain at the Heart Institute, especially after his own transplant in 1994. Rev. O'Brien began working with patients at the institute and the Civic Hospital after his ordination in 1990 as a permanent deacon, and continued there after recovering from his heart transplant. He suffered another heart attack last fall but was scheduled to return to the Institute as a chaplain.

"He was God's gift to the people," said André Séguin, transplant patient No. 137, and the liaison between the institute and the 256 patients who have received transplants there.

"He helped patients talk about their fears, and they knew this wasn't someone who had just read it out of a book."

He said patients also found it easier to talk to Mr. O'Brien because he "Wasn't just a clergyman. He was an ex-RCMP member and he knew what life was all about."


In a taped interview in a TV program broadcasted in the fall on Vision TV, Mr. O'Brien said he regarded his survival from his first heart attack as a miracle, because his kidneys had stopped working and his blood pressure had almost disappeared before family members and others started praying for him. When his kidneys started functioning again and his blood pressure rose, he was put on the Jarvik artificial heart machine until a transplant became

available. He was one of only seven patients to use the Jarvik at the institute. He died of complications from the transplant.

In the interview, Mr. O'Brien said God allowed him to live so he might give other transplant patients hope that they too, might survive. Since the transplant, he said in the interview, he had become more thankful for the little things in life. "You're thankful you wake up every day. You take each and every day as a bonus, a day that God has given you."

About 600 people attended his funeral at St. Augustine's Parish. Among them was Bill Reggler, who worked with Mr. O'Brien in the RCMP. He told mourners that in the late 70s and 80s, Mr. O'Brien headed the process of computerizing the RCMP's paper records of fingerprints and other information on criminals, and put together a system that has been copied by other police forces.

As a permanent deacon, Mr. O'Brien received no salary from the church, but he served not only at the Heart Institute but also in many capacities at St. Augustine's and elsewhere. He performed marriages and baptisms, preached homilies and also served as administrator of the parish during recent study leaves by the parish's pastor, Rev. Vincent Pareira.

Mr. O'Brien was born in Miramichi City, New Brunswick, and was educated in Halifax and Montréal before joining the RCMP in 1960. He served in Niagara Falls, Toronto, Edmonton and Winnipeg before moving to Ottawa in 1973, to work with the Identification Section there. He retired from the RCMP in 1988 as a staff sergeant. He was survived by his wife, Helen, son John and daughter Barbara O'Brien-Litten, three grandchildren, and his sister Mary Shel-drake, all of Ottawa. 

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